

The Star  
GP - D009  
voice, piano

Martha Hill Duncan

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**Text:**

I think God sang when He had made  
A bough of apple bloom,  
And placed it close against the sky  
To whiten in the gloom.

But, oh, when He had hung a star  
Above a blue, blue hill,  
I think God in His ecstasy  
Was startled . . . and was still.

- *Beatrice Redpath*

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*With wonder* ♩ = 96

*legato*  
*mp*

*with pedal*

*notable. elevated.*

6

*mp*

I think God

*relaxed* - - - - -

6

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*notable. elevated.*

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sang when He had made a bough of ap - ple bloom,

*p* *mp*

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15

And placed it close a - gainst the sky to whit-en

*mp* *relaxed* *mp*

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in the gloom.

*Thoughtfully*

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*rit.* ----- *mp* *Broadly*

25 But, oh, when He had

*rit.* ----- *Broadly*

*mp*

*molto rit.* ----- *meno mosso* ----- *a tempo*

29 hung a star a - bove a blue, blue hill, I think God

*molto rit.* ----- *meno mosso* ----- *a tempo*

32 in His ec - sta - sy was start-led and was still.

*pp* *mp*

8vb

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Martha Hill Duncan received a diploma in Vocal Music in the first graduating class of the Houston High School for Performing and Visual Arts and a BM in Composition from the University of Texas at Austin. Her composition teachers have included Donald Grantham, Robert Palmer and Sam Dolin; her piano teachers have included Gregory Allen, Danielle Martin, Errol Haun and Trudi Borden.

Her ongoing interest in vocal music and recognition of her adopted country, Canada, has culminated in a cycle of songs for voice and piano entitled *Singing From the Northland: A Celebration of Canadian Poetry in Song*. Three of these songs, "Severance," "Grey Rocks and Greyer Seas" and "Rainfall" were chosen as finalists and performed in the 2005 Diana Barnhart American Song Competition in Wayne, PA.

As director of the Kingston, Ontario women's choir She Sings!, she has also produced several works for treble choir including "Song of the Stars," "Lady Icicle" and "Lullaby of the Iroquois." These three songs were performed on May 11, 2007 by the The New York Treble Singers in their concert entitled American Voices. "Star Prayers" was a co-winner in the 2005 Ruth Watson Henderson Choral Composition Competition. Choirs that have commissioned her work include Aurora, Melos Chamber Choir, Pro Arte Singers, and the Young Choristers Limestone.

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