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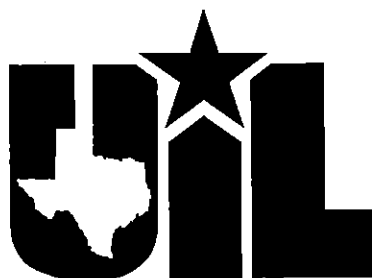
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Soprano
A bird came down the walk; He did not know I

Alto
A bird came down the walk; He did not know I

Tenor
A bird came down the walk; did not know I

Bass
A bird came down the walk; did not know I

Piano (rehearsal only)

S
saw; He bit an an - gle worm in halves, and

A
saw; He bit an an - gle worm in halves, and

T
saw; He bit an an - gle worm in halves, and

B
saw; He bit an an - gle worm in halves, and

Pno.

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7 8 *mp* 9 10

S
ate the fel - low, raw. And then he drank a dew from a

A
ate the fel - low, raw. And then he drank a dew from a

T
ate the fel - low, raw. And then he drank a dew from a

B
ate the fel - low, raw. And then he drank a dew from a

Pno.

11 12 13

S
con - ven - ient grass, And then hopped side - wise to the

A
con - ven - ient grass. And then hopped side - wise to the

T
con - ven - ient grass. And then hopped side - wise to the

B
con - ven - ient grass. And then hopped side - wise to the

Pno.

14 15 16 *mf* 17

S
wall, to let a bee - tle pass. He glanced with ra - pid

A
wall, to let a bee - tle pass. He glanced with ra - pid

T
wall, to let a bee - tle pass. He glanced with ra - pid

B
wall, to let a bee - tle pass. He glanced with ra - pid

Pno.

18 19 20

S
eyes that hur - ried all a - broad. They

A
eyes that hur - ried all a - broad. They

T
eyes a - broad, a - broad. They

B
eyes a - broad, a - broad. They

Pno.

21 22 23 24

S
looked like fright-ened beads, I thought, and stirred his vel - vet head. Like

A
looked like fright-ened beads, I thought, and stirred his vel - vet head.

T
looked like fright-ened beads, I thought, and stirred his vel - vet head.

B
looked like fright-ened beads, I thought, and stirred his vel - vet head.

Pno.

25 26 27

S
one in dan - ger cau - tious, I off - ered him a

A
in dan - ger cau - tious, I off - ered him a

T
I off - ered him a

B
I off - ered him a

Pno.

28 29 30

S
crumb. And he un - rolled his feath - ers, And

A
crumb. He un - rolled his feath - ers, And

T
crumb. And he un - rolled his feath - ers, And

B
crumb. his feath - ers, And

Pno.

31 rit. 32 a tempo mp 33 cresc. 34

S
rowed him soft - er home. Then oars di - vide the o - cean, too

A
rowed him soft - er home. Then oars di - vide the o - cean, too

T
rowed him soft - er home. Then oars di - vide the o - cean, too

B
rowed him soft - er home. Then oars di - vide the o - cean, too

Pno.

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35 *mf* 37

S sil - ver for a seam; Or but - ter - flies off

A sil - ver for a seam; Or but - ter - flies off

T sil - ver for a seam; Or but - ter - flies off

B sil - ver for a seam; Or but - ter - flies off

Pno. 35 *mf* 37

38 39 40 *rit.* 41

S banks of noon, leap, splash-less, as they swim, as they swim.

A banks of noon, leap, splash-less, as they swim. *rit.*

T banks of noon, leap, splash-less, as they swim, as they swim. *rit.*

B banks of noon, leap, splash-less, as they swim. *rit.*

Pno. 38 39 40 *rit.* 41