

Dink's Song

from American Ballads and Folk Songs

original key

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Slow and free

'f I had wings like *No-ah's dove, I'd

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fly up riv-er — to the man I love. Fare thee well, o Hon-ey, — fare thee

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well. Ise got a man, he's long and tall,

* Spelt 'Norah' in the text used as Britten's source.

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 Moves his bod-y — like a can-non ball, Fare thee well, o Hon-ey, — fare thee

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 well. When I wo' my a-p'ons low,

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 Could-n't keep you from my do'. Fare thee well, o Hon-ey, — fare thee

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 well. Now I wears my a-p'ons high,

29

Sca' cely ev - er see you pass - in' by. Fare thee well, o

32

A bit slower
pp

Hon - ey, — fare thee well. One o' these days, it

colla parte

36

Slower still

won't be long, Call my name an' I'll be gone. Fare thee well, o

40

Hon - ey, — fare thee well.

ppp