

Hermit Songs, op. 29 by Samuel Barber

Possible keyword search strategies:

- Barber hermit songs
- Barber “hermit songs”
- Barber op 29

Puccini

- “Nessun Dorma” from Turandot
- “E lucevan le stelle” from Tosca

You could add quotation marks around the song title: “nessun dorma” “e lucevan le stelle”

You could try a keyword search on:

- Puccini nessun dorma
- “Nessun dorma”
- Puccini lucevan stelle

You could search for the piano/vocal score of the opera.

- Puccini Turandot vocal piano
- Puccini Tosca vocal piano

Sometimes your song may be in a collection of songs by a composer. You could try these searches and limit the Resource Type to Score:

- Strauss songs
- Ravel songs

Ways to narrow down results:

- Add high or low to your search depending on vocal range
- Add a publisher name if you want a specific edition

Searching for operas:

- Type in the opera name and composer as a keywords
- Try an Advanced Search and enter the opera name in the Title field and the composer in the Author field
- Play around with searching the English title in one search and the foreign language title in another. How do the results differ?

Magic Flute or Zauberflöte?

- A library catalog search on Mozart magic flute yielded 20 print scores (it didn’t make a difference if I put magic flute in quotations marks, “magic flute”)
- A library catalog search on Mozart zauberflöte yielded 46 print scores
- You can click on Held by Library to limit results to print scores