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# My Wife

for tenor and piano

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## My Wife

Trusty, dusky, vivid, true,  
With eyes of gold and bramble-dew,  
Steel-true and blade-straight,  
The great artificer  
Made my mate.

Honour, anger, valour, fire;  
A love that life could never tire,  
Death quench or evil stir,  
The mighty master  
Gave to her.

Teacher, tender, comrade, wife,  
A fellow-farer true through life,  
Heart-whole and soul-free  
The august father  
Gave to me.

-- Robert Louis Stevenson  
(from *Songs of Travel and Other Verses*  
London: Chatto and Windos, 1896)

To Marcia  
**My Wife**

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Tenderly (♩ = 72)

Tenor

*mp*

Trus-ty, dus-ky,

*mf*

*p*

(Con molto ped. sempre)

4

cresc. -----

vi-vid, true, With eyes of gold and bram-ble-dew. Steel - true and

cresc. -----

+ Sostenuto ped.

8

*f*

*mp*

blade - straight, The great ar-ti-fi-cer Made \_\_\_\_\_ my mate.

*mf*

*mp*

(Ped. col L.H.)