

Burma Star

A Song to a Poem
of Phil Carradice

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The 'Burma Star' was a campaign medal of the British/Indian 14th Army (the "Forgotten Fourteenth"), who fought and defeated the Japanese in the jungles of Burma in World War II. Roy Rogers was a Hollywood cowboy of the '40s.

♩ = 84 **Tempo di hopalong andante**

deciso *leggero, felice*

f *mp*

con pedale

5

9 *with fond memories* *mf*

When I was lit - tle, knee high to an ice -

p

13 *excitedly*

cream van, I wore a cow-boy suit with bla -

17 *giocoso - poco piu mosso*

zing buck-skin frin-ges a reg - u - lar Roy Rog-ers!

♩ = 92

mp

21

My fath - er

mf *p*

25

smil - ing pinned his Bur-ma Star his Bur-ma Star

mf *p* *mf*

29

his oth - er bronzed med - al lions a - cross my pig eon chest.

mf *p*

33

mp *dolce*

Like she - riff's stars I wore them. Like

37

she - riff's stars I wore them.

mf

41 $\text{♩} = 84$
sadly - tempo primo

I lost the me - dals, spin -

subito p

46 *mf*

ning, fal - ling in a grace - ful arc,

mf

senza ped.

49 *f* *serioso*

cut down by i - ma - gin - a - ry gun - men from a

f

con pedale

52 *dolce* *mf*

wild i - ma - gin - a - ry west My

p

55 *drammatico*

fa - ther shrugged and rubbed my hair and

60 *f*

for an in-stan- in his eyes_ in his eyes_ *8va*

64

I saw real sol diers real sol-diers cough-ing blood red death

69 *mf*

with - in the dark and steam - ing jun gles

p

73

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of his by Joe St. Joh past. *8va*

ff

76 *mp* *pp*