

# My heart is like a singing bird

## A birthday song!

Commissioned by Inge Sykora & Caloroso  
on the occasion of their 20th anniversary!

Text: Christina Rossetti - Sakura (trad. Japanese folk song)

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♩ = 120

The musical score is written for Soprano 1, Soprano 2, Alto, Baritone, and Piano. It begins with a tempo marking of ♩ = 120. The first system shows the vocal staves and piano accompaniment. The piano part features a delicate texture with arpeggiated chords in the right hand and a simple bass line in the left hand. The second system, starting at measure 6, includes lyrics for the vocal parts. The lyrics are: 'The birth - day of my life is come!'. The piano accompaniment continues with the same texture, marked *mp*.

Soprano 1

Soprano 2

Alto

Baritone

Piano

*p*

6

*mp*

The birth - day

*mp*

The birth - day

*mp*

The birth - day of my life is come!

*mp*

The birth - day of my life is come!

*mp*

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

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The piano accompaniment consists of a rhythmic pattern of eighth notes in the right hand and quarter notes in the left hand, with a *mf* dynamic marking.

18 *mf*

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

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

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

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

The piano accompaniment continues with the same rhythmic pattern as in the previous system, with a *mf* dynamic marking.

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love is come to me!

love is come to me!

love is come to me!

love is come to me!

*f*

*f*

*f*

*f*

*f*

*mf*

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*mp*

*p*

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*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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*ppp* Sa - ku - ra sa - ku -

Children's Choir *p*

Sa - ku - ra

*ppp* Sa - ku - ra sa - ku -

*ppp* Sa - ku - ra sa - ku -

bird! Sa - ku - ra sa - ku -

*pp*

*ppp*

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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

*ppp* *ppp* *ppp* *ppp*

Ped. Ped.

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

*ppp* *ppp* *ppp* *ppp* *ppp* *ppp* *ppp* *ppp*

Ped. Ped. Ped.