

Lyuba's Aria

from SIMA

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

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

Andantino

Sostenuto

I'm on- ly twen- ty- three. But I'd

10 al- ways dream'd of re- turn- ing home, re- turn- ing to my own

15 sor- rows, and to my own blood

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poch. allarg.

20 poco mosso

re-la-tions, Ev-er since I found my-self forced

mp

p

3

to leave to stud-y in a strange land.

dolce

poco espr.

poc cresc.

sub. ppp

30

I'd al-ways dream'd that with the know-ledge I would

poch. cresc.

mosso

35

gain I could al-ways come back to strug-gle with the

3

3

3

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poco espr. *poco rit.*

hard-ships of my people, to dress the wounds of their lives full of

poch.

40

meno

Poco agitato

suf-f'ring... Then the days of hor-rors came

8va

w.B.

pp

poco a poco molto cresc.

sfz

45

and the blood o-ver-flowed. All my

8va

8va

8va

3

3

3

50

rel-at-ives, all my friends, all the joy of my ex-

8va

8va

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Più Adagio

is-tence seem'd des-troy'd ex-cept for this:

I am now the

15ma

8ub

60

moth-er to a hun-dred and thir-teen chil-dren.

65

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

70

they have.