

Emily Dickinson Songs

Performance Notes:

Sylvia Glickman set two of Emily Dickinson's poems, *After Great Pain* and *It Will be Summer* in 1979, inspired by seeing actress Julie Harris' performance in her one-woman Emily Dickinson production in Philadelphia in the late 1970's. These songs, together with Glickman's setting of Dickinson's recipe for *Black Cake*, were premiered at the Cosmopolitan Club in Philadelphia in 1979 by Ruth Singer, soprano, with the composer at the piano. *From Cocoon Forth* was commissioned in 1983. The songs have been performed several times on the East Coast of the U.S., in London, and at the Montanea Composers Conference in Talloires, France in 1991.

About the Composer:

Sylvia Glickman (1932-2006), New York born composer and pianist, studied in New York at the Juilliard School and at the Royal Academy of Music in London. Winner of prizes for both performance and composition, she concertized throughout the United States, Europe, Israel and Africa, and taught at colleges in the Eastern United States and in Israel. Her compositions include works for piano, instrumental chamber groups, and large and small vocal groups. She received commissions from the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, the Pro Arte Chorale, Network for New Music and the Huntingdon Trio. Ms. Glickman edited an anthology of the *Piano Music of Amy Beach* (Da Capo Press, 1982), an anthology of *American Keyboard Music from 1865 to 1910* (G.K. Hall, 1990), and keyboard music by Marianna D'Auenbrugg, Amy Beach, Maria Szymanowska, and sixteen American Women of the post-Civil War period for Hildegard Publishing Company (1990).

Ms. Glickman was a regular reviewer for *Choice*, the librarians journal, and was editor of the keyboard section of *Books for College Libraries*, 1987. In May 1986 she was honored by Womens Way for her "exceptional talent as a musician and teacher, and her unique contributions to women's' music history." She was the President of the Pennsylvania Composers Forum, and Founder and President of the Hildegard Publishing Company.