Frederick Delius - Exile

By the sad waters of separation
Where we have wandered by divers ways
I have but the shadow and imitation
Of the old, memorial days

In music I have no consolation

No roses are pale enough for me;

The sound of the waters of separation

Surpasseth roses and melody

By the sad waters of separation

Dimly I hear from an hidden place

The sigh of mine ancient adoration:

Hardly can I remember your face

If you be dead, no proclamation

Sprang to me over the waste, gray sea:

Living, the waters of separation

Sever for ever your soul from me

No man knoweth our desolation; Memory pales of the old delight; While the sad waters of separation Bear us on to the ultimate night