

# My Heart Is Like a Singing Bird

for SATB chorus with piano accompaniment

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Duration: ca. 2:30

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Brightly and with earnest excitement (♩ = ca. 104)

SOPRANOS (WITH SOME ALTOS, IF DESIRED)

SOPRANO/ALTO

*mf cantabile e legato*

My heart is like a sing-ing

PIANO

Brightly and with earnest excitement (♩ = ca. 104)

*mf with joyful exuberance*

*mp*

S./A.

bird Whose nest is in a wat-ered shoot; My heart is

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4

PNO.

*mf*

*mp*

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S./A. like an ap - ple tree Whose boughs are bent with

PNO.

Ped. Ped.

10

S./A. thick - - - - - est fruit.

PNO.

Ped.

13

S./A.

TENORS (WITH SOME BARITONES, IF DESIRED)  
*mp cantabile e legato*

T./B. My heart is like a rain - bow shell That pad - dles

PNO.

Ped.

16 ALL SOPRANOS & ALTOS *mp*  
S./A. My heart is glad - der than all

[*"halcyon = tranquil, and is here pronounced in two syllables: hal-syun"*]  
ALL TENORS & BASSES  
T./B. in a hal - cyon sea; My heart is glad - der than all

PNO.

19  
S./A. these Be - cause my love is come,

T./B. these Be - cause my love is come,

PNO.

22  
S./A. is come to me.

T./B. is come to me.

PNO.

25 *mf dolce* ["dais" is pronounced "dice" and means "a raised platform for a seat of honor"]

S. Raise me a dais of silk and

A. *mf dolce* Raise me a dais of silk and

T. *mf dolce* ["dais" is pronounced "dice" and means "a raised platform for a seat of honor"] Raise me a dais of silk and

B. *mf dolce* Raise me a dais of silk and

PNO. *mp* gracefully  
gently and not too staccato

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28 *mp* ["vair" = fur used to trim robes]

S. down; Hang it with vair and pur - ple

A. *mp* down; Hang it with vair and pur - ple

T. *mp* down; Hang it with vair and pur - ple

B. *mp* down; Hang it with vair and pur - ple

PNO. *pp* *mp*

Red

32

S. *dyes;* Carve it in doves and pom - e -

A. *dyes;* Carve it in doves and pom - e -

T. *dyes;* Carve it in doves and pom - e -

B. *dyes;* Carve it in doves and pom - e -

PNO. *p*

36 *crescendo*

S. - gran - ates, And pea - cocks with a hun - dred eyes, and

A. - gran - ates, And pea - cocks with a hun - dred eyes, and

T. - gran - ates, And pea - cocks with a hun - dred eyes, and

B. - gran - ates, And pea - cocks with a hun - dred eyes, and

PNO. *mp* *mf* *mp*

39 *mf*

S. *mf* pea - cocks with a hun - dred eyes;

A. *mf* pea - cocks with a hun - dred eyes; *mp - bring out melody* Work it in

T. *mf* pea - cocks with a hun - dred eyes; *mp - bring out melody* Work it in

B. *mf* pea - cocks with a hun - dred eyes;

PNO. *mp* *mf* *p*

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42

S. gold and sil - ver grapes,

A. gold and sil - ver grapes,

T. gold and gold and sil - ver grapes,

B. *mp* Work it in gold and sil - ver grapes,

PNO. *pp*

45 *mf dolce*

S. In leaves and sil - - ver fleurs - de -

A. In leaves and sil - - ver fleurs - de -

T. In leaves and sil - - ver fleurs - de -

B. In leaves and sil - - ver fleurs - de -

PNO. *mp* 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3

48 *f with verve*

S. - lys; Be - cause the birth - day of my

A. - lys; Be - cause the birth - day of my

T. - lys; Be - cause the birth - day of my

B. - lys; the birth - day of my

PNO. 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 *mf dolce* 3 3 3 3