



My Heart is Like a Singing Bird

Christina Rossetti (1830-1894)

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♩=60 Gentle and carefree

S. *mp* Tum_ .m_ Tum_ tum_

A. *p* *Dn_ La_ la la la_ la la

T. *p* tum_ tum_ tum_

B. dn dn La la la la_ la

Pno.

*On "dn" (as in "done") and "tum" (as in "tomb"), go to the consonant "n" and "m" immediately and hold on the pitch.

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5 **rit.** **mf** **A** **A tempo**

S. Tum Tum My heart is like a s' bird

A. Dn My heart i e a

T. Tum tum tum

B. La la la dn La la la la la

Pno.

9

S. Tum tum tum Whose

A. sing *Dn Whose

T. m tum tum tum

B. la la la la, La la la la La la la

Pno.

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S. nest is in a wa - ter'd shoot la la la la la

A. nest is in A wa - ter'd shr

T. Tum tum tv tum

B. Dn dn dn A *wa - ter'd shoot,

Pno.

*A tender shoot nourished by water symbolizing new life and vitality.

poco rit.

B A Tempo

S. la My heart is like an ap - ple tree

A. *Dn My heart is like an

T. a la la la la la, tum tum

B. Dn dn dn La la la

Pno. A Tempo

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21

S. *mp* Tum tum tum *mf* Whose

A. ap - ple tree, Whose boughs with

T. Ap - ple tree, Tr tum

B. Dn dn La la la

Pno.

25

S. boughs are thick - set fruit

A. thick - set fruit

T. .m tum tum tum

B. Dn dn dn dn La la la la la

Pno.

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(optional A note)

C Melody

29

S. *mf* La la la la la la la la My heart is like a shell, That

A. *mf* La la la la My heart is l' an - bow shell, That

T. *mf* La la la la la dn dn dn tum

B. Dn dn dn dn

Pno.

33

S. *mp* pad - dles i hal - cyon sea, Tum

A. *mp* pad a hal - cyon sea, Tum

T. *mp* That pad - dles in a hal - cyon sea, Tum

B. La la la la la la la la la la

Pno.

37

A Tempo

D

S. Tum_ tum_ tum_ La

A. Tum_ tum_ My heart_ is glad-der .nese things

T. *mp* La la la_ la la dn dn dn *mf* tum_ tum_

B. *mp* dn dn *mf* dn dn

A Tempo

Pno.

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41

E

molto rit.

S. la la la_ la la_ Be - cause_ my love,

A. Tum_ Tum_ Be -

T. Tum_ Tum_ Be -

B. Dn dn_ Be - cause my love, Be -

E

Pno.

♩ = 54

45

S. *mf* is come to me. *mf* come to

A. cause my love me to me

T. cause my love me

B. cause my love, me

Pno.

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♩ = 60

49

S. *f* me *f* Come to me *mf* Raise me a

A. *f* Come to me *mf* Raise me a

T. *f* Come to me *mf* Raise me a

B. *f* Come to me *mf* Raise

Pno. *poco accel.*

53 **F**

S. *dais of silk and down; Hang it with *vair and pur - ple dyes: it in

A. *dais of silk and down; Hang it with *vair and pur - Carve it in

T. *dais of silk and down; Hang it with *vair a' dyes; Carve it in

B. me a *dais Hang pur - ple dyes;

Pno.

F

57

S. doves and pom - es and pea - cocks with a hun - dred eyes; Work it in

A. doves and gran-ates and pea_ cocks with a hun - dred eyes; Work it in

T. m - e - gran-ates and pea_ cocks with a hun - dred eyes; Work it in

B. Carve it in doves and pea - cocks with a hun - dred eyes; Work it in

Pno.

**Dais refers to a raised platform symbolizing a place of honour and vair refers to the bluish-gray and white fur of a squirrel prized for ornamental use in medieval times.*

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61

S. gold and sil - ver grapes, In leaves and fleur lys;

A. gold and sil - ver grapes, In leaves and sil - de - lys;

T. gold and sil - ver grapes, fleurs - de lys;

B. gold and sil - ver grapes, In le sil - ver fleurs de - lys;

Pno.

65

rit. **G** (optional A note) *mf*

S. Be - cause t' day of my life is come, my love

A. Be cause my life is come, my love

T. cause my life is come, my love

B. Be cause my life is come, my love

Pno.

H

♩ = 54 *mp*

69

S. is come to me. Tum

A. is come to me. Dn

T. is come to me. T tum

B. is come to me. dn

Pno.

73

S. Tum tum tum My

A. La la la la dn dn dn

T. tum tum La la la la la la

B. La la la la la la la

Pno.

Melody *mf*

77

S. heart is like a sing - ing bird *mp* La ' la la

A. *mp* Dn Tum_ tum_ tum_ tum,___

T. *mp* Tum___ *mf* tum,___ Sing - ing

B. dn dn S' ___ ing bird,

Pno.

81

S. la *mp* A sing - ing bird

A. tum_ tum_ tum_

T. Tum___ Sing - ing bird

B. *mp* ing ___ ing bird, Sing - ing bird,

Pno.

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molto rit. . . Sing — ing bird.

85

S. Sing - ing bird, Sing — ing bird,

A. Tum Tum_ Tum_ Tum_ tum.

T. Tum_ Sing - ing bird Tum

B. Sing - ing bird, Tum tum

Pno.

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Christina Rossetti (1830 – 1894) was an English writer of romantic, children's poems, including "Goblin Market" and "Remember". She wrote the words of two Christmas carols well known in Britain: "Midwinter", later set by Gustav Holst, Katherine Kennicott Davis, and "Love Came Down at Christmas", also set by Darke. She was a sister of the artist and poet Dante Rossetti and appears in several of his art works (including this pastel).

My heart is like a singing bird
 Whose nest is in a watered shoot;
 My heart is like an apple tree
 Whose boughs are bent with thickset fruit;
 My heart is like a rainbow shell
 That paddles in a purple sea;
 My heart is gladder than all these
 Because my love is come to me.

Raise me a dais of purple and gold;
 Hang it with vair and purple dyes;
 Carve it in doves and pomegranates,
 And peacocks with a hundred eyes;
 Work it in gold and silver grapes,
 In leaves and silver fleur-de-lys;
 Because the birthday of my life
 Is come, my love, is come to me.