

Dearest Lily - song lyrics

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DEAREST LILY.

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Upon the bosom of a lake
Some pure white lilies bloom,
They shed a world of radiance
Amid the twilight gloom,
And one sweet blossom seemed to smile,
With face upturned to mine;
I stooped and kissed its petals,
Breathing its perfume divine.

Chorus.

Dearest Lily, purest Lily, with your face so fair,
And your heart of wondrous riches, love, I've gathered there,
Ah, my Lily, sweetest Lily, dearest of all to me,
I'll love you now forevermore, through all eternity.

Within a crowded city
I beheld a tender face,
And watched with eyes enraptured
A maiden full of grace,
And as her loving face met mine,
My heart her own did greet.
And all I am, my life, my soul,
I gladly laid at her feet. - Chorus.

The years went by, my Lily fair,
That bloomed alone for me,
Had faded, drooped and perished
Upon life's changeful sea,
But still her pure, sweet fragrance
'Round my lonely life's entwined,
The mem'ry of my Lily fair
Is in my heart enshrined. - Chorus.