



Rêve Oriental, 2

Composers Notes:

On the Shore of the Aegean Sea gazing wistfully toward the horizon where, faintly sketched, he can barely perceive the outlines of Greece, sits a peasant, one of the numerous Grecian types of Asia Minor. His forefathers several centuries ago lost their condition of subjection, their descendants, obsessed with one idea – that of being reunited with the Mother Country.

Absorbed in this thought, our Patriot caressing the strings of a lute, improvises – deploring the sad fate of his countrymen and the Ottoman yoke. Losing himself quite in this patriotic revery, our Dreamer waxes enthusiastic and eloquently breaks into song with a beautiful melody, arranged according to the pure Oriental manner.

- This part of the "REVE," the Cantabile in G major, should be played very, very broadly, almost "A Piacere."

Little by little his exaltation abates and he resumes his original theme, when he suddenly becomes conscious of a characteristic little air played upon a sort of flute by a shepherd somewhere in the distance. Charmed by this good omen, the lutenist instinctively adds the bass on his instrument – As the shepherd passes out of hearing the illusion is dispelled – and the Greek sighing, realizing that his fondly cherished hopes and ambitions were but a *Dream of the Orient*. REVE ORIANTAL