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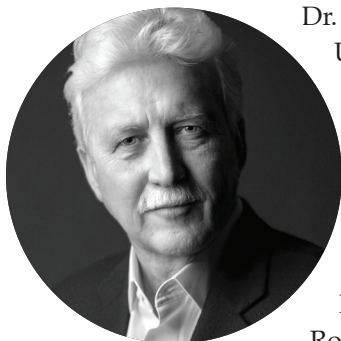
Gentle Lena Clare

Words and Music by **STEPHEN C. FOSTER**
Arranged by **RUSSELL ROBINSON**

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About the Arranger



Dr. Russell L. Robinson, Emeritus Professor Music Education at the University of Florida, has made over 300 appearances as a conductor, speaker, consultant and presenter at festivals, workshops, honor choirs, all-state choirs and state, regional, national and international conferences in the US, Europe, Asia, Africa, Central America, South America, Mexico, Canada, the Middle East, and Australia as well as conducting venues, which include: Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, the Kennedy Center, Boston's Symphony Hall, the White House, and Washington's National Cathedral. Dr. Robinson was the 2016 inductee into the Florida Music Educators Association (FMEA) Hall of Fame, and is a past President of FMEA, Associate Dean of the UF College of the Arts, National Collegiate Chair and Choral Adviser for the National Association for Music Education (NAfME). Dr. Robinson is a published author, composer and arranger with over 500 publications in print, including choral compositions, arrangements, articles, books, and instructional DVD's. His website is: www.RussellRobinson.com

Gentle Lena Clare

Stephen Collins Foster was one of America's most well-known songwriters with over 200 songs. Foster was born in 1826 and died in 1864. *Gentle Lena Clare* was one of the last songs he wrote in 1862. It is a beautiful love song with a lyrical melody.

In this 4-part (SATB) *a cappella* arrangement, I've tried to capture harmonies that support the melody as well as making this arrangement musically satisfying for both the singers and the audience. The tempo should only be a guide, leaving many options for interpretation by the singers and conductor. Sing with pure vowels and appropriate text and syllabic accents.

I hope you enjoy singing this timeless song by Stephen Foster.

Russell Robinson, Arranger



Recordings are available on all major streaming services.

Historical reference: A prolific songwriter before and during the Civil War, Stephen Collins Foster wrote other songs that were written and performed in a derogatory manner. We encourage you to join us in learning from this to stimulate a conversation with your students.

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for a capella SATB voices

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Gently *p*

Soprano
Alto

Oo Oo

Tenor
Bass

Oo Oo

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Opt. Duet *mp*

I am think - ing of sweet Le - na Clare, with

I am think - ing of sweet Le - na Clare, with

7

, All voices

deep blue eyes and wav - ing hair, her voice is soft, her

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10 *mf*

face is fair, my gen - tle Le - na Clare. Oh,

face is fair, my gen - tle Le - na Clare. Oh,

13

Gen - tle Le - na Clare, My dear loved Le - na

Gen - tle Le - na Clare, My dear loved Le - na

16

Clare. Her heart is light, her eyes are bright, My

Clare. Her heart is light, her eyes are bright, My

19

gen - tle Le - na Clare. *Opt. solo or small group*

gen - tle Le - na Clare. I love her care - less

All Tenors and Basses

22 *mf*

win - ning ways I love her wild and bird-like lays, I love the grass where

26 **Soprano/Alto** *mf*
Oh,

Tenor/Bass
on — she strays, My gen - tle Le - na Clare. — Oh,

29
Gen - tle Le - na Clare, — My dear loved Le - na
Gen - tle Le - na Clare, — My dear loved Le - na

32
Clare. Her heart is light, her eyes are bright, My
Clare. Her heart is light, her eyes are bright, My

35 *dim.* , *mf*
gen - tle Le - na Clare. — My — gen - tle Le - na
dim. , *mf*
gen - tle Le - na Clare. My gen - tle Le - na

38



Clare. Her home is in the shady glen, when

Clare. Her home is in the shady glen, when

41



summer comes I'll seek again, on mountain height and

summer comes I'll seek again, on mountain height and

44



low-land plain, My gentle Lena Clare. Oh,

low-land plain, My gentle Lena Clare. Oh,

47



Gentle Lena Clare, My dear loved Lena

Gentle Lena Clare, My dear loved Lena

50

Clare. Her heart is light, her eyes are bright, My

Clare. Her heart is light, her eyes are bright, My

53

gentle Lena Clare. Her heart is light her

gentle Lena Clare. Her heart is light her

56

eyes are bright, My gentle

eyes are bright, My gentle

59

Lena (gentle Lena Clare.)

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Russell Robinson

Russell makes accessible choral music appropriate for each grade level. He is best known for arrangements of Renaissance, Baroque, Classical, Romantic periods as well as spirituals and multi-cultural.

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This beautiful melody and lyrics by Stephen C. Foster has been made into a lush SATB *a cappella* arrangement by Russell Robinson. The voice leadings make it accessible to all choirs and includes opportunities for solos and duets.

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