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Geoffrey Bush (b. 1920)

A Summer Serenade [19:57]

tenor solo, chorus & orchestra

- 1 I **Prologue.** Worship ye that lovers be this May [2:42]
chorus & orchestra
- 2 II **Madrigal.** Love is a sickness full of woes [1:58]
unaccompanied voices
- 3 III **Scherzo.** Love is a pretty frenzy [3:08]
chorus & orchestra
- 4 IV **Dirge.** O Rose, thou art sick [3:13]
tenor solo, chorus & orchestra
- 5 V **Aubade.** Pack, clouds, away [2:24]
tenor solo & orchestra
- 6 VI **Nocturne.** Music, when soft voices die [3:22]
unaccompanied voices
- 7 VII **Finale.** Pleasure it is, I wis, to hear the birds sing [2:57]
chorus & orchestra

Four Songs from *The Hesperides* by Robert Herrick [7:51]

baritone solo & string orchestra

- 8 I The Impatient Lover [1:40]
- 9 II Upon the loss of his Mistresses [3:05]
- 10 III To Electra [1:57]
- 11 IV Upon Julia's clothes [1:05]



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A Menagerie [5:06] unaccompanied voices (SATB)

- 12 I Tiger [1:28]
- 13 II Cuckoo [1:52]
- 14 III Monkey-house [1:41]

Farewell, Earth's Bliss [18:26] baritone solo & string orchestra

- 15 I Sweet day, so cool [3:54]
- 16 II O, the month of May [2:17]
- 17 III Do not fear to put thy feet [2:26]
- 18 IV Fear no more the heat o'
the sun [3:20]
- 19 V When May is in his prime [1:56]
- 20 VI Fair pledges of a fruitful tree [4:22]

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