

Stefano Puri

the white rose

for unaccompanied choir
(2018)

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The red rose whispers of passion,
and the white rose breathes of love;
o, the red rose is a falcon,
and the white rose is a dove.

But i send you a cream-white rosebud
with a flush on its petal tips;
for the love that is purest and sweetest
has a kiss of desire on the lips.

John Boyle O'Reilly (1844 – 1890)

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A Semplice, con tenerezza ♩ = 54

SOPRANO
ALTO
TENOR
BASS

uh... b.c. The
uh... b.c. The
uh... b.c. The
uh... b.c. The

6 **B**

S.
A.
T.
B.

red rose whis-pers of pas-sion, and the white rose breathes of love; oh, the red rose is a fal-con and the
red rose whis-pers of pas-sion, and the white rose breathes of love; oh, the red rose is a fal-con and the
red rose whis-pers of pas-sion, and the white rose breathes of love; oh, the red rose is a fal-con and the
red rose whis-pers of pas-sion, and the white rose breathes of love; oh, the red rose is a fal-con and the

12 **C**

S.
A.
T.
B.

white rose is a dove. But I send you a cream-white rose-bud with a
white rose is a dove. But I send you a cream-white rose-bud with a
white rose is a dove. But I send you a cream-white rose-bud with a
white rose is a dove. But I send you a cream-white rose-bud

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S. *p*
 flush on its pe-tal tips; for the love that is pu-rest and sweet-est has a kiss of de-sire on the

A. *p*
 flush on pe-tal tips; uh... sweet - est kiss of de-sire on the

T. *p*
 flush on its pe-tal tips; pe-tal tips; uh... sweet-est has a kiss of de-sire on the

B. *p*
 flush on its pe-tal tips; pe-tal tips; uh... sweet - est kiss of de-sire on the

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S. *mf* **con slancio** **D**
 lips. Has a kiss of de-sire on the lips. ah...

A. *mf*
 lips. on the lips. kiss of de-sire on the lips. ah...

T. *mf*
 lips. on the lips. kiss of de-sire on the lips. ah...

B. *mf* **con slancio**
 lips. on the lips. kiss of de-sire on the lips. ah...

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S. *p*
 molto rall.

A. *p*

T. *p*

B. *p*