

To the Mac Dowell Club Chorus, Boston

A Birthday

Three-part Song for Treble Voices

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Allegro, non troppo, ma con brio

SOPRANO I *mf*

SOPRANO II My

ALTO

heart is like a sing-ing bird, Whose nest is in a water'd

My heart is like a sing-ing bird, Whose

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shoot; My heart is like an ap - ple-tree, My *cresc.*

nest is in a wa-ter'd shoot; My heart is like an *cresc.*

nest is in a wa-ter'd shoot; My heart is like an *cresc.*

heart is like an ap - ple-tree, Whose boughs are bent with
 ap - ple-tree, an ap - ple-tree, Whose boughs are bent with
 ap - ple-tree, an ap - ple-tree, Whose boughs are bent with

thick - - set fruit;
 thick - - set fruit; My
 thick - - set fruit;

That pad - dles in a
 heart is like a rain - bow shell, That pad - dles in a
 That pad - dles in a

cresc. *f*
hal - cyon sea; My heart is gladder than all these,
cresc. *f*
hal - cyon sea; My heart is glad - der than all these,
cresc. *f*
hal - cyon sea; My heart is glad - der than all these, Be -

cresc. *f* *p*

p *sempre cresc.*
Be - cause my love is
p *sempre cresc.*
my love is come, Be - cause my love is
sempre cresc.
cause my love is come to me, Be - cause my love is

poco agitato *sempre cresc.*

ff rall. *ten.*
come to me, Be - cause my love is come to
ff rall. *ten.*
come to me, Be - cause my love is come to
ff rall. *ten.*
come to me, Be - cause my love is come to

ff rall.

a tempo

me.

me.

me.

f a tempo

Raise me a dais of silk and down,

Hang it with rare and purple

Raise me a dais of silk and down,

Raise me a dais of silk and down,

dyes,

Carve it with doves and pomegran - ites,

Hang it with rare and pur-ple dyes,

Carve it with doves and pome-

Hang it with rare and pur-ple dyes,

Carve it with doves and pome-

cresc. *mf*

Carve it with doves and pome-gran - ites, And pea-cocks with a hun - dred

cresc. *mf*

gran - ites, pome - gran - ites, And pea-cocks with a hun - dred

cresc. *mf*

gran - ites, pome - gran - ites, And pea-cocks with a hun - dred

mf

eyes. In

mf

eyes. Work it in gold and sil - ver grapes, In

mf

eyes. In

f *mf*

cresc.

leaves and sil - ver fleur - de - lis, Be-cause the birthday of my

cresc.

leaves and sil - ver fleur - de - lis, Becausethebirth - day of

cresc.

leaves and sil - ver fleur - de - lis, Becausethebirth - day of

cresc.

life Is come: my

life Is come: *mp* my love is come, my

life. Is come: *p* my love is come, is come to me, my

ff *p* *poco agitato*

cresc. sempre *ff allarg.*

love is come, is come to me, my love is come, is

cresc. sempre *ff allarg.*

love is come, is come to me, my love is come, is

cresc. sempre *ff allarg.*

love is come, is come to me, my love is come, is

ff allarg.

Animato

come to me!

come to me!

come to me!

ff Animato

Red. *