

**Amy Cofield, Soprano**

**Vissi d'arte** from the opera **Tosca** by Giacomo Puccini

English Translation:

I lived for art, I lived for love  
I never did harm to a living soul  
With a furtive hand so many troubles I encountered, I soothed  
Always with sincere faith, my prayer rose to the holy tabernacles  
Always with sincere faith I gave flowers to the altars  
In my hour of sorrow, why, why, Lord, why do you repay me so?  
I gave jewels to the Madonna's mantle and I gave my singing to the  
stars in heaven which then shined more beautifully  
In my hour of sorrow, why, why, Lord?  
Ah, why do you repay me so?