She Walks in Beauty

She walks in beauty, like the night
Of cloudless climes and starry skies;
And all that's best of dark and bright
Meet in her aspect and her eyes:
Thus mellow'd to that tender light
Which heaven to gaudy day dentes.

One shade the more, one ray the less,
Had half impair'd the nameless grace
Which waves in every rayen tress,
Or softly lightens o'er her face;
Where thoughts serenely sweet express
How pure, how dear their dwelling-place.

And on that cheek, and o'er that brow,
So soft, so calm, yet eloquent,
The smiles that win, the tints that glow,
But tell of days in goodness spent,
A mind at peace with all below,
A heart whose love is innocent!

Lord Byron (1788-1824)

"She Walks in Beauty"

for Soprano, Trumpet* and Piano (1988 - ca 7')
(* the trumpet part with the chamber ensemble is slightly different than with the piano version)

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