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'Monastery Garden' Composer

Death of Albert Ketelbey

Albert Ketelbey, the composer, died at his home, at Egypt Hill, Cowes (Isle of Wight), last night.

Mr Ketelbey, who was 84, was a native of Birmingham.

Among his best-loved compositions were *In a Monastery Garden*, *In a Persian Market* and *Bells Across the Meadow*.

While conducting a programme of his own music at a Royal Command performance some years ago, Ketelbey gave a second rendering of the *State Procession* movement of his *Cockney Suite* during the interval, at the request of King George V, who had arrived too late to hear it performed at the beginning of the programme.

A Viennese music critic once said of Ketelbey's music that it came second only to that of Johann Strauss and Franz Lehar.

Lozells Chorister

Albert William Ketelbey, entered the Midland Institute, Birmingham, as a student, and at the age of 11 composed a sonata for pianoforte. For six years he was student at the Trinity College of Music and while there he won every medal and prize.

In his youth he was head chorister of St Silas's Church, Lozells, Birmingham.

He leaves a widow.