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The Gift to Sing

SSA with Piano

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Gently ♩ = 72

p

S1

S2

A

Some-times the mist o'er -

Some-times the mist o'er -

Some-times the mist o'er -

Gently ♩ = 72

p

3

3

4

mp

hangs my path, And black-'ning clouds a - bout me cling; But,

hangs my path, And black-'ning clouds a - bout me cling; But,

hangs my path, And black-'ning clouds a - bout me cling; But,

mp

mp

3

3

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oh, I have a ma gic way, To turn the gloom to cheer-ful

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oh, I have a ma gic way, To turn the gloom to cheer-ful

mp

rit.

3

3

3

3

10

A *A tempo* ♩ = 72

mf day- I sing, I

mf day- I sing, I sing, I

mf day- I sing, I sing, I

A tempo ♩ = 72

mf

3

3

3

3

3

3

3

3

13

mp *rit.*

sing, _____ soft - ly sing,

mp *rit.*

sing, _____ I _____ sing, soft - ly sing,

mp *rit.*

sing, _____ I _____ sing, soft - ly sing,

mp *rit.*

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p **Più mosso** ♩ = 84

I soft - ly sing. _____

p

I soft - ly sing. _____

p

I soft - ly sing. _____

p **Più mosso** ♩ = 84

18

accel. *rit.*

B Più mosso ♩ = 82

21 *mf*

And if the way grows dark - er still, Sha-dow'd by Sor - row's som-ber

mf

And if the way grows dark - er still, Sha-dow'd by Sor - row's som-ber

mf

And if the way grows dark - er still, Sha-dow'd by Sor - row's som-ber

Più mosso ♩ = 82

mf

24

wing, With glad de - fi - ance in my throat I

wing, With glad de - fi - ance in my throat I

wing, With glad de - fi - ance in my throat, I

f

f

f

f

27

pierce the dark - ness with a note, and sing,

pierce the dark - ness with a note, and sing, and sing

pierce the dark - ness with a note, and sing,

rit. *ff*

rit. *ff*

rit. *ff*

Meno mosso (♩ = 82)

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rit. *ff*

30

f *rit.* *mf* *mp*

and sing, — and sing, and

and sing, and sing, and

and sing, and — sing, and

f *rit.* *mf* *mp*

f *rit.* *mf* *mp*

33 **C** **Tempo primo** ♩ = 72 *mp*

sing. I

sing. I

sing. I

Tempo primo ♩ = 72

mp

37

brood not o - ver the bro - ken past, Nor ___ dread not ___ what - e - ver

brood not o - ver the bro - ken past, Nor ___ dread not ___ what - e - ver

brood not o - ver the bro - ken past, Nor ___ dread not ___ what - e - ver

40

mf

time may bring; No nights are dark, no days are long, while

time may bring; No nights are dark, no days are long, while

time may bring; No nights are dark, no days are long, while

48

mf I can sing, *rit.* *mp* I can sing, -

mf sing, I can sing, *rit.* *mp* I can sing, -

mf sing, I can sing, *rit.* *mp* I can sing, -

mf *rit.* *mp*

3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3

51

p I can sing.

p I can sing.

p I can sing.

p

3 3 3 3