

Eau vive, source d'amour

Jacques Mauduit

The musical score for "Eau vive, source d'amour" by Jacques Mauduit is presented in five systems. The vocal part (soprano) and piano part (bass) are shown in separate staves.

System 1: The vocal line begins with a rest, followed by a melodic line. The lyrics are: "Eau vi- ve, sour- ce d'a- mour,". The piano accompaniment consists of sustained notes and chords.

System 2: The vocal line continues with: "de mon ar- deur, nim- fe, ra- fre-". The piano accompaniment features eighth-note patterns.

System 3: The vocal line continues with: "chis la vi- o- lan- te cha- leur.". The piano accompaniment includes a melodic line with grace notes.

System 4: The vocal line continues with: "Nin- fe, je brú- le d'é- mer.". The piano accompaniment features eighth-note patterns.

System 5: The vocal line concludes with: "Fine". The piano accompaniment ends with a final melodic line.

Translation (my best attempt, not knowing old French):

Living water, source of love, of my ardor,
nymph, cool off my ravishing heat.
Nymph, I burn from ?emotion?.[émer].

The silent, clear fountain always sparkles
and viewing it, one sees its depths;
there you will see nothing hidden,
Living water, but I don't see the depths in your heart.

Living water, source of love...

The cool, beautiful, helpful running liquid
cures and assuages the thirst
of the tired pilgrim,
Living water, but you don't want to quench my thirst.

Living water, source of love...

When, dried out by the sun, the grass is dying,
it longs for some rain from the sky;
when happily it comes, it makes it green again.
Living water, give your strength to this languishing heart.

Living water, source of love...

A-ways downstream, running on the rocks,
from its waters which flow and never dry up,
it wends its perennial way;
Living water, may our love likewise be eternal.

Living water, source of love...