DINOS CONSTANTINIDES

Lemon Tree
for SATB and Strings

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“Small Lemon Tree” is a folk song from Epiros, a small, mountainous province in northwestern Greece. Greek folk songs are traditionally accompanied by violin, clarinet, and lute.

The title, “Small Lemon Tree,” has a symbolic meaning, for as the juice of a lemon is sour, so is the love of the one portrayed in the song. A simple emotional appeal is achieved through the simplest of musical means -- a melody of only four pitches, constantly repeated.

The music of Greek composer Dinos Constantinides, LSU Boyd Professor of Music, has been performed throughout the world. He is the recipient of many grants, commissions and awards, including first prizes in the 1981 Brooklyn College International Chamber Opera Competition, the 1985 First Midwest Chamber Opera Conference, and the 1997 Delius Composition Contest Grand Prize. He also received the 1985 American New Music Consortium Distinguished Service Award, the 1989 Glen Award of l’Ensemble of New York, several Meet the Composer grants and numerous ASCAP Standard Awards. In 1994 he was honored with a Distinguished Teacher White House Commission on Presidential Scholars.
Small lemon tree, oh lemon tree, listen to

Small lemon tree, oh lemon tree, listen to

Small lemon tree, oh lemon tree listen to

Small lemon tree, oh lemon tree listen to
"Lemon Tree"

me. Bend down your branch-es, oh lem-on tree and listen to
Down where the lemons grow near the village, oh lemon
tree, a little girl stole my heart, oh lemon tree, she stole my heart from me!

*Optional
Contrabass

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