

The Blue Bird

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Languid ♩ = 40
pp *legato*

Alto 1
 Lake lay blue.

Alto 2
 Lake lay blue.

Tenor 1
pp *legato*
 The lake lay blue.

Tenor 2
pp *legato*
 The lake lay blue.

Baritone
pp *legato*
 The lake lay blue.

Bass
p *legato*
 The lake lay blue.

Più mosso ♩ = 90
A *p*

A1.
 The lake lay blue The lake lay

A2.
p
 The lake lay blue be - low the hill.

T1.
mp *mf* *p*
 The lake lay blue be - low the hill, lay blue be -

T2.
mp *mf* *p*
 The lake lay blue be - low the hill, so blue.

Bar.
p
 The lake, the lake lay blue be - low the hill.

B.
p
 The lake lay blue, lay blue, blue be - low the hill.

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A1. *mp* blue be - low the hill. *mf* So cold and still. *p* *rall.*

A2. *mp* O'er it, as I looked, there flew a - cross the wat - ers, cold and still, *p*

T1. *mp* low the hill. O'er it as I looked, the wat - ers, so cold and still, *p*

T2. *mp* O'er it, as I looked, a - cross the wat - ers still, *p*

Bar. *mp* O'er it as I looked, there flew a - cross the wat - ers, still, *p*

B. *mp* As I looked a - cross the wat - ers, so still, *p*

♩ = 90

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A1. *p* A bird of pal - est blue, pal - est blue. *p* *rall.* *pp*

A2. *mp* a bird whose wings were pal - est blue, pal - est blue. *p* *pp*

T1. *p* bird whose wings were blue, pal - est blue. *p* *pp*

T2. *p* bird whose wings were blue, pal - est blue. *p* *pp*

Bar. *p* bird whose wings were pal - est blue, pal - est blue. *pp*

B. *p* bird whose wings were blue, blue. *pp*

Tempo primo

25 **B** ♩ = 90 *p*

A1. The sky a - bove _____ was blue at

A2. _____ The sky a - bove was blue at last, blue at

T1. The sky a - bove was blue at last, blue at last, blue at

T2. _____ Blue at last, blue at last the

Bar. The sky a - bove _____ was blue at last,

B. The sky _____ a - bove was blue, was blue at last,

31 *rall.* *p*

A1. last, blue in blue, blue in blue.

A2. last, blue, blue in blue. *p subito* *pp* *pp* A

T1. last, blue, blue in blue. *p subito* *pp*

T2. sky be-neath me blue in blue, blue in blue, blue in blue. *p subito* *p* *pp*

Bar. at last. sky be-neath me blue. *p*

B. blue _____ in blue.

Meno mosso ♩ = 80

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pp *leggiero*
38

A1. Mo - ment, mo - ment, ere the bird had
leggiero

A2. mo - ment, a mo - ment, ere the bird had

T1. Mo - ment, mo - ment, bird had,
pp *leggiero*

T2. Mo - ment, mo - ment, bird had
pp *leggiero*

Bar. Mo - ment, mo - ment, bird had
pp *leggiero*

B. Mo - ment, mo - ment, bird had
pp *leggiero*

41 *rall.* *mp* *p* (♩ = 70) *rall.* niente

A1. passed, it caught his im - age as he flew. niente
mp *mp*

A2. passed, it caught his im - age as he flew. niente
mp *p*

T1. ere the bird had passed, his im - age as he flew. niente
mp *p*

T2. passed, it caught his im - age as he flew. niente
mp *p*

Bar. passed, his im - age as he flew. niente
mp *p*

B. passed, his im - age as he flew. niente
mp *p*