

To be sung and repeated during the procession

At the start and on the way to the bride's home

On this merry morning wake!

Sound the wedding-march

Shout it clear and dance and shake

Feel Earth and Sea as they quake!

Raise aloft the wedding torch!

At the bride's home

Fling the bolted portals wide!

She is coming now, the bride!

How the torches toss

All the sparkles in her hair

As she pauses blushing there.

From the bride's home to the groom's

O the joys that soon

Shall your man betide,

Both by fleeting night and noon!

But the day is nearly done.

Come you forth, O bride!

At the groom's home

Peep inside--what meets your sight?

Lo, your man is there,

Pierced by Eros, his heart is light

Waiting for you with delight.

Hymen, hear our prayer!

From the groom's home to the altar

Now good mothers, come ye on,

Set the bride in place.

Ye yourselves have marriage known,

Ye've fine husbands of your own.

Hymen, lend thy grace!



The wedding of Sonia and Marty

April 16, 2006

IF IT'S SUNNY

"Hymn to the Sun"

ALL READ

HEAR golden Titan, whose eternal eye
With broad survey, illumines all the sky.
Self-born, unwearied in diffusing light,
And to all eyes the mirrour of delight.

Agile and vig'rous, venerable Sun,
Fiery and bright around the heav'ns you run.
Foe to the wicked, but the good person's guide,
O'er all our steps propitious you preside:
With various founding, golden lyre, 'tis ours
To fill the world with harmony divine.

IF IT'S NOT SUNNY

"Hymn to the Clouds"

ALL READ

Aerial clouds, thro' heav'n's resplendent plains
Who wander, parents of prolific rains;
Who nourish fruits, whose water'y frames are hurl'd,
By winds impetuous, round the mighty world;
All-thund'ring, lion-roaring, flashing fire,
In Air's wide bosom, bearing thunders dire
Impell'd by ev'ry stormy, sounding gale,
With rapid course, along the skies ye fail.
With blowing winds your wat'ry frames I call,
On mother Earth with fruitful show'rs to fall.

The vows

Pronouncement by Hera

"Wedding Song"

ALL READ

O blest bridegroom, your marriage has been
achieved as you prayed
and your bride's charming face is warm with love.

My bride, your body is a joy,
and your eyes as soft as honey,
and love pours its light
on your features.

Using all her skill Aphrodite
honored you.

Persephone Rising

Recessional

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Notes:

Piano by Lynda Smith Pinto-Torres:

Sergei Prokofiev, Sonata No. 2 - 1st mvmt. (arrang. by
Lynda)

Maurice Ravel, Valses Nobles et Sentimentales, Adelaide -
2nd mvmt.

Erik Satie, Gnossiennes - 1st, 2nd and 3rd

Erik Satie, 1st Gymnopédie

Flute by Rivka Sachdev:

Original composition by Francisco Pinto-Torres

All text taken from Greek sources, primarily Sappho, Homer,
the Orphic hymns, Pindar, Sophocles and Euripides. The
opening epithalamia are from Catullus (Roman).



HYMN TO EROS

SONIA, MARTY, LYNDA AND FRANCISCO READ

Eros, Incarnation of love,
Archer whose swift arrows pierce the heart,
We stand here wounded with joy
Pierced with ecstasy
Bleeding happiness from our hearts.
Bless this our love
And may tenderness forever lie between us.

ALL Hear us, immortal Eros, and rejoice.

ADONIS AND APHRODITE: Eros rejoices with you this day.



HYMN TO HERA

ALL READ

Let us sing now of Hera, the women's goddess, on her throne made of gold!

Let us sing now of the queen of gods.

Let us sing now of the most beautiful goddess,

Immortals' Queen - Her form outshineth all!

Sister and consort of Zeus, Reverend,

whom all the blessed that live upon lofty Olympus

Hold in like honour and awe as great Zeus.

There is no one more beloved than you,

womanly Hera, no one we honor more.

ALL Hear us, immortal Hera, and rejoice.

HERA: I rejoice with you this day.



HYMN TO ARTEMIS

SONIA AND MARTY READ

Artemis, clamorous huntress, we celebrate: gilt are her arrows.

She through the shadowy mountains and over the high, windy headlands

Takes her delight in the chase as she stretches her parcel-gilt bow:

Mountaintops tremble, the forest resounds and the underbrush echoes.

You we sing first, your elegant bodily ornaments and slender ankles.

Best of immortals by far both in counsel and other achievements.

Hail to you, child of Zeus. We shall remember you, and sing.

ALL Hear us, immortal Artemis, and rejoice.

ARTEMIS: I rejoice with you this day.



HYMN TO HERACLES

SONIA, MARTY, BRENDA AND MARTIN READ

Hear, pow'rful, Hercules untam'd and strong,
To whom vast hands, and mighty works belong,
Almighty Titan, prudent and benign,
Of various forms, eternal and divine,
Magnanimous, in divination skill'd
And in the athletic labours of the field.

Uweary'd, earth's best blossom, offspring fair,
To whom calm peace, and peaceful works are dear.

Supremely skill'd, thou reign'st in heav'n's abodes,
Thyself a God amid'st th' immortal Gods.
With arms unshaken, infinite, divine,
Come, blessed pow'r, and to our rites incline.

ALL Hear us, immortal Heracles, and rejoice.

HERACLES: I rejoice with you this day.



HYMN TO DIONYSUS

ALL MEN READ

Come, Lord Dionysus,
With the Graces to the temple,
Holy temple by the sea,
Raving with Your bull's foot,
Worthy Bull, worthy Bull!

ALL WOMEN READ

O Lord of the frolic and dance, Dionysus, beside me advance!
For fun, and for cheapness, our dress thou hast rent,
Through thee we may dance to the top of our bent,
Reviling, and jeering, and none will resent.

ALL READ

Only you can conquer our anxious minds with sleep.

Dionysus the roarer, bearer of the vine,
Thee we invoke to bless these rites divine.

ALL Hear us, immortal Dionysus, and rejoice.
DIONYSUS: I rejoice with you this day



HYMN TO APHRODITE

ALL MEN READ

O, delicate-necked Aphrodite, who rouses the gods to desire,
She has completely subdued every kind of man born but to perish,
She is the mistress of air-borne birds and of every creature
That the dry land is a nurse to and deep waters breed in abundance.

Over the mountain she went, the mother of wild life,
Straight towards Troy, leaving all of Cyprus sweet-smelling behind
her.
Whereupon terrible-eyed mountain lions and sinister grey wolves,
Leopards and bears, very swift and incessant pursuers of roe deer,
Followed her, fawning; this sight, when she noticed, delighted her
humor.

Greetings, lascivious spirit of kindness, dear goddess
From the breezes of heaven, we sing you a sweet ode.

ALL Hear us, immortal Aphrodite, and rejoice.
APHRODITE: I rejoice with you this day.



HYMN TO ATHENA

ALL READ

Flashing-eyed Athena, our city's protector, we shall sing.
Her wisdom is much and her heart is unyielding.
She came out of Zeus' head wearing the armor of battle,
Golden and glaring all over, and awe seized on all the immortals
When they beheld her. Mighty Olympus went reeling and
Earth gave a horrible groan, and the depths of the sea were excited,
Seething with purplish waves, and the salt water swell was
suspended.

To you alone, most reverend, Fate has given
royal glory of invulnerable rule.

She who casts excellence and joys into our hearts, please grant us
good luck
and felicitous fortune.

ALL Hear us, immortal Athena, and rejoice.
ATHENA: I rejoice with you this day.



HYMN TO POSEIDON

SONIA AND MARTY READ

Hear, Poseidon, ruler of the sea profound,
Whose liquid grasp begirts the solid ground;
Who, at the bottom of the stormy main,
Dark and deep-bosom'd, hold'st thy wat'ry reign.

'Tis thine, cerulian demon, to survey
Well pleas'd the monsters of the ocean play,
Confirm earth's basis, and with prosp'rous gales
Waft ships along, and swell the spacious sails;
Add gentle Peace, and fair-hair'd Health beside,
And pour abundance in a blameless tide.

ALL Hear us, immortal Poseidon, and rejoice.
POSEIDON: I rejoice with you this day.



HYMN TO ADONIS

ALL WOMEN READ

Girls, beat your breasts and tear your dresses,
Pretty Adonis is near!
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The most beautiful thing we will leave
is the light of the sun,
second are the shining stars
and the face of the moon,
and cucumbers and apples and pears too.

Female and male, all charming to the sight,
Adonis ever flourishing and bright;
At stated periods doom'd to set and rise,
With splendid lamp, the glory of the skies.

ALL Hear us, immortal Adonis, and rejoice.
ADONIS: I rejoice with you this day.