

the bond of bees

poem by keri hulme

music by john elmsly

dreamily, mm $\text{♩} = 92$

Soprano *p* I'm blen - ding my mind With the ease of wine from *f*

Alto *p* I'm blen - ding my mind With the ease of wine from *f*

Tenor *p* I'm blen - ding my mind With the ease of wine from *f*

Bass *p* I'm blen - ding my mind With the ease of wine from *f*

S. 6 *p* cand - le flowers on a warm af - ter - noon _____ of

A. *p* cand - le flowers on a warm af - ter - noon _____ of

T. *p* cand - le flowers on a warm af - ter - noon _____ of

B. 6 *p* and a bloom _____

S. 13 , *f* bees ka-ma-hi _____ re - sou - n _____ ds

A. , *f* bees ka-ma-hi _____ re - sou - n _____ ds

T. , *f* bees ka-ma-hi _____ re - sounds _____ In the qui - et room

B. 13 *f* from the _____ re-sounds _____ re - sou - n _____ ds

* close teeth

old old winesong

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gently lilting

mm $\frac{3}{4}$ = 108

Soprano

Alto

Tenor

Bass

Of purple leather my purse is made

Of purple leather my purse is made

Of purple leather my purse is made and

Of purple leather my purse is made and

S.

A.

T.

B.

and lined with silk and silver I bury my dead

and lined with silk and silver I bury my dead

lined with silk and silver I bury my dead

lined with silk and silver I bury my dead

S.

A.

T.

B.

on a wooden sled Held down by a

on a wooden sled Held down by a

on a wooden sled Held down by a

on a wooden sled Held down by a long

I will sing a lovesong

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swinging the bottle mm $\text{d}.$ = 58

Soprano hum

Alto hum

Tenor *mf*
I will sing a lovesong *mf* It is

Bass do not hide your ears

8

S.

A.

T. time for heartsongs *f* la - dy

B. and it is time for tears *f* la - dy

15

S. and I need your

A.

T. *f* I am a lover la - dy I am a thief and I need your

B. I am a lover la - dy I am a thief