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**Carol For Jane  
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Delicate and light  $\text{♩} = 72$

SOPRANO *p* The

ALTO *p* The

TENOR

BASS

Piano *like falling snow*

5

S. *mp* *p*  
clouds ached, preg-nant with snow, when a

A. *mp* *p*  
clouds ached, preg-nant with snow, when a

Pno.

9 *mp* *mf* *f* *p*

S. cry, sea-ring the heart, rent the sky. And the

A. cry, sea-ring the heart, rent the sky. And the

Pno.

13

S. si - lent un - cer - tain flakes be - gan to

A. si - lent un - cer - tain flakes be - gan to

Pno.

17

S. fall.

A. fall.

T. *p* Sheep stood mo-tion-less on the white hills, —

B. *p* Sheep stood mo-tion-less on the white hills, —

Pno.

21 *mp*

T. Sha-dows sur-roun-ded the sta ble as clouds rolled o-ver the

B. Sha-dows sur-roun-ded the sta ble as clouds rolled o-ver the

Pno.

25 *mf* *p*

T. moon, And still, slow - ly, si - lent-ly the

B. moon, And still, slow - ly, si - lent-ly the

Pno.

29 *mp warm*

S. Those who

A. Those who

T. snow en - cir - cled them. Those who

B. snow en - cir - cled them. Those who

Pno.

33

S. love, who tru - ly love, shall en - dure.

A. love, who tru - ly love, shall en - dure.

T. love, who tru - ly love, shall en - dure.

B. love, who tru - ly love, shall en - dure.

Pno.

36

S. *mf slightly stronger* A mo-ther, a-lone,

A. *mf slightly stronger* A mo-ther, a-lone,

Pno.

40

S. wrapped in her thoughts, O - ver-whelmed by the e-nor - mi - ty of that cry.

A. wrapped in her thoughts, O - ver-whelmed by the e-nor - mi - ty of that cry.

Pno.

45

*mf* *f*

T. Through the ach-ing cold its bit - ter - ness pier-ces her heart.

B. Through the ach-ing cold its bit - ter - ness pier-ces her heart.

Pno.

49

*mf*

S. He is so small, so pi - ti - ful - ly small. Life is so tran - si - ent,

A. He is so small, so pi - ti - ful - ly small. Life is so tran - si - ent,

T. He is so small, so pi - ti - ful - ly small. Life is so tran - si - ent,

B. He is so small, so pi - ti - ful - ly small. Life is so tran - si - ent,

Pno.

54

S. *p*  
he seems to say, So short and so pre - cious.

A. *p*  
he seems to say, So short and so pre - cious.

T. *p*  
he seems to say, So short and so pre - cious.

B. *p*  
he seems to say, So short and so pre - cious.

Pno.

59

S. *mf warm*  
Those who love, \_\_\_\_\_ who tru - ly love, \_\_\_\_\_ shall en -

A. *mf warm*  
Those who love, \_\_\_\_\_ who tru - ly love, \_\_\_\_\_ shall en -

T. *mf warm*  
Those who love, \_\_\_\_\_ who tru - ly love, \_\_\_\_\_ shall en -

B. *mf warm*  
Those who love, \_\_\_\_\_ who tru - ly love, \_\_\_\_\_ shall en -

Pno.

62

S. dure.

A. dure.

T. dure. *f* She rea-ches down to

B. dure. *f* She rea-ches down to

Pno.

67

S. *f* She ga-zes at the

A. *f* She ga-zes at the

T. touch his ti - ny face - His eyes closed, his fists clenched -

B. touch his ti - ny face - His eyes closed, his fists clenched -

Pno.



73

S. *mf*  
bun-dle in her arms, And still the snow falls; The fea-thers of great mute

A. *mf*  
bun-dle in her arms, And still the snow falls; The fea-thers of great mute

T. *mf*  
And still the snow falls; The fea-thers of great mute

B. *mf*  
And still the snow falls; The fea-thers of great mute

Pno.

79

S. *f warm*  
wings, slo - wly bea - ting. Those who love, who tru - ly

A. *f warm*  
wings, slo - wly bea - ting. Those who love, who tru - ly

T. *f warm*  
wings, slo - wly bea - ting. Those who love, who tru - ly

B. *f warm*  
wings, slo - wly bea - ting. Those who love, who tru - ly

Pno.

83

S. love, \_\_\_\_\_ shall en - dure.

A. love, \_\_\_\_\_ shall en - dure.

T. love, \_\_\_\_\_ shall en - dure.

B. love, \_\_\_\_\_ shall en - dure.

Pno.

87

S. *mp* The girl, \_\_\_\_\_ so

A. *mp* The girl, \_\_\_\_\_ so

T. *mp* The girl, \_\_\_\_\_ so

B. *mp* The girl, \_\_\_\_\_ so

Pno.

91

S. pain-ful - ly young, \_\_\_\_\_ stooped to kiss her ti - ny mi - ra - cle. Ex-

A. pain-ful - ly young, \_\_\_\_\_ stooped to kiss her ti - ny mi - ra - cle. Ex-

T. pain-ful - ly young, \_\_\_\_\_ stooped to kiss her ti - ny mi - ra - cle. Ex-

B. pain-ful - ly young, \_\_\_\_\_ stooped to kiss her ti - ny mi - ra - cle. Ex-

Pno.

95

S. haus - ted, \_\_\_\_\_ o - ver - come, her tears fell on - to his

A. haus - ted, \_\_\_\_\_ o - ver - come, her tears fell on - to his

T. haus - ted, \_\_\_\_\_ o - ver - come, her tears fell on - to his

B. haus - ted, \_\_\_\_\_ o - ver - come, her tears fell on - to his

Pno.

99

S. ti - ny head. A ba-by in whose birth, she knew, was death

A. ti - ny head. A ba-by in whose birth, she knew, was death\_\_

T. ti - ny head. A ba-by in whose birth, she knew, was death

B. ti - ny head. A ba-by in whose birth, she knew, was death\_\_

Pno.

103

S. *pp* and death of death. *mf* She

A. *pp* and death of death. *mf* She

T. *pp* and death of death.

B. *pp* and death of death.

Pno.

108

S. *mf*  
wept for love, \_\_\_\_\_ Such ex -

A. *mf*  
wept for love, \_\_\_\_\_ Such ex -

T. *mf*  
she wept for pain. \_\_\_\_\_ Such ex -

B. *mf*  
she wept for pain. \_\_\_\_\_ Such ex -

Pno.

112

S. *mp*  
qui - site sor - row had ne - ver been. \_\_\_\_\_ Be - wil - dered by

A. *mp*  
qui - site sor - row had ne - ver been. \_\_\_\_\_ Be - wil - dered by

T. *mp*  
qui - site sor - row had ne - ver been. \_\_\_\_\_ Be - wil - dered by

B. *mp*  
qui - site sor - row had ne - ver been. \_\_\_\_\_ Be - wil - dered by

Pno.

116

S. *mf*  
a - go-ny and by beau - ty. And in his gaze she

A. *mf*  
a - go-ny and by beau - ty. And in his gaze she

T. *mf*  
a - go-ny and by beau - ty. And in his gaze she

B. *mf*  
a - go-ny and by beau - ty. And in his gaze she

Pno.

120

S. *f* *p* < *mf* *p* < *mf* *p*  
knew that love, true love, must en -

A. *f* *p* < *mf* *p* < *mf* *p*  
knew that love, true love, must en -

T. *f* *p* < *mf* *p* < *mf* *p*  
knew that love, true love, must en -

B. *f* *p* < *mf* *p* < *mf* *p*  
knew that love, true love, must en -

Pno.

126 **poco ritenuto** **A tempo**

S. *senza dim.*  
dure,

A. *senza dim.*  
dure,

T. *senza dim.*  
dure,

B. *senza dim.*  
dure,

Pno. **poco ritenuto** **A tempo**

130 *pp warm*

S. must en - dure.

A. *pp warm*  
must en - dure.

T. *pp warm*  
must en - dure.

B. *pp warm*  
must en - dure.

Pno.