

# Sure On This Shining Night

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Flowing, tempo rubato ( $\text{♩} = \text{ca. } 72$ )      *poco rit.*      a tempo

Piano *p espressivo*

4 *rit.*      a tempo *mp*

T Sure on this shin - ing

B *mp* Sure on this shin - ing

7 *rit.*      a tempo

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.*

*Ped.* *Ped.* *Ped.* *Ped.* *Ped.*

**A**

\*Omit if the low As are out of range.

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10 *a tempo* *rit. a tempo*

shin - - - ing night, this shin

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*a tempo* *rit. a tempo*

Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped.

13 *rit. a tempo rit.*

- ing night.

- ing night.

*rit. a tempo rit.*

Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped.

16 **B** *a tempo mp*

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

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

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

Sure on this shin-ing

**B** *a tempo*

Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped.

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side the ground, on this shin ing night, this

side the ground, on this shin ing night, this

night, sure on this shin-ing night, this

night, sure on this shin ing night, this

Ped. Ped. Ped.

*rit.*

22

shin ing night.

shin ing night.

shin ing night.

shin ing night.

a tempo *molto rit.* a tempo

a tempo *mp* a tempo

Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped.

**C**

\*Omit if the low As are out of range.

25

T *mp* The late year lies —

B *mp* 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 *mp* The late year lies — down the north, All — is

A *mp* The late year lies — down the north, All — is

T sum-mer holds the earth. — Hearts all whole. All — is healed, —

B sum-mer holds the earth. — Hearts all whole. All — is healed, —

34

(no breath)

healed, \_\_\_\_\_ all is health. High sum-mer holds the earth. Hearts all

healed, \_\_\_\_\_ all is health. High sum-mer holds the earth. Hearts all

\_\_\_\_\_ all is health, all is health. High sum-mer holds the earth. Hearts all

\_\_\_\_\_ all is health, all is health. High sum-mer holds the earth. Hearts all

Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped.

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*meno mosso*

*rit.*

**D** a tempo

whole. \_\_\_\_\_ Sure on this shin - ing night, sure on this shin - ing,

whole. \_\_\_\_\_ Sure on this shin - ing night, sure on this

whole. \_\_\_\_\_ Sure on this shin - ing night, sure on this

whole. \_\_\_\_\_ Sure on this shin - ing night, sure on this

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

Ped. Ped.

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

*rit.*

*a tempo*

*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

*mp*

*p*

ing night. I weep a - lone of

*mp*

*p*

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

*mp*

*p*

ing night. I weep a - lone of

*a tempo*

*rit.*

*mp*

*p*

Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped.

meno mosso rit.

molto rit. molto lunga

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

46

shad - ows on the stars. Sure on this

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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

Ped. Ped. Ped. *ppp* Ped.

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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

52

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")