

from "Songs" - The Answer

From Poetry, A Magazine Of Verse, October 1915

By Sara Teasdale, 1915; arrangement, Mark Adams, 2021

(After "Morning")

Gm **Dm**
When I go back to earth
F **C**
And all my joyous body
Gm **Dm**
Puts off the red and white
 F **C**
That once had been so proud,

Gm **F**
If men should pass above
 Dm **C**
With false and feeble pity,
Gm **F**
My dust will find a voice
 Dm **C**
To answer them (all) aloud:

Bb **Dm** **G#** **Cm**
"Be still, I am content, (2x)

Dm **Cm**
Take back your poor compassion—
Dm **Cm**
(Take it all back
Dm **Cm**
Though you should lean above me
Dm **Cm**
I shall have peace
Dm **Cm** **Dm Cm**
I shall have peace...)

Gm F C

Gm **Dm**
Joy was a flame in me
F **C**
Too steady to destroy.
Gm **Dm**
Lithe as a bending reed,
F **C**
Loving the storm that sways her—

Bb **Dm**
I found more joy in sorrow
F **C**
Than you (could find) in joy." (repeat couplet)

Bb Dm F C
Bb Dm F C F