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A BIRTHDAY

✱ Song ✱

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A BIRTHDAY.

My heart is like a singing bird
Whose nest is in a watered shoot ;
My heart is like an apple tree
Whose boughs are bent with thick-set fruit ;
My heart is like a rainbow shell
That paddles in a halcyon sea ;
My heart is gladder than all these
Because my love is come to me.

Raise me a daïs of silk and down ;
Hang it with vair and purple dyes ;
Carve it in doves and pomegranates,
And peacocks with a hundred eyes ;
Work it in gold and silver grapes,
In leaves and silver fleurs-de-lys ;
Because the birthday of my life
Is come, my love is come to me.

CHRISTINA ROSSETTI.

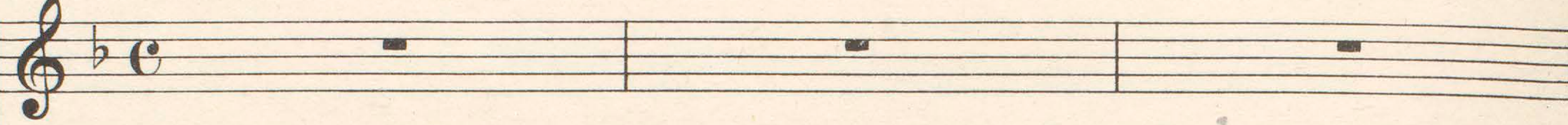
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Giajoso.

Voice. 

Piano. 

Vivace.

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nest is..... in a wa-tered shoot; My heart is like an ap - ple



tree..... Whose boughs are bent with thick - set fruit; My

poco rit. *a tempo* *p*

poco rit.

heart is like a rain - bow shell..... That pad - dles in a hal - cyon

con grazia *rall.*

p *rall.*

sea;..... My heart is glad - der than all..... these Be -

mf a tempo

colla voce *mf* *colla voce*

- cause my love is come to me.

f *senza rit.* *molto rall. cresc.*

f

Raise me a dais of silk and

p *leggiero*

f

down; Hang it with vair and pur - ple

dyes; Carve it in doves and pome -

Ad.

gran - ates, And peacocks with a hun - dred eyes;

rall.

rall. *a tempo* *rall*

p a tempo con grazia

Work it in gold and sil-ver grapes,..... In leaves and sil-ver fleur-de-

p a tempo

cresc a tempo

-lys,..... Be-cause the birth-day of my life is come, Be-

rall. rit. colla voce a tempo.

molto cresc

cause the birth-day of my life is come, be-cause my love.....

molto cresc colla voce ff

..... is come..... to me.....

molto rall. sempre cresc. f ff ff fp

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