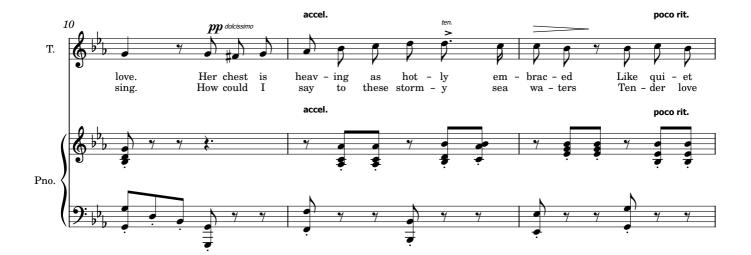
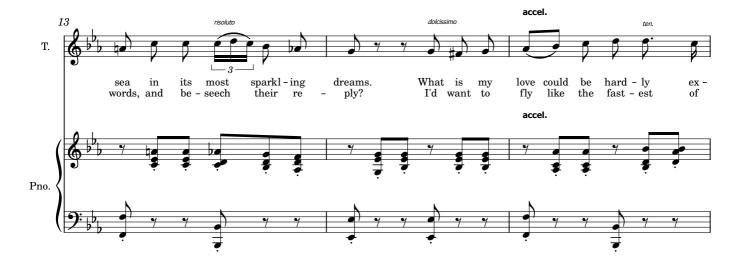
## Folk Singer's Song off-stage from opera "Raphael" (op. 37, 1894)

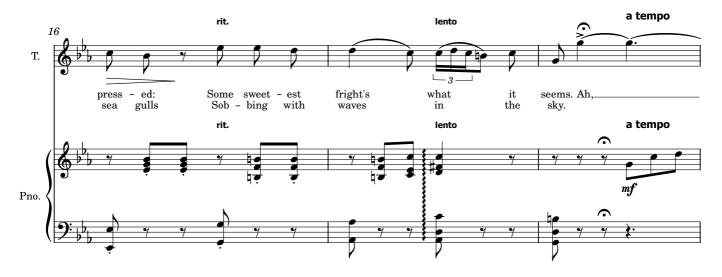
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Composer: A.Arensky (1861-1906)











Composer's note: This melody is taken from the collection of Italian folk songs "Eco di Napoli" ("Echo of Naples").

 My heart is trembling with passion and pleasure, Songs flow so charmingly, songs of my love. Her eyes are shining when we are together, They shine like starlight, like stars of love. Her chest is heaving as hotly embraced Like quiet sea in its most sparkling dreams. What is my love could be hardly expressed: Some sweetest fright's what it seems.

Ah, sweet is your love! My blood is boiling with fervent desire: Passion and pleasure await us tonight!

 You are my life, my delight, and my ardor, Vivid blue sky in the flourishing spring. Your voice is murmuring gifting me languor Ballad that waving waters could sing. How could I say to these stormy sea waters Tender love words, and beseech their reply? I'd want to fly like the fastest of sea gulls Sobbing with waves in the sky.

Ah, sweet is your love! My blood is boiling with fervent desire: Passion and pleasure await us tonight!