Appendix 2: Transcription of the words for *Four Strict Songs*, Lou Harrison (1955)

First Song
Here is holiness of the begonia leaf with innumerable crystalline cells
Here is holiness of the mountain’s deer and the unscented faun
Here is holiness of the begonia leaf and deer and the star Aldeberon lighting endlessness
Here is holiness of the beachèd agate wet with wave

Second Song
Here is nourishment of the swamp-rooted cat-tail
Here is nourishment of the water reed and the redwing singing enrapturedly
Here is nourishment of the meteorite lining the sky
Here is nourishment of the falling star and the damp-darkened crumbling soil

Third song
Here is tenderness of the redwood tree which is immortal
Here is tenderness of the fan-tailed goldfish trailing double tails
Here is tenderness of the tree, the fish and the moon Ganymede encircling third, the largest planet
Here is tenderness of the tourmaline showing flamingo light

Fourth Song
Here is splendour of the air-plant Spanish Moss a-sway in sun
Here is splendour of the air-plant and the cobra arching his head
Here is splendour of the galaxy in Andromeda
Here is splendour of the galaxy and the turquoise cloudless heaven