

*I Dream of
Buddha With
the Light Golden
Aura*

a Mantra for Baritone and Piano

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Mantra: *Om Vajra Guru Padme Siddhi Hum*

Pronunciation: As this mantra is used primarily in Tibetan Buddhism, one can pronounce the words in the Tibetan or Sanskrit style—of which there are many variants. **OM** can be sung in three connected sounds, **A** as in father, **U** as in moon. The Sanskrit short **a** is like the **u** in mud and is the only **a** in the mantra. The “i”s in **siddhi** are short. **ddh** is slightly aspirated, but this turns out to be a fine point in my humble opinion, especially in this context.

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