

My true love hath my heart

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Words from poet Sir Philip Sidney.

Dedicated to Parry's wife.

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(1848 - 1918)

Allegretto.

♩ = 80

The piano introduction is in 4/4 time, starting with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It features a melody in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand. The melody begins with a quarter rest, followed by a series of eighth and sixteenth notes. A *cresc.* marking is placed above the right hand staff. The introduction concludes with a final chord in the right hand.

5

a tempo

The vocal line begins with a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note C5. The lyrics are: "My true love hath my heart, And I have his, By". A *p* marking is placed above the first note. The line ends with a quarter rest.

My true love hath my heart, And I have his, By

poco rit.

The piano accompaniment for the first vocal line is in 4/4 time. It features a melody in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand. The right hand melody is mostly chords and single notes, while the left hand has a steady eighth-note bass line. A *poco rit.* marking is placed above the right hand staff.

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just ex-change one to the o - ther giv - en: I hold his dear, And

The piano accompaniment for the second vocal line is in 4/4 time. It features a melody in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand. The right hand melody is mostly chords and single notes, while the left hand has a steady eighth-note bass line. A *poco rit.* marking is placed above the right hand staff.

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mf *sostenuto* *p*

mine he can-not miss, There nev-er was a bet-ter bar-gain driv-en: My

14

true love hath my heart, and I have his

p *dim. e rit.*

17

mp *a tempo*

His heart in me keeps

19

him and me in one, My heart in him his thoughts

21

— and sen - ses guides: He loves my heart, for

23 *poco sostenuto* *a tempo* *mf* *poco rit.*

once it was his own, I cher - ish his _____ be - cause in

25 *mp* *cresc.*

me it bides: My true love hath my heart, and

27

I have his. _____