

Sure On This Shining Night

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Flowing, tempo rubato (♩ = ca. 72) *poco rit.* a tempo

Piano *p espressivo*

rit. a tempo *mp*

Sure on this shin - ing

mp

Sure on this shin - ing

a tempo

rit.

poco rit. *

night of star-made shad-ows round, kind-ness must watch for me this side the ground, on this

night of star-made shad-ows round, kind-ness must watch for me this side the ground, on this

poco rit.

*Omit if the low As are out of range.

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10 *a tempo* *rit. a tempo*

shin - - - ing night, this shin

shin - - - ing night, this shin

a tempo *rit. a tempo*

Red. *Red.* *Red.* *Red.* *Red.*

13 *rit. a tempo rit.*

- - - ing night.

- - - ing night.

rit. a tempo rit.

Red. *Red.* *Red.* *Red.* *Red.*

16 **B** *a tempo mp*

S Sure on this shin-ing night of star-made shad-ows round, kind-ness must watch for me this

A Sure on this shin-ing night of star-made shad-ows round, kind-ness must watch for me this

T Sure on this shin-ing night, sure on this shin - ing

B Sure on this shin-ing

B *a tempo*

Red. *Red.* *Red.* *Red.* *Red.*

22

*Omit if the low As are out of range.

T
B

mp
mp

The late year lies —
The late year lies —

Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped.

28

(no breath)

down the north, All — is healed, all — is health. High
down the north, All — is healed, all — is health. High

Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped.

31

S
A
T
B

mp
mp

The late year lies — down the north, All — is
The late year lies — down the north, All — is
sum-mer holds the earth. — Hearts all whole. All — is healed, —
sum-mer holds the earth. — Hearts all whole. All — is healed, —

Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped.

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meno mosso *rit.* **D** *a tempo*
f

whole. _____ Sure on this shin - ing night, sure on this shin - ing,

f

whole. _____ Sure on this shin - ing night, sure on this

f

whole. _____ Sure on this shin - ing night, sure on this

f

whole. _____ Sure on this shin - ing night, sure on this

meno mosso *rit.* **D** *a tempo*
f

Red.

Red.

40

rit. *a tempo* *ff*

shin - - ing night, — sure on this shin - - -

shin - - - ing night, sure on this shin - - -

shin - - - ing night, sure on this shin - - -

shin - - - ing night, sure on this shin - - -

ff

Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped.

43

rit. *mp* *a tempo* *p*

- ing night. I weep for won-der wan-d'ring far a - lone — of

- ing night. I weep — a - lone — of

- ing night. I weep for won-der wan-d'ring far a - lone — of

- ing night. I weep — a - lone — of

rit. *a tempo* *mp* *p*

Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped.

meno mosso

rit.

molto rit.

E **Molto meno mosso,**
with a sense of wonder
ppp hushed

ppp ~~hushed~~

molto lunga

46

shad - ows on the stars. Sure on this

shad - ows on the stars.

shad - ows on the stars.

shad - ows on the stars. Sure on this shin-ing

meno mosso rit.

molto rit. molto lunga (no break)

E *Molto meno mosso, with a sense of wonder*

ppp

Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped.

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The musical score is for a piece titled "The Star of Bethlehem". It is written for voice and piano. The key signature has four flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat, D-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The score is divided into two systems. The first system contains the vocal melody and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line begins with the lyrics "shin-ing night, this shin-ing night, on this" and includes a fermata over the word "shin". The piano accompaniment features a bass line with a fermata and a treble line with a fermata. The second system continues the vocal melody with the lyrics "Sure on this shin-ing night, on this" and includes a fermata over the word "shin". The piano accompaniment continues with a bass line and a treble line. The score is marked with "ppp hushed" and "Ped." (Pedal) at the end of the piece.

shin-ing night, this shin-ing night, on this

ppp hushed

Sure on this shin-ing night, on this

ppp hushed

Sure on this shin-ing night, on this

night of star-made shadows round, kind-ness must watch for me this side the ground, on this

Ped.

*Omit if the low As are out of range.

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shin - - - ing night, this shin - -

shin - - - ing night, this shin - -

shin - - - ing night, this shin - -

shin - - - ing night, this shin - -

56

*rit.***F** *Meno mosso*

- - - ing night,

- - - ing night,

- - - ing night,

- - - ing night,

rit.

F *Meno mosso*

p

Ped.

Ped.

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*meno mosso**rit.**molto meno mosso*

sure / on this shin - ing

sure on this shin - ing

sure on this shin - ing

sure on this shin - ing

*meno mosso**rit.**molto meno mosso*

Ped.

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Tempo I*rit.**molto rit.**lunga*

night.

night.

night.

night.

Tempo I*rit.**molto rit.**lunga**mp**p*

Ped.

Ped.

Ped.

(for Jama)
(ca. 4'45")