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# STEPHEN POWELL, BARITONE AMERICAN COMPOSERS AT PLAY

*American Composers At Play* is my modest effort to produce definitive interpretations. For decades, I've wanted to perform the work of living composers with the composers themselves playing their compositions. It's a singer's dream. Musicians typically interpret composers' music based on what we've learned in conservatory about historic performance practice. We rarely ever meet the creators. But this venture would be different...

...now is a time of renewal — personal, artistic, perhaps even spiritual. Through the eloquence of their example, these four composers have taught me that one's time of life does not dictate one's capacity for creativity. At every age, we should remain stubbornly dissatisfied, always pushing the frontiers of what we — and the music itself — can contribute to the world. In sharing this lesson with me, these four giants have liberated *my* American voice.

-Stephen Powell

## TRACK LIST

1	*The Wind Sighs	Lori Laitman (b. 1955)	3:59
2	*Souvenir	Ricky Ian Gordon (b. 1956)	2:50
<i>for baritone, cello and piano</i>			
<b>Enough Rope</b> John Musto (b. 1954)			
3	Social Note		0:45
4	Résumé		0:56
5	The Sea		1:53
6	Waitin	William Bolcom (b. 1938)	1:47
<b>Men with Small Heads</b> Lori Laitman			
7	Men with Small Heads		2:46
8	Refrigerator, 1957		4:14
9	A Small Tin Parrot Pin		1:49
10	Snake Lake		2:52
11	Can't Sleep	William Bolcom	1:09
12	Song of Black Max	William Bolcom	2:57
<i>(as told by the de Koening boys)</i>			
<b>The Brief Light</b> John Musto			
<i>for baritone and guitar</i>			
13	When You Danced		2:01
14	Song		1:46
15	The Voices		1:45
16	The Brief Light		1:36
17	The Summons		2:48
18	I Have Drifted		1:42
19	Bus Stop	Ricky Ian Gordon	2:45
20	*Father's Song	Ricky Ian Gordon	6:02
21	Billy in the Darbies	William Bolcom	8:16
<i>for baritone and string quartet</i>			
<b>*Two by Frost</b> John Musto			
22	Nothing Gold Can Stay		1:15
23	The Rose Family		0:47
24	Satisfaction	William Bolcom	0:41
25	If I...	Lori Laitman	2:28
<i>for baritone, clarinet and piano</i>			
26	Lady Death	William Bolcom	1:51
27	*The Good Death	Ricky Ian Gordon	4:21
<i>for baritone, violin and piano</i>			
28	Money	Lori Laitman	1:57
29	A Horse with Wings	Ricky Ian Gordon	3:45



## PERFORMER CREDITS

**WILLIAM BOLCOM, piano**  
**RICKY IAN GORDON, piano**  
**LORI LAITMAN, piano**  
**JOHN MUSTO, piano**

**Attacca Quartet**  
**Charles Neidich, clarinet**  
**Jason Vieaux, guitar**

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