
In Memoriam to Armauer Hansen (1841–1912)

In closing, it is fitting to recall the following cantata, written by Armauer Hansen's brother-in-law, Johan Bøgh, and sung at Hansen's funeral in Bergen on February 17, 1912 to a melody composed by Edvard Grieg, a close family friend:¹⁹

Be Silent Now!
 In peace the master sleeps,
 he whom the wide world keeps
 within its heart.
 In peace of death he lies,
 now closed his seeking eyes
 forever now!

Upright and strong
 —beneath the shaded light
 or in the thick of strife
 Ever upright!
 Wher'er his mind did seek
 he faith and trust did keep
 so straight and strong!

Now on this day
 the men of distant lands
 stretch out their grateful hands
 in thanks to him.
 Thanks for the hope he sought,
 the health his lifework brought
 —his lifework long!

O softly now!
 As he among us went,
 so quiet, so mild, he lent
 his strength to us!
 His fame in science lay
 but first, in every way
 he was a man!
