

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*
A Sure on this shin - ing
a tempo

7 *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 - -

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.*

19

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

rit.

rit.

Ped. ———— Ped. ———— Ped. ————

22

a tempo *molto rit.* **C** *a tempo*

shin — — — ing night.

shin — — — ing night.

shin — — — ing night.

shin — — — ing night.

a tempo *molto rit.* **C** *a tempo*

mp

Ped. ———— Ped. ———— Ped. ———— Ped. ———— Ped. ———— Ped. ————

*Omit if the low As are out of range.

25

T *mp* The late year lies —

B *mp* The late year lies —

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.

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, —

Ped.

34 (no breath) *mf*

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

mf

Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped.

37 *meno mosso rit. a tempo f*

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. a tempo f

Ped. Ped.

40

rit. **ff** **a tempo**

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. **ff** **a tempo**

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.

46 *meno mosso rit.* *molto rit. molto lunga* **E** *Molto meno mosso, with a sense of wonder* *ppp hushed*

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

49 *ppp hushed* *ppp hushed*

shin - ing night, this shin - ing night, on this
 Sure on this shin - ing night, on this
 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. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped.

*Omit if the low As are out of range.

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.*

59 *meno mosso* *rit.* *molto meno mosso* *p*

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.

62 *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")