

He is Mine

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SSSAAA a cappella

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TEXT

Mary's Song

I wad ha'e gi'en him my lips tae kiss,
Had I been his, had I been his;
Barley breid and elder wine,
Had I been his as he is mine.

The wanderin' bee it seeks the rose;
Tae the lochan's bosom the burnie goes;*
The grey bird cries at evenin's fa',
'My luve, my fair one, come awa'.'

My beloved shall ha'e this he'rt tae break,
Reid, reid wine and the barley cake,
A he'rt tae break, and a mou' tae kiss,
Tho' he be nae mine, as I am his.

Marion Angus (1865–1946)

PROGRAMME NOTE

The poet Marion Angus puts sacred imagery to an extraordinary use in this heart-cry of unrequited love. This is not Mary's song of the Magnificat, but that of a lovesick Highland lassie: the bread and wine of communion that she offers to her beloved are made from local barley and elderberry and she hears the lover's command from the *Song of Songs* to 'come away' in birdsong.

Performance Time: c. 4 mins

*Lochan: a small lake; Burnie: a little stream

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Marion Angus (1865-1946)

Seán Doherty (b.1987)

Lento ♩ = 60

S I

S II

S III *mp wistfully*
Had I___ been his, Had I___ been his;

A I *mp wistfully*
Had I___ been his, Had I___ been his;

A II *mp wistfully* *poco* *p sub.*
I wad ha'e gi'en him (m) my lips tae. kiss, kiss, kiss,

A III *mp wistfully* *poco* *p sub.*
I wad ha'e gi'en him (m) my lips tae. kiss, kiss, kiss,

8 *mp wistfully* *mf* *p*
Bar - ley breid and el - der wine, (n) he is mine, (n)

mp wistfully *mf* *p*
Bar - leybreid and el - der wine, he is

mf
breid, wine,

mf
breid, wine,

mf *p*
breid and wine, Had I___ been his, as he is mine. (n)

mf *p*
breid and wine, Had I___ been his, as he is mine. (n)

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he is mine. (n) mine, (n) he is mine. (n)

pinnocently
I am his and he is mine and I am his and he is mine and

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mp
The wand-erin' bee

mp
The wand-erin'

pinnocently
I am his and he is mine and I am his and he is mine and I

mp
The wand-erin'

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it seeks the

bee it seeks the

I I am his and he is mine and I am his and he is mine and

I am his and he is mine and I am his and he is mine and I

bee it seeks the

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*mp*lightly
Had I been his, had I been his.

mf
rose, Tae the loch - an's

mf
rose, Tae the loch - an's

I I am his and he is mine and I am his and he is mine and

I am his and he is mine and I am his and he is mine and I

mf
rose, Tae the loch - an's

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Had I been his, as he is mine.

bo-som the burn - ie goes, The grey bird

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I I am his_ and he is mine and I

I am his and he is mine and I am his and he is mine and I I am his_ and he is mine and

bo-som the burn - ie goes, The grey bird

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cries at even - in's fa', 'My luvé, my fair one,

cries at fa', 'My luvé, my fair one,

I am his_ and he is mine and I I am his_ and he

I I am his_ and he is mine and I he is mine_ and

cries at fa', 'My luvé,

rit.

A tempo

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My be-lov-ed_ sall ha'e thishe'rt tae break,
 come a-wa', come a-wa',_ come a-wa',_ My be-lov-ed_ sall ha'e thishe'rt tae break,
 come_ a- wa', come a- wa', come a- wa', My be-lov-ed_ break,
 close onto 'm' come_ a- wa!' a- wa!'_ a- wa!'_ My be-lov-ed_ break,
 come_ a- wa!'_ a- wa!' My be-lov-ed_ break,
 My be-lov-ed_ break,

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Reid, reid wine and the bar - ley cake, and a mou' tae kiss,
 Reid wine, bar - ley cake, and a mou' tae kiss,
 Reid wine, bar - ley cake, break, kiss,
 Reid wine, bar - ley cake, break, kiss,
 Reid wine, bar - ley cake, A he'rt tae break and kiss, Tho' he
 Reid wine, bar - ley cake, A he'rt tae break and kiss, Tho' he

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p I am his,

p I am

be nae mine, as I am his,

be nae mine, as I am his,

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I am his, I

his, I am his,

p I am his, I am

mp I am his and he is mine and I am his and he is mine and

mp I am his and he is mine and I am his and he is mine and

p I am his,

sing 3 times, slowing to half speed each time
1: ♩ = 60
2: ♩ = 30
3: ♩ = 15

59 rit. A tempo ♩ = 60

am his, his, am, his, am.

his, his, am.

his, am.

p *poco* whispered mine.

p *poco* whispered mine.

am his, his, am.

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