

# O world! thou art wondrous fair

Ferdinand Hiller  
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*allegro ma non troppo*  
*dolce* *cresc.*

Soprano solo  
O world! thou art wondrous fair, so fair, so fair, so

Tenor I  
O world! thou art wondrous fair, thou art fair, so fair, so

Tenor II  
O world! thou art wondrous fair, thou art fair, so fair, so

Bass I  
O world! thou art wondrous fair, thou art fair, so fair, so

Bass II  
O world! thou art wondrous fair, thou art fair, so fair, so

Piano  
-126 *p dolce* *cresc.*

S  
fair, The birds they all know it well, they know it

T I  
fair, The birds they all know it well, the birds they all know it

T II  
fair, The birds they all know it well, the birds they all know it

B I  
fair, The birds they all know it well, the birds they all know it

B II  
fair, The birds they all know it well, the birds they all know it

Piano  
*dim.*

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S well; While o-ver the woods they flut - ter, And joy-ful sweet ca-rols they

T I well; While o-ver the woods they flut - ter, And

T II well; While o-ver the woods they flut - ter, And

B I well, all know it well, *p* Sweet ca - rols,

B II well, all know it well, *p* Sweet ca - rols, sweet

S ut - ter, To the heavens their me - lo - dies swell, to the

T I joy - ful sweet ca - rols they ut - ter, To the heavens their me - lo - dies

T II joy - ful sweet ca - rols they ut - ter, To the heavens their me - lo - dies

B I sweet ca-rols they

B II ca - rols, So joy-ful sweet

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S  
heavens their me-lo-dies swell, And joy-ful sweet ca-rols they ut-ter, To the

T I  
swell, to the heavens their me-lo-dies swell, their me-lo-dies, To the

T II  
swell, to the heavens their me-lo-dies swell, their me-lo-dies, To the

B I  
ut-ter, sweet ca-rols they ut-ter, To the

B II  
ut-ter, sweet ca-rols they ut-ter, To the

*cresc.*

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S  
heavens their me-lo-dies swell, *mf* their sweet me-lo-dies

T I  
hea-vens they swell, *ff* sweet ca-rols they ut-

T II  
hea-vens they swell, *ff* sweet ca-rols they ut-

B I  
hea-vens they swell, *ff* sweet ca-rols they ut-

B II  
hea-vens they swell, *ff* sweet ca-rols they ut-

*dim.*

*ff*

S  
swell, *mf* their sweet me-lo-dies swell, their sweet me-lo - dies *f* swell, \_\_\_\_\_

T I  
ter, sweet ca-rols they ut- \_\_\_\_\_ *dim.* \_\_\_\_\_ *cresc.* ter, sweet ca-rols they *f* ut- ter, To the

T II  
ter, sweet ca-rols they ut- \_\_\_\_\_ *dim.* \_\_\_\_\_ *cresc.* ter, sweet ca-rols they *f* ut- ter, To the

B I  
ter, sweet ca-rols they ut - \_\_\_\_\_ *dim.* \_\_\_\_\_ *cresc.* ter, sweet ca-rols they *f* ut - ter, To the

B II  
ter, sweet ca-rols they ut- \_\_\_\_\_ *dim.* \_\_\_\_\_ *cresc.* ter, sweet ca-rols they *f* ut- ter, To the

*dim.* *cresc.* *f*

S  
*ff* their sweet me - lo-dies swell, *p* their \_\_\_\_\_ sweet me - lo-dies swell. *rit.*

T I  
*ff* hea - vens they swell, *p* to the heavens their\_ me - lo-dies swell.

T II  
*ff* hea - vens they swell, to *p* the hea - vens they swell.

B I  
*ff* hea - vens they swell, *p* to the heavens their\_ me - lo-dies swell.

B II  
*ff* hea - vens they swell, *p* to the heavens their\_ me - lo-dies swell.

*ff* *dim.* *p* *rit.*

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*dolce* *cresc.*

S O world! thou art won- drous fair, how fair, how fair, how

*dolce* *cresc.*

T I O world! thou art won- drous fair, O how fair, how fair, how

*dolce* *cresc.*

T II O world! thou art won- drous fair, O how fair, how fair, how

*dolce* *cresc.*

B I O world! thou art won - drous fair, thou art fair, so fair, so

*dolce* *cresc.*

B II O world! thou art won - drous fair, O how fair, how fair, how

*p dolce* *cresc.*

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*dim.*

S fair, They know it the wa-ters all, the wa - ters

*dim.*

T I fair, They know it the wa- ters all, they know it the wa- ters

*dim.*

T II fair, They know it the wa - ters all, they know it the wa - ters

*dim.*

B I fair, They know it the wa- ters all, they know it the wa - ters

*dim.*

B II fair, They know it the wa - ters all, they know it the wa - ters

*dim.*

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S  
all; Re - flect-ed in them all na - ture Stands moun- tain, and mead, and

T I  
all; Re - flect-ed in them all na - ture Stands

T II  
all; Re - flect-ed in them all na - ture Stands

B I  
all. The wa-ters all, *p* Re - flect - ed,

B II  
all. The wa-ters all, *p* Re - flect - ed, re -

S  
crea - ture, And the clouds as they float and fall, and the

T I  
moun - tain, and mead, and crea - ture, An the clouds as they float and

T II  
moun - tain, and mead, and crea - ture, An the clouds as they float and

B I  
Re - flect- ed all

B II  
flect - ed in them all

45 *cresc.*

S clouds as they float and fall, the moun-tain, and mead, and crea- ture, And the

T I fall And the clouds as they float and fall, float and fall, the

T II fall And the clouds as they float and fall, float and fall, the

B I na- ture, the clouds as they float, as they

B II na- ture, the clouds as they float, as they

*cresc.*

50 *dim.* *mf*

S clouds as they float and fall, they float and

T I clouds as they float and fall, *ff* the clouds as they float and

T II clouds, *ff* the clouds as they float and

B I float, as they float and fall, *ff* the clouds as they float and

B II float and fall, *ff* the clouds as they float and

*dim.* *ff*

S  
fall, *mf* they float and fall, the clouds as they *f* float, \_\_\_\_\_

T I  
fall, the clouds as they float and fall, the clouds as they *f* float, \_\_\_\_\_ the

T II  
fall, the clouds as they float and fall, the clouds as they *f* float, \_\_\_\_\_ the

B I  
fall, the clouds as they float and fall, the clouds as they *f* float, the

B II  
fall, the clouds as they float and fall, the clouds as they *f* float, \_\_\_\_\_ the

*dim.* *cresc.* *f*

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S  
*ff* as they float \_\_\_\_\_ and fall, *p* the clouds as they float and fall.

T I  
*ff* clouds as they float and fall, *p* the \_\_\_\_\_ clouds as they float and fall.

T II  
*ff* clouds as they float and fall, the clouds *p* as they float and fall.

B I  
*ff* clouds as they float and fall, *p* the \_\_\_\_\_ clouds as they float and fall.

B II  
*ff* clouds as they float and fall, *p* the \_\_\_\_\_ clouds as they float and fall.

*dim.* *rit.* *ff* *dim.* *p*



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*dolce* *cresc.*

S The min - strels know it, So does ma - ny a shep-herd

T I *dolce* *cresc.*  
The min-strels and pain- ters know it, So does ma - ny a shep-herd

T II *dolce* *cresc.*  
The min-strels and pain- ters know it, So does ma - ny a shep-herd

B I *dolce* *cresc.*  
The min-strels and pain - ters know it, So does ma - ny a shep-herd

B II *dolce* *cresc.*  
The min-strels and pain - ters know it, So does ma - ny a shep-herd

*p dolce* *cresc.*

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*dim.*

S boy, The pain - ters shew it In their art's de -

T I *dim.*  
boy, The min-strels and pain- ters know it, So does ma-ny a shep- herd

T II *dim.*  
boy, The min-strels and pain - ters know it, So does ma-ny a shep - herd

B I *dim.*  
boy, The min-strels and pain- ters know it, So does ma-ny a shep - herd

B II *dim.*  
boy, The min-strels and pain - ters know it, So does ma-ny a shep - herd

*dim.*

S  
coy; They co-py all and feel it, And those who sing re-

T I  
boy; They co-py it, and feel it, And

T II  
boy; They co-py it, and feel it, And

B I  
boy, a shep-herd boy; *p* They feel it,

B II  
boy, a shep-herd boy; *p* They feel it, they

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S  
veal it, Their hearts are so full of joy, their

T I  
those who sing re- veal it, Their hearts are so full of

T II  
those who sing re- veal it, Their hearts are so full of

B I  
And those who

B II  
feel it, And those who

75 *cresc.*

S hearts are so full of joy, And those who sing reveal it, Their

T I joy, their hearts are so full of joy, they feel it Their *cresc.*

T II joy, their hearts are so full of joy, they feel it Their *cresc.*

B I sing re - veal it, Their hearts are so *cresc.*

B II sing re - veal it, Their hearts are so *cresc.*

*cresc.*

S hearts are so full of joy, *mf* so full of

T I hearts are so full of joy, *ff* they feel it, they feel

T II hearts are so full of joy, *ff* they feel it, they feel

B I full of joy, *ff* they feel it, they feel

B II full of joy, *ff* they feel it, they feel

*dim.* *ff*

