

VoiceArt Certificate of Singing

Intermediate Level

Suzie Songster

With

**Penny Pianist
Accompanist**

**Performance recorded on
30th June 2021**

This is the sort of information expected for the Intermediate and Intermediate Plus Levels.....

NB – please include translations of songs if you are singing in another language.

Dinah's Song

Composer - Esther Rofe

Text - Tom Rothfield

About The Song

Esther Rofe was born in 1904 and died in 2000.

She was a pianist and a violinist and she was only 13 when she appeared with the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra.

She studied at The Royal College of Music in London, most notably with the great English composer Ralph Vaughan Williams and upon her return to Australia began arranging and composing for the ABC.

Mostly, she composed ballet music, but also she composed a dozen or so songs of which Dinah's Song is one.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Esther_Rofe

<https://www.australiancomposers.com.au/pages/esther-rofe>



My Reflection

I have often wondered about women composers and in particular women composers.

I was thrilled to discover that there were many more Australian women composers than I realised and chanced upon this recording when researching the topic.

<https://youtu.be/BYltPZMp5Pw>

Although it's not the best recording, I loved the clarity and warmth of Phoebe Humphrey's voice and I immediately knew this was the song I was looking for to include in my Intermediate certificate program.

I found the mixed meters a bit tricky to learn at first, but I found counting in crotchet beats really helped to get them right. I loved the change to a major key on the last verse where it's clear that the lost loved one will always be present in the beauty of nature and music.