

MATOAKA

Matoaka to her husband, John Rolfe:

John, taken from my people I became
A thing far different than I was before:
The casual victim of a larger war;
They baptized me, and gave me a new name.

At nineteen years I married you, my dear,
With blessings from my father and your chief.
Our life together melted my old grief,
And peace between our peoples did appear.

We sailed for England when our son was born:
I was received with honor by the King.
Each bell within the kingdom seemed to ring
To welcome me, a princess, on that morn.

In England now I lie in Gravesend ground:
One world was lost to me, another found.

Margaret Hardy

Matoaka (1595?-1617) is the original Native American name of the woman we know as Pocahontas. After being received as royalty by the king, she died on the eve of her return to Virginia, and was buried in the parish graveyard in Gravesend, England.

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Poem by Margaret Hardy

Glenn Hardy

1 **Freely** *in the style of L. Couperin*

Voice

Harpichord

Violoncello

Hps

Hps

V.

John- ta - ken from my peo - ple I be -

mf rubato

rubato

2x8

tr

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3

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V. came A thing far dif-fer-ent than I was—~~be~~ fore: The

Hps

13

V. cas - ual vic - tim of a lar - ger war; They

Hps

15

V. bap - tized me and gave me a new name.

Hps

15

vc

4 Andante ♩ = 80

18 *mf* *piu mosso*

V. At nine-teen years I mar-ried you, my dear With bles-sings With
We sailed for Eng-land when our son was born: I was I

Hps *piu mosso*

vc

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V. bles-sings of my fa-ther and your chief. Our life to-geth-er
was re-ceived with ho-nor by the king. Each bell with-in the

Hps

vc

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V. mel-ted my old grief, and peace be-tween our
king-dom seemed to ring To wel-come me, a

Hps

vc

V. ²⁷ *1*

peo - ples — did ap - pear.
prin - cess, — on that

Hps ²⁷ *1*

vc ²⁷ *1*

V. ³²

Hps ³²

vc ³²

V. ³⁶ *2* Voice TACIT first time

morn.

Hps ³⁶ *2*

vc ³⁶ *2* solo (first time)

40

V. 

Eng-land now I lie in Gravesendground: I lie in Graves-end ground: One

Hps 

40

vc 

f

44

V. 

world was lost to me, an - o - ther found. One lost, an - o - ther In

Hps 

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vc 

48

V. 

found.

Hps 

48

vc 