

# William H. Koester:

## A Preliminary Inventory of His Collection of Edgar Allan Poe-Related Sheet Music at the Harry Ransom Center

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### Descriptive Summary

<b>Creator:</b>	Koester, William H.
<b>Title:</b>	William H. Koester Collection of Edgar Allan Poe-Related Sheet Music
<b>Dates:</b>	1865-1929, undated
<b>Extent:</b>	6 oversize boxes (2 linear feet)
<b>Abstract:</b>	The William H. Koester Collection of Edgar Allan Poe-Related Sheet Music consists of six boxes of sheet music plus a small amount of correspondence and newspaper clippings, dating from 1865 to 1929.
<b>Call Number:</b>	Book Collection LI-00002
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## Scope and Contents

The William H. Koester Collection of Edgar Allan Poe-Related Sheet Music consists of six boxes of sheet music plus a small amount of correspondence and newspaper clippings, dating from 1865 to 1929. The sheet music was acquired by the Ransom Center in 1966 from William H. Koester as a part of a larger collection of Poe materials.

The bulk of the materials are short musical settings of Poe poems, including "Annabel Lee," "The Bells," "Eldorado," and "The Raven." The works are listed by title and remain in their original order as received from Koester, grouped somewhat, but not entirely, by the particular Poe work represented. Many of the scores are fragile or damaged and may require special handling.

Works by English composer Joseph Holbrooke (1878-1958) are present in greater numbers than any other single composer. All of the works are printed, with the exception of a single handwritten score by Althea Jewell Rutherford for "Eldorado." Two folders of correspondence document Poe collector J. H. Whitty's research regarding a version of "The Raven" set to music by David Scattergood in 1865. Several of the scores include newspaper clippings about the work. Also present are two programs from performances of Poe-related music.

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## Related Material

The Ransom Center holds additional Poe related materials in its Book Collection, Literary File Photography Collection, Art Collection, and Manuscript Collection. Some of these materials were acquired as part of the Koester Collection of Poe and separated at the time of acquisition.

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- “Prelude from The Bells” by Joseph Holbrooke; poem by Edgar Allan Poe. Leipzig: Breitkopf & Härtel, 1906 **Container**  
1.1
- “Annabel Lee” by M. W. Balfe; poem by Edgar Allan Poe. Boston: Oliver Ditson & Co., undated **Container**  
1.2
- “Annabel Lee” by Jane W. Bruner; poem by Edgar Allan Poe. San Francisco: A. A. Rosenberg, 1870 **Container**  
1.3
- “Six Songs: No. 1 Annabel Lee” by J. M. Capel. London: E. Ascherberg & Co., undated **Container**  
1.4
- “Annabel Lee” by Joseph Holbrooke; poem by Edgar Allan Poe. London: Swan and Co., 1921 **Container**  
1.5
- “Ballad, for Voice and Orchestra (Op. 41b), Annabel Lee” included in printed program for ‘Mr. Joseph Holbrooke’s Orchestral and Choral Concert,’ undated **Container**  
1.6
- “Annabel Lee” by F. St. John Lacy; poem by Edgar Allan Poe, London: London Music Publishing Co., undated **Container**  
1.7
- “Annabelle Lee” by Henry Leslie; poem by Edgar Allan Poe. London: Lamborn Cock, Addison and Co. undated **Container**  
1.8
- “Annabelle Lee” by Henry Leslie; poem by Edgar Allan Poe. London: J. B. Cramer and Co., undated **Container**  
1.9
- “Many a Year Ago” by William Charles Levey; poem by Edgar Allan Poe; Chappell and Co. (3 copies), undated **Container**  
1.10-11
- “It Was Many and Many a Year Ago” by William McKibbin; poem by Edgar Allan Poe. London: Stainer and Bell, undated **Container**  
1.12
- “Annabel Lee” by A. M. Pares; poem by Edgar Allan Poe. London: Chappell and Co., undated **Container**  
1.13
- “Songs with Piano Accompaniment: Opus 21 Annabel Lee” by Egon Pütz; poem by Edgar Allan Poe. New York: Carl Hauser, 1912 **Container**  
1.14
- “A Kingdom by the Sea” by Arthur Somervell; poem by Edgar Allan Poe. London: Boosey and Co. (4 copies), 1901 **Container**  
1.15-16
- “The Bells” by M. W. Balfe; poem by Edgar Allan Poe. London: Joseph Williams, undated **Container**  
1.17
- “The Bells, a Cantata” by George Fox; poem by Edgar Allan Poe. London: Chappell and Co., undated **Container**  
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“Recitation Music: No. 1 The Bells” by Stanley Hawley; poem by Edgar Allan Poe. London: Bosworth and Co. (2 copies), undated	<b>Container</b> 1.19
“The Bells” by Henry Lahee; poem by Edgar Allan Poe. London: John Blockley, undated	<b>Container</b> 1.20
“The Bells” by Joseph Holbrooke; poem by Edgar Allan Poe. London: Breitkopf & Härtel, undated	<b>Container</b> 1.21
“Israfel” by Oliver King; poem by Edgar Allan Poe. London: Stanley Lucas & Son, undated	<b>Container</b> 2.1
“English Songs: Israfel” by Oliver King; poem by Edgar Allan Poe. Boston: Oliver Ditson Co., undated	<b>Container</b> 2.2
“Three Settings of Poems by Edgar Allan Poe: Israfel” by Edward Royce; poem by Edgar Allan Poe. New York: Composers’ Music Corporation, 1922	<b>Container</b> 2.3
“Ten Songs: Though Wouldst be Loved” by Colin McAlpin; poem by Edgar Allan Poe. London: Cary & Co., undated	<b>Container</b> 2.4
“Ten Songs: Thou wouldst be loved” by Colin McAlpin; poem by Edgar Allan Poe. London: Alphonse Cary, undated	<b>Container</b> 2.5
“Four Poems: Thou wouldst be loved” by O. G. Sonneck; poem by Edgar Allan Poe. Boston: G. Schirmer, 1917	<b>Container</b> 2.6
“April Songs: Thou wouldst be loved” by Herbert Bedford; poem by Edgar Allan Poe. London: Stanley Lucas, Weber Pitt & Hatzfeld Ltd. (2 copies), 1894	<b>Container</b> 2.7-8
“Album of Ten Songs: Beloved! amidst the earnest woes” by W. Augustus Barratt; poem by Edgar Allan Poe. London: Paterson & Sons, undated	<b>Container</b> 2.9
“The Raven” by David Scattergood; poem by Edgar Allan Poe (3 copies), 1865?	<b>Container</b> 3.1-2
“The Raven” by David Scattergood; poem by Edgar Allan Poe. Philadelphia: Tyndale, Mitchell & Co., 1870	<b>Container</b> 3.3
J. H. Whitty correspondence regarding David Scattergood, 1929	<b>Container</b> 3.4-5
“The Fall of the House of Usher” by Edward Burlingame Hill; poem by Edgar Allan Poe. In program for ‘Boston Symphony Orchestra Fortieth Season,’ 1920-1921	<b>Container</b> 3.6
“To Zante” by Joseph Holbrooke; poem by Edgar Allan Poe. London: Novello and Company, 1908	<b>Container</b> 3.7

“Eldorado” by Althea Jewell Rutherford; poem by Edgar Allan Poe. Handwritten score, undated	<b>Container</b> 4.1
“Eldorado” by Leopold Bruenner; poem by Edgar Allan Poe. New York: The John Church Company, undated	<b>Container</b> 4.2
“Eldorado” by Amy de Jongh; poem by Edgar Allan Poe. London: Augener Ltd., undated	<b>Container</b> 4.3
“Songs by E. M. C. Ezerman: Eldorado” by E. M. C. Ezerman; poem by Edgar Allan Poe. Boston: C. W. Thompson & Co., undated	<b>Container</b> 4.4
“Eldorado” by Bruno Huhn; poem by Edgar Allan Poe. Boston: Arthur P. Schmidt, 1914	<b>Container</b> 4.5
“Song-Albums for Low Voice, Volume 3: Eldorado” by by Albert Mallinson; poem by Edgar Allan Poe. London: Frederick Harris Company, 1906	<b>Container</b> 4.6
“Lieder Songs: Eldorado” by Albert Mallinson; poem by Edgar Allan Poe. London: Frederick Harris Company, undated	<b>Container</b> 4.7
“Three Songs: Eldorado” by G. W. Marston; poem by Edgar Allan Poe. New York: John Church Co., 1896	<b>Container</b> 4.8
“Alfred A. Oberndorfer Songs: Eldorado” by Alfred A. Oberndorfer; poem by Edgar Allan Poe. Chicago: Clayton F. Summy Co., 1911	<b>Container</b> 4.9
“Two Songs: Eldorado by Addison Price; poem by Edgar Allan Poe. London: J. B. Cramer & Co., undated	<b>Container</b> 4.10
“Eldorado” by Raymond Rôze; poem by Edgar Allan Poe. London: Keith, Prowse & Co., 1903	<b>Container</b> 4.11
“Eldorado!” by Raymond Rôze; poem by Edgar Allan Poe. London: Keith, Prowse & Co. (2 copies), 1908	<b>Container</b> 4.12
“Eldorado” by Bertram Shapleigh; poem by Edgar Allan Poe. London: Edwin Ashdown, undated	<b>Container</b> 4.13
“Ten Songs: Eldorado” by Marie L. Shedlock; poem by Edgar Allan Poe. London: William Czerny, undated	<b>Container</b> 4.14
“Four Poems: Eldorado” by O. G. Sonneck; poem by Edgar Allan Poe. Boston, G. Schirmer, 1917	<b>Container</b> 4.15
“Eldorado” by E. A. Sydenham; poem by Edgar Allan Poe. London: Novello and Company, undated	<b>Container</b> 4.16

“Eldorado” by Richard H. Walthew; poem by Edgar Allan Poe. London: Boosey & Co. (2 copies), 1896	<b>Container</b> 4.17
“Ulalume” by Joseph Holbrooke; poem by Edgar Allan Poe. London: Breitkopf & Härtel, undated	<b>Container</b> 5.1
“Four Songs: I Saw Thee on Thy Bridal Day” by Leo Smith; poem by Edgar Allan Poe. New York: G. Schirmer, 1914	<b>Container</b> 5.2
“Four Poems: To Helen” by O. G. Sonneck; poem by Edgar Allan Poe. Boston: G. Schirmer, 1917	<b>Container</b> 5.3
“Songs: To Helen” by James P. Dunn; poem by Edgar Allan Poe. New York: J. Fischer & Bro., 1916	<b>Container</b> 5.4
“Four Songs: To Helen” by Leo Smith; poem by Edgar Allan Poe. New York: G. Schirmer, 1914	<b>Container</b> 5.5
“Four Poems: A Dream within a Dream and To Helen” by Charles M. Loeffler; poems by Edgar Allan Poe. New York: G. Schirmer, 1906	<b>Container</b> 5.6
“A Dream within a Dream” by Henry Pontet; poem by Edgar Allan Poe. London: John Blockley, undated	<b>Container</b> 5.7
“A Dream within a Dream” by Henry Pontet; poem by Edgar Allan Poe. Boston: Oliver Ditson & Co., undated	<b>Container</b> 5.8
“Four Poems: A Dream within a Dream” by O. G. Sonneck; poem by Edgar Allan Poe. Boston: G. Schirmer, 1917	<b>Container</b> 5.9
“Recitation Music: The Raven” by Stanley Hawley; poem by Edgar Allan Poe. London: Bosworth & Co. (2 copies), undated	<b>Container</b> 5.10
“The Raven” by Arthur Bergh; poem by Edgar Allan Poe. Boston: Oliver Ditson Co., undated	<b>Container</b> 5.11
“The Raven” by Joseph Holbrooke; poem by Edgar Allan Poe. London: J. B. Cramer and Co., undated	<b>Container</b> 5.12
“Lenore’s Answer” by Phimon L. Southey, 1920	<b>Container</b> 5.13
“The Bells, A Cantata” by George Fox; poem by Edgar Allan Poe. London: Chappell & Co., undated	<b>Container</b> 5.14
“The Bells” by Joseph Holbrooke; poem by Edgar Allan Poe. Leipzig: Breitkopf & Härtel, 1906	<b>Container</b> 5.15
“Prima Vista: The Raven” by Thomas Price; poem by Edgar Allan Poe. London: J. Curwen & Sons, undated	<b>Container</b> 5.16

- “The Red Masque, A Ballet” by Joseph Holbrooke. London: Rudall, Carte & Co., undated **Container**  
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- “To One in Paradise” by Lee S. Roberts; poem by Edgar Allan Poe. Boston: G. Schirmer, 1920 **Container**  
6.2
- “Three Settings of Poems by Edgar Allan Poe: Evening Star” by Edward Royce; poem by Edgar Allan Poe. New York: Composers’ Music Corporation, 1922 **Container**  
6.3
- “Hymn to the Virgin” by Paul Eisler; poem by Edgar Allan Poe. Boston: G. Schirmer, 1920 **Container**  
6.4
- “Nocturne: Fairyland” by Joseph Holbrooke; poem by Edgar Allan Poe. London: J. & W. Chester, undated **Container**  
6.5
- “A Dramatic Choral Symphony (Homage to Edgar Allan Poe)” by Joseph Holbrooke; poems by Edgar Allan Poe. London: Sidney Riorden (2 copies), 1908 **Container**  
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