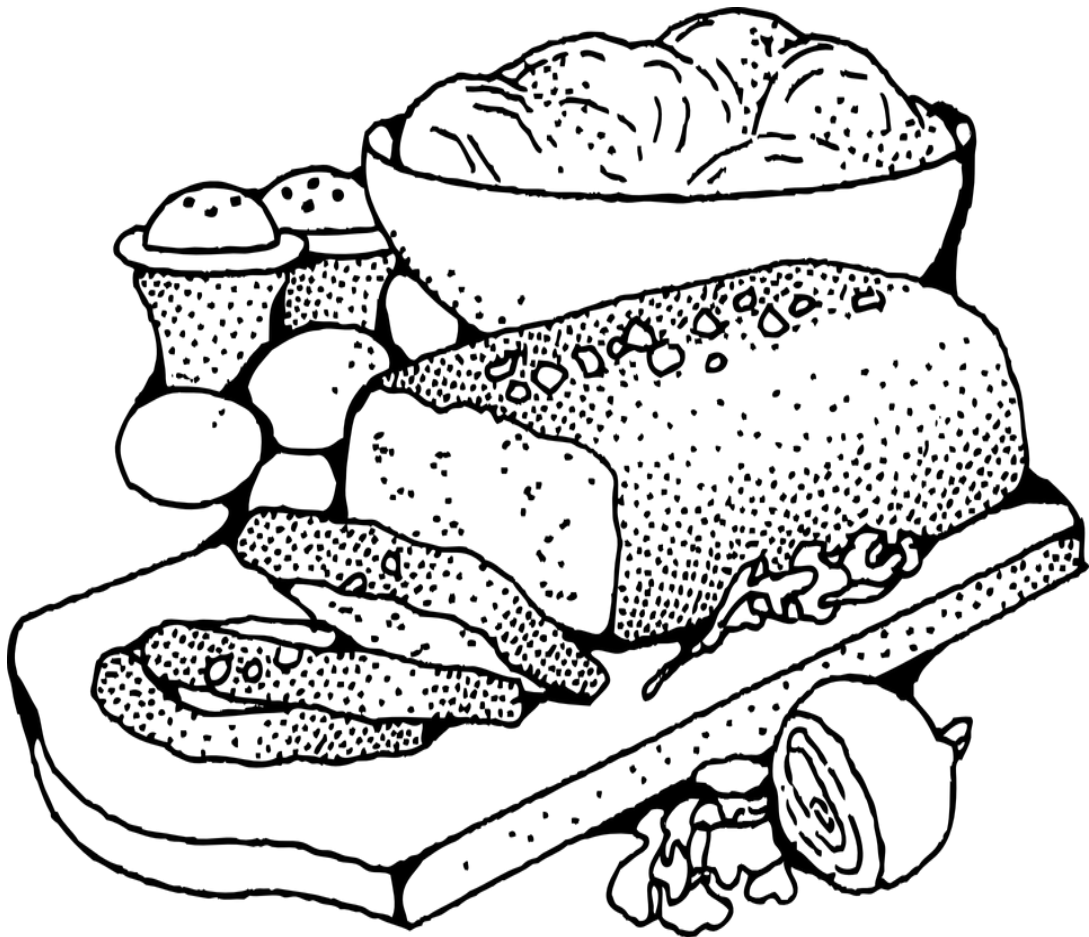


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for SATB choir

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$\text{♩} = 90$  Warmly

**SOPRANO**  
*mf*  
1. Love\_\_ bade me

**ALTO**  
*pp* *mf*  
Love\_\_ bade\* me wel-come. Love\_\_ bade me wel-come. 1. Love\_\_ bade me

**TENOR**  
*pp* *mf*  
Love\_\_ bade\* me wel - come. Love bade me wel - come. 1. Love\_\_ bade me

**BASS**  
*mf*  
1. Love\_\_ bade me

6

**S.**  
wel - come;\_ yet my soul drew back, gu-ilty of dust and sin.\_\_\_\_\_

**A.**  
wel - come; yet my\_soul, my\_soul drew back, gu-ilty of dust, of dust and sin.

**T.**  
wel - come; yet my soul drew back, gui-lty, gu-ilty of dust, of dust and sin.

**B.**  
wel - come;\_ yet my\_soul drew back, guil-ty, gu-ilty of dust and sin.\_\_\_\_\_

11

S. *p* *lightly*, *legato*  
But quick-eyed Love, ob -

A. *pp* *p* *lightly*, *legato*  
Love\_\_ bade me wel-come. Love\_\_ bade me wel-come. But quick- eyed Love, ob -

T. *pp* *p* *lightly*, *legato*  
Love bade me\_ wel - come. Love bade me\_ wel - come. But quick- eyed Love, ob -

B. *ppp* *p* *lightly*, *legato*  
*Mmm* But quick- eyed Love, ob -

16

S. *mf* *p*  
-ser-ving me grow slack from my first en - trance in, drew near-er to me, sweet ly

A. *mf* *p* *pp*  
-ser-ving me grow slack from my first en - trance in, drew near-er to me, sweet ly

T. *mf* *p* *pp*  
-ser-ving me grow slack from my first en - trance in, drew near-er to me, sweet ly

B. *mf* *p* *pp*  
-ser-ving me grow slack from my first en - trance in, drew near-er to me, sweet ly

21

S. *f*  
 que-stion-ing if I lacked an - y - thing.

A. *f*  
 que-stion - ing. if I lacked an - y - thing.

T. *f*  
 que-stion - ing. if I lacked an - y - thing. 2. A guest', I

B. *f* *pp*  
 que-stion-ing if I lacked an - y - thing. Love, bade me wel come, Love, bade me

27

S. *mp*  
 'Wor - thy.' Love said, 'You\_ shall be he.'

A. *mp*  
 Wor - thy, worthy to be here.'\_ Love\_\_ said, 'You\_ shall be he.'

T. *mp*  
 ans-wered, 'wor - thy to be here.'\_\_ Love said, 'You shall be he.'\_\_

B. *mp* *div.*  
 wel - come. 'Wor - thy, to be here, wor - thy.' Love said, 'You shall be he.'\_\_

32

S.

A. *ppp* *cresc. molto* *pp*  
*Mmm* *Aah*

T. *mf*  
 8 'I, the un-kind, un -

B. *pp* *cresc. molto* *pp*  
*Mmm* *Aah*  
*pppp*

Love\_\_\_ bade me wel-come.\_\_\_ Love\_\_\_ bade me wel-come.\_\_\_

37

S. *cresc. molto* *mp* *f* *p*  
 Ah, my dear, my dear, I\_\_\_ can-not, can - not look on thee.'

A. *mp* *mf* *f* *p*  
 I can-not, can - not look on thee.'

T. *f* *ff* *mp*  
 8 grate-ful? Ah, my dear, I can-not look on thee.'\_\_\_ Love took my hand, and

B. *mp* *f* *p*  
 My dear, I can-not look on thee.'\_\_\_ Love took my hand and

42

S. *f* 'Who made the eyes but I?' *mf* Love bade me wel - come, wel-come.

A. *f* 'Who made the eyes but I?' *mf* Love bade me wel-come, wel-come.

T. *ff* smi-ling did re-ply, 'Who made the eyes but I?' *mf* Love bade me wel - come.

B. *f* smi-ling did re-ply, 'Who made the eyes but I?' *mf* Love bade me wel - come,

47

S. *f* Love bade me wel - come. *mf* 3. 'Truth, Lord, but I have marred them;

A. *f* Love bade me wel-come. *mf* 3. 'Truth, Lord, I have marred them;

T. *f* Love bade me wel - come. *f* 3. 'Let my

B. *f* Love bade me wel - come. *mf* 3. I have marred them;

51 *rit.* *slowly and uncertainly*

S. *f* let my shame go where it doth de - serve, *p* go where it doth de

A. *f* let my shame go where, go where it doth de-serve, *ppp* Mmm

T. *f* shame, let my shame go where, go where it doth de-serve, *ppp* Mmm

B. *f* let my shame, my shame go where it doth de - serve. *ppp* Mmm

56 *a tempo* *(rather grandly)*

S. *pp* serve. *mf* 'And know you not,' says Love, 'who bore the blame?' *f* 'My

A. *pppp* 'And know you not,' says Love, 'who bore, who bore the blame?' *f* My

T. *pppp* 'Know you not who bore, who bore the blame?' *f* My

B. *pppp* 'And know you not who bore the blame?' *f* My

60

S. *mp* *f*  
 dear, then I will serve.' 'Sit down', says Love, 'and taste my meat.' So

A. *p* *f*  
 dear, then I will serve.' 'You must sit down and taste my meat.' So

T. *f*  
 8 dear, then I will serve.' 'You must sit down', says Love, 'and taste my meat.' So

B. *pp* *f*  
 dear, then I will serve.' Sit down and taste my meat.' So

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S. *rit.* *ff*  
 I did sit and eat. So I did sit and eat.

A. *ff* *div.*  
 I did sit and eat. So I did sit and eat.

T. *ff*  
 8 I did sit and eat. So I did sit and eat.

B. *ff* *div.*  
 I did sit and eat. So I did sit and eat.