# Set No. 8: Songs without Voices, s. 17

# I. The New River

#### **DESCRIPTION OF SOURCES**

M Pencil score-sketch (ca. 1915–16 [1913, according to Ives]) of mvt. 3 of Set No. 1 (S. 10); on 16-stave mixed leaves; titled: "III | The Ruined River"; memo at end: "Mr Greinert | Please copy with out | words & call me when ready | C E I. 37 Liberty St | 3662 John" (circled and crossed over); instrumentation listed in LH margin: "1 Clar (or Piccolo 8va) | 2 Cornet | coll Voices | or Trumpets | Piain | Trom[bone] | or Sax | Piano | Tromb | Drum"; memo at end: "for | song S | part on Sym III | last page" (referring to source v below); includes text.
 p. 4 (f2675) mm. 1–6(2.)

p. 5 (f2676; Photostat of same=f2676a) mm. 6(3.)-17

- h Pencil sketch of arrangement as song (H) (1921; S. 308). pp. [1]–[2] (f6793–94) mm. 1–8 & 10–17
- H Song #6 ("The New River"), *114 Songs* (printed 1922). p. 13–14 (--) mm. 1–17
- H<sup>B</sup> Song #6 in Copy B of *114 Songs*, with pencil & ink annotations toward version in *34 Songs*; at end: "from Set for 2 Trumpets, Clar. Saxaphone | Piano & 4 Violins (ad lib) 1912 | arranged for Voice & Piano 1921".
   p. 13–14 (f6095–96) mm. 1–18 (m. 11 marked for repeat)
- H<sup>E</sup> Song #6 in Copy E of *114 Songs*, with pencil & ink annotations toward orchestration; at top: "Tp | Sax (ad lib) | Piano" (apparently originally intended for *Set No. 8*, S. 17); at top: "Hanke: Before copying | get old score & check upper"; instruments cited in the annotations: "Strings, Piano, Sax, if 2 or more Voices, 2 Trumpets, Trombone" (this latter memo possibly intended for *Set No. 5*, S. 14).

p. 13-14 (f6157-58) mm. 1-18 (m. 11 marked for repeat)

 $\mathbf{H}^{Copl}$  Emendations in Aaron Copland's copy of **H**; memos at top: "Mr Hanke: | wanted in F? | or G = 4<sup>th</sup> up | <u>see note bottom p 29.</u>", "(Score Sketch 2<sup>nd</sup> Sym. see old | oblong score | see 'Ragtime Dances | in safe 38 Nassau St | (<u>without</u> Coda)", and "leave out S V Trp. Dr | use—"; no musical emendations; toward what?

p. 13 (f8128) mm. 1-2(2.4), 4-5(1.4), & 6-7(3.4) (RH half of page missing)

- H<sup>8</sup> Emendations in pages removed from a copy of H; labeled "A) from Set for Trumpet, | Saxaphone and Piano" for use in this set.
   pp. 13–14 (f2781–82) mm. 1–17
- H<sup>P</sup> Emendations in a bound set of Photostats of pages in H<sup>8</sup>, for use in this set; with Ives's ink & pencil emendations.
   p. 14 (f2787) mm. 8–17

- T Song #19 in *Thirty-Four Songs* (published 1933), a revised reprint from **H**. pp. 42–43 (--) mm. 1–17
- $T^{C1}$  Emendation in Copy C<sup>1</sup> of T; one musical emendation (for m. 8, 2./3.). pp. 43 (f6234) mm. 8–17 (whole page crossed out)
- v Pencil sketch of vocal lines, on 16-stave single leaf of sketches for mvt. 3 of *Symphony No. 3* (S. 3); probably toward N; including text. one p. (f1142; more complete Photostat = f5594) mm. 9–10 & 15
- N Ink full score, arranged and copied by Nicolas Slonimsky (1934), with emendations by Ives, produced for *The New River* (choral version, S. 186). pp. 1–8 (f5595–603)
- **q** Quality List 1a (ca. 1933), item #21: "Three Songs 'The New River', 'The Indians', 'Ann Street' | for piano & chamber set | trumpet, some woodwinds".

# **CRITICAL COMMENTARY**

This edition is based on  $H^8+H^P$ .

3, Sx, 4...: H<sup>8</sup> has memo: "(sax) see score" (referring to M).

5–8, Tp:  $\mathbf{H}^{8}$  has memo: "(Trp. – 5 up – ad lib.)" (here, both the principal line and its transposition are shown to allow for the *ad lib*. choice); at m. 9  $\mathbf{H}^{8}$  has "(unis.)".

5, RH: H<sup>8</sup> has memo above RH: "(octs - - -" (as carried out here).

6, RH, 1.-4./1. H<sup>8</sup> has memo above RH/upstems: "octs" and notates lower octave  $1.Jd^2+f^2$ , with memo: "etc" (as carried out here).

7, Sx & LH, 3. : 9: supplied editorially.

8, Tps, 1...:  $\mathbf{H}^{\mathbf{P}}$  has # for  $d^2+a^2$  each (as here) lacking in  $\mathbf{H}^{\mathbf{8}}$ .

8, Tp, ending grace notes:  $\mathbf{H}^{\mathbf{P}}$  the set of grace notes (as included here).

9–12, Sx: H<sup>8</sup> has memo: "(see score for Sax part here)" (referring to M whose Sx line is imported here).

9, LH, 2...: **M** has nothing, but the parallel is m. 11 (as used here); **H** has same chords in rhythm  $I \to I$  (the transposed rhythm was probably an engraving error).

10:  $\mathbf{H}^{8}$  has two lines of text penciled in above its vocal line, toward Ives's *34 Songs* version (which uses a repeat of m. 11): "human beings gone machine | dancing halls and tambourines");  $\mathbf{H}^{E}$  is marked for repeat, with penciled text above: "Human beings gone machine," (repetition of m. 11 not followed here).

11, RH, 2. /1. :  $\mathbf{MH}^{\mathbf{E}}$  have  $\flat$  for  $d^{1}$  (as here);  $\mathbf{H}^{\mathbf{B}}\mathbf{H}^{\mathbf{C}1}$  have 1-2. :  $\mathfrak{d}$  as  $d(\mathfrak{z})^{1}-d\mathfrak{z}^{2}$ .

- 14, Tp, 4...:  $\mathbf{H}^{8}$  has memo: "(mute)" (as here).
- 15, Pf: H<sup>8</sup> has memo: "piano | only" (as followed here).
- 15, RH, 4./2. H has # for *e* (intended for *f*, as here).

16, Sx,  $2 \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2}$ : H<sup>8</sup> has memo: "Sax" (as followed here).

17, Sx. 1...: H<sup>8</sup> has memo: "Sax" (as followed here).

# II. The Indians

#### **DESCRIPTION OF SOURCES**

- M Pencil score (1916–17; 1912 according to Ives) of mvt. 1 of *Set No. 2* (S. 11), with song text by Charles Sprague, on mix of 12- & 16-stave leaves, in 5- & 6-stave systems; instrumentation: "Oboe (or Eng Hn) | Bassoon | Tom-Tom | I V[iolin] | II | Viola | Cello [+] (Basso ad lib".
  p. 1 (f2696) mm. 3–10 (=M's mm. 1–7)
  p. 2 (f2697) mm. 11–21 (=M's mm. 8–24; memo at end: "Dear Mr. G[reinert] = copy only to here | please send back before Sat noon | to C E Ives 37 Liberty St (3662 John)")
- M<sup>P</sup> Photostat of M, p. 1 only, with Ives's inked emendations (apparently toward a barely different version for mvt. 3 of *Set No. 10 of Three Pieces*, S. 19).
   p. 1 (f7808) mm. 3–10
- H Song #14 ("The Indians"), *114 Songs* (printed 1922 & 1923). pp. 29–30 (--) mm. 1–21 (complete; song version omits mm. 1–3 of **M**)
- H<sup>E</sup> Song #14 in Copy E of *114 Songs*, with pencil & ink annotations toward orchestration; instrumentation cited: "Strings & Piano lower part of chords, Vio[la], Oboe, 1 Vln, Trumpet" and a memo at top: "Oboe (Trumpet) | Strings (ad lib) | Piano"; perhaps marked up in preparation for the present set.
   pp. 29–30 (f6167–68) mm. 1–21
- H<sup>8</sup> Emendation in pages removed from a copy of H; labeled "B) from Set for Trumpet, | Oboe, Strings and Piano" for use in this set.
   pp. 29–30 (f2783–84) mm. 1–21
- q Quality List 1a (ca. 1933), item #21: "Three Songs 'The New River', 'The Indians', 'Ann

Street' | for piano & chamber set | trumpet, some woodwinds".

## CRITICAL COMMENTARY

This realization is based on  $H^{E}+H^{8}$ .

1-2, RH: H<sup>8</sup> has memo above m. 1 RH: "piano" (here, melody only).

1, Str: Although  $\mathbf{H}^{E}$  top listing says "Strings (ad lib)" and **m** cites "(Strings)";  $\mathbf{H}^{E}$  has memo: "Strings | & Piano | lower part of chords";  $\mathbf{H}^{8}$  appears to have "V write out" between the staves (apparently referring to  $\mathbf{H}^{E}$  on which Ives added the line in mm. 1, 3 & 18, labeled "Vio" (here for Va, and supplied editorially to mm. 5, 14 & 16).

2, Pf & Str: M has decresc. wedge (as supplied here editorially also for mm. 17 & 20).

3, Ob:  $\mathbf{H}^{E}$  has "oboe";  $\mathbf{H}^{8}$  has ink memo: "(mute)", but penciled below: "(oboe starting) see p 4 score" (referring to what score?; here, Ob; see note m. 7, Tp).

5, Vn1: **H**<sup>E</sup> has "1 Vn" (here, "solo").

5, 3. A: H<sup>E</sup> has "poco rit" (as here; "a tempo" at m. 6).

7, Tp:  $\mathbf{H}^{\mathbf{E}}\mathbf{H}^{\mathbf{8}}$  have "Trumpet | no oboe" (but muted as marked at m. 3 in  $\mathbf{H}^{\mathbf{8}}$ ).

7–10, Str: **H**<sup>E</sup> has "all strings"; **H**<sup>8</sup> has "(strings) see p 4 score)"; **M** has trem. markings (as incorporated here, ad lib.).

7, Vn2a, 2. A:  $e^1$  editorially supplied to match parallel chord in mm. 2, 4, 6, 15, 17 & 19.

9, Tp, 6.  $H^{E}H^{8}$  have added  $\wedge$  accent on 6. (as used here) and cross out H 7. > accent.

10: **H**<sup>E</sup> has "accel **.....**" and "agitando - -"; **H**<sup>8</sup> has only "agitando" (as here).

11, Tp: On  $\mathbf{H}^{\mathbf{E}}$  Ives added a wiggle line that rises-falls-rises between 1-4.  $(c^2)$ ; here, the contour is

approximated for an improvisational ad lib.). On 4.1/2. Ives added a ^ accent (as here).

13, Tp, 1.): On  $\mathbf{H}^{\mathbf{E}}\mathbf{H}^{\mathbf{8}}$  Ives added a  $\wedge$  accent (*ten.* dash added editorially).

13, Pf, 2-4.  $\stackrel{\text{h}}{\rightarrow}$ : On **H**<sup>E</sup> Ives labeled this "LH" (as would be useful if Pf was playing all the notes and chords; Str here).

13, Ob, last A: H<sup>E</sup> has "Oboe | no Trumpet"; H<sup>3</sup> has "(oboe) | no trpt".

16, Tempo, 4. A: M has "poco a poco decresc. e rall." (as incorporated here) lacking in H...

18, 2.  $\bullet$ : On **H**<sup>E</sup> Ives circled *b* (in its RH, here in Va), adding memo: "before chord" (ignored here).

19, LH, 4.  $\bullet$ : On **H**<sup>E</sup> Ives drew a line down from *b* (in its LH, here in Va1), adding memo: "B<sup>\(\exp\)</sup> after | chord same on 1<sup>st</sup> page | & above" (i.e. when playing the **H** version roll LH with *b* sounding late, referring to mm. 1, 3 & 5 on "1<sup>st</sup> page" and mm. 14, 16 & 18 "above"; here, arpeggio symbol added).

19, Ob, 4...<sup>5</sup>: On **H**<sup>E</sup> Ives crossed out **H** *ppp* and added above "*mp* [decresc. wedge]" and below "*mf* [decresc. wedge]"; **H**<sup>8</sup> has *pp* (as here).

21, Ob, 1-3. On  $\mathbf{H}^{\mathbf{E}}$  Ives added a decresc. wedge above (as here).

## III. Ann Street

#### **DESCRIPTION OF SOURCES**

- H<sup>8</sup> Song #25 ("Ann Street"), leaf torn from Copy E of *114 Songs*, with pencil & ink annotations and patch of m. 10; typed memo pasted at top left: "C) from Set for Trumpet, | Flute, Trombone (or | (Baritone) | Saxaphone) | and Piano" (the "C" reveals that this markup was for this set).
   pp. 59–60 (f2785–86) 19 mm. (= mm. 1–20 here)
- T<sup>C3</sup> Song #2 ("Ann Street") in Copy C<sup>3</sup> of *Thirty-Four Songs* (published 1933), a revised reprint from H.
  p. 5 (f6247) = mm. 11–20
- **q** Quality List 1a (ca. 1933), item #21: "Three Songs 'The New River', 'The Indians', 'Ann Street' | for piano & chamber set | trumpet, some woodwinds".

#### **CRITICAL COMMENTARY**

This realization is based on  $\mathbf{H}^8$ . On  $\mathbf{H}^8$  Ives added time signatures for mm. 3, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12, 13, 16, 17 & 20.  $\mathbf{H}^8$  has only one marking relating to orchestration (m. 16).

8(6.) & 9(5.), FI: Stacc. dot supplied by analogy to m. 7/7..

- 10: **H**<sup>8</sup> has ink patch (as incorporated here) pasted over the **H** original.
- 11, RH, 4. /upstem:  $\mathbf{H}^{8}$  has added # for  $f^{3}$  (as here).

- 11, LH: H uses the distinction of full & cue-sized notation (as retained here).
- 11a: In **H** these two beats are part of m. 11 (here, separated as their own measure).
- 11a, Fl & RH:  $\mathbf{H}^{\mathbf{8}}$  has added  $\natural$  for  $e^{3}$  (as here).
- 12, RH, 1..):  $\mathbf{T}^{C3}$  has no  $\flat$  for  $e^1$  (here,  $e^{\natural^1}$ ).
- 13–15, RH & Str: **H** uses > accents rather than ^ (the latter as seen in its LH; here all ^ accents).
- 16, Tp: H<sup>8</sup> has "(mute)".