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Vocal score

M.: Sebastiaan van Steenberge

T.: Christina Rossetti

$\text{♩} = 120$

Soprano 1

Soprano 2

Alto

Baritone

8

8

8

8

9

mp

The birth - day of my life is

mp

The birth - day of my life is

mp

The birth - day of my life is come!

mp

The birth - day of my life is come!

13

mf

come! The birth - day of my life is come! my love is

mf

come! The birth - day of my life is come! my love is

The birth - day of my life is come! my love is come!

The birth - day of my life is come! my love is come!

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come! my love_ is come, my love_ is come!

come! my love_ is come!

mf my love_ is come! my love_ is come, is come to me! my love is

mf my love is come! is come to me!

23

f Is come, my love is come to me!

f Is come, my love is come to me!

f come! Is come, my love is come to me!

f Is come, my love is come to me!

36

p My heart is like a sin - ging bird!

p My heart is like a sin - ging bird!

p My heart is like a sin - ging bird!

p My heart is like a sin - ging

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40

Sa - ku - ra sa - ku -

Children's Choir *p*
Sa - ku - ra

bird! Sa - ku - ra sa - ku -

45

ra so - ra - wa ka - gi - ri

sa - ku - ra ya - yo - i no so - ra - wa mi - wa - ta - su ka - gi - ri

ra so - ra - wa ka - gi - ri

ra so - ra - wa ka - gi - ri

50

ku - mo - ka i - zu - ru i - za -

ku - su - mi ka ku - mo ka ni - o - i zo i - zu - ru i - za - ya

ku - mo - ka i - zu - ru i - za -

ku - mo - ka i - zu - ru i - za -

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55 *ppp* *mf*
ya mi - ni yu - ka - n. My heart is like a sin - ging
ppp *mf*
i za - ya mi - ni yu - ka - n. My heart is like a sin - ging
ppp *mf*
ya mi - ni yu - ka - n. My heart is like a sin - ging
ppp
ya mi - ni yu - ka - n.

60
bird! _____
bird! _____ whose nest is
bird! _____
mf
My heart is like a sin - ging bird! _____

65 *mf*
whose nest is in a wat' - red shoot,
in a wat' - red shoot,
mf
My heart is like an ap - ple -
mf
My heart is like an ap - ple - tree,

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70 *mf*

Whose boughs are bent with thick - set fruit, My heart is
Whose boughs are bent with thick - set fruit, My heart is
tree, My heart is
My heart is

75

My heart is like a rain - bow shell, like a rain - bow shell,
like a rain - bow shell, like a rain - bow shell, That padd - les in a hal - cyon
like a rain - bow shell, like a rain - bow shell, That padd - les in a hal - cyon
like a rain - bow shell, like a rain - bow shell, That padd - les in a hal - cyon

80

That padd - les in a hal - cyon sea! in a hal - cyon
sea, in a hal - cyon sea, in a hal - cyon sea!
sea, in a hal - cyon sea!
sea, in a hal - cyon sea,

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sea! _____ in a hal - cyon sea! _____ in a
in a hal - cyon sea! _____ in a hal - cyon sea! _____
hal - cyon sea! _____ in a hal - cyon
in a hal - cyon sea! _____ hal - cyon

Detailed description: This system contains measures 85 through 88. It features four staves: three vocal staves and one bass line. The vocal parts are in treble clef, and the bass line is in bass clef. The lyrics are: "sea! _____ in a hal - cyon sea! _____ in a", "in a hal - cyon sea! _____ in a hal - cyon sea! _____", "hal - cyon sea! _____ in a hal - cyon", and "in a hal - cyon sea! _____ hal - cyon". There are various musical notations including notes, rests, and slurs.

89

hal - cyon sea! My heart is glad-der than all these, glad-der than all these,
My heart is glad-der than all these, glad-der than
sea! _____ My heart is glad-der than
sea! _____

Detailed description: This system contains measures 89 through 92. It features four staves: three vocal staves and one bass line. The vocal parts are in treble clef, and the bass line is in bass clef. The lyrics are: "hal - cyon sea! My heart is glad-der than all these, glad-der than all these,", "My heart is glad-der than all these, glad-der than", "sea! _____ My heart is glad-der than", and "sea! _____". There are various musical notations including notes, rests, and slurs.

93

glad-der than all _____ these, _____
all these, My heart is glad-der than all _____
all these, My heart is glad-der than all _____ these, _____
My heart is glad-der than all _____ these, _____

Detailed description: This system contains measures 93 through 96. It features four staves: three vocal staves and one bass line. The vocal parts are in treble clef, and the bass line is in bass clef. The lyrics are: "glad-der than all _____ these, _____", "all these, My heart is glad-der than all _____", "all these, My heart is glad-der than all _____ these, _____", and "My heart is glad-der than all _____ these, _____". There are various musical notations including notes, rests, and slurs.

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97

Be - cause my love is come to me, come to
these, Be - cause my love is come to me, come to
Be - cause my love is come to me, come to
Be - cause my love is come to me, come to

101

me, come to me! come to me!
me, come to me! come to me!
me, come to me! come to me!
me, come to me! come to me!

p

105

come to me!
Children's Choir
Sa - ku - ra sa - ku - ra ya - yo - i no
come to me! come to me!

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109

come to me!

so - ra wa mi - wa - ta - su ka - gi - ri ka - su - mi ka

come to me!

113

come to me!

i - za - ya

ku - mo ka ni - o - i zo i - zu - ru i - za - ya

come to - me!

i - za - ya

117

ppp *f*

i za - ya mi - ni yu - kan - Sa - ku - ra sa - ku - ra

ppp *f*

i za - ya mi - ni yu - kan - Sa - ku - ra sa - ku - ra

ppp *f*

i - za - ya mi - ni yu - kan - Sa - ku - ra sa - ku - ra

ppp *f*

mi - ni yu - kan - Sa - ku - ra sa - ku - ra

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121

f
Sa - ku - ra sa - ku - ra
f
Sa - ku - ra sa - ku - ra
f
Sa - ku - ra sa - ku - ra
f
Sa - ku - ra sa - ku - ra

126

mf
My heart is like a sin - ging bird,
mf
My heart is like a sin - ging bird,
mf
My heart is
mf
My heart is

131

mf
My heart is like a sin - ging bird,
mf
My heart is like a sin - ging bird,
like a sin - ging bird! My heart is
like a sin - ging bird! My heart is

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135

a sin-ging bird!

a sin - ging bird!

like a sin - ging bird,

The birth - day of my life is

like a sin - ging bird, The birth - day of my life is

140

The birth - day of my life is come!

The birth - day of my life is

The birth - day of my life is come!

The birth - day of my life is

come!

The birth - day of my life is come!

come!

The birth - day of my life is come!

146

come! my love is come! my love is come, my love is come!

come! my love is come! my love is come!

my love is come! my love is come! my love is come, is come to

my love is come! my love is come! is come to

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Is come, my love is come to me!
 Is come, my love is come to me!
 me! my love is come! Is come, my love is come to me!
 me! Is come, my love is come to me!

159

$\text{♩} = 60$

sa - ku - ra
 Like a sin - ging bird, Like a sin - ging
 sa - ku - ra

pp Children's Choir

163

sa - ku - ra sa - ku - ra
 bird, Like a sin - ging bird, Like a sin - ging,
 sa - ku - ra sa - ku - ra

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sa - ku - ra sa - ku - ra

sin - ging bird! Like a sin - ging bird, Like a sin - ging

sa - ku - ra

sa - ku - ra

171

sa - ku - ra sa - ku - ra

bird, Like a sin - ging bird, Like a sin - ging,

sa - ku - ra sa - ku - ra

sa - ku - ra sa - ku - ra

175

poco rit. ♩ = 120 *mf*

My heart is like a sin - ging bird!

sin - ging bird! My heart is like a sin - ging bird!

My heart is like a sin - ging bird!

My heart is like a sin - ging bird!

My heart is

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mf whose nest is
mf whose nest is in a wat' - red
like a sin - ging bird!

184

in a wat' - red shoot,
shoot, Whose boughs are
mf My heart is like an ap - ple - tree,
mf My heart is like an ap - ple - tree,

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Whose boughs are bent with thick - set fruit,
bent with thick - set fruit, My heart is
My heart is
My heart is

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in a hal - cyon sea! My heart is glad - der than
hal - cyon sea!
hal - cyon sea!

209

all these, glad - der than all these, glad - der than
My heart is glad - der than all these, glad - der than all these,
My heart is glad - der than all these,
My heart is glad - der than

212

all these,
My heart is glad - der than all
My heart is glad - der than all these,
all these,

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Be - cause my love is come to me, come to
 these, Be - cause my love is come to me, come to
 Be - cause my love is come to me, come to
 Be - cause my love is come to me, come to

219

me, come to me!
 me, come to me!
 me, come to me! *mp* The birth - day
 me, come to me! *mp* The birth - day

223

mf My heart is like a sin - ging bird,
mf My heart is like a sin - ging bird,
 of my life is come! *mp* The birth - day
 of my life is come! *mp* The birth - day

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227 *mf*
My heart is like a sin - ging bird,
mf
My heart is like a sin - ging bird,
mf
of my life is come! my love is
mf
of my life is come! my love is

231
a sin - ging bird!
a sin - ging bird!
come! a sin - ging bird!
come! a sin - ging bird!

235

