

INVOCATION

from *Deux méditations poétiques*

“**Invocation**” ([in-vo-ka·fō]), by the French poet Alphonse De Lamartine (1790-1869), is from a set of 24 poems published in 1820, titled *Méditations, poétiques et religieuses*. Besides being a poet, Lamartine was a historian and statesman, and well-renowned as an eloquent orator in the top level of French government. He was a pioneer in the French Romantic movement of literature, stressing emotion, mysticism, and nature. His poetry marked the transition from the more emotionally conservative Neoclassical era to the passion and lyricism of the Romantic period.

The second poem in the present set, titled *Deux méditations poétiques*, is “Souvenir” (translated “memory”).

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Inhabitant of the sky, *mp* passenger in these *mf*

7

Ha - bi-tan - te du ciel, *mp* pas - sa-gè - r'en ces *mf*

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poco rit. *mp* *a tempo* O you, who in my eyes, made the dark night

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lieux! *poco rit.* *mp* O toi, *a tempo* O *mf*

lieux! *poco rit.* *mp* O toi qui fils bril-ler dans cette nuit pro-fon - de *mf*

lieux! *poco rit.* *mp* O toi qui fils bril-ler dans cette nuit pro-fon - de *mf*

10

19 (to you) my devotion and love. After having loved me

- firir mon cul-t'ou mon a - mour. A - près m'a-voir ai-mé,

- firir mon cul-t'ou mon a - mour. A - près m'a-voir ai-mé,

- firir mon cul-t'ou mon a - mour. A - près m'a-voir ai-mé,

22 on earth, Remember me

Ah! sur la ter - re, Souviens - toi, de_ moi,

Ah! sur la ter - re, Souviens - toi, de_ moi,

Ah! sur la ter - re, Souviens - toi, de_ moi,

22 *espr.*

in heaven.
poco rit. **mf** *a tempo*

de moi_ dans les cieux. **mf**

de moi_ dans les cieux. **mf** *mp*

de moi_ dans les cieux. A

poco rit. **mf** *a tempo* *mp*

To my amazement show yourself completely to me.

28 *mp* *mf*

Les_ cieux, Dis -

mp *mf*

Dis - - - moi, dis - moi! -

molto espr. *mf*

mes yeux é - ton - nés mon - tre - toi tout en - tiè - re,

28 *mf*

"Dis-moi" - translates "tell me"