



Tell me where is
fancy bred?

Ciro Pinsuti

(1829-1888)

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Allegro moderato

Soprano (S): Tell me where is fan - cy bred? Or in the heart or in the
Alto (A): Tell me where is fan - cy bred? Or in the heart or in the
Tenor (T): Tell me where is fan - cy bred? Or in the heart or in the
Bass (B): Tell me where is fan - cy bred? Or in the heart or in the

Soprano (S): head? How be - got, how nou - rish - ed? how be -
Alto (A): head? How be - got, how nou - rish - ed? how be -
Tenor (T): head? How be - got, how nou - rish - ed?
Bass (B): head? How be - got,

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S got, how nourish-ed? Re - ply, re -
A got, how nourish-ed? Re - ply, re -
T how be - got, Re - ply, re -
B how be - got, how nourish-ed? Re - ply, re -
ply,

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S ply, re - ply, Tell me where is fan - cy
A re - ply, re - ply, Tell me where is fan - cy
T re - ply, re - ply, Tell me where is fan - cy
B re - ply, re - ply, Tell me where is fan - cy

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S bred? Or in the heart or in the head?
A bred? Or in the heart or in the head?
T bred? Or in the heart or in the head? How be -
B bred? Or in the heart or in the head? How be -

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Soprano (S) *sempre pp*
 Alto (A) *sempre pp*
 Tenor (T)
 Bass (B)

How be-got,
how nou - rish - ed?
how be-got,
got,
how nou - rish - ed?
how be - got,
got,
how nou - rish - ed?
how be - got,
how

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

how nou - rish - ed? Re - ply, re - ply, re - ply, re -
how nou - rish - ed? Re - ply, re - ply, re - ply,
nou - rish - ed? Re - ply, re - ply, re -
nou - rish - ed? Re - ply, re - ply, re -

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

dolce cantabile
 p
 It is en - gen - der'd in the
 re -
 re -
 re -
 re -

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S eyes, With gaz - ing fed, with gaz - ing fed, And

A eyes, with gaz - ing fed, And

T It is en - gen-der'd in the eyes, With gaz - ing, with gaz - ing fed, And

B in the eyes, with gaz - ing fed, And

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S fan - cy dies In the cra - dle where it lies, _____ And

A fan - cy dies In the cra - dle where it lies, _____ And

T ⁸ fan - cy dies In the cra - dle where it lies, _____ And

B fan - cy dies In the cra - dle where it lies, _____ And

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S all ring fan - cy's knell, let us all ring fan - cy's

A all ring fan - cy's knell, let us all ring fan - cy's

T all ring fan - cy's knell, let us all ring fan - cy's

B all ring fan - cy's knell, let us all ring fan - cy's

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S knell, I'll be - gin it, I'll be - gin it,

A knell, I'll be - gin it, I'll be - gin it,

T knell, I'll be - gin it, I'll be - gin it,

B knell, I'll be - gin it,

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S Ding dong bell, ding, ding, ding, ding dong bell, ding,

A Ding dong bell, ding, ding, ding, ding dong bell, ding,

T Ding dong bell, ding, ding, ding, ding dong bell, ding,

B Ding dong bell, ding, ding, ding, ding dong

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Soprano (S): ding, ding, ding, dong
Alto (A): ding, ding, ding, dong
Tenor (T): ding, ding, ding, ding, ding, dong
Bass (B): bell,
 ding, ding, dong
 bell, ding, ding, ding, ding, dong

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Soprano (S): bell,
 ding, ding, dong, bell.
Alto (A): bell,
 ding, ding, dong, bell.
Tenor (T): bell,
 ding, ding, dong, bell.
Bass (B): bell, ding, ding, dong
 bell, ding, ding, dong
 bell.

Novello, Ewer, and Co.
(1880)

Ciro Ercole Pinsuti, *il cavaliere*, (1829-1888) was born in Sinalunga, Siena, Italy, and grounded in music and piano studies by his father. His public debut was at age ten and at eleven he was made honorary member of the Accademia Filharmonica. He then studied piano, composition and violin in England for five years. Returning to Italy, he entered the Conservatorio at Bologna and was a private pupil of Rossini. He moved back to England in 1848 and became a teacher of singing. In 1856 he was appointed a professor at the Academy of Music in London. He became well known as a composer with three operas, but was especially recognized for composing over 230 songs, 35 duets, 14 trios and 45 part-songs which were great favorites with the singing societies of England. In 1878, King Humbert created him a knight of the Italian crown. He died in Florence.

Tell me where is Fancy bred,
Or in the heart or in the head?
How begot, how nourishèd?
 Reply, reply.
It is engender'd in the eyes,
With gazing fed; and Fancy dies
In the cradle where it lies.
 Let us all ring Fancy's knell:
 I'll begin it,
Ding, dong, bell.

Merchant of Venice
Act 3, Scene 2
William Shakespeare (1564–1616)

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