The Bluebird

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Larghetto Tranquillo

Soprano

The lake lay blue below the hill, the

The lake lay blue below the hill, the

The lake lay blue below the hill, the

The lake lay blue below the hill, the

blue,

The lake lay blue below the hill, below the hill

The lake lay blue below the hill, below the hill

The lake lay blue below the hill, below the hill

The lake lay blue below the hill, below the hill

This edition may be readily printed, copied and performed without charge.
o’er it, as I look’d, there flew a-cross the wa-ters, cold and still, a bird

lay blue, lay blue, lay blue, lay blue, lay blue, lay blue

cold and still, there cold and still, there cold and still, there cold and still, there

whose wings were palest blue. whose wings were palest blue. whose wings were palest blue. whose wings were palest blue.

flew a bird whose wings were palest blue. The flew a bird whose wings were palest blue. The flew a bird whose wings were palest blue. The flew a bird whose wings were palest blue. The
Blue,

sky above was blue at last, the sky beneath me

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sky above was blue at last, the sky beneath me

blue, a moment ere the bird had

blue in blue, was blue in blue,

blue in blue, was blue in blue,

blue in blue, was blue in blue,

blue in blue, was blue in blue,

blue in blue, was blue in blue,
pass'd, it caught his image, his image
blue in blue, it caught, it caught his image, his image
blue in blue, it caught, it caught his image, his image
blue in blue, it caught, it caught his image, his image
blue in blue, it caught, it caught his image, his image
blue in blue, it caught, it caught his image, as

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as he flew.
Blue.

as he flew. The lake lay blue below the hill.

as he flew. The lake lay blue below the hill.

as he flew. The lake lay blue below the hill.

he flew. The lake lay blue below the hill.