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The Song of the Blacksmith

Gustav Holst
(1874-1934)

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Soprano (S) Alto (A) Tenor (T) Bass (B)

Kang kang kang ki ki kang kang
Kang kang kang ki ki kang kang
Kang kang kang ki ki kang kang
Kang kang kang ki ki kang kang

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Soprano (S) Alto (A) Tenor (T) Bass (B)

kang kang kang ki ki kang kang
kang kang kang ki ki kang kang
kang kang kang ki ki kang kang
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Soprano (S) vocal line:

dim. kang kang kang ki ki kang kang kang kang
ki ki kang kang

Alto (A) vocal line:

mf For the

Tenor (T) vocal line:

dim. kang kang kang ki ki kang kang kang kang
ki ki kang kang

Bass (B) vocal line:

dim. kang kang kang ki ki kang kang kang kang
ki ki kang kang

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Soprano (S) vocal line:

p kang kang kang ki ki kang kang kang kang
ki ki kang kang

Alto (A) vocal line:

black-smith court-ed me, nine months and bet-ter; And

Tenor (T) vocal line:

p kang kang kang ki ki kang kang kang kang
ki ki kang kang

Bass (B) vocal line:

p kang kang kang ki ki kang kang kang kang
ki ki kang kang

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Soprano (S) vocal line:

kang kang kang ki ki kang kang kang kang
ki ki kang kang

Alto (A) vocal line:

first he won my heart, till he wrote to me a let-ter, With his

Tenor (T) vocal line:

kang kang kang ki ki kang kang kang kang
ki ki kang kang

Bass (B) vocal line:

kang kang kang ki ki kang kang kang kang
ki ki kang kang

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Soprano (S) Alto (A) Tenor (T) Bass (B)

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Soprano (S): kang kang kang kang kang
Alto (A): ham - mer in his hand, for he strikes so migh - ty and clev - er, He
Tenor (T): kang kang kang kang kang
Bass (B): kang kang kang kang kang

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Soprano (S): kang kang kang ki ki kang kang kang ki ki kang For the
Alto (A): makes the sparks to fly all round his mid - dle,
Tenor (T): kang kang kang ki ki kang kang kang ki ki kang kang
Bass (B): kang kang kang ki ki kang kang kang ki ki kang kang

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Soprano (S): black - smith court - ed me, nine months and bet - er; And
Alto (A): kang kang ki ki kang kang kang kang
Tenor (T): kang kang ki ki kang kang kang kang
Bass (B): kang kang ki ki kang kang kang kang

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S first he won_ my heart, till he wrote to me a let - ter. With his
A kang kang ki ki kang kang kang kang
T kang kang ki ki kang kang kang kang
B kang kang ki ki kang kang kang kang

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S ham - mer in__ his__ hand, as he strikes so__ migh - ty and clev - er,
A kang kang kang kang
T kang kang kang kang
B With his ham - mer in__ his__ hand, as he strikes so__ migh - ty and
cresc.
B kang kang kang kang

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S migh - ty and clev - er, migh - ty and clev - er. kang kang kang kang kang kang
A kang kang kang kang kang kang kang kang
T kang kang kang kang kang kang kang kang
B clev - er, migh - ty and clev - er, migh - ty and clev - er. kang kang kang kang kang kang
B kang kang kang kang kang kang kang kang

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Soprano (S):
ki ki kang.
Alto (A):
ki ki kang For the black-smith court-ed me, nine
Tenor (T):
ki ki kang For the black-smith court-ed me, nine
Bass (B):
ki ki kang.

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Soprano (S):
kang kang
Alto (A):
months and bet-ter, And first he won-my heart, till he
Tenor (T):
kang kang months and bet-ter, And first he won-my heart, till he
Bass (B):
kang kang ki ki kang kang

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Soprano (S):
kang kang
Alto (A):
wrote to me a let-ter. With his ham-mer in his hand, for he
Tenor (T):
kang kang wrote to me a let-ter. With his ham-mer in his hand, for he
Bass (B):
kang kang ki ki kang kang

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Soprano (S) lyrics: — kang kang kang kang kang ki ki kang
Alto (A) lyrics: strikes so migh - ty and clev - er, He makes the sparks to fly all —
Tenor (T) lyrics: — kang kang kang kang kang ki ki kang
Bass (B) lyrics: — kang kang kang kang kang ki ki kang

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Soprano (S) lyrics: kang kang ki ki kang kang kang kang ki ki kang kang.
Alto (A) lyrics: round his mid - dle. kang kang ki ki kang kang kang kang ki ki kang kang.
Tenor (T) lyrics: kang kang ki ki kang kang kang kang ki ki kang kang.
Bass (B) lyrics: round his mid - dle. kang kang ki ki kang kang kang kang ki ki kang kang.

J. Curwen & Sons
(1917)

For the blacksmith courted me, nine months and better;
And first he won my heart, till he wrote to me a letter.
With his hammer in his hand, as he strikes so mighty and clever,
He makes the sparks to fly all around his middle.

Hampshire Folksong
Collected by George Barnet Gardiner (1852-1910)

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