

The Turtle Dove

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Andante sostenuto.

Baritone Solo *P*

Soprano I & II. *pp* (closed lips)

Contralto. *pp* (closed lips)

Tenor. *pp* (closed lips)

Bass. *pp* (closed lips)

Piano *(for practice only.)* *P* *pp* *Andante sostenuto*

This system contains the first four measures of the piece. It features five vocal staves (Baritone Solo, Soprano I & II, Contralto, Tenor, and Bass) and a piano accompaniment. The tempo is marked 'Andante sostenuto'. The vocal parts are marked with 'pp' (pianissimo) and '(closed lips)'. The piano part is marked with 'P' (piano) and 'pp' (pianissimo). The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4.

while; If I roam a - way I'll come back a - gain, Though I roam ten thou - sand

1st SOP half closed lips

This system contains measures 5 through 8. It continues the vocal and piano parts from the first system. The lyrics 'while; If I roam a - way I'll come back a - gain, Though I roam ten thou - sand' are written under the vocal staves. The Soprano I & II part has a specific instruction: '1st SOP half closed lips'. The piano accompaniment continues with its melodic and harmonic lines.

miles, my dear, Though I roam ten thousand miles.

SOP. I. *p* So— fair thou art my

SOP. II. *pp* So fair thou

CON. So fair thou

pp

hon-ny lass, So— deep in love am I; But I never will prove false to the

art, *pp* So deep in

So fair thou art,

So fair thou art,

pp

SOP. I. hon-ny lass I love, Till the stars fall from the sky, my dear, Till the stars fall from the sky.

love, *p* Till the stars fall from the sky.

CON. love, *p* Till the stars fall from the sky.

pp So deep in love, so deep in love am I.

pp So deep in love, so deep in love am I.

pp *p*

mp
The sea will nev-er run dry, Nor the rocks melt with the
The sea will nev-er run dry, my dear, Nor the rocks nev-er melt with the
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The sea will nev-er run dry, my dear, Nor the rocks nev-er melt with the

mf

cresc.
sun, But I nev-er will prove false, Till
sun, But I nev-er will prove false to the bon-ny lass I love, Till
sun, But I nev-er will prove false to the bon-ny lass I love, Till
sun, But I nev-er will prove false to the bon-ny lass I love, Till
sun, But I nev-er will prove false, Till

cresc.

dim.
all be done, my dear, Till all these things be done.
all these things be done, my dear, Till all these things be done.
all be done, my dear, Till all these things be done.
all these things be done, my dear, Till all these things be done.
all these things be done, my dear, Till all these things be done.

dim.

BARITONE SOLO

O yon - der doth sit that lit - tle tur - tle dove, He doth sit on yon - der high

pp (closed lips)

pp (closed lips)

pp (closed lips)

pp (closed lips)

tree, A - mak - ing a moan for the loss of his love, As I will do for

(1st SOP. half closed lips)

pp (closed lips)

pp (closed lips)

pp (closed lips)

pp (closed lips)

thee, my dear, As I will do for thee.

(closed lips)

pp

pp

pp

pp