You Shall Arise in Song!

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Musicians **PLAN AND MAKE**: Expertise, context, and intent influence decisions about organizing and developing an idea into a work.

The title or a portion of the title is *repeated* in measures 7-22, 33-34, 51-57, and 65-70. Compare and contrast the *text settings* in these measures. How do they change? What stays the same? How did the composer's *intent* influence these changes?

EXTEND: Where does the title of a work come from? How is the title of another work you are studying related to the work?

Musicians **INTERPRET**: Rehearsals and performances of a work reflect a process of searching and experimenting with sound to understand and present creative intent.

A challenge in performing a work with a repeated text is to understand and *interpret* each repetition differently. What clues do the changes in *dynamics* and *articulation* suggest about interpretation?

EXTEND: Changes in **meter** and **tempo** also help present the composer's intent. Experiment with changing one or all of these to explore different interpretations of **sections** and then the work. What combination of these is most effective in presenting the work's intent?

Musicians are influenced by **PERSONAL EXPERIENCES**: Creating, performing, and responding to a work is influenced by a person's experiences, interests, ideas and knowledge.

Experiencing life's "ups and downs" is a part of being alive. The text comments on some changes happening all around us.

- A. What life experience(s) have affected you in a positive way? Negative way? Describe, compare and contrast a variety of experiences and your reactions. What did you learn from these experiences?
- B. What are some personal, family, school or community experiences which could be added to or have been used as a text in this work?
- C. How would audience members respond to a performance reflecting personal experiences? Could they sense performing more than notes? Describe.

EXTEND: What are some important adjectives that can help connect your experiences to this text? Focus on expressing these as you perform.

KEY VOCABULARY

Repeated, Text setting, Intent, Interpret, Dynamics, Articulation, Meter, Tempo, Section

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SSA and Piano*

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