

(for my husband, Tom)
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If Thou Must Love Me

SATB and Piano

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Moderato e espressivo ♩ = ca. 88

mp

pedal harmonically

4 S *mf*
 If thou must love me, if

A *mf*
 If thou must love me, if

T *mf*
 If thou must love me, if

B *mf*
 If thou must love me, if

mp simile

Duration: approx. 3:45

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thou must love me, ex-cept for

thou must love me, let it be for naught ex-cept for

thou must love me, ex-cept for

thou must love me, let it be for naught ex-cept for

10

love's sake on - ly. *mp* *mf* If

love's sake on - ly. *mp* *mf* If

love's sake on - ly. *mp* *mf* If

love's sake on - ly. *mp* *mf* If

13

thou must love me, if thou must

thou must love me, if thou must

thou must love me, if thou must

thou must love me, if thou must

mf *simile*

16

love me, ex-cept for love's sake

love me, let it be for naught ex-cept for love's sake

love me, ex-cept for love's sake

love me, let it be for naught ex-cept for love's sake

19 *mp* *mf*
 on - ly. Do not say "I love her for her
mp *mf*
 on - ly. Do not say "I love her for her
mp
 on - ly.
mp
 on - ly.

22 *mp*
 smile — her look — her way of speak-ing gen - tly, — — for a
mp
 smile — her look — her way of speak-ing gen - tly, — — for a
mf *mp*
 "Her look — her way of speak-ing gen - tly, — — for a
mf *mp*
 "Her look — her way of speak-ing gen - tly, — — for a

25 *cresc. poco a poco*

trick of thought that falls in well with mine, and— cer - tes brought a

cresc. poco a poco

trick of thought that falls in well with mine, and— cer - tes brought a

cresc. poco a poco

8 trick of thought that falls in well with mine, and— cer - tes brought a

cresc. poco a poco

trick of thought that falls in well with mine, and— cer - tes brought a

cresc. poco a poco

28 *rit.* *f a tempo*

sense of pleas-ant ease on such a day” — for these things in them -

f

sense of pleas-ant ease on such a day” — for these things in them -

f

8 sense of pleas-ant ease on such a day” — for these things in them -

f

sense of pleas-ant ease on such a day” — for these things in them -

rit. *f a tempo*

31 *mp*

selves, these things in them - selves, Be - lov - ed, may be

mp

selves, these things in them - selves, Be - lov - ed, may be

mp

selves, these things in them - selves, Be - lov - ed, may be

selves, these things in them - selves, Be - lov - ed, may be

mp

34 *mf rit.* *mp*

changed, may be changed, may be changed, or change for thee — and

mf *mp*

changed, may be changed, may be changed, or change for thee — and

mf *mp*

changed, may be changed, may be changed, or change for thee — and

mf *mp*

changed, may be changed, may be changed, or change for thee — and

mf rit. *p*

37 *a tempo* *mf*

love, so wrought, and love, so wrought, — may be

love, so wrought, and love, so wrought, — may be

love wrought, and love, so wrought, — may be

love wrought, and love, so wrought, — may be

a tempo *mf*

40 *rall.* *mp* *accel.*

un-wrought so, un-wrought so, un-wrought so. — Nei-ther

un-wrought so, un-wrought so, un-wrought so. — Nei-ther

un-wrought so, un-wrought so, un-wrought so. — Nei-ther

un-wrought so, un-wrought so, un-wrought so. — Nei-ther

rall. *mp* *accel.*