

# Sure On This Shining Night

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Piano

**Flowing, tempo rubato ( $\text{♩} = \text{ca. } 72$ )**

**p espressivo**

**poco rit.**

**a tempo**

**rit.**

**a tempo**

**legato**

**A**

**mp**

**Sure on this shin - ing**

**rit.**

**a tempo**

**A**

**Sure on this shin - ing**

**poco rit.**

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night of star-made shad-ows round, kind-ness must watch for me this side—the ground, on this

night of star-made shad-ows round, kind-ness must watch for me this side—the ground, on this

**poco rit.**

**Ped.**

**Ped.**

**Ped.**

**Ped.**

**Ped.**

\*Omit if the low As are out of range.

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10 *a tempo*

shin - - - ing night, this shin - - -

shin - - - ing night, this shin - - -

*a tempo*

rit. *a tempo*

shin - - - ing night, this shin - - -

*rit.* *a tempo*

shin - - - ing night, this shin - - -

Ped. Ped. Ped.

13 *rit.* a tempo *rit.*

**S** 16 **B** a tempo *mp* *legato*

**A**

**T**

**B**

**B** a tempo

Sure on this shin-ing night of star-made shad-ows round, kind-ness must watch for me this  
Sure on this shin-ing night of star-made shad-ows round, kind-ness must watch for me this  
Sure on this shin-ing night, sure on this shin - ing -  
Sure on this shin-ing

Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped.

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side the ground, on this shin ing night, this

side the ground, on this shin *solo* ing night, this

night, sure on this shin-ing night, this

night, sure on this shin ing night, this rit.

Ped. Ped. Ped.

22

a tempo shin ing night.

molto rit. 123T

a tempo shin ing night.

shin ing night.

shin ing night.

shin ing night.

a tempo molto rit. a tempo

Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped.

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25

T - | 3 | The late year lies—  
B - | 3 | The late year lies—  
  
 Ped. | Ped. | Ped. | Ped. | Ped.

28

down the north, All is healed, all is health. High  
 down the north, All is healed, all is health. High  
  
 Ped. | Ped. | Ped. | Ped.

31

S - | 3 | The late year lies— down the north, All is  
 A - | 3 | The late year lies— down the north, All is  
 T - | 4 | The late year lies— down the north, All is  
 summer holds the earth. Hearts all whole. All is healed,  
 B - | 3 | summer holds the earth. Hearts all whole. All is healed,  
  
 Ped. | Ped. | Ped. | Ped.

34

(no breath)

healed, all is health. High summer holds the earth. Hearts all

healed, all is health. High summer holds the earth. Hearts all

all is health, all is health. High summer holds the earth. Hearts all

all is health, all is health. High summer holds the earth. Hearts all

*Ped.* *Ped.* *Ped.* *Ped.*

37

**D**

meno mosso      rit.      a tempo

*f*

whole. Sure on this shin-ing night, sure on this shin-ing,

whole. Sure on this shin-ing night, sure on this

whole. Sure on this shin-ing night, sure on this

*f*

whole. Sure on this shin-ing night, sure on this

**D**

meno mosso      rit.      a tempo

*f.*

*Ped.* *Ped.*

43

*rit.* ***mp*** **a tempo**

ing night. I weep for won-der wan-d'ring far a - lone \_\_\_\_\_ of

***mp*** *Weeze* ***p***

ing night. I weep a - lone \_\_\_\_\_ of

***mp*** ***p***

ing night. I weep for won-der wan-d'ring far a - lone \_\_\_\_\_ of

***mp*** ***p***

ing night. I weep a - lone \_\_\_\_\_ of

***p***

***rit.*** ***mp*** **a tempo**

Ped. Ped. | Ped. Ped. | Ped. Ped.

46

**meno mosso rit.**

**E Molto meno mosso,  
with a sense of wonder**

**molto lunga**

**ppp hushed**

shad - ows on the stars. \_\_\_\_\_ Sure on this

shad - ows on the stars. \_\_\_\_\_

shad - ows on the stars. \_\_\_\_\_

**shad - ows on the stars. \_\_\_\_\_**

**ppp hushed**

shad - ows on the stars. \_\_\_\_\_ Sure on this shin-ing

**meno mosso rit.**

**E Molto meno mosso,  
with a sense of wonder**

**molto rit.  
molto lunga  
(no break)**

**ppp**

Red. Red. Red. Red.

49

shin-ing night, this shin-ing night, on this

*ppp hushed*

Sure on this shin-ing night, on this

*ppp hushed*

Sure on this shin-ing night, on this

night of star-made shadows round, kind-ness must watch for me this side the ground, on this

Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped.

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shin ing night, this shin  
shin ing night, this shin  
shin ing night, this shin  
shin ing night, this shin

rit.

**F** **Meno mosso**

ing night,  
ing night,  
ing night,  
ing night,

**F** **Meno mosso**

**P**

Ped. Ped.

59      **meno mosso**      *rit.*

**molto meno mosso**      *p*

sure on this shin - ing

**meno mosso**      *rit.*

**molto meno mosso**

*Ped.*

62      **Tempo I**

*rit.*

**molto rit.**

*lunga*

night.

night.

night.

night.

**Tempo I**

*rit.*

**molto rit.**

*lunga*

*mp*

*Ped.*

*Ped.*

*Ped.*

(for Jama)  
(ca. 4'45")