
Moonset

for low voice and piano

from *Songs of Trees*

Commissioned by Jason Klippenstein

Duration ca. 4'

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Emily Pauline Johnson



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Poem: *Moonset* by Emily Pauline Johnson

Idles the night wind through the dreaming firs,
That waking murmur low,
As some lost melody returning stirs
The love of long ago;
And through the far, cool distance, zephyr fanned.
The moon is sinking into shadow-land.

The troubled night-bird, calling plaintively,
Wanders on restless wing;
The cedars, chanting vespers to the sea,
Await its answering,
That comes in wash of waves along the strand,
The while the moon slips into shadow-land.

O! soft responsive voices of the night
I join your minstrelsy,
And call across the fading silver light
As something calls to me;
I may not all your meaning understand,
But I have touched your soul in shadow-land.

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from *Songs of Trees*:
Three songs on poems
by Emily Pauline Johnson

Pauline Johnson
(1861 - 1913)

Katerina Gimon
(b. 1993)

Dreamy, Meditative ♩ = 58

Like gentle, rocking waves

p

I - dles the night

p

ped. ad lib

4

wind through the dream - ing firs, that wak - ing mur - mur low, As some lost

7

mf

mel - o - dy re - turn - ing stirs The love of long a - go;

mf

11 *p mp*

— And through the far cool dis - tance, zeph-yr fanned. The

14 *p*

moon is skin - ing in-to shad-ow - land.

18 *mf*

Restless, articulated

The trou-bled night - bird, call - ing plain - tive - ly,

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21 *legato* **Broadly, passionate**

wan - ders on rest-less wing; The ce-dars, chant-ing ves-pers to the sea, A - wait its

ad lib

24 ***f***

an - swer-ing, That comes in wash of waves a-long the

27 ***ff*** **Mysterious** ***mf***

strand, The while the moon slips in - to

30 *rit.* *accel.* *pp* **Passionate** *f* *a tempo*

shad-ow - land. O!

rit. *accel.* *a tempo*

mp *f*

33 *mf* *f*

soft re-spon-sive voic - es of the night I join your

f

37 **Dreamy, hypnotic** *mp*

min-strel-sy, And call a - cross the

mp

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45 *rit.*

all your mean-ing un-der-stand, But I have touched your soul _____ in shad-ow -

mp *p* *tr* *rit.* -----

(let all ring out)

Ped.

50

land.

p

* *Ped. ad lib*