

James Houston Spencer
Complete List of Known Works

TITLE	INSTRUMENTATION	ORIGINAL manuscript	PDF online	AUDIO online	NOTES
After Parting	Voice and Piano	BHC	yes		July, 1919. Text by Sara Teasdale, dedicated "to mom"
American Dance Fantasy	Orchestra: picc, 2fl, 2ob, 2cl, 2bsn, 4hn, 2tpt, 3tbn, 1tba, perc, timp, hrp, strings	BHC			One mvt., 309 measures, several cuts penciled in manuscript, unknown hand
American Folk Symphony	Orchestra: fl, ob, 2cl, bsn, 2hn, 2tpt, 3tbn, tba,timp, perc, pno, strings	BHC			3 mvts.; July-August 1942; approx. 550 measures
Andantino Pastorale for the Pianoforte	piano	BHC			26 measures
April Singing	piano	BHC	yes	yes	dedicated "To Hildreth" his daughter
Aubade	Orchestra: fl, ob, cl, bsn, 2 hn, tpt, tbn, strings	BHC			June 27, 1935, 79 measures, 1 mvt.
Aubade	Two pianos	BHC			February, 1935
Back Home					
Barcarolle	flute and harp	Spencer / parts at BHC	yes	yes	Various sketches for alternate endings
Birthday Party	piano	BHC			(published 1929), Opus 9, no. 1; dedicated to Margaret Feeman
Blessed Art Thou	Unison choir & organ	BHC			(Benedictus es Domine)
Blue Shadows	piano	BHC			(A Meditation in Blue) 71 meausres
Bread and Music	Voice & piano	Spencer	yes		(c. 1938) dedicated to Joseph Bentonelli; text by Conrad Aiken
Calm of Love	Voice & piano	BHC			text by Harriett Gray; March 24, 1937
Chinese Boy and Bamboo flute	Organ	BHC	yes		(c. 1938)
Chinese Dance	piano	BHC			Dedicated to Mr. G. H. Houston
Christmas Carol Medley	piano	BHC			also titled "Christmastime"
Christmas Love Song and Last Rose					
Cloths of Heaven	voice & piano	Spencer	yes	yes	Wm. B. Yates
Cock Crow	voice & piano	BHC			Text by Dilys Bennett Laing "words used with consent of the writer and the New Yorker
Communion Service (Choral Communion Service)	SATB choir & organ	BHC			published 1946; Kyrie, Gloria tibi, Sursum Corda, Sanctus, Benedictus qui venit, Agnus Dei, Gloria in Excelsis; English text, 151 measures, homophonic; variations in two

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Coquetry	piano	BHC			October, 1926; dedicated to Alberta Williams
Crow's Egg	voice & piano	BHC			Words adapted from "Misanthrope" by S. Mayo
Dance Fantasy for Orchestra	Orchestra: picc, 2fl, 2ob, 2cl,	BHC			File also includes a piano reduction; 309 measures
Dancer from China	piano	Spencer	yes	yes	Pub. 1920 White-Smith, Opus 8, no. 1
Dawn (2nd version)	Orchestra: fl, ob, cl, bsn, 2 hns,	BHC			38 measures
Dawn the Stream (Boat song)	piano	BHC			
December Nocturne	flute & paino	Spencer	yes	yes	
Do I Love Thee	Voice & piano	Spencer	yes		
Dream End	Voice & piano	BHC			words and music by J. H. Spencer
Eremite	Voice & piano	BHC			words by Anita Weschler; July 1964?
Fairest Lord Jesus (partial)	Piano & Organ	BHC			Lorenz publication? Organ part only at BHC
Fiddler of the Northern Lights	Orchestra	Shipman		yes	performance edition by John Dodson
Field Day (Pastorale)	piano	BHC			In folder marked "piano solos" in BHC
Foot Notes for a Dance	piano	BHC			
For Christmastime	piano	BHC			Simple medley of carols
For Whom the Bell Tolls	voice and piano	BHC			April 1941; text by John Donne
From the Adirondacks	piano	BHC			Suite for piano; 4 mvts; with interpretive verses by Harriett Gray; Feb. 1930
From the Adirondacks	Orchestra: 2 fl, ob, 2 cl, bsn, tpt,	BHC			Suite for Orchestra; 4 mvts
Gaily Dressed Damsel	voice and piano	BHC			Composed June 15, 1919; text by Yu-His; dedicated to Cornelia Miller
Go Tell It on the Mountain	SATB choir	BHC			"arranged in 1940's"
God Be in My Head	SSA choir and organ	BHC			"with double organ point accompaniment" (two note drone)
Great Lakes State	Voice & piano, or choir	BHC			text by J.H. Spencer "in honor of Michigan Week"
Hunting Song	TTBB choir & piano	BHC			text by Sir Walter Scott; April 1922.
I Thought	Voice & piano	BHC			text by Crestel Hastings
I'm Never Done Loving You	Voice & piano	BHC			1939; with Robert Moreland
In a Lilac Garden	piano				
In Far Away China	piano	BHC			beginner piano piece, hand position study
Indian Legend	Orchestra: fl, ob, cl, bsn, 2hns,	BHC			43 measures

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Instead of Words	organ	BHC			revised 1941
Irish Idyll	piano	BHC			
It's Dreamtime					
Just Another Night					
Kings of the East are Riding					
Knee Deep in June	piano	BHC			July, 1934; The MacDowell Colony
Late Rose of Summer	piano				
Lead On Oh King Eternal					organ arrangement of hymn
Let's Go Caroling	SATB choir and piano	BHC			text by Dorothy Shipman
Little Whistler					Frances Frost
Longest Day					(Sept. 1920)
Love	Voice & piano	BHC			text by Frances Frost; incomplete manuscript at BHC
Loveliest of Trees, The Cherry	Voice & piano	BHC			text by A.E. Housman; dedicated to Cornelia M. Spencer
Miscellaneous, unidentified	various	BHC			
Moments and Prayer for Families					
Moods	Voice and paino	Spencer	yes		
Moonlit Pines	piano	BHC			
More Love to Thee	SATB soli & organ	BHC			text by Elizabeth Prentiss; composer is identified as "Jaspen" (a play on his name?)
Mother Heart					
My Song	Voice & piano	BHC			text by Rubindranath Tagore
Nativity, Andante Pastorale	fl, ob, 2 cl, bsn, hn, str (pno, hrp)	BHC	yes	yes	completed April 22, 1943
Nocturne in D-flat Major	Violin & piano	BHC			
Norah's Eyes	Voice & piano	BHC			
Not of the World	Voice & piano or organ	BHC			
Not Understood					
Nunc Dimittis	SSATB	Spencer	yes		Dedicated "For my mother"
Ode to Major 7th (Poem for piano?)	organ???	BHC			
Old Lays in New Ways: Three Folk	piano	BHC	yes	yes	Pub. 1933 Musicraft
On the Air	Voice & piano	BHC			

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On the Lake	Orchestra: fl, ob, cl, bsn, 2 hn, tpt, tbn, strings, piano	BHC			60 measures
Once in a Maytime	piano	BHC			
One World	Voice & piano	BHC			copyright 1944
Oriental Oddity	piano	BHC	yes	yes	Pub. 1933 Shattinger
Pandean Sketch nos. 1 & 2	flute and piano	BHC			contains various arrangements
Piano Trio in One Movement	violin, cello and piano	BHC	yes	yes	
Piece for Chamber Orchestra	Orchestra: fl, ob, cl, bsn, hn,	BHC			Incomplete. First 30 measures in file
Piece for Piano and Strings	Piano and string quartet: 2 vln,	BHC			McDowell Colony, 1935; 144 measures
Pixilated (Humoresque)	piano	BHC			
Poem for Piano	piano				Ode to Major 7th? Check score
Prayer for Families	SATB choir	BHC			text by Lois Stanley
Prayers of Steel	Voice & piano (also TTBB choir)	BHC			text by Carl Sandburg
Prelude (no. 1)	piano	BHC			
Prelude (no. 2)	piano	BHC			Jul-36
Regatta Day					
Regimen					
Requiem (Home is the Sailor)	Voice & piano				text by Robert Lewis Stevenson
River Willows					
Rustic Suite	String quartet				Based on Sonatina for Piano (1922)
Sea Fever	Voice & piano				John Masefield
Seasons					A four song cycle
Seekin'					
Serenade					
Slack Your Rope from Two American	SATB choir, a cappella	Spencer	yes	yes	
Small Dirge for a Meadow-Lark	Piano solo				Composed at McDowell Colony
Sometimes I think a Pure White					Gene Stratton Porter
Sonata for Organ					(cir. 1931)
Sonatina in C Major	piano	BHC			Opus 9. 3 mvts., composed 1922. Arranged as "Rustic Suite for String Quartet"
Song from Isaiah					

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Song of Solomon (vocal score)	STB soli, SATB choir and piano	Spencer	yes	yes	(Jan. 5, 1935) Mvts 1 thru 8
Song of Solomon, Mvt. 1, 2, and 6	Orchestra: picc, 2fl, 2ob, 2cl, 2bsn, 4hn, 2tpt, 3trn, 1tba, perc, timp, hrp, strings	BHC	yes	yes	A Lyrical Fantasy; text according to the King James version, complete; orchestration by Henri Matheys(sp?) (Matherp?)
Spruce Boughs					
Stars and a River	Piano solo				Composed at MacDowell Institutue
Sweetheart, Do You Care?	piano & voice				
Symphonesque	Organ		yes		Opus 12
Terrible Robber Men					
These Words Jesus Spake					
Thief					
This Summer					
Thou Art My Lute	Voice & piano				text by Paul Laurence Dunnbar
Three American Folk Tunes	piano	Spencer	yes	yes	Pub. 1920 White-Smith
Three Pictures from Playtime					
Three Songs from a Child's Garden of Verses					R.L Stevenson
To a WAC, Serenade for Piano					
Tonight	Voice and piano	Spencer	yes		
Two Love Charm Songs and Field Day					
Two Love Charm Songs: Bibigwun nos. 1 & 2	flute	BHC	yes	yes	
Valse Excentrique					
Valsette	piano	BHC	yes	yes	Pub. 1920 White-Smith, in folder marked "piano solos" in BHC box 3.
Victory					
Waltz for two Pianos	two pianos				
We Sing and Play on Saturday					

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Welcome Table from Two American Songs	SATB choir, a cappella	Spencer	yes	yes	
When I Dream					Robert Moreland
Whiporwill					
Why Terry?					
Widow Malone					
Wild Asters					Sara Teasdale
Words of Jesus					
You	Voice & piano				text by Grace M. Rutherford
Yours for the Asking					