

for the ABCD North West Honour Choir and the Lancaster Singers

Like a Singing Bird

Christina Rossetti (1830–94)

BOB CHILCOTT

Robert Burns (1759–96)

With a gospel fervour ♩ = 84

UPPER VOICES

SOPRANO
ALTO

TENOR
BASS

PIANO

mp dolce

mf

Detailed description: This system contains the first four measures of the piece. It features four staves: three for the vocal parts (Upper Voices, Soprano/Alto, Tenor/Bass) and one for the piano accompaniment. The vocal staves are currently empty. The piano part begins with a 3/8 time signature, changes to 4/4, then back to 3/8, and finally to 4/4. The piano part starts with a mezzo-piano (*mp*) dynamic and a *dolce* marking, then moves to mezzo-forte (*mf*). The key signature has one flat (B-flat).

5

UPPER VOICES
mp

My heart is like a sing-ing bird

PIANO
mp

Detailed description: This system contains measures 5 through 8. The vocal part begins at measure 5 with the lyrics "My heart is like a sing-ing bird". The piano accompaniment continues with a mezzo-piano (*mp*) dynamic. The piano part features a melodic line in the right hand and a more rhythmic accompaniment in the left hand. The time signature remains 4/4.

9

Whose nest is in a wa-ter'd shoot; My heart is like an

poco cresc.

PIANO
poco cresc.

Detailed description: This system contains measures 9 through 12. The vocal part continues with the lyrics "Whose nest is in a wa-ter'd shoot; My heart is like an". The piano accompaniment features a *poco cresc.* (poco crescendo) marking. The piano part continues with the same melodic and rhythmic patterns as the previous system. The time signature remains 4/4.

12

ap - ple_ tree Whose boughs are bent with thick - set fruit;

15

mf

mf

My heart is like_ a rain-bow shell That pad-dles in a hal - cyon

18

mp

mp

sea; My heart is glad-der than all these Be -

21

- cause my love is come to me.

f

24

f

Raise me a da-is of

28

silk and down; Hang it with vair and pur - ple_ dyes;

31

Carve it in doves and pom - e - gran - ates, And pea-cocks with a hun - dred

34

eyes; Work it in gold and sil - ver grapes, In

37

leaves and sil - ver fleur - de - lys; Be-cause the birth-day

f

40

of my life Is come, my love is come to me.

mf

44

mp

48

UPPER VOICES

mp

(Melody: traditional Scottish ballad) My heart is like a sing - ing bird

p legato espress.

S. A. O my love is like a red, red rose That's

T. B. *p legato espress.*