

Sure On This Shining Night

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Piano

Tenor (T)

Bass (B)

Soprano (S)

Performance Instructions:

- Flowing, tempo rubato ($\text{J} = \text{ca. } 72$)
- p espressivo
- poco rit.
- a tempo
- rit.
- 3
- a tempo mp
- rit.
- a tempo
- [d²] poco rit.

Lyrics:

Sure on this shin - ing
night of star-made shad-ows round,
kind-ness must watch for me this side the ground, on this
night of star-made shad-ows round,
kind-ness must watch for me this side the ground, on this

*Omit if the low As are out of range.

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2 "CLEAN movement from note to note" *Float*

10 a tempo
 shin ing night, this shin
 rit. a tempo
 shin ing night, this shin
 rit. a tempo
 Ped. Ped. Ped.
 rit. a tempo¹⁴
 ing night. [+]
 rit. a tempo rit.
 Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped.
 B a tempo
 mp
 Sure on this shin-ing night of star-made shad-ows round, kind-ness must watch for me this
 mp
 Sure on this shin-ing night of star-made shad-ows round, kind-ness must watch for me this
 mp
 Sure on this shin-ing night, [+] sure on this shin ing
 mp
 B a tempo
 PITCH ACCURACY!
 Sure on this shin-ing
 Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped.

CLEAN MOVEMENT

3

20

21

rit.

22

a tempo

22

shin CLEAN ing night.

molto rit.

23

shin - ing night.

shin - ing night.

shin - ing night.

shin - ing night.

C 24 a tempo

shin - ing night.

shin - ing night.

shin - ing night.

shin - ing night.

a tempo

molto rit.

25

Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped.

mp

23

24

25

Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped.

mp

*Omit if the low As are out of range.

4

25 T - [d] B - The late year lies -
 26 T - B - The late year lies -
 27 T - B - The late year lies -
 Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped.

28 d θ 29 SLOWING (no breath) 30 d
 down the north, All is healed, all is health. High d
 down the north, All is healed, all is health. High d
 Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped.

31 S - The late year lies - down the north, All is
 A - mp
 T - The late year lies - down the north, All is
 B - sum-mer holds the earth. Hearts all whole. All is healed,
 sum-mer holds the earth. Hearts all whole. All is healed,
 Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped.

phrase, but no breath

5

34 (no breath) 35 36 *mf*

healed, all is health. High sum-mer holds the earth. Hearts all
healed, all is health. High sum-mer holds the earth. Hearts all
all is health, all is health. High sum-mer holds the earth. Hearts all
all is health, all is health. High sum-mer holds the earth. Hearts all

Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped.

gets the beat-

meno mosso rit. *a tempo*

37 38 *f*

whole. Sure on this shin - ing night, sure on this shin - ing.
whole. Sure on this shin - ing night, sure on this
whole. Sure on this shin - ing night, sure on this
whole. Sure on this shin - ing night, sure on this

meno mosso rit. *a tempo*

Ped. Ped.

40

shin - - ing night, — sure on this shin - -
shin - - ing night, — sure on this shin - -
shin - - ing night, — sure on this shin - -
shin - - ing night, — sure on this shin - -
shin - - ing night, — sure on this shin - -
rit. ff a tempo
shin - - ing night, — sure on this shin - -
shin - - ing night, — sure on this shin - -
shin - - ing night, — sure on this shin - -
shin - - ing night, — sure on this shin - -
shin - - ing night, — sure on this shin - -
rit. a tempo
Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped.

43 rit. [+] mp a tempo 44 45 p

ing night [+] I weep for won-der wan-dring far a lone of
ing night [+] I weep a lone of
ing night [+] I weep for won-der wan-dring far a lone of
ing night. I weep a lone of
rit. a tempo
Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped.

meno mosso rit.

46 47

molto rit. *molto lunga* *ppp hushed*

shad - ows on the stars. — Sure on this

shad - ows on the stars.

shad - ows on the stars.

shad - ows on the stars. — Sure on this shin-ing

meno mosso rit.

molto rit. *molto lunga* *(no break)* *ppp*

Ped. Ped. Ped. — Ped.

49 50 51

shin-ing night, — this shin — — — ing night, — on this

ppp hushed

Sure on this shin — — — ing night, — on this

ppp hushed

Sure on this shin-ing night, — on this

night of star-made shadows round, kind- ness must watch for me this side — the ground, on this

Ped. Ped. Ped. — Ped. Ped.

*Omit if the low As are out of range.

+2

52

53
54
55

shin - - - ing night, this shin - - -
shin - - - ing night, this shin - - -
shin - - - ing night, this shin - - -
shin - - - ing night, this shin - - -

rit.

56

57 F **Meno mosso**

58

ing night,
ing night,
ing night,
ing night,

rit.
F **Meno mosso**
p
Ped. Ped.

$\int =$ beat

9

59 meno mosso rit.

60 molto meno mosso *p*

61 sure on this shin - ing

62 meno mosso rit.

63 molto meno mosso *p*

64 sure on this shin - ing

65 tempo I

66 rit.

67 molto rit.

68 lunga

69 night.

70 [+]

71 night.

72 [+]

73 night.

74 [+]

75 night.

76 lunga

77 tempo I

78 rit.

79 molto rit.

80 lunga

81 *mp*

82 *p*

83 (for Jama)
(ca. 4'45")