

LAND OF HEART'S DESIRE

A 70-Minute Monodrama of Music and Poetry with
David Gordon – voice & guitar

Poetry and Lyrics by W.B. Yeats, Thomas Moore, A.E. Houseman, Robinson Jeffers,
Brian Bilston, Berthold Brecht, James Agee, Stephen Foster, Woody Guthrie,
Yip Harburg, Joel Mabus, and David Wilcox.

I. The Isle Over the Sea: Irish songs of longing – For Una

Poem: *Echo* – Thomas Moore (1821)

Echo – Sung to the Irish folk tune Moore selected

Poem: *At the Mid Hour of Night* – Thomas Moore (1821)

At the Mid Hour of Night – Sung to the Irish folk tune Moore selected

Poem: *The Song of the Wandering Aengus* (1897) – W.B. Yeats

Down by the Salley Gardens – Irish folk melody, poem by W.B. Yeats

Poem: *The Host of the Air* (1899) – WB Yeats

The Foggy, Foggy Dew – Irish folk song

II. In the Dark Times: Songs of struggle and hardship – For Robinson

Poem: *Land of Lost Content* – A. E. Houseman (1896)

Poor Wayfaring Stranger – American folk song (19th C)

Poem: *Refugees* – Brian Bilston (2013)

Hard Times – Stephen Foster (1852)

Spoken: *In the Dark Times* – Berthold Brecht (1938)

Brother can you spare a dime – Hal Gorney / Yip Harburg (1932)

Spoken: The story of the song

Plane Wreck at Los Gatos – Woody Guthrie (1948)

III. Love and Nature Endure: Songs of hope – For us all

Spoken: Excerpt from a letter– Robinson Jeffers (1930s)

It's Almost Time – David Wilcox (1987)

Poem: Excerpts from *Carmel Point* and *Credo* – Robinson Jeffers (1920s–30s)

Snow on the Water – Joel Mabus (1988)

Poem: *Sure on this Shining Night* – James Agee (1934)

Love will show the way – David Wilcox (1990)