

A Birthday

Four Secular Songs On the Themes of Advent

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III

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Joyfully ♩ = 72

mf

Soprano
My heart is like a sing-ing bird _____ Whose nest is in a wa-tered shoot;

mp *mf*

Alto
bird a-sing-ing _____ nest in wa-tered shoot; My

mp

Tenor
bird a - sing-ing _____ nest in wa-tered shoot;

mp

Bass
bird a-sing-ing nest in wa-tered shoot;

6

mp

S
tree of ap - ples _____ boughs bent with thick - set fruit;

melody

A
heart is like an ap-ple tree _____ Whose boughs are bent with thick - set fruit;

mf

T
tree of ap - ples _____ boughs bent with thick - set fruit; My

B
tree of ap - ples boughs bent with thick - set fruit;

NOTES: *halcyon*: serene;
vair: grey and white squirrel fur, highly prized

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12 *ritardando*

S like a rain - bow, pad-dles in a hal - cyon

A like a rain - bow, pad-dles in a hal - cyon

T heart is like a rain-bow shell _____ That pad-dles in a hal - cyon

B like a rain - bow, _____ in a hal - cyon

mp

16 *a tempo* *f* *mp*

S sea; _____ My heart is glad-der than all these Be-cause my love is come to me.

A sea; _____ My heart is glad-der than all these Be-cause my love is come to me.

T sea; _____ My heart is glad-der than all these Be-cause my love is come to me.

B sea; My heart _____ is glad-der than all these Be-cause my love is come to me.

f *mp*

21 *f* *ritenuto*

S _____ and

A Hang it with vair and pur-ple dyes; Carve it in doves _____ and

T _____ Carve it in doves _____ and

B *f* _____ and

Raise me a da - is of silk and down; Hang it with vair and pur-ple dyes; Carve it in doves _____ and

f