

Sweet Honey Sucking Bees

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♩ = 66

Soprano 1

Soprano 2

Alto

Tenor

Bass

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

mf Sweet hon - ey sucking bees, sweet hon - ey sucking bees, why do you

mf Sweet honey sucking bees, sweet honey sucking bees, why do you still,

mf Sweet honey sucking bees, sweet honey suck - ing bees,

S1

S2

A

T

B

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

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

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

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

S1

S2

A

T

B

lets; *p* as if the choic - est nec - tar lay in them, Where-with you store,

lets; *p* As if the choic - est nec - tar lay in

p As if the choic - est nec - tar lay in them, Where-with you store your cur - ious

lets; *p* As if the choic - est nec - tar lay in them, Where-with you

16 17 18 19

S1 where-with you store, where-with you store your cur-ious ca - bin - ets? Ah, make your

S2 them, where-with you store your cur - - ious ca - bin -

A ca - - bi - nets, your cur-ious ca - - bi -

T store your cur-ious ca - - bin - ets? Ah, make your

B

Ah,

20 21 22 23 24

S1 flight_____ ah, make your flight,_____ *mf* ah, make your flight, ah, make your

S2 ets? Ah, make your flight_____ to Me - li - sua - via's lips, ah, make your flight_____ *mf*

A nets? Ah, make your flight_____ ah, make your flight_____ *mf* ah! make your

T flight_____ to Me - li - sua - via's lips, your flight_____

B make your flight_____ to Me - li - sua - via's lips, *mf* Ah, make your flight_____

25 26 27 28 29

S1 flight_____ to Me - li - sua - via's lips. *f* There, there may you

S2 - to Me - li - sua - via's lips_____ *f* There may you re - vel,

A flight_____ *f* There may you re - vel, there may you re - vel, there, there may you

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

B - to Me - li - sua - via's lips; *f* There may you

30 31 32 33 34 35

S1 re - vel in am - bro-sian cheer, Where smi - ling ro - ses and sweet lil-lies *p*

S2 there may you re-vel in am - bro-sian cheer, Where smi - ling ro - ses and sweet lil-lies *p*

A re - vel,

T re - vel in am-bro-sian cheer, Where smil - ing ros - es and sweet lil-lies *p*

B re - vel,

36 37 38 39 40

S1 sit, there may you re - vel, *f*

S2 sit, there may you re - vel, *f*

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

T sit, there may you re - vel, there may you re - vel in am - bro-sian cheer, where *p*

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

41 42 43 44 45

S1

S2 Keep - ing their spring-tide *p*

A smil - ing ro - ses and sweet lil - lies sit, keep - ing their spring-tide

T smil - ing ro - ses and sweet lil - lies sit, keep - ing their spring-tide

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

46 47 48 49 50 51

S1 *p* Keep-ing their spring - tide, keep-ing their spring-tide gra-ces, keep-ing their spring-tide

S2 gra - ces keep-ing their spring-tide gra-ces keep-ing their spring-tide

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

T 8 gra - ces, keep-ing their spring - tide gra - ces, keep - ing their spring - tide spring-tide

B keep - ing their spring - tide, spring-tide

52 53 54 55 56

S1 gra - ces all the year, keep - ing their spring - tide gra - ces

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

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

T 8 gra-ces, keep - ing their spring-tide gra - ces

B gra - ces all the year,

57 58 59 60 61 62

S1 all the year,

S2 - ces all the year,

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

T 8 keep - ing their spring - tide gra - ces all the

B keep - ing their spring - tide gra - ces all the

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

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

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

70 71 72 73 74 75

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

S2 *p* Yet, sweet, take heed, all sweets are hard to get.

A *p* Yet, sweet take heed, yes, sweet, take heed, all sweets are hard to get, all sweets are hard to

T *p* Yet, sweet, take heed, yet, sweet, take heed, all sweets are hard to get, all Sweets are hard to

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

76 77 78 79 80 81 82 83

S1 get; Sting not, sting not her soft lips; Oh, be-

S2 Sting not, sting not her soft lips; Oh, beware of

A get; Sting not her soft _____ lips, her soft _____ lips; Oh beware of

T get Sting not her soft lips, her soft lips; Oh, beware of that,

B get; Sting not, sting not her soft lips;

84 85 86 87 88

S1 ware of that, Oh, be-ware of that, Oh, be-ware of that, Oh, be-ware of

S2 that, Oh, be-ware of that, Oh, be-ware of that, Oh be-ware, Oh, be-ware of

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

T 8 Oh, be - - ware of that,

B Oh, be-ware of that, Oh, be-ware of that, Oh, be-ware of that,

89 90 91 92 93 94 95 96

S1 that, *p* Oh, Oh, be - ware of that, *f* For if one flam - ing dart come from her

S2 that, *p* Oh, be - ware of that; *f* For if one flam - ing dart come from her

A ware of that; *f* For if one flam - ing dart

T 8 *p* be - ware of that, be - ware of that;

B *p* Oh, be - ware of that

97 98 99 100 101

S1 eye, come from her eye, come from her eye, Was ne-ver dart so sharp, ah,

S2 eye, come from her eye, come from her eye, Was ne-ver dart so sharp, ah,

A come from her eye, come from her eye, Was ne - ver dart so sharp ah,

T 8

B

102 103 104 105 106 107

S1 then you die, you die, ah, then you die, then you die, you die!

S2 then you die then you die then you die, then you die, ah, then you die!

A ah, then you die, ah, then you die, you die! *f* For if one

T *f* For if one

B *f* For if one

108 109 110 111 112

S1

S2

A flam - ing dart come from her eye, come from her eye, come from her eye, Was

T flam - ing dart come from her eye, come from her eye, come from her eye, Was

B flam - ing dart come from her eye, come from her eye, Was ne - ver dart so

113 114 115 116 117 118

S1

S2

A never dart so sharp, *p* ah, then you die then you die then you die, then you die, ah, then you

T never dart so sharp, *p* ah then you die, you die, ah then you die, then you die, you

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

119 120 121 122 123 124

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

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

A *f* die, for if one flam - ing dart come from her eye, come from her eye,

T *f* die.

B die.

125 126 127 128 129 130

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

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

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

T

B

131 132 133 134 135 136 137

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

S2 then you die then you die *f* was

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

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

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

138 139 140 141 142 143 144 145 146

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

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

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

T ₈ dart so sharp, ah, then you die, you die, ah, then *p* you die,

B you 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 ₈ ah, ah, then you die, ah then you die, ah, then you

B die, 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, 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 ₈ die, ah then you die, *pp* you die, you die, then you die, ah, then you die.

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