

Sweet Honey Sucking Bees

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♩ = 66

Soprano 1
mf Sweet hon - ey suck-ing bees sweet hon - ey suck - ing bees why do you

Soprano 2
mf Sweet hon - ey suck-ing bees, sweet hon - ey suck-ing bees, why do you

Alto
mf Sweet hon-ey suck-ing bees, sweet hon-ey suck-ing bees, why do you still,

Tenor
mf Sweet hon-ey suck-ing bees, sweet hon-ey suck - ing bees,

Bass

S1
 still why do you still, why do you still sur-feit on ro - ses, pinks and vi - o - lets; *p* as if the

S2
 still, why do you still, why do you still sur-feit on ro - ses, pinks and vi - o - lets;

A
 why do you still, why do you still sur-feit on ro - ses, pinks and vi - o - lets; *p* As if the

T
 why do you still, why do you still sur-feit on ro - ses, pinks and vi - o - lets;

B

S1
 choicest nec - tar lay in them, Wherewith you store, wherewith you store,

S2
p As if the choicest nec - tar lay in them,

A
 choicest nec - tar lay in them, Wherewith you store your cur - ious ca - bi -

T
p As if the choicest nec-tar lay in them, Wherewith you store your curious

B

17 18 19 20 21 22

S1 *mf* wherewith you store your curious ca-bin - ets? Ah, make your flight_____ ah, make your flight,_____

S2 *mf* wherewith you store your cur - ious ca - bin - ets? Ah, make your flight_____ to Me - li - sua - via's

A *mf* nets, your curious ca - - bi - nets? Ah, make your flight_____ ah, make your

T *mf* ca - bin - ets?_____ Ah, make your flight_____ to Me - li - sua - via's

B *mf* Ah, make your flight_____ to Me - li - sua - vias

23 24 25 26 27 28

S1 _ ah, make your flight, ah, make your flight_____ to Me - li - sua - via's lips.

S2 lips, ah, make your flight_____ to Me - li - sua - via's lips_____

A flight_____ ah! make your flight_____ There may you re - vel, there may you re - vel, there,

T lips, your flight_____ to Me - li - sua - via's lips; There may you re - vel, there may you re - vel,

B lips, Ah, make your flight_____ to Me - li - sua - via's lips;_____

29 30 31 32 33 34

S1 *f* There, there may you re - vel in am - bro - sian cheer, Where *p* smi - ling ro - ses

S2 *f* There may you re - vel, there may you re - vel in am - bro - sian cheer, Where *p* smi - ling ro - ses

A *f* there may you re - vel,

T *f* there may you re - vel in am - bro - sian cheer, Where *p* smil - ing ros - es

B *f* There may you re - vel,

35 36 37 38 39 40

S1 and sweet lil - lies sit, *f* there may you re - vel,

S2 and sweet lil - lies sit, *f* there may you re - vel,

A *f* there may you re - vel, there may you re - vel in am - bro-sian cheer, *p* where

T *f* and sweet lil - lies sit, there may you re - vel, there may you re - vel in am - bro-sian cheer, *p* where

B *f* there may you re - vel in am - bro-sian cheer, *p* where

41 42 43 44 45 46 47

S1 *p* Keeping their spring - tide,

S2 *p* Keep - ing their springtide gra - ces

A smil - ing ro - ses and sweet lil-lies sit, keep - ing their springtide gra - ces keep-ing their

T smil - ing ro - ses and sweet lil-lies sit, keep - ing their springtide gra - ces, keep-ing their

B smil - ing ro - ses and sweet lil-lies sit,

48 49 50 51 52 53 54

S1 keeping their springtide graces, keeping their springtide gra - ces all the year, keep-ing their

S2 keeping their springtide gra-ces keeping their springtide gra - ces all the year, keep-

A spring - tide gra - ces all the year, their springtide gra - ces all the year, all the year, keep-ing their

T spring - tide gra - ces, keep - ing their spring - tide springtide graces, keep-ing their springtide gra - ces

B keep - ing their spring - tide, springtide gra - ces all the year,

55 56 57 58 59 60 61

S1 spring - tide gra - ces all the year,

S2 - ing their spring - tide gra - ces all the year,

A spring - tide gra - ces all the year, keep - ing their spring - tide gra -

T keep-ing their spring - tide gra - ces

B keep-ing their spring - tide gra - ces

62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69

S1 *f* keep - ing their spring - tide gra - ces all the year.

S2 *f* keep - ing their spring - tide spring-tide gra - ces all the year.

A - ces all the year, *f* keep - ing their spring - tide spring-tide gra - ces all the year.

T all the year *f* keep - ing their spring-tide gra - ces all the year.

B all the year, *f* keep - ing their spring-tide gra - ces all the year.

70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77

S1 *p* Yet, sweet, take heed, all sweets are hard to get;

S2 *p* Yet, sweet, take heed, all sweets are hard to get. Sting not, sting

A *p* Yet, sweet take heed, yes, sweet, take heed, all sweets are hard to get, all sweets are hard to get; Sting not

T *p* Yet, sweet, take heed, yet, sweet, take heed, all sweets are hard to get, all Sweets are hard to get Sting not

B *p* Yet, sweet, take heed, all sweets are hard to get;

78 79 80 81 82 83 84 85

S1 Sting not, sting not her soft lips; Oh, beware of that, Oh, beware of

S2 not her soft lips; Oh, beware of that, Oh, be-ware of that,

A her soft lips, her soft lips; Oh beware of that, Oh, be -

T her soft lips, her soft lips; Oh, beware of that, Oh, be - -

B Sting not, sting not her soft lips; Oh, beware of that, Oh, be-

86 87 88 89 90 91 92 93

S1 that, Oh, beware of that, Oh, beware of that, *p* Oh, Oh, be - ware of that,

S2 Oh, beware of that, Oh be-ware, Oh, beware of that, *p* Oh, be - ware of that;

A - ware of that, *p* Oh, be-ware of that;

T ware of that, *p* be - ware of that, be - ware of that;

B ware of that, Oh, beware of that, *p* Oh, be - ware of that

94 95 96 97 98 99

S1 *f* For if one flam - ing dart come from her eye, come from her eye, come from her eye, Was

S2 *f* For if one flam - ing dart come from her eye, come from her eye, come from her eye, Was

A *f* For if one flam - ing dart come from her eye, come from her eye, Was ne - ver dart so

T

B

100 101 102 103 104 105 106

S1 ne-ver dart so sharp, ah, then you die, you die, ah, then you die, then you die, you die!

S2 ne-ver dart so sharp, ah, then you die then you die then you die, then you die, ah, then you die!

A sharp ah, ah, then you die, ah, then you die, you die!

T

B

107 108 109 110 111 112

S1

S2

A *f* For if one flam - ing dart come from her eye, come from her eye, come from her eye, Was

T *f* For if one flam - ing dart come from her eye, come from her eye, come from her eye, Was

B *f* For if one flam - ing dart come from her eye, come from her eye, Was ne - ver dart so

113 114 115 116 117 118 119

S1

S2

A *p* ne-ver dart so sharp, ah, then you die then you die then you die, then you die, ah, then you die,

T *p* ne-ver dart so sharp, ah then you die, you die, ah then you die, then you die, you die.

B *p* sharp, ah, ah, then you die, ah, then you die, you die.

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120 121 122 123 124 125

S1 *f* For if one flam - ing dart come from her eye, come from her eye, come from her eye, Was

S2 *f* For if one flam - ing dart come from her eye, come from her eye, come from her eye, Was

A *f* for if one flam - ing dart come from her eye, come from her eye, Was ne-ver

T

B

126 127 128 129 130 131

S1 ne - ver dart so sharp, *p* ah, then you die then you die then you die, ah then you die, then you

S2 ne - ver dart so sharp, *p* ah, then you die then you die, then you die, ah then you die

A dart so sharp, *p* ah, then you die, then you die, ah, then

T

B

132 133 134 135 136 137 138

S1 die, you die, *f* was ne - ver dart so sharp, was ne - ver dart so

S2 - then you die *f* was ne - ver dart so

A you die, *f* was ne - ver dart was ne - ver dart so sharp, was ne - ver

T *f* Was ne - ver dart so sharp, was ne - ver dart so

B *f* Was ne - ver dart so sharp, ah, then you

139 140 141 142 143 144 145 146

S1 sharp, ah, then you die,

S2 sharp, ah then you die, ah, then you die, you die, *p* ah,

A dart so sharp then you die, ah, then you die, *p* ah, then you

T sharp, ah, then you die, you die, ah, then *p* you die,

B die, was ne - - ver dart so sharp, *p* ah then you

147 148 149 150 151 152 153 154

S1 *p* ah, then you die, ah, then you die, ah, then you

S2 - then you die. ah, then you die, ah, then you die, you

A die, you die, ah then you die,

T ah, ah, then you die, ah then you die, ah, then you

B die, you die, ah, then you die, ah, then you

155 156 157 158 159 160 161 162

S1 die, ah then you die, *pp* ah then you die, ah then you die.

S2 die, *pp* ah then you die, you die, ah, then you die.

A ah, then you die, *pp* ah then you die ah, then you die.

T die, ah then you die, *pp* you die, you die, then you die, ah, then you die.

B die, ah, then you die *pp* ah, then you die.