

A Kiss of Blessing

original TTBB version commissioned by the New Jersey Gay Men's Chorus
Steven Russell, Director, for their 20th Anniversary Celebration

Rabindranath Tagore
"This Song of Mine,"
#38 from *The Crescent Moon*

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Andante ♩=64

Espressivo **poco rit.** **A tempo**

Soprano

This

Soprano

p This song of mine, will wind its mu-sic a-round you, my child, This

Alto

p This song of mine, will wind its mu-sic a-round you, my child,

Alto

This

Andante ♩=64

Espressivo **poco rit.** **A tempo**

Piano

4

rit. *A tempo* *p* *mp*

S1
 song of mine will wind its mu-sic a-round you like the fond arms of

S2
 song of mine will wind a-round you the

A1
 wind its mu sic,

A2
 song of mine will wind its mu -

rit. *A tempo*

8

poco rit. *dim.*

love, the fond arms of love.

dim.

fond arms of love, of love.

mp *dim.*

the fond arms of love.

mp *dim.*

sic, the fond arms of

poco rit.

Poco meno mosso ♩=60

11

love.

Poco meno mosso ♩=60

14 Sops: *mp* *dim.* *p*

is song of mine will touch your fore-head like a

17 **Più mosso** ♩=72

S1 *mp* kiss, like a kiss, a kiss of blessing

S2

A1 *p* like a kiss, *mp* like a kiss a kiss.

A2 *mp* like a kiss a kiss of

Più mosso ♩=72

21 **poco rit.** **A tempo**

S1 *mf* like a kiss, like a kiss.

S2 *mf* like a kiss, like a kiss.

A1 *mf* like a kiss, like a kiss, like a

A2 bless - ing, like a kiss,

poco rit. **A tempo**

6 26 Più mosso ♩=84

S1
S2
A1
A2

kiss...
like... a... kiss...

mf

Più mosso ♩=84

mp *cresc. poco a poco*

Robustly

28

mf
My song will be like a pair of wings to your
mf
My song will be like a pair of wings to your
mf
My song will be like a pair of wings to your
mf
My song will be like a pair of wings to your

mf *cresc. poco a poco*

30

dreams _____ your

dreams _____ like wings

dreams _____ like wings _____

dreams _____ like wings _____ to your

The musical score for measures 30-31 consists of four vocal staves and a piano accompaniment. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The piano part features a steady eighth-note accompaniment in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand. The lyrics are: "dreams _____ your", "dreams _____ like wings", "dreams _____ like wings _____", and "dreams _____ like wings _____ to your".

32

dreams, _____ your dreams,

_____ your dreams, _____

dreams, _____ *f* like

The musical score for measures 32-33 continues with four vocal staves and piano accompaniment. The key signature changes to three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The time signature changes from 4/4 to 2/4. The lyrics are: "dreams, _____ your dreams,", "_____ your dreams, _____", and "dreams, _____ *f* like". The piano part continues with a similar accompaniment pattern.

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34

it will trans - port your heart _____ to the verge _____

it will trans - port your heart _____ to the

it

wings, it will trans - port your

36

of the un - known.

ve _____ of the un - known.

will trans - port your heart. It will be like the

heart _____ to the un - known. like the

39

A1
A2

faith - full star o - ver - head when

41

A1
A2

dark night is o-ver your road, o-ver your road.

dim. *molto rit.* $\text{♩} = 72$ *mp*

dim. *mf* *mp*

molto rit. $\text{♩} = 72$

Poco meno mosso

45 *dolce* *mp* *mf*

S1
S2

My song will sit in the pu-pils of your eyes, and will

A1
A2

p

My song will sit in the pu-pils of your eyes,

Poco meno mosso
dolce e sostenuto

mp

48 **Più mosso** *f*

S1 car - ry your sight in-to the heart of things.

S2 car - ry your sight the heart of things.

A1 *mp* car - ry your sight *mf* in - to the heart of things.

A2 *mp* car - ry your sight *mf* in - to the heart of things.

Più mosso

51 *mp* *p*

S And when my voice is

A *mp* *p*

A And when my voice is

55 *molto rit.* . . . *Tempo primo*

S
sil - enced, sil - enced in death, my

A
sil - enced, sil - enced in death, my

p *pp* *pp*

molto rit. . . . *Tempo primo*

p *dim* *pp*

Ped.

60

S1
song will speak in your liv - ing

S2
song will speak in your liv - ing

A1
ong will speak in your liv - ing

A2
song will speak in your liv - ing

mp *mp* *mp*

p

Ped.

heart, _____ in your liv - ing heart. _____

heart. _____

heart, _____ in your liv - ing heart. _____

heart, _____ in your liv - ing heart. _____

Ped.

66 *dim.* *rit.*

dim.

dim.

dim.

dim.

rit.