

Light

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Light, my light, the world-filling light,
the eye-kissing light,
heart-sweetening light!

Ah, the light dances, my darling, at the center of my life;
the light strikes, my darling, the chords of my love;
the sky opens, the wind runs wild, laughter passes over the earth.

The butterflies spread their sails on the sea of light.
Lilies and jasmines surge up on the crest of the waves of light.

The light is shattered into gold on every cloud, my darling,
and it scatters gems in profusion.

Mirth spreads from leaf to leaf, my darling,
and gladness without measure.
The heaven's river has drowned its banks
and the flood of joy is abroad.

Rabindranath Tagore (1861-1941)

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$\text{♩} = \text{c. } 54$ radiant and playful, yet tender

Soprano 1
Light, my light,

Soprano 2
Light, my light,

Alto 1
Light, my light,

Alto 2
Light, my light,

Piano
with piano
with ped

S. 1
the world-fill-ing light, the eye - kiss - ing light,

S. 2
the world-fill-ing light, the eye - kiss - ing light,

A. 1
the world-fill-ing light, the eye - kiss - ing light,

A. 2
the world-fill-ing light, the eye - kiss - ing light,

Pno.
8^{va}
5
mp 5
3

4

10

S. 1

heart-sweet - en - ing light, Ah, the

S. 2

heart-sweet - en - ing light,

A. 1

heart-sweet - en - ing light,

A. 2

heart-sweet - en - ing light,

Pno.

SAMPLE

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S. 1

light dan - ces, my dar - ling, at the cen - ter of my life;

S. 2

Ah, the light dan - ces, my dar - ling, at the cen - ter of my life;

A. 1

Ah, the light dan - ces, my dar - ling, at the cen - ter of my life;

A. 2

Dan - ces, my dar - ling, at the cen - ter of my life;

Pno.

S. 1 *f* *mf*
the light strikes, (kes) my dar - ling, the chords of my love;

S. 2 *f* *mf*
the light strikes, (kes) my dar - ling, the chords of my love;

A. 1 *f* *mf*
the light strikes, (kes) my dar - ling, the chords of my love;

A. 2 *f* *mf*
the light strikes, (kes) my dar - ling, the chords of my love;

Pno. *mp*
SAMPLE

S. 1 *mp* *mf*
the sky o - pens, the wind runs wild,

S. 2 *mp* *mf*
the sky o - pens, the wind runs wild,

A. 1 *mp*
the sky o - pens, the wind runs wild,

A. 2 *mp*
the sky o - pens, the wind runs wild, runs wild,

Pno. *mp* *8va*
Piano accompaniment for the second system, including a section marked *8va* with triplets.

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27

S. 1 *p* Butt-er-flies, _____

S. 2 *mp*

A. 1 *p* Butt-er-flies, _____

A. 2 *p* Butt-er-flies, _____

Pno. *p*

The musical score consists of five staves. The top four staves are for voices: Soprano 1 (S. 1), Soprano 2 (S. 2), Alto 1 (A. 1), and Alto 2 (A. 2). The bottom staff is for Piano (Pno.). The score begins at measure 27. S. 1 has a rest for the first two measures, followed by a triplet of eighth notes in measure 30 with the lyrics "Butt-er-flies, _____". S. 2 has rests for the first two measures, followed by a quarter rest and an eighth note in measure 30 with the dynamic *mp*. A. 1 has rests for the first two measures, followed by a triplet of eighth notes in measure 30 with the lyrics "Butt-er-flies, _____" and dynamic *p*. A. 2 has rests for the first two measures, followed by a triplet of eighth notes in measure 30 with the lyrics "Butt-er-flies, _____" and dynamic *p*. The piano part features a complex melodic line with triplets and a quintuplet in the first measure, and a septuplet in the second measure. The bass line consists of sustained octaves in the first two measures, followed by a triplet of eighth notes in measure 30 with dynamic *p*.

30 *mp*
 S. 1 spread their sails on the sea of light.

S. 2 butt-er-flies spread their sails on the sea of light.

A. 1 *p* Butt-er - flies, *mp* butt-er - flies on the sea of light. *mp* Lill-ies and jas-mines

A. 2 *mp* Butt - er - flies on the sea of light. *mp* Lill-ies and jas-mines

Pno. **SAMPLE**

33 *mf* surge up on the crest of the waves of light. *pp* The light

S. 2 *mf* surge up on the crest of the waves of light. *pp* The light

A. 1 *mf* surge up *mp* Waves of light. *pp* The light,

A. 2 *mf* surge up *mp* Waves of light. *pp* The light

Pno. *mf* *mp* *p*

Ped. ^

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S. 1 *mp* *mp* *f* *p*
shatter-ed in - to gold on ev'-ry

S. 2 *mp* *mp* *f*
shatter-ed in - to gold

A. 1 *mp* *mf* *f*
the light is shatter-ed, shatter-ed gold

A. 2 *mp* *mp* *f*
shatter-ed in - to gold

Pno. *mp* *f*

42 *stagger breathing*

S. 1 *mp*
cloud, (d)* scatt-ers

S. 2 *p* *mp*
on ev'-ry cloud, scatt-ers,

A. 1 *pp* *mp*
my dar - ling, scatt-ers

A. 2 *pp* *mp* *mf*
my dar-ling and it scatt-ers, and it

Pno. *p* *mp* *mf*

*Have one or two voices close to the 'd' here for clarity, then return quietly to the vowel with the other sopranos.

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49

mp

S. 1 Mirth spreads from leaf to leaf my dar - ling,

mp

S. 2 Mirth spreads from leaf to leaf my dar - ling,

mp

A. 1 to leaf my dar - ling,

mp

A. 2 to leaf my dar - ling,

Pno.

p

8^{va}

52

S. 1 *mf* and glad-ness with - out mea - sure. *mp* The heav - en's ri - ver

S. 2 *mf* and glad-ness with - out mea - sure. *mp* The heav - en's ri - ver

A. 1 *mf* and glad-ness with - out mea - sure. *mp* heav-en's ri - ver

A. 2 *mf* and glad-ness with - out mea - sure. *mp* heav-en's ri - ver

Pno. *mp*

55

S. 1 *mf* has drowned its banks *f* and the flood of joy, (y) the

S. 2 *mf* has drowned its banks *f* and the flood of joy, (y) the

A. 1 *f* has drowned its banks *f* and the flood of joy, (y) the

A. 2 *f* has drowned its banks, its banks *f* and the flood of joy, (y) the

Pno. *f*

Meno mosso

mp 11

57

S. 1
flood of joy is a - broad. _____ the

S. 2
flood of joy is a - broad. _____ the

A. 1
flood of joy is a - broad. _____ the flood of joy is a - broad,

A. 2
flood of joy is a - broad. _____ the flood of joy is a - broad,

Pno.
mp
L.H.
8va

poco rall.

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S. 1
flood of joy is a - broad. _____ *mf* *fp* *f*

S. 2
flood of joy is a - broad. _____ *mf* *fp* *f*

A. 1
flood of joy is a - broad. _____ *mf* *fp* *f*

A. 2
flood of joy is a - broad. _____ *mf* *fp* *f*

Pno.
mf *f* *mf* *ff*