

*Green Magic Songs* was written for Maria Jette as an addition to her collection of songs for solo soprano *a cappella*. It happened thus: I hired her a few years ago for a read-through of an opera I was working on, and I asked her how much she would charge. She said, “Oh, let’s not talk about boring old money. Write me a piece; here are some text suggestions.” Over the course of the next year and a half, I set all three of them. They were premiered at a Schubert Club Courtroom Concert in St. Paul’s Landmark Center on April 14, 2016.