Libretto after David Alzman's
"Krasovitsky Couple," tr. E.H. Lehrman

Music by Leonard Lehrman, op. 40 (1975-76)

Andantino

Sostenuto

I'm only twenty-three. But I'd

always dreamed of returning home, returning to my own

sorrows, and to my own blood
re-lations, Ev-er since I found my-self forced to leave to study in a strange land. dolce poco espr.

I'd al-ways dream'd that with the know-ledge I would gain I could al-ways come back to strug-gle with the
poco espr.  poco rit.

hardships of my people, to dress the wounds of their lives full of

poch.

Then the days of horrors came

suffering...

and the blood overflowed.

All my relatives, all my friends, all the joy of my ex-
Più Adagio

is-tence seem'd des-troy'd ex-cept for this: I am now the

mother to a hundred and thirteen children.

Their par-ents, their broth-ers, their sis-ters all were kill'd. And I am all

they have.