

The Lover's Ghost

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Trad. English

Ralph Vaughan Williams
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Lento ma non troppo (♩ = 54)

Soprano *p* (mel.)
Well met, well met my own true love; Long time I have been ab - sent from

Alto *p*
Well met, well met my own true love; Long time I have been ab - sent from

Tenor *p*
Well met, well met my own true love; Long time I have been ab - sent from

Bass *p*
Well met, well met my own true love; Long time I have been ab - sent from

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S. *p*
thee. I am late - ly come from the salt sea, And 'tis

A. *p*
thee. I am late - ly come from the salt sea, And 'tis

T. *p*
thee. I am late - ly come from the salt sea, And 'tis

B. *p*
thee. I am late - ly come from the salt sea, And 'tis

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S. *pp*
all for the sake, my love, of thee. I

A. *pp*
all for the sake, my love, of thee. I

T. *pp*
all for the sake, my love, of thee. I

B. *pp*
all for the sake, my love, of thee.

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A (mel.)

S. have three ships all on the salt sea, And one of them has brought me to

A. have three ships all on the salt sea, And one of them has brought me to

T. have three ships all on the salt sea. I've

B.

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S. land. I've four and twenty mariners on board; You

A. land. I've four and twenty mariners on board; You shall have

T. four and twenty mariners on board; You shall have

B.

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B

S. shall have music at your command.

A. mu - sic, mu - sic at your com - mand.

T. mu - sic, mu - sic at your com - mand.

B. *mf* (mel.) The ship where in my

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S. *mf* *div.*
The ship where - in my love shall sail: The

A. *mf*
The ship where - in my love shall sail Is glo - rious for to be -

T. *mf*
The ship where - in my love shall sail Is glo - rious for to be - hold: The

B. *mf*
love shall sail Is glo - rious for to be - hold: The

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S. *f*
sails shall be of shin - ing silk, The mast shall be of the fine beat - en

A. *f*
hold: The sails shall be of shin - ing silk, The mast of the fine beat - en

T. *f*
sails shall be of shin - ing silk, The mast shall be of the fine beat -

B. *f*
sails shall be of shin - ing silk, The mast shall be of the fine beat - en

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S. *dim.* *pp* *pp*
gold. And

A. *dim.* *pp*
gold. I might have had a King's daugh - ter, And

T. *dim.* *pp* *pp*
en gold. And fain she would have

B. *dim.* *pp*
gold.

C

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S. *cresc. poco a poco*
 fain she would have mar - ried me; But I for sook her crown of

A. *cresc. poco a poco*
 fain she would have mar - ried me; But I for-sook her crown of gold, And 'tis

T. *cresc. poco a poco*
 mar - ried me; But I for-sook her crown of gold, her

B. *pp* *cresc. poco a poco*
 And fain she would have mar - ried me; But I for - sook her crown of

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S. *(mf)*
 gold, And 'tis all for the sake, my love, of

A. *(mf)* *f*
 all for the sake, my love, of thee, my love, of thee, my love,

T. *(mf)* *f*
 crown of gold, And 'tis all for the sake, my love, of

B. *(mf)* *f*
 gold, I for - sook her crown of gold; 'Tis all for the

rall.

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S. *f* *ff*
 thee, for the sake of thee, my love, of thee.

A. *ff*
 of thee, my love, of thee.

T. *ff*
 thee, all for the sake, my love, of thee.

B. *ff*
 sake, my love, my love, of thee.