

# A Birthday

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**Joyfully** ♩ = 72

*mf*

Soprano: My heart is like a sing-ing bird \_\_\_\_\_ Whose nest is in a wa-tered shoot;

*mp* *mf*

Alto: bird a-sing-ing \_\_\_\_\_ nest in wa-tered shoot; My

*mp*

Tenor: bird a - sing-ing \_\_\_\_\_ nest in wa-tered shoot;

*mp*

Bass: bird a-sing-ing nest in wa-tered shoot;

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*mp*

S: tree of ap - ples \_\_\_\_\_ boughs bent with thick - set fruit;

*melody*

A: heart is like an ap-ple tree \_\_\_\_\_ Whose boughs are bent with thick - set fruit;

*mf*

T: tree of ap - ples \_\_\_\_\_ boughs bent with thick - set fruit; My

B: tree of ap - ples boughs bent with thick - set fruit;

NOTES: *halcyon*: serene;  
*vair*: grey and white squirrel fur, highly prized

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12 *ritardando*

S like a rain - bow, pad-dles in a hal - cyon

A *mp* like a rain - bow, pad-dles in a hal - cyon

T *mp* heart is like a rain-bow shell \_\_\_\_\_ That pad-dles in a hal - cyon

B like a rain - bow, \_\_\_\_\_ in a hal - cyon

16 *a tempo* *f* *mp*

S sea; \_\_\_\_\_ My heart is glad-der than all these Be-cause my love is come to me.

A *f* *mp* sea; \_\_\_\_\_ My heart is glad-der than all these Be-cause my love is come to me.

T *f* *mp* sea; \_\_\_\_\_ My heart is glad-der than all these Be-cause my love is come to me.

B *f* *mp* sea; My heart \_\_\_\_\_ is glad-der than all these Be-cause my love is come to me.