

Gavin Bryars

Songs from Northern Seas

text by George Bruce

to the memory of George Bruce, in his centenary year

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1. The Fisherman

Andante (♩ = c.80)

Tenor

Piano

mp molto legato sempre

con pedale
una corda

6

11

p

As he comes from one of those small hou - ses _____

p

15
8 Set with-in the curve_____ of the low cliff For a mo - ment he

19
8 pau - ses Foot on step at the low lin - tel Be - fore front - ing

23 *poco rit. . . a tempo*
8 wind and sun. He car - ries out from with - in some-thing of the

27
8 dark Con - cealed by hea - vy cur - tain, Or held with - in the

31 *poco meno mosso* *tempo primo*
mf
 ship un-der hat-ches. Yet with what as - sur-ance The com-act_ bo-dy moves,
mf
 tre corde

35
 Head pressed to wind, His be - ing_ at an an - gle As to an - ti - ci-pate the

39 *poco rit.* - *a tempo*
 lurch of earth. Who is he to con - tain night And

43
 still walk stub - born Hold - ing the ground_ with light feet