

SMY1101

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# In the Heart of a Rose

SATB divisi, unaccompanied

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## Composer's notes

McClellan's poem *In the Heart of a Rose* represents my growing acceptance that this first love is not meant to be. Writing this piece of music is the perfect closure for me, for the rose has always been the symbol of this bittersweet journey, and I have found hope in a new chapter of my life. This choral work is dedicated to my first love: To my dearest, stay happy, and continue to be kind.

*In the Heart of a Rose* is the final part of the three-part series *First Love: My three songs to you*.

### **In the Heart of a Rose**

George Marion McClellan

I will hide my soul and its mighty love  
In the bosom of this rose,  
And its dispensing breath will take  
My love wherever it goes.

And perhaps she'll pluck this very rose,  
And, quick as blushes start,  
Will breathe my hidden secret in  
Her unsuspecting heart.

And there I will live in her embrace  
And the realm of sweetness there,  
Enamoured with an ecstasy,  
Of bliss beyond compare.

A part of the series *First Love: My three songs to you*

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George Marion McClellan (1860 - 1934)

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**Expressively** ♩ = 76

*p*

Soprano I will hide my soul and its might - ty love In the

Alto *p* hide my soul might - ty love

Tenor *p* hide my soul might - ty love

Bass *p* hide my soul might - ty love

5

S bo - som the bo - som of this rose, And its dis -

A bo - som the bo - som of this rose, dis -

T bo - som the bo - som of this rose, dis -

B bo - som the bo - som of this rose, of this rose, dis -  
rose, dis -



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9 *mp cresc.* pens - ing breath will take My love *mf rit.* My *mp*

A *mp cresc.* pens - ing breath will take My love My love My *mf* *mp*

T *mp cresc.* pens - ing breath will take My love My love My *mf* *mp*

B *mp cresc.* pens - ing breath will take My love My *mf* *mp*

pens - ing breath  
pens - ing breath

13 **A tempo** *poco accel.*

S love wher - e - ver it goes. And per -

A love wher - e - ver it goes. And per -

T love wher - e - ver wher - e - ver it goes.

B love wher e - ver it wher - e - ver it goes.  
wher - e - ver it goes.

17 **Hopeful, slightly faster** ♩ = 80 *mf cresc.*

S haps she'll pluck this ve - ry rose, And, quick as blush - es start, Will

A haps she'll pluck this ve - ry rose, And, quick as blush - es start, Will

T Oo she'll pluck this ve - ry rose, Oo And, quick as blush - es start, Will

B Oo she'll pluck this ve - ry rose, Oo And, quick as blush - es start, Will  
Oo

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Blissful, slightly faster ♩ = 80

31 *mf cresc.*

S there I will live in her em-brace And the realm of sweet-ness there, En -

A there I will live in her em-brace And the realm of sweet-ness there, En -

T *mf cresc.*  
8 Oo I will live in her em-brace Oo And the realm of sweet-ness there, En -

B *mf cresc.*  
Oo I will live in her em-brace Oo And the realm of sweet-ness there, En -

35 *dim.* *rit.* *mp*

S -a-mored with an ec-sta-sy, Of bliss be-yond com- pare. I will

A *dim.*  
a-mored with an ec-sta-sy, Of bliss be-yond com- pare.

T *dim.*  
8 a-mored with an ec-sta-sy, Of bliss be-yond com- pare.

B *dim.*  
a-mored with an ec-sta-sy, Of bliss be-yond com- pare.

40 **Tempo primo** *mp*

S hide my soul and its might-ty love In the

A *mp*  
hide my soul and its might-ty love In the

T *mp*  
8 hide my soul and its might-ty love In the

B *mp*  
hide my soul and its might-ty love In the

44

S  
bo - som the bo - som of this rose, And its dis -

A  
bo - som the bo - som of this rose, dis -

T  
bo - som the bo - som of this rose, dis -

B  
bo - som the bo - som of this rose, of this rose, dis -  
bo - som the bo - som of rose, dis -

48

S  
*mf cresc.* pens - ing breath will take My love *rit. f* My *A tempo mp*

A  
*mf cresc.* pens - ing breath will take My love My love My *mp*

T  
*mf cresc.* pens - ing breath will take take My love My love My *mp*  
pens - ing breath will take My love My love My

B  
*mf cresc.* pens - ing breath will take My love *mp*  
pens - ing

52 **rit.** **Slower** ♩ = 60 **' p**

S love wher - e - ver it goes. My

A love wher - e - ver it goes.

T love wher - e - ver wher - e - ver it goes.

B love wher - e - ver it wher - e - ver it goes.

56 *poco dim.* **pp**

S love wher - e - ver it goes.

A *p* *poco dim.* **pp**  
Oo Mm Mm Mm Mm Mm

T *p* *poco dim.* **pp**  
Oo Mm Mm Mm Mm Mm

B *p* *poco dim.* **pp**  
Oo Mm Mm Mm Mm Mm