

W. S. Gilbert
(1836-1911)

To Phoebe

Frederick Bridge
(1844-1924)

Alto

andante

p Gen-tle, mod-est, lit - tle flow-er, Sweet e - pi-to-me of May, *f* Love me

Tenor I

p Gen-tle, mod-est, lit - tle flow-er, Sweet e - pi-to-me of May, *f* Love me

Tenor II

p Gen-tle, mod-est, lit - tle flow-er, Sweet e - pi-to-me of May, *f* Love me

Bass

p Gen-tle, mod-est, lit - tle flow-er, Sweet e - pi-to-me of May, *f* Love me

Piano

andante

p *f*

A

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but for half-an - hour, *p* Love me, love me lit-tle fay, *pp* Gen-tle, mod-est, lit-tle

T I

but for half-an - hour, *p* Love me, love me lit-tle fay, *pp* Gen-tle, mod-est, lit-tle

T II

but for half-an - hour, *p* Love me, love me lit-tle fay, *pp* Gen-tle, mod-est, lit-tle

B

but for half-an - hour, *p* Love me, love me lit-tle fay, *pp* Gen-tle, mod-est, lit-tle

Piano

p *pp*

15 20

A
flow-er, Sweet e - pi-to-me of May, *f* Love me but for half-an - hour, —

T I
flow-er, Sweet e - pi-to-me of May, *f* Love me but for half-an - hour,

T II
flow-er, Sweet e - pi-to-me of May, *f* Love me but for half-an - hour, —

B
flow-er, Sweet e - pi-to-me of May, *f* Love me but for half-an - hour, —

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A
p Love me, love me lit-tle fay." *f* Sen - ten - ces so fierce-ly flam-ing

T I
p Love me, love me lit-tle fay." *f* Sen - ten - ces so fierce-ly flam-ing

T II
p Love me, love me lit-tle fay." *f* Sen - ten - ces so fierce-ly flam-ing

B
p Love me, love me lit-tle fay." *f* Sen - ten - ces so fierce-ly flam-ing

A *p* In your ti-ny shell-like ear; *f* I should al-ways be ex - claim-ing, *p* If I

T I *p* In your ti-ny shell-like ear; *f* I should al-ways be ex - claim-ing, *p* If I

T II *p* In your ti-ny shell-like ear; *f* I should al-ways be ex - claim-ing, *p* If I

B *p* In your ti-ny shell-like ear; *f* I should al-ways be ex - claim-ing, *p* If I

A loved you, Phoe - be dear, *f* if I loved you, *p* Phoe-be dear!

T I loved you, Phoe - be dear, *f* if I loved you, *p* Phoe-be dear!

T II loved you, Phoe - be dear, *f* if I loved you, *p* Phoe-be dear!

B loved you, Phoe - be dear, *f* if I loved you, *p* Phoe-be dear!

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A
"Smiles that thrill from a - ny dis-tance, Shed up - on me while I sing!

T I
"Smiles that thrill from a - ny dis-tance, Shed up - on me while I sing!

T II
"Smiles that thrill from a - ny dis-tance, Shed up - on me while I sing!

B
"Smiles that thrill from a - ny dis-tance, Shed up - on me while I sing!

p

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A
f Please ec - sta-ti - cise ex - ist-ence; *p* Love me, oh, - thou - fai-ry thing! *pp* Smiles that

T I
f Please ec - sta-ti - cise ex - ist-ence; *p* Love me, oh, thou fai-ry thing! *pp* Smiles that

T II
f Please ec - sta-ti - cise ex - ist-ence; *p* Love me, oh, thou fai-ry thing! *pp* Smiles that

B
f Please ec - sta-ti - cise ex - ist-ence; *p* Love me, oh, thou fai-ry thing! *pp* Smiles that

f *p* *pp*

55 60

A
thrill from a-ny dis-tance, Shed up - on me while I sing! *f* Please ec - sta-ti-cise ex -

T I
thrill from a-ny dis-tance, Shed up - on me while I sing! *f* Please ec - sta-ti-cise ex -

T II
thrill from a-ny dis-tance, Shed up - on me while I sing! *f* Please ec - sta-ti-cise ex -

B
thrill from a-ny dis-tance, Shed up - on me while I sing! *f* Please ec - sta-ti-cise ex -

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A
ist-ence; *p* Love me, oh, thou fai-ry thing!" *f* Words like these, out-pour-ing sad-ly,

T I
ist-ence; *p* Love me, oh, thou fai-ry thing!" *f* Words like these, out-pour-ing sad-ly,

T II
ist-ence; *p* Love me, oh, thou fai-ry thing!" *f* Words like these, out-pour-ing sad-ly,

B
ist-ence; *p* Love me, oh, thou fai-ry thing!" *f* Words like these, out-pour-ing sad-ly,

70 75

A *p* You'd per - pet-u - al - ly hear, *f* If I loved you, fond-ly, mad-ly; *p* But I

T I *p* You'd per - pet-u - al - ly hear, *f* If I loved you, fond-ly, mad-ly; *p* But I

T II *p* You'd per - pet-u - al - ly hear, *f* If I loved you, fond-ly, mad-ly; *p* But I

B *p* You'd per - pet-u - al - ly hear, *f* If I loved you, fond-ly, mad-ly; *p* But I

80 *lunga senza rall.*

A do not, Phoe - be dear, *f* but I do not, *p* Phoe-be dear!

T I do not, Phoe - be dear, *f* but I do not, *p* Phoe-be dear! *senza rall.*

T II do not, Phoe - be dear, *f* but I do not, *p* Phoe-be dear! *senza rall.*

B do not, Phoe - be dear, *f* but I do not, *p* Phoe-be dear! *senza rall.*

f *p senza rall.*