

The May Magnificat

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With vigour

$\text{♩} = c. 72$

Soprano
Solo

Ma - - Ma - - gni - fi - cat, Ma - gni - fi - cat, a - ni - ma me -

Sop.
Solo

- - a Do - mi - num, Do - mi - num, Do - mi - num.

S

Ma - - molto

A

Ma - - molto

T

Ma - - molto

B

Ma - - molto

Sop.
Solo

gni - fi - cat, Ma - gni - fi - cat, Ma - gni - - - - - fi - cat.

S

gni - fi - cat, Ma - gni - fi - cat, Ma - gni - - - - - fi - cat.

A

gni - fi - cat, Ma - gni - fi - cat, Ma - gni - - - - - fi - cat.

T

gni - fi - cat, Ma - gni - fi - cat, Ma - gni - - - - - fi - cat.

B

gni - fi - cat, Ma - gni - fi - cat, Ma - gni - - - - - fi - cat.

10

S The May Mag-ni - fi - cat. *mp* May, _____ May, _____ A little quicker

A The May Mag-ni - fi - cat. *p* May, _____

T The May Mag-ni - fi - cat. *p* May, _____

B The May Mag-ni - fi - cat. *p* May, _____

15

S May, _____ May is Ma-ry's month, _____

A

T

B

20

S *p* Ma - - - - - ry's month. _____

A _____ *p* May, _____

T *p* Ma - - - - - ry's month. _____

B _____ *p* May _____

24

S _____ Why? _____

A _____

T _____ Why? _____

B **SOLO**
mf I muse, I muse at that, and won - der why, _____

28

S _____ Her feasts fol - low rea - son, _____

A _____ Why? _____ Da - ted _____ due to sea - son, _____

T _____

B **FULL**
 _____ why? _____

32

S _____ La - dy Day: _____ *f* But the La - dy Month, *mp* La -

A _____ La - dy Day: _____ *f* But the La - dy Month, _____

T _____ Can - dle - mas, _____ La - dy Day: _____ *f* But the La - dy Month, *mp* La -

B _____ La - dy Day: _____ *f* But the La - dy Month, _____

35

S dy Month, May, May, *p* Why?

T dy Month, May, May, *p* Why?

39

S *mf* Why?

A Why May? *mf* Why?

T *mf* Why?

B Why May? Why fast-en that up-on her? With a feast-ing in her ho-nour?

42

S Why? Why May? (lightly)

A Why? Why May? *mf* Is it (lightly)

T Why? Why May? (lightly) *mf* Is it, is

B Why? Why May? *mf* Is it, is it

46

S *mf* Is it on - ly be - ing brigh - ter than the most are, must de - light her, de - light her? *mf*

A _____ be - - - - - ing bright - er? *mf*

T _____ it _____ be - - - - - ing bright - er? *mf*

B _____ be - - - - - ing bright - er? *mf*

49

S *mf* Is it op - por - tu - nest and flo - wers find soon -

A *mf* Is it _____ op - por - - - - tun - est? *mf*

T *mf* Is it, is _____ is op - - - por - tun - est? *mf*

B *mf* Is it, is it _____ op - por - tun - - - - est? *mf*

53

S (Animated) _____ *mf* Ma - ry's Month, _____ *f* Ma - ry's Month.

A (Animated) _____ *f* Ma - ry's Month.

T (Animated) *mp* Ma - ry's Month, _____ *mf* Ma - ry's Month, _____ *f* Ma - ry's Month.

B (Animated) _____ *f* Ma - ry's Month.

57

S *ff* Ask, ask of her the might - ty

A *ff* Ask, ask of her the might - ty (unis.)

T *ff* Ask ask of her the might - ty

B *ff* Ask ask of her the might - ty

62

S mo - ther, Her re - ply *p*

A mo - ther, *p* puts this o - ther que - stion:

T (unis.) *f* Ma-ry, Ma-ry the mo - ther,

B mo - ther, *p* Her re - ply

68

S *p* What is Spring? *pp* Spring?

A *p* What is Spring? *pp* Spring?

T *p* What is Spring? *pp* Spring? SOLO What is Spring?

B *p* What is Spring? *pp* Spring?

DOUBLE CHOIR

With a lilt
♩. = c. 84

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(articulated)

73

S 1 *p* Flesh and fleece,

A 1 *p* Flesh and fleece,

T 1

B 1 *p* Growth in ev' - ry-thing, Growth

With a lilt
♩. = c. 84

(articulated)

73

S 2 *p* Fur and fea-ther,

A 2 *p* Fur and fea-ther,

T 2

B 2 *p* Growth in ev' - ry-thing, Growth in ev' - ry-thing,

76

S 1 flesh and fleece, grass and green-world, all to -

A 1 flesh and fleece, grass and green-world, all to -

T 1 *sostenuto* Growth in ev' - - - ry - thing,

B 1 in ev' - ry-thing, Growth in ev' - ry-thing,

76

S 2 fur and fea-ther, fur and fea-ther,

A 2 fur and fea-ther, fur and fea-ther,

T 2

B 2 Growth in ev' - ry-thing, Growth

79

S 1 ge-ther, all to - ge - ther;

A 1 ge-ther, all to - ge - ther;

T 1 all to - ge - ther;

B 1 Growth _____ in ev' - ry-thing, in ev' - ry-thing; in

79

S 2 grass and green-world, grass and green-world, all to - ge -

A 2 grass and green-world, grass and green-world, all to - ge -

T 2 *sostenuto* Growth in ev' - - - - ry thing; -

B 2 in ev' - ry - thing, Growth _____ in ev' - ry-thing, in

82

(unis.)

S 1 *mf* star-eyed straw-ber - ry breast-ed thros-tle, thros-tle

A 1 *mf* star-eyed straw-ber - ry breast-ed thros-tle, thros-tle

T 1 *mf* star-eyed straw-ber - ry breast-ed thros-tle, thros-tle

B 1 sod or sheath or shell, in sod or sheath or shell, in

82

(unis.)

S 2 ther; *mf* star-eyed straw-ber - ry breast-ed

A 2 ther; *mf* star-eyed straw-ber - ry breast-ed

T 2 *mf* star-eyed straw-ber - ry breast-ed

B 2 sod or sheath or shell, in sod or sheath or shell,