

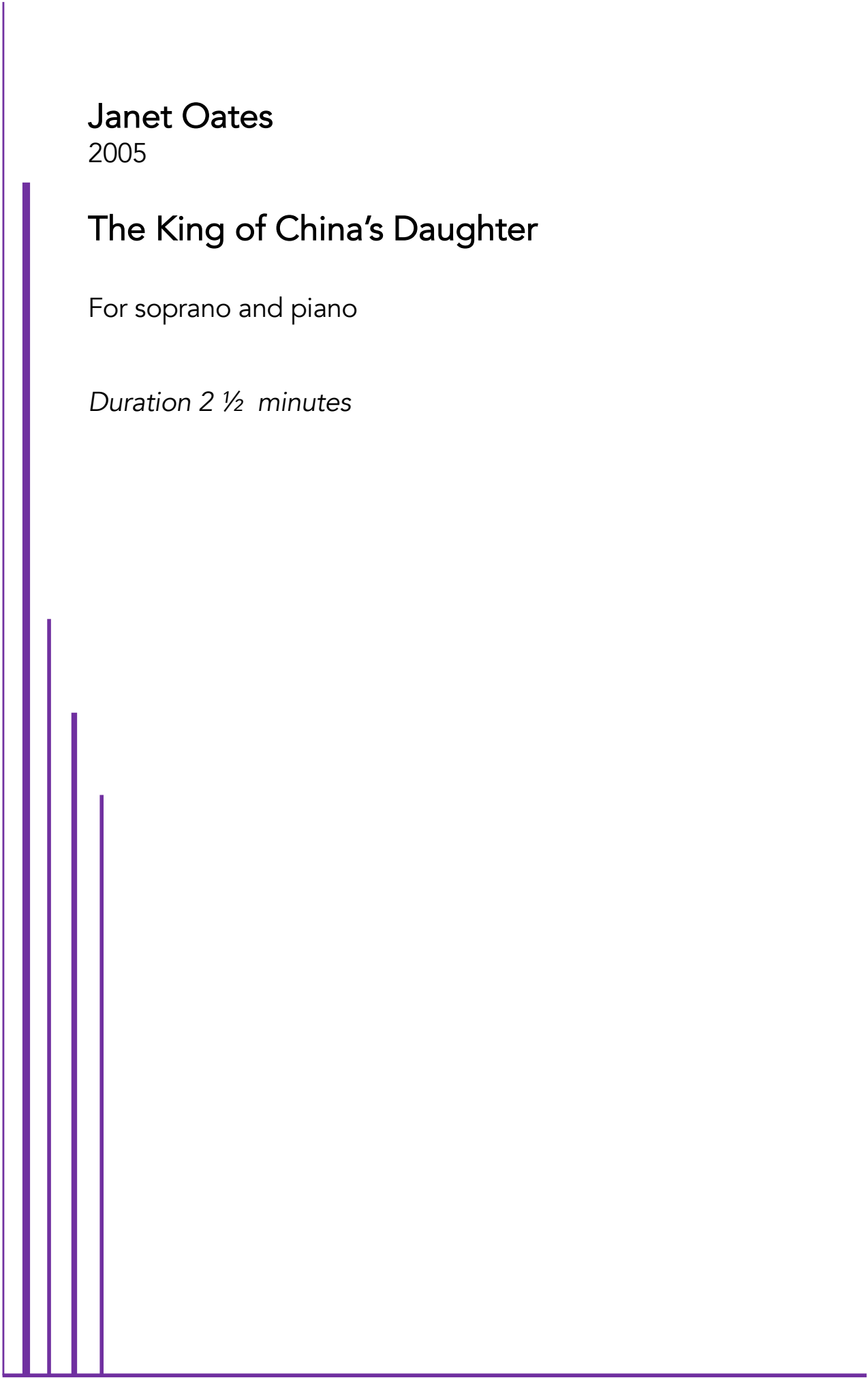
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The King of China's Daughter

For soprano and piano

Duration 2 ½ minutes



The King of China's daughter.

The King of China's daughter, she never would love me,
Though I hung my cap and bells upon her nutmeg tree...
For oranges and lemons, the stars in bright blue air -
I stole them long ago, my dear - were dangling there.
The moon did give me silver pence, the sun did give me gold,
And both together softly blew and made my porridge cold!
But the King of China's daughter pretended not to see
When I hung my cap and bells upon her nutmeg tree!

Edith Sitwell

The King of China's Daughter

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$\text{♩} = 52, \text{lightly}$

Soprano

Piano

mp *mf*

5

S.

mf The King of Ch - Ch-ch-ch King of Chi-na's daugh - *gliss.*

Pno.

mp

8

S.

ter *sniff* *sigh* *sniff* she ne - ver would love *port.* *port.* me, love me,

Pno.

p

12

S. *f*
ne-ver would love - me, *grr sniff sniff sigh* Though I hung my cap and

Pno. *f* *p* *f* *mp*

16

S. bells u-pon her nut meg tree... *STAMPS ANGRILY*

Pno. *mf* *f* *ff*

20

S. *mp*
For o - ran - ges

Pno. *p* *more legato*

23

S. *mp*
and le-mons the stars in bright blue air I stole them long a-go, my dear. Were

Pno. *pp* *mp*

28 *like a gulp pp*

S. *da - da da da da - ng - gl da ngli gli da da ngli - ng ng there*

Pno. *f*

33

S.

Pno. *p mp mf prettily*

37 *mf broadly*

S. *The moon did give me sil - ver pence the sun did give me*

Pno. *mp mf*

42 *f mp p*

S. *gold, gold! and both to - ge - ther*

Pno.

45 *accel.* *nasty, childish*

S. soft - ly blew, _____ blew _____ and made my por - ridge made my por- *ff*

Pno. *accel.*

48 *tempo primo*

S. ridge cold! But the King of Chi-na's daugh

Pno. *f* *mp* *f* *p* *tempo primo*

52 *mp*

S. - tah pre - te - e - e - e - ended not to see

Pno. *f* *p sub*

rit. ♩. = 50
leans over and plays the piano
with a sneer or a sulk

56

S.

mf

Pno.

rit. ♩. = 50

mf

60

S.

spoken *gliss.* *sung*

When I hung my my cap and and be - be - be - ells u -

Pno.

p *mf*

64

S.

sob/gasp *ff* *angry stamps*

pon her ! sniff sniff nut - meg tree!

Pno.

8va *ff*