

A Collection of Art Songs for Soprano or Mezzo Soprano
Original music by Peter Bloesch

Shall I Compare Thee to a Summer's Day?

(Shakespeare's Sonnet 18)

version for high voice

Duration: 2:15

Words: William Shakespeare, Sonnet 18, slightly altered by Peter Bloesch

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Smoothly and caressingly (♩ = ca. 66)
mp molto cantabile

SOP. Shall I com-pare thee to a sum-mer's day? — Thou art more

PIANO *p*

Smoothly and caressingly (♩ = ca. 66)

Sop. *poco*
love - ly and more tem - per - ate.

Pno. *pp*

Sop. *mp* *poco*
— Rough winds do shake the dar - ling buds of May, And

Pno. *p* *pp*

8 *["lease" = allotted time]* *poco*

Sop. sum - mer's lease hath all too short a date.

Pno. *p* *poco*

10 *["eye of heaven" = the sun]*

Sop. *p* — Some-times too hot the eye of heav - en shines, And of - ten

Pno. *p*

13 *mp* is his gold com - plex - ion dimm'd, And *mp*

Pno. *mp*

15 *["fair from fair" = beautiful thing from beauty]*

Sop. ev - ry fair from fair some - times de - clines, By

Pno. *p*