Songs of a Foreigner

for

voice and piano

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I: On Leaving Home
(anon.)

Not too slowly

pp

molto

Rit. molto

fine
When you leave home, your memories are all that are left.
a tempo

of

a

time

that

is past and has

mean-

ing no more.

Da Capo al fine
First Song of Ugo Foscolo

II: Alla Sera

With grace—just a hint of being tentative

Forse perché ella fatal quiete... Del le cure onde meco egli si strugg... sempre sce... di invo cata...

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When I think of the days of my Childhood and Home, Or the

dream of the years that have long past away, past away,
The deep sigh of my heart will too often arise and

dar-ken the sun of the hap-pi-est day. Tho’ thy moun-tains-Co-lum-bi-a

Please note that there are often accidental disagreements between the vocal part and the piano.
are dear to my soul Thy woods and thy rivers surpassingly grand,

Tho' thy daughters and friends are so charming

and true, Yet my heart will still feel for my,

for my native land, native land.
Second Song of Ugo Foscolo

IV: Il Septura

Not loud - very precise; curt

Da capo al fine
V: Still south I went...

on the poem "Prelude" by John Synge (1871-1909)

Quiet, but not too slow - piano to double vocal line and accents as close as possible.

Still south I went and west and south again through Wicklow from the morning till the night, And far from cities, and the sites of men, lived with, Lived with, and the sunshine and the moon'n's delight.

Humming:

delight. 

I knew the
stars, the flowers, and the birds, The grey
and wintry sides of many glens,
And did but half remember human
words, In converse with the mountains,
moores, and fens. Humming:
Last Song of Ugo Foscolo
VI: Le Grazie

Softly - very expressive, but strictly in tempo

Da - ran - no a voi - dol - lor no - vel - lo

(second time ad lib.)

i Fa - ti e gi - o - ja no - vel - lo i

Fati e gioja

Rit. molto

e - ter - na, e - ter - na.

These final fermati are to be held very long.