

Oriental Ballad

Music & lyrics
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Ad libitum

Soprano 2

Soprano 1

Piano

mf

allargando

f

3

3

mf

rit.

tr

5 **Andante cantabile** ♩ = 62

mp

In the east, be-yond the

In the east, be-yond the

8

hills the sky grows red, the night wind has calmed

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8va

10

down.

down.

11

Soon the sun a-gain will

Soon the sun a-gain will

8va

13

spill its heat on the dry sands and on the town.

spill its heat on the dry sands and on the town.

8va

16

In dus-ky rooms, be - hind the

In dus-ky rooms, be - hind the

tr

18

pa-lace walls_ the te - dious day_ pass - es

pa -lace walls_ the te - dious day_ pass - es

8va

20

Ah_____

The tow - er's shade makes a slow

by.

22

round,

Ah_____

and in this heat a heart - beat

24

a_____

stalls.

The spi-cy smell of mint and

26

floats in the rooms in hea - vy

myrrh floats in the rooms in hea - vy

28

waves.

waves.

Here ru-bies, 8va

30

Here ru-bies, e - - - me-ralds and pearls

e - - - me-ralds and pearls

(8)

32

Ah

are strewn_ by a gene - rous hand.

34

And at the door the armed guard stands-

And at the door the armed guard stands- no-bo - dy will dare enter

36

And through the win - dow is

there._____ And through the win - dow is

37

seen the veiled face of the nor-thern queen the tongue is dumb

seen the veiled face of the nor-thern queen, and all of which the sil-ent

39

can tell.

eyes can tell. Let the

41

Ah Ah

wind bring hea-vy clouds full of

43

Ah

rain from the lands beyond the mountains, and cool

45

Ah

this town and the sands a -

46

Ah

round and

47

fill the scorched heart with wa-ter from clean foun- tains. Ah

49

52

55

rit.

rit.

f