

Sure on this shining night

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Flowing, tempo rubato ($\text{♩} = c.72$) **poco rit.** **a tempo** **rit.**

TENOR

BASS

Flowing, tempo rubato ($\text{♩} = c.72$) **poco rit.** **a tempo** **rit.**

PIANO

p espressivo

ped *ped* *ped* *ped* *ped* *ped* *ped* *ped*

5 **a tempo** *mp*

Sure on this shin-ing night Of star-made sha-dows round,

mp

Sure on this shin-ing night Of star-made sha-dows round,

a tempo

ped *ped* *ped* *ped*

8 *poco rit.* *a tempo*

Kind-ness must watch for me This side the ground, on this shin - - -

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poco rit. *a tempo*

Ped. *Ped.* *Ped.*

11 *rit.* *a tempo* *rit.* *a tempo*

- - - ing night, this shin - - - ing night.

- - - ing night, this shin - - - ing night.

rit. *a tempo* *rit.* *a tempo*

Ped. *Ped.* *Ped.* *Ped.* *Ped.* *Ped.*

15 *rit.* *a tempo* *mp*

SOPRANO
Sure on this shin-ing night Of star-made sha-dows round,

ALTO
Sure on this shin-ing night Of star-made sha-dows round,

TENOR
Sure on this shin-ing night, sure on this

BASS

rit. *a tempo*

P. *P.* *P.* *P.* *P.*

*Omit if the low A's are out of range.

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Kind-ness must watch for me This side the ground, on this shin - - -

Kind-ness must watch for me This side the ground, on this shin - - -

shin - - - ing night, sure on this shin-ing night, - - -

mp

Sure on this shin-ing night, sure on this shin - - -

Ped. Ped. Ped.

rit. a tempo molto rit. a tempo

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- - ing night, this shin - - - ing night.

- - ing night, this shin - - - ing night.

- - this shin - - - ing night.

- - ing night, this shin - - - ing night.

rit. a tempo molto rit. a tempo

Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped.

*Omit if the low As are out of range.

25 T. *mp*
The late year lies down the north. All is

B. *mp*
The late year lies down the north. All is

Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped.

29 (no breath)
healed, all is health. High summer holds the earth. Hearts all

(no breath)
healed, all is health. High summer holds the earth. Hearts all

Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped.

32 S. *mp* (no breath)
The late year lies down the north. All is healed, all is

A. *mp* (no breath)
The late year lies down the north. All is healed, all is

T. (no breath)
whole. All is healed, all is health, all is

B. (no breath)
whole. All is healed, all is health, all is

Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped.

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meno mosso rit.

health. High sum-mer holds the earth. Hearts all whole. Sure on this shin-ing

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Red Red Red Red

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a tempo

rit.

a tempo

night, sure on this shin-ing night, sure on this shin

night, sure on this shin-ing night, sure on this shin

night, sure on this shin-ing night, sure on this shin

night, sure on this shin-ing night, sure on this shin

a tempo rit. a tempo

Red Red Red Red Red Red

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rit. a tempo

ing night. I weep for won-der Wan-d'ring far a - lone. Of

ing night. I weep a - lone. Of

ing night. I weep for won-der Wan-d'ring far a - lone. Of

ing night. I weep a - lone. Of

rit. a tempo

Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped.

meno mosso rit. molto rit. Molto meno mosso, with a sense of wonder

sha - dows on the stars. Sure on this

sha - dows on the stars. molto lunga

sha - dows on the stars. molto lunga

sha - dows on the stars. molto lunga

sha - dows on the stars. Sure on this shin-ing

meno mosso rit. molto rit. Molto meno mosso, with a sense of wonder

molto lunga (no break)

Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped.

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shin-ing night, this shin-ing night, on this

ppp hushed
Sure on this shin-ing night, on this

ppp hushed
Sure on this shin-ing night, on this

night Of star-made sha-dows round, Kind-ness must watch for me This side the ground, on this

Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped.

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shin-ing night, this shin-ing

shin-ing night, this shin-ing

shin-ing night, this shin-ing

shin-ing night, this shin-ing

rit.

rit.

*Omit if the low As are out of range.

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Meno mosso

meno mosso

rit.

molto meno mosso

Four vocal staves (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 3/4 time. The lyrics are "night, sure on this". The music is in a key with three flats. The tempo markings are "Meno mosso", "meno mosso", "rit.", and "molto meno mosso". The dynamics are marked with *p* (piano) at the end of each staff.

Meno mosso

meno mosso

rit.

molto meno mosso

Piano accompaniment for measures 57-60. The right hand plays chords and moving lines, while the left hand plays a steady bass line. The tempo markings are "Meno mosso", "meno mosso", "rit.", and "molto meno mosso". The dynamics are marked with *p* (piano) at the beginning.

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Tempo I

rit.

molto rit.

lunga

Four vocal staves (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 3/4 time. The lyrics are "shin - ing night. lunga". The music is in a key with three flats. The tempo markings are "Tempo I", "rit.", "molto rit.", and "lunga".

Tempo I

rit.

molto rit.

lunga

Piano accompaniment for measures 61-64. The right hand plays chords and moving lines, while the left hand plays a steady bass line. The tempo markings are "Tempo I", "rit.", "molto rit.", and "lunga". The dynamics are marked with *mp* (mezzo-piano) and *p* (piano).