

Love's question and reply

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poco allegretto

Soprano
p I send a let-ter to my dear Each morn- ing by the lark, And ev-'ry

Alto
p I send a let-ter to my dear Each morn- ing by the lark, And ev-'ry

Tenor
p I send a let-ter to my dear Each morn- ing by the lark, And ev-'ry

Bass
p I send a let-ter to my dear Each morn- ing by the lark, And ev-'ry

poco allegretto

Piano
♩=88 *p*

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S
night the night-in - gale *p* Brings an- swer ere the dark. *f* The

A
night the night-in - gale *p* Brings an - swer ere the dark.

T
night the night-in - gale *p* Brings an- swer ere the dark.

B
night the night-in - gale *p* Brings an - swer ere the dark.

p *f*

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S ques- tion needs no o - ther words, And

A *f* The ques-tion needs no o - ther words, no o - ther words, And

T *f* The ques - tion needs no o - ther words, And

B *f* The ques-tion needs no o - ther words, And

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S *dim.* *rit.* this, and this is the re - ply: *p* I'll love thee, dear-est, while I *a tempo*

A *dim.* *rit.* this, and this is the re - ply: *p* I'll love thee, dear-est, while I *a tempo*

T *dim.* *rit.* this, and this is the re - ply, this the re - ply: *p* I'll love thee, dear-est, while I *a tempo*

B *dim.* *rit.* this, and this is the re - ply: *p* I'll love thee, dear-est, while I *a tempo*

S *cresc.*
live, And bless thee if I die, *f* I'll love thee, dear-est, while I

A *cresc.*
live, And bless thee if I die, *f* I'll love thee, dear-est, while I

T *cresc.*
live, And bless thee if I die, *f* I'll love thee, dear-est, while I

B *cresc.*
live, And bless thee if I die, *f* I'll love thee, dear-est, while I

S *cresc.* *poco rit.* *dim.*
live, And bless thee if I die.

A *cresc.* *dim.*
live, And bless thee if I die.

T *cresc.* *dim.*
live, And bless thee if I die.

B *cresc.* *dim.*
live, And bless thee if I die.

a tempo 25

S *p* I send a mes-sage by the rose, It says, — Thou breath-ing

A *p* I send a mes-sage by the rose, — It says, — Thou breath-ing

T *p* I send a mes-sage by the rose, — It says, — Thou breath-ing

B *p* I send a mes-sage by the rose, — It says, — Thou breath-ing

p

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S grace, — Thy mo-dest vir - tue, like this flower, — *p* Spreads — fra — grance round thy

A grace, Thy mo-dest vir — tue, like this flower, — *p* Spreads fra - grance round thy

T grace, — Thy mo-dest vir — tue, like this flower, — *p* Spreads — fra — grance round thy

B grace, Thy mo-dest vir — tue, — like this flower, — *p* Spreads fra - grance round thy

p

S place. *f* The li- ly brings the an - swer

A place. *f* The li - ly brings the an - swer meet, the an - swer

T place. *f* The li - ly brings the an - swer

B place. *f* The li - ly brings the an - swer

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S meet, O thou, O thou whom I a - dore, *dim.* *rit.* *a tempo* *p* My

A meet, O thou, O thou whom I a - dore, *dim.* *rit.* *a tempo* *p* My

T meet, O thou, O thou whom I a - dore, whom I a - dore, *dim.* *rit.* *a tempo* *p* My

B meet, O thou, O thou whom I a - dore, *dim.* *rit.* *a tempo* *p* My

40 *cresc.*

S heart is spot-less as these leaves, And loves thee e-ver - more, *f* My heart is

A heart is spot-less as these leaves, And loves thee e-ver - more, *f* My heart is

T heart is spot-less as these leaves, And loves thee e-ver - more, *f* My heart is

B heart is spot-less as these leaves, And loves thee e-ver - more, *f* My heart is

cresc. *f*

cresc. 45 *poco rit.* *dim.*

S spot - less as these leaves, And loves thee e - ver - more.

A spot - less as these leaves, And loves thee e - ver - more.

T spot - less as these leaves, And loves thee e - ver - more.

B spot - less as these leaves, And loves thee e - ver - more.

cresc. *dim.* *cresc.* *dim.* *cresc.* *dim.*

cresc. poco rit. *dim.*