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“Why, just now, must you question your heart”; “I love you through the daytimes”; “My love is one and only”; “Love, how I’d love to slip down to the pond”; “Love of you is mixed deep in my vitals”; “I think I’ll go home and lie very still”; and songs i–viii from *Songs of the Birdcatcher’s Daughter* originally appeared in *Love Songs of the New Kingdom*, by John L. Foster, reprinted by the University of Texas Press, Austin, 1992. Used here with permission.

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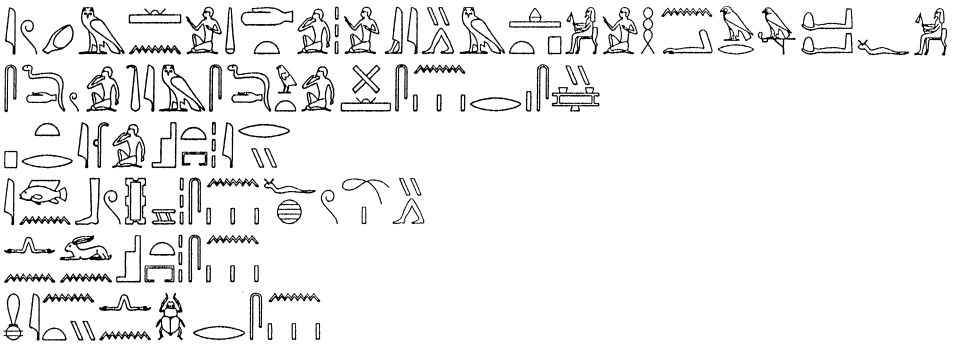
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**To my friends
and colleagues
at the
Oriental Institute,
University of Chicago**



I have heard the words of Imhotep, and Hordjedef, too,
retold time and again in their narrations.

Where are their dwellings now?

Their walls are down,

Their places gone,

like something that has never been.

Harper's Song from the Tomb of King Intef

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