

Heart of Spring

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Brightly (♩ = 100)

Soprano

Alto *mf*

Tenor *mf*

Bass *mf*

Piano (ad lib.) **Brightly** *mf*

8 *mf*

S O Heart of Spring! Spi-rit of light and love and joy - ous day

A joy - ous day, O Heart of Spring! So soon to faint be -

T Heart of Spring! O Heart of Spring! So

B Spring! Spi-rit of light and love and joy - ous day O Heart of Spring!

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S Still smiles the Earth,

A neath the fie - ry Sum - mer, faint be - neath the fie - ry Sum - mer: Still

T soon to faint be - neath the fie - ry Sum - mer, fie - ry Sum - mer:

B So soon, so soon to faint be - neath the fie - ry Sum - mer:

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S ea - ger for thee al - way, ea - ger for thee, ea - ger for thee al -

A smiles the Earth, ea - ger for thee al - way, ea - ger for thee al -

T Still smiles the Earth, ea - ger for thee al -

B

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S *mp* *f*
way: Welcome art thou, welcome art thou, so e - ver short thy stay,

A *mp* *f* *mp*
way: Welcome art thou, welcome art thou, so e - ver short thy stay, Thou

T *mp* *f* *mp*
way: Welcome art thou, welcome art thou, so e - ver short thy stay, Thou

B *f* *mp*
Welcome art thou, welcome art thou, so e - ver short thy stay, Thou

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S *mp*
thou blithe, thou bold, thou blithe new - co - mer, new-

A
bold, thou blithe, thou bold, thou blithe new - co - mer, new-

T
bold, thou blithe, thou bold, thou blithe new - co - mer, new-

B
bold, thou bold, thou blithe new - co - mer, new-

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S
co - - mer! Whi - ther, oh whi - ther, whi - ther, oh whi - ther,

A
co - - mer! Whi - ther, oh whi - ther, whi - ther, oh whi - ther,

T
co - - mer! Whi - ther, oh whi - ther, whi - ther, oh whi - ther,

B
co - - mer! Whi - ther, oh whi - ther, whi - ther, oh whi - ther,

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S
this thy jour - ney - ing, jour - ney - ing, O Heart of Spring, O Heart of

A
this thy jour - ney - ing, jour - ney - ing, O Heart of

T
this thy jour - ney - ing, jour - ney - ing, O Heart of

B
this thy jour - ney - ing, jour - ney - ing,

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S
Spring, O Heart, O Heart, O Heart of Spring! Ah

A
Spring, O Heart, O Heart, O Heart of Spring! O Heart of Spring! Af-ter the

T
Spring, O Heart, O Heart, O Heart of Spring! Ah Ah

B
O Heart, O Heart, O Heart of Spring! Ah Ah

Slower (♩ = 90)
mp

mf

mp

mp

Slower

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S
Ah Ah the stor - my days of Win-ter's reign

A
stor - my days of Win-ter's reign, the stor - my days of Win-ter's reign

T
Ah Ah Ah

B
Ah Ah Ah

mf

76

S *mp* When the

A *mp* When the

T *mp* When the keen winds their last la - ment, their last la - ment are sigh - ing,

B When the keen winds their last la - ment, their last la - ment are sigh - ing

mp

85

S keen winds their last la - ment, their last la - ment are sigh - ing

A keen winds their last la - ment, their last la - ment are sigh - ing *mf*

T *mf* their last la - ment, their last la - ment are sigh - ing The

B

mf

92

mf

S *mf* The

A *mf* The Sun shall raise thee up to life a -

T *mf* Sun shall raise thee up to life a - gain, shall raise thee up to life, The

B

100

S Sun shall raise thee up to life a - gain, shall raise thee up to life a -

A gain, shall raise thee up to life, The Sun shall raise thee up to life a -

T *mf* Sun shall raise thee up to life a - gain, shall raise thee up to life a -

B *mf* The Sun shall raise thee up to life a -

S gain: In thy dim death, in thy dim death thou *p*

A gain: In thy dim death, in thy dim death thou *p*

T gain: In thy dim death, in thy dim death thou *p*

B gain: In thy dim death, in thy dim death thou *p*

S shalt not suf - fer pain: Sure-ly thou dost not, dost not fear this *mf*

A shalt not suf - fer pain: Sure-ly thou dost not, dost not fear this *mf*

T shalt not suf - fer pain: Sure-ly thou dost not, dost not fear this *mf*

B shalt not suf - fer pain: Sure-ly thou dost not, sure-ly thou dost not fear this *mf*

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S
qui - et dy - ing? Whi - ther, oh whi - ther, whi - ther, oh whi - ther,

A
qui - et dy - ing? Whi-ther, oh whi - ther, whi-ther, oh whi - ther,

T
8
qui - et dy - ing? Whi - ther, oh whi - ther, whi - ther, oh whi - ther,

B
qui - et dy - ing? Whi-ther, oh whi - ther, whi-ther, oh whi - ther,

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S
blithe - ly jour - ney - ing, jour - ney - ing, O Heart of Spring, O Heart of Spring, O

A
blithe - ly jour - ney - ing, jour - ney - ing, O Heart of Spring,

T
8
blithe - ly jour - ney - ing, jour - ney - ing, O

B
blithe - ly jour - ney - ing, jour - ney - ing, O Heart of Spring, O

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Tempo primo (♩ = 100)

S Heart, O Heart, O Heart of Spring!

A O Heart, O Heart, O Heart of Spring! *mf* O Heart of

T⁸ Heart, O Heart, O Heart of Spring! *mf* O Heart of Spring! Youth's em - blem,

B Heart, O Heart, O Heart of Spring!

Tempo primo

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mf

S O Heart of Spring! Youth's em - blem,

A Spring! Youth's em - blem, an - cient as un - chang - ing light, O Heart of Spring!

T⁸ an - cient as un - chang - ing light, O Heart of Spring! O

B *mf* O Heart of Spring! Youth's em - blem, an - cient as un -

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S an - cient as un - changing light,

A Un - com - pre - hen - ded, un - con - sumed, still burn - ing, un - con -

T Heart of Spring! Un - com - pre - hen - ded, un - con - sumed, still

B chang - ing light, O Heart of Spring! Un - com - pre - hen - ded, un - con -

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S Oh that we could, as thee, rise from the night, as thee, rise

A sumed, still burn - ing, burn - ing: Oh that we could, as thee, rise from the

T burn - ing, still burn - ing: Oh that we

B sumed, still burn - ing, burn - ing:

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S from the night, rise from the night To find a world of blos-soms li - lac-

A night, as thee, rise from the night To find a world of blos-soms li - lac-

T could, as thee, rise from the night To find a world of blos-soms li - lac-

B To find a world of blos - soms li - lac - white

180

S white And longwinged swal - lows un - a - fraid re - turning, re - turning, re -

A white And longwinged swal - lows un - a - fraid re - tur - ning, un - a - fraid re -

T white And longwinged swal-lows un - a - fraid re -

B And longwinged swal - lows un - a - fraid re - turning, re -

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S tur - ning. Whi - ther, oh whi - ther, whi - ther, oh whi - ther, this thy

A tur - ning. Whi - ther, oh whi - ther, whi - ther, oh whi - ther, this thy

T tur - ning. Whi - ther, oh whi - ther, whi - ther, oh whi - ther, this thy

B tur - ning. Whi - ther, oh whi - ther, whi - ther, oh whi - ther, this thy

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S *f* jour - ney - ing, jour - ney - ing, O Heart of Spring, O Heart of Spring, O *Slower* ($\text{♩} = 84$)

A *f* jour - ney - ing, jour - ney - ing, O Heart of Spring, O

T *f* jour - ney - ing, jour - ney - ing, O Heart of Spring, O

B *f* jour - ney - ing, jour - ney - ing, O *Slower*

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S
Heart, O Heart, O Heart, O Heart of Spring! *f*

A
Heart, O Heart, O Heart, O Heart of Spring! *f*

T
Heart, O Heart, O Heart, O Heart of Spring! *f*

B
Heart, O Heart, O Heart, O Heart of Spring! *f*

The musical score consists of five staves. The top four staves are for the voices: Soprano (S), Alto (A), Tenor (T), and Bass (B). Each voice part has a melodic line with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "Heart, O Heart, O Heart, O Heart of Spring!". The piano part is on the bottom staff, with a treble clef and a bass clef. The piano part features a melodic line in the right hand and a harmonic accompaniment in the left hand. The piece concludes with a forte (f) dynamic marking.

O HEART of Spring!
 Spirit of light and love and joyous day
 So soon to faint beneath the fiery Summer:
 Still smiles the Earth, eager for thee alway:
 Welcome art thou, so ever short thy stay,
 Thou bold, thou blithe newcomer!
 Whither, oh whither this thy journeying,
 O Heart of Spring!

 O Heart of Spring!
 After the stormy days of Winter's reign
 When the keen winds their last lament are sighing
 The Sun shall raise thee up to life again:
 In thy dim death thou shalt not suffer pain:
 Surely thou dost not fear this quiet dying?
 Whither, oh whither blithely journeying,
 O Heart of Spring!

 O Heart of Spring!
 Youth's emblem, ancient as unchanging light,
 Uncomprehended, unconsumed, still burning:
 Oh that we could, as thee, rise from the night
 To find a world of blossoms lilac-white
 And long-winged swallows unafraid returning . . .
 Whither, oh whither this thy journeying,
 O Heart of Spring!