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# Herself a Rose Who Bore the Rose

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SATB and organ

for Susan and Peter Manion

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Christina Rossetti (1830-1894)

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**Tender and free, but not too slow, ♩ = 72**

*mf*

Soprano  
Alto

Her-self a

Organ

String(s) 8' *mp*

5

S  
A

rose who bore the Rose, She bore the Rose and felt its thorn. All

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9

love-li - ness new - born Took on her bos - om its re - pose, And

13

slept and woke there night and morn.

18

*mf*

S  
A

Lil - y her - self, she bore the one Fair Lil - y; sweet - er, whit - er,

*mf*

T  
B

*mf*

Ped.

22

far \_\_\_\_\_ Than she or oth - ers are: The Sun of right - eous-ness her

26

Son, She was His ra - diant morn - ing star.

Solo (Flute 8')

30

*mp*

She gra - cious, He Grace, —  
 She gra - cious, He es - sen - tial

*f*

She gra - cious, He es - sen - tial

end solo —

Solo (Foundation or Reed)

*f*

Man.

34

He the Foun - tain, she the rill, the rill: — Her  
 Grace, He was the Foun - tain, she the rill: — Her

*mf*

Grace, He was the Foun - tain, she the rill: — Her

Ped.

37

good - ness to ful - fill And glad - ness, with pro - por - tion'd  
 good - ness to ful - fill And glad - ness, with pro - por - tion'd

good - ness to ful - fill And glad - ness, with pro - por - tion'd

40

Man.

pace He led her steps thro' good and ill.  
 pace He led her steps thro' good and ill.

pace He led her steps thro' good and ill.

Ped.

44

48

Christ's mir-ror she of grace and love, Of beau-ty

*f*

Christ's mir-ror she of grace and love, Of beau-ty  
 Christ's mir-ror she of grace and love, Of beau-ty

*f*

Christ's mir-ror she of grace and love, Of beau-ty

*mf*

Ped.

51

and of life and death: By hope and love and

and of life and death: By hope and love and  
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and of life and death: By hope and love and

maintain  
slower tempo

rit. *mf*

54

faith Trans - fig - ured to His like - ness, 'Dove, Spouse, —

faith Trans - fig - ured to His like - ness, 'Dove, Spouse,

faith Trans - fig - ured to His like - ness, 'Dove, Spouse, —

rit. maintain slower tempo

57

Sis - ter, Moth - er, Je - sus saith.

Sis - ter, Moth - er, Je - sus saith.

Sis - ter, Moth - er, Je - sus saith.

rit. *p*

60

rit. *pp*