

# Better music ne'er was known

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*vivace*

Soprano *f* Bet-ter mu-sic ne'er was known Than a pair of hearts in one.

Alto *f* Bet-ter mu-sic ne'er was known Than a pair of hearts in one.

Tenor *f* Bet-ter mu-sic ne'er was known Than a pair of hearts in one.

Bass *f* Bet-ter mu-sic ne'er was known Than a pair of hearts in one.

Practice only *moderato espressivo*  $\text{♩} = 80$  *f*

S <sup>5</sup> Let each o - ther that hath been Trou - bled with the gall or spleen, *mf* Learn of

A Let each o - ther that hath been Trou - bled with the gall or spleen, *mf* Learn of

T Let each o - ther that hath been Trou - bled with the gall or spleen, *mf* Learn of

B Let each o - ther that hath been Trou - bled with the gall or spleen, *mf* Learn of

*leggiere* *cresc.*

S us to keep his brow Smooth and plain as ours are now, smooth and

A us to keep his brow Smooth and plain as ours are now, smooth and *cresc.*

T us to keep his brow Smooth and plain as ours are now, *cresc.*

B us to keep his brow Smooth and plain, smooth and *cresc.*

*cresc.*

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S plain, smooth and plain, smooth and plain as ours, as ours are now! *f* Sing,

A plain, smooth and plain, smooth and plain as ours— are now! *f* Sing,

T smooth and plain, smooth and plain, smooth and plain as ours— are now! *f* Sing,

B plain, smooth and plain, smooth and plain \_\_\_\_\_ as ours are now! *f* Sing,

*f*

*animato*

S  
sing, though be-fore the hour of dy-ing,

A  
sing, sing, sing, sing, sing, sing,

T  
sing, though be-fore the hour of dy-ing, sing, sing, though be-fore the hour of

B  
sing, sing, sing, though be-fore the hour of dy-ing, sing,

*animato*

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S  
sing, sing, sing, though be-fore the hour of dy-ing, *p* He shall *cresc.*

A  
sing, though be-fore the hour of dy-ing, sing, sing, *p* sing, be - *cresc.*

T  
dy-ing, sing, sing, sing, sing, *cresc.*

B  
sing, sing, though be - fore the hour of dy-ing, *p* be-fore the hour of *cresc.*

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S  
rise, he shall rise, he shall rise and then be

A  
fore the hour of dy-ing, be - fore the hour of dy-ing, He shall rise and be

T  
*cresc.*  
*p* He shall rise, he shall rise, shall rise and then be

B  
dy-ing, be-fore the hour of dy-ing, be-fore the hour of dy-ing, He shall be

S  
cry - ing; *f* Heigh ho! heigh ho! heigh ho!

A  
cry - ing; *f* Heigh ho! heigh ho! heigh ho!

T  
cry - ing; *f* Heigh ho! heigh ho! heigh ho!

B  
cry - ing; *f* Heigh ho! heigh ho! heigh ho!

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S *pp* heigh ho! heigh ho! heigh ho! *f* heigh ho! *p* 'Tis nought but mirth That keeps this *cresc.*

A *pp* heigh ho! heigh ho! heigh ho! *f* heigh ho! *p* 'Tis nought but mirth That keeps this *cresc.*

T *pp* heigh ho! heigh ho! heigh ho! *f* heigh ho! *p* 'Tis nought but mirth That keeps this *cresc.*

B *pp* heigh ho! heigh ho! heigh ho! *f* heigh ho! *p* 'Tis nought but mirth That keeps this *cresc.*

*pp* *f* *p* *cresc.*

30 *cresc.*

S bo-dy, 'tis nought but mirth that keeps this bo-dy, this bo - dy from the *cresc.*

A bo-dy, 'tis nought but mirth that keeps this bo-dy, this bo - dy from the *cresc.*

T bo-dy, 'tis nought but mirth that keeps this bo-dy, this bo - dy from the *cresc.*

B bo-dy, 'tis nought but mirth that keeps this bo-dy, this bo - dy from the *cresc.*

*cresc.*

35

S earth, *ff* but mirth, but mirth, *p* but mirth that keeps this bo-dy, nought but *cresc.*

A earth, *ff* but mirth, but mirth, *p* but mirth that keeps this bo-dy, but *cresc.*

T earth, *ff* but mirth, but mirth, *p* but mirth that keeps this bo-dy, nought but *cresc.*

B earth, *ff* but mirth, but mirth, *p* but mirth that keeps this *cresc.*

S mirth, mirth, mirth, mirth, mirth, but mirth that keeps this

A mirth, but mirth, nought, 'tis nought but mirth that keeps this

T mirth, nought but mirth, nought but mirth, but mirth that keeps this

B bo - dy, nought but mirth that keeps this bo - dy, nought but mirth that keeps this

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S bo- dy, but mirth that keeps this

A bo- dy, but mirth that keeps this

T bo- dy, but mirth that keeps this

B bo- dy, but mirth that keeps this

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S *sostenuto* bo - dy, *ff* that keeps this bo - dy from the earth.

A bo - dy, *ff* that keeps this bo - dy from the earth.

T bo - dy, *ff* that keeps this bo - dy from the earth.

B bo - dy, *ff* this bo - dy from the earth.