



# Two Songs

*poems by Jack Kerouac and Dylan Thomas*

*music by Peter Billam*

**for Voice and Piano**

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# From the 228th Chorus of Mexico City Blues

9/4 *Ped Ped Ped* *Ped Ped* \* *Ped* *Ped Ped*

Praised be wood, it is milk ...

5 *dim...*

Praised be Honey at the Source ...

*mf dim...*

*8vab*

10

Praised be the embrace of soft sleep

*cresc... accell...* *rit...*

*... loc* *Ped* *Ped* *Ped* *Ped*

15

The valour of angels in valleys

*accell... cresc...* *rit...* *tempo*

*Ped Ped Ped Ped* *Ped*

1  
4  
5

20

of hell on earth below, Praised be the Non - en - ding

Ped Ped Ped Ped

25

Praised be the lights of earth - man Praised be the wat - chers

*f* 8vab... Ped Ped

30

Praised be my fellow man For dwelling in

... loc. Ped

35

milk - -

*mf* *mp* *p* *dim...* *... pp*

rit... molto... Ped Ped

# In my craft or sullen art

*moderate*

5

*simile*

Ped \* Ped Ped \* Ped 5

*dim . . . rit . . .*

In

4-1 5-2 5

Ped \* Ped

10

my craft or sullen art

Ped Ped

Ex - er - cised in the still night When on - ly the

Ped \*

15

moon ra - ges

*accel . . .* *p cresc . . .* *rit . . .* *dim . . .*

*Ped* \* *Ped*

20

And the lovers lie a - bed with

*Ped*

*Ped*

all their griefs in their arms , I la - bour

*Ped* \* *Ped* *Ped*

25

by sin - ging light Not for am -

*Ped* \* *Ped*

30

- bi - tion or bread Or the strut and

*rit . . . tempo cresc . . .*

\* Ped \*

35

trade of charms On the i - vory sta - ges ,

*dim . . .*

Ped

But for the common wa - ges Of their most secret

\* Ped \* Ped \*

40

heart.

*dim . . .*

*f arpeg*

\* Ped

Ped Ped

45

Not for the proud man a - part From the ra - ging moon

*Ped* *Ped* *accel...*

50

I write On these spin - drift

*arp.* *dim...* *rit...* *Ped* *Ped*

55

pa - ges Nor for the to - wer - ing dead

*cresc...* *rall...* *f* *dim...* *Ped* *Ped* \*

With their nigh - tingales and psalms - - - But for the

*rit...* *tempo* *Ped* *Ped*



60

lovers, their arms Round the griefs of the a - ges

Ped

65

Who pay no praise or wa - ges

*mf* *rit. . . .*

*mf*

Ped

70

Nor heed my craft or art. . . .

*meno mosso . . .*

Ped \*

75

*dim . . .* *PPP*

Ped

**Peter Billam** was born in London in 1948, studied piano, and lived in Switzerland from 1973 to 1983, where he studied composition, classical guitar, flute and voice, worked as Musical Director of the *Théâtre Populaire Romand*, and as recording engineer, record producer and computer programmer. He moved to Tasmania in 1983, and lectured in composition at the Conservatorium. He founded **pjb.com.au**, becoming the first composer to sell scores on-line, taking scores from Composer to Performer in one immediate step. *pjb.com.au* offers a new approach to music publishing. These pieces are **written to be read, made to be played !**

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