

Dedicated to Merritt C. Nequette

Hark, My Beloved

SATB a cappella

Song of Songs 2:8-13

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mf ♩ = 66 - 72

Soprano
Hark, hark, my be- lov- ed, see how he comes, leap- ing on_ the moun- tains,

Alto
mf

5 bound- ing o- ver the hills. My be- lov- ed is like a ga- zelle, like a young

mp

8 stag. See where he stands be- hind the wall, gaz- ing through the win- dows,

p *cresc.*

11 peer- ing through the lat- ti- ces. My be- lov- ed lifts up his

f

The musical score is written for Soprano and Alto voices. It consists of four systems of music. The first system (measures 1-4) features a melody with triplets and a dynamic marking of *mf*. The lyrics are "Hark, hark, my be- lov- ed, see how he comes, leap- ing on_ the moun- tains,". The second system (measures 5-7) continues the melody with triplets and a dynamic marking of *mp*. The lyrics are "bound- ing o- ver the hills. My be- lov- ed is like a ga- zelle, like a young". The third system (measures 8-10) features a melody with triplets and dynamic markings of *p* and *cresc.*. The lyrics are "stag. See where he stands be- hind the wall, gaz- ing through the win- dows,". The fourth system (measures 11-13) features a melody with triplets and a dynamic marking of *f*. The lyrics are "peer- ing through the lat- ti- ces. My be- lov- ed lifts up his".

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S voice: A-rise, a-rise,— my be- lov-ed,— my love - ly one, come a-
dolce dim.

A voice: A-rise, a-rise,— my be- lov-ed,— my love - ly one, come a-
dolce dim.

T *f* A-rise, — my be- lov-ed,— my love - ly one, come a-
dolce dim.

B *f* A-rise, — my be- lov-ed,— my love - ly one, come a-
dolce dim.

For rehearsal only

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- way, come a - way.

- way, come a - way.

- way, come a - way.

- way, come a - way. For now— the win-ter is past,

17

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mp *poco cresc.*

the rains are o-ver and gone, the flow - ers ap-pear on the earth.

the rains are o-ver and gone, the flow - ers ap-pear on the earth.

20

23

p

It is the sea-son when the birds will sing, sing,

It is the sea-son when the birds will sing, sing,

It is the sea-son when the birds will sing, sing,

It is the sea-son when the birds will sing, sing,

23

25 *mp*

sing, and the coo-ing of the dove is heard in our land, when the

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green figs will rip-en on the fig tree and the blos-som-ing of vines gives

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forth their fra-grance. — A-rise, a-rise, — my be-

forth — their fra-grance. — A-rise, a-rise, — my be-

forth — their fra-grance. — A-rise, — my be-

forth — their fra-grance. — A-rise, — my be-

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This system contains five staves of music. The top four staves are vocal parts (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) with lyrics. The fifth staff is the piano accompaniment. The music features a key signature of one flat and a 4/4 time signature. Dynamics include *f* (forte) and *rit.* (ritardando). There are several triplet markings (3) over the notes.

33 *dolce* *dim.* *rit.*

- lov-ed, — my love - ly one, come a - way, come a - way, come a - way.

dolce *dim.*

- lov-ed, — my love - ly one, come a - way, come a - way, come a - way.

dolce *dim.*

- lov-ed, — my love - ly one, come a - way, come a - way, come a - way.

dolce *dim.*

- lov-ed, — my love - ly one, come a - way, come a - way, come a - way.

33 *rit.*

This system contains five staves of music. The top four staves are vocal parts with lyrics. The fifth staff is the piano accompaniment. The music continues in the same key signature and time signature. Dynamics include *dolce* (dolce), *dim.* (diminuendo), and *rit.* (ritardando). There are several triplet markings (3) over the notes.