

En Soupirant

María Malibrán
(1808-1836)

The musical score consists of three staves. The top staff is for the Soprano (S.) and the second staff is for the Mezzo-Soprano (M.S.), both in treble clef and 3/4 time. The third staff is for the Piano (Pno.), with the bass clef and 3/4 time. The piano part provides harmonic support with sustained chords and rhythmic patterns. The vocal parts enter at measure 9, singing in unison. The lyrics are: "En sou-pi-rant j'ai-vre maî - tre l'au - ro - re". The piano part continues to provide harmonic support throughout the vocal section.

María Malibrán (1808-1836) was a Spanish mezzo-soprano who performed to great critical acclaim on the opera stage in London, Paris, Rome, Naples, and Milan. Prior to her untimely death in a horseback riding accident, Malibrán composed numerous songs for voice and piano.