

# Ruth

Ruth ii, 3

## 30. Chorus. And she went and came

George Tolhurst

**Allegretto** ♩ = 84 *p giocoso*

Soprano  
And she went and came, and gleaned in the field, and gleaned in the field after the

Alto  
And she went and came, and gleaned in the field, and gleaned in the field after the

Tenor

Bass

Primo  
*f giocoso* *f* *p*

Secundo

11 *cresc.*

S.  
reap - ers, and she went and came, and gleaned in the field, and gleaned after the reap - ers,

A.  
reap - ers, and she went and came, and gleaned in the field, and gleaned after the reap - ers,

T.  
*mf giocoso*  
And she went and came, and gleaned in the field, and gleaned in the field after the reap - ers,

B.  
*mf giocoso*  
And she went and came, and gleaned in the field, and gleaned in the field after the reap - ers,

1mo. *mf*

2do. *mf*

21

S. *f* *cresc.*  
came—and glean—ed,

A. *f* *cresc.*  
And shewent and came, and glean-ed in the field, and glean-ed in the field aft-er the reap - ers,

T. *f* *cresc.* *f*  
And shewent and came, and glean-ed in the field, and glean-ed aft-er the reap - ers, and she

B. *f* *cresc.* *f*  
and glean - ed, and glean-ed in the field aft-er the reap - ers, and she

1mo. *f* *ff* *cresc.* *f*  
8

2do. *f* *cresc.* *f*  
8 *loco*

30

S. *f*  
and she went, and came, came, and glean - ed, and her hap was to light on a part of the field be -

A. *f*  
and she went, and came, came, and glean - ed, and her hap was to light on a part of the field be -

T. *f*  
went and came, and came, and glean - ed, and her hap was to light on a part of the field be -

B. *f*  
went and came, and glean - ed, and her hap was to light on a part of the field be -

1mo. *f* *cresc.* *f*  
8

2do. *f* *cresc.* *f*  
8

39

S. long - ing un - to Bo - az, who was of the kin - dred of \_\_\_\_\_ E - li - me - lech, of E - li - me -

A. long - ing un - to Bo - az, who was of the kin - dred of \_\_\_\_\_ E - li - me - lech, of E - li - me -

T. long - ing un - to Bo - az, who was of the kin - dred of \_\_\_\_\_ E - li - me - lech, of E - li - me -

B. long - ing un - to Bo - az, who was of the kin - dred of \_\_\_\_\_ E - li - me - lech, of E - li - me -

1mo. *loco* *ff*

2do. *ff*

48

S. *dim.* lech, of E - li - me - lech, **A** *f* and she went and came, and glean - ed *ff* af - ter the

A. *dim.* lech, of E - li - me - lech, *f* And she went and came, and glean - ed in the field, and glean - ed in the field aft - er the *ff*

T. *dim.* lech, of E - li - me - lech, *f* and she went and came, and glean - ed *ff* af - ter the

B. *dim.* lech, of E - li - me - lech, *f* And she went and came, and glean - ed in the field, and glean - ed in the field aft - er the *ff*

1mo. *loco* *[dim.]* *cresc.* *f* *ff*

2do. *[dim.]* *cresc.* *f* *ff*



75

S. went and came, she went and came,

A. went and came, she went and came, and came,

T. she went, she went and came, she went and came.

B. she went and came, went and came, and her hap was to light on a part of the field be - long - ing un - to

1mo.

2do.

*mf*

82

S. and her hap was to light on a

A. and her hap was to light on a

T. and her hap was to light on a part of the field be - long - ing un - to Bo - az, her hap was to light on a

B. Bo - az, her hap was to light on a part of the field be - long - ing un - to Bo - az, her hap was to light on a

1mo. *loco*

2do.

*mf*

*loco*

8



104

*cresc.* *mf* *f*

S. and glean - ed, and glean - ed,

A. went and came, and glean - ed, and came, and glean - ed, she

T. went and came, and glean - ed, she went and came, and glean - ed, she

B. *[cresc.]* *mf* *f*  
and came, and glean - ed, she went and came, and glean - ed,

8 8

1mo.

2do. *mf* *f*

112

*f* **B** *cresc.* *dim.* *p* *pp*

S. and came, and came, came, came, and glean - ed, and

A. *cresc.* *p* *pp*  
went, and came, and came, came, came, came, and

T. *cresc.* *p* *pp*  
went and came, and came, came, came, and

B. *f* *cresc.* *p* *pp*  
she went and came, and came, came, came, came, and

8

1mo. *f* *p*

2do. *p* *pp*

121

S. *mf*  
glean - ed, \_\_\_\_\_ And she went and came, and glean-ed in the field, and glean-ed in the field after the

A. *mf*  
glean - ed, \_\_\_\_\_ And she went and came, and glean-ed in the field, and glean-ed in the field after the

T. *mf*  
glean - ed, \_\_\_\_\_ And she went and came, and glean-ed in the field, and glean-ed in the field after the

B. *mf*  
glean - ed, \_\_\_\_\_ And she went and came, and glean-ed in the field, and glean-ed in the field after the

1mo. *loco*  
*pp* *mf*

2do. *mf*

131

S. *f*  
reap - ers, \_\_\_\_\_ And she went and came, and glean-ed in the field, and glean-ed in the field aft-er the reap -

A. *f*  
reap - ers, \_\_\_\_\_ And she went and came, and glean-ed in the field, and glean-ed in the field aft-er the reap -

T. *f*  
reap - ers, \_\_\_\_\_ And she went and came, and glean-ed in the field, and glean-ed in the field aft-er the reap -

B. *f*  
reap - ers, \_\_\_\_\_ And she went and came, and glean-ed in the field, and glean-ed in the field aft-er the reap -

1mo. *f*

2do. *f*



140

S. *f*  
 ers, and she went and came, glean-ed aft-er the reap - ers,

A. *f*  
 ers, and she went and came, glean-ed aft-er the reap - ers,

T. *f*  
 ers, and she went and came, and gleaned in the field, and gleaned in the field, aft-er the reap - ers,

B. *f*  
 ers, and she went and came, and gleaned in the field, and gleaned in the field aft-er the reap - ers,

1mo. *ff*  
*f*

2do. *f*  
*ff*

149

S. *p*  
 and she went and came, went and came, and glean - ed, came, and glean - ed,

A. *p*  
 and she went and came, went, came, and glean - ed, came, and glean - ed,

T. *p*  
 and she went and came, went, came, and glean - ed, came, and

B. *p*  
 and she went and came, went and came and glean - ed, came, and

1mo. *loco* *p*  
*p*

2do. *p*  
*p*

159 *cresc.* *f*

S. came, \_\_\_\_\_ came, \_\_\_\_\_ and glean - ed, came, \_\_\_\_\_ and glean-ed aft-er the reap -

A. *cresc.* *f*  
came, \_\_\_\_\_ came, \_\_\_\_\_ and glean - ed, glean - ed, aft-er the reap -

T. *cresc.* *f*  
glean - ed, came, \_\_\_\_\_ and glean - ed, came, \_\_\_\_\_ and came, \_\_\_\_\_ and glean-ed aft-er the reap -

B. *cresc.* *f*  
glean - ed, came, \_\_\_\_\_ and glean - ed, came, \_\_\_\_\_ and glean - ed, aft-er the reap -

1mo. *cresc.* *f*  
8

2do. *cresc.* *f*  
8 *loco*

166 *p* 1. 2.

S. ers, \_\_\_\_\_ aft-er the reap - ers, \_\_\_\_\_ aft-er the reap - ers, \_\_\_\_\_ aft-er the reap - ers, \_\_\_\_\_ ers, \_\_\_\_\_ the reap -

A. *p*  
ers, \_\_\_\_\_ the reap - ers, aft-er the reap - ers, \_\_\_\_\_ the reap - ers, \_\_\_\_\_ ers, \_\_\_\_\_ the reap -

T. *p*  
ers, aft-er the reap - ers, \_\_\_\_\_ aft-er the reap - ers, aft-er the reap - ers, \_\_\_\_\_ ers, \_\_\_\_\_ the reap -

B. *p*  
ers, aft-er the reap - ers, aft-er the reap - ers, aft-er the reap - ers, \_\_\_\_\_ ers, \_\_\_\_\_ the reap -

1mo. *p* *pp*  
8 *loco*

2do. *p* *pp*

176

S. ers.

A. ers.

T. ers.

B. ers.

1mo. [cresc.] f

2do. f

186

1mo. ff dim. p pp

2do. ff dim. p pp

loco

**Note:** George Tolhurst's oratorio *Ruth* was first performed in Prahran, Melbourne in 1864, and repeated in London in 1868. Sarah Kirby has explored contemporary and later reactions to it in her article "The Worst Oratorio Ever!": Colonialist Condescension in the Critical Reception of George Tolhurst's *Ruth* (1864)" *Nineteenth-Century Music Review*, 2017, 1–29. This attempt at a modern performing version of one of its most celebrated choruses (the fifth movement of Part II of the oratorio) presents the accompaniment in an arrangement for piano duet. The source is the 1868 vocal score, the only one known for much of the work – the full orchestral score is lost. I have tacitly amended a few minor inconsistencies in note lengths and dynamic indications; passages in small notes and dynamics in square brackets are my additions.

Similar arrangements are available of other movements in the oratorio. I would be pleased to hear of performances of any part of *Ruth* in this or any other version.

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