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# The Bluebird

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**Larghetto Tranquillo** *pp*

I Blue,

Soprano *pp*

II *pp*

Alto *pp*

Tenor *pp*

Bass *pp*

The lake lay blue \_\_\_\_\_ be - low the hill, \_\_\_\_\_ the

blue,

lake lay blue \_\_\_\_\_ be - low the hill, \_\_\_\_\_ be - low the hill \_\_\_\_\_

lake lay blue \_\_\_\_\_ be - low the hill, \_\_\_\_\_ be - low the hill \_\_\_\_\_

lake lay blue \_\_\_\_\_ be - low the hill, \_\_\_\_\_ be - low the hill \_\_\_\_\_

lake lay blue \_\_\_\_\_ be - low the hill, \_\_\_\_\_ be - low the hill \_\_\_\_\_

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o'er it, as I look'd, there flew a-cross the wa-ters, cold and still, a bird\_

— lay blue, cold and still, there

— lay blue, cold and still, there

— lay blue, cold and still, there

— lay blue, cold and still, there

— whose wings were pa - lest blue. *pp*

— flew a bird\_ whose wings were pa - lest blue. *pp* *p* The

— flew a bird\_ whose wings were pa - lest blue. *pp* *p* The

— flew a bird\_ whose wings were pa - lest blue. *pp* *p* The

— flew a bird\_ whose wings were pa - lest blue. *pp* *p* The

*p*

Blue,

sky a - bove \_\_\_\_\_ was blue at last, \_\_\_\_\_ the sky be - neath me

sky a - bove \_\_\_\_\_ was blue at last, \_\_\_\_\_ the sky be - neath me

8 sky a - bove \_\_\_\_\_ was blue at last, \_\_\_\_\_ the sky be - neath me

sky a - bove \_\_\_\_\_ was blue at last, \_\_\_\_\_ the sky be - neath me

blue, a mo - ment ere the bird had

*mf* *p*

blue in blue, \_\_\_\_\_ was blue in blue, \_\_\_\_\_

*mf* *p*

blue in blue, \_\_\_\_\_ was blue in blue, \_\_\_\_\_

*mf* *p*

blue in blue, \_\_\_\_\_ was blue in blue, \_\_\_\_\_

*mf* *p*

blue in blue, \_\_\_\_\_ was blue in blue, \_\_\_\_\_

pass'd, it caught his i - mage, his i - mage  
 blue in blue, it caught, it caught his i - mage, his i-mage  
 blue in blue, it caught, it caught his i - mage, his i-mage  
 blue in blue, it caught, it caught his i - mage, his i-mage  
 blue in blue, it caught, it caught his i - mage as

as he flew. *rall.* Blue. *pp*  
 as he flew. *pp* The lake lay blue be - low the hill. *pp*  
 as he flew. *pp* The lake lay blue be - low the hill. *pp*  
 as he flew. *pp* The lake lay blue be - low the hill. *pp*  
 he flew. The lake lay blue be - low the hill.