

for Sile McCarthy and her magic!

Silently she's combing, combing her long hair

for S.S.A.T.B.B. Choir and Piano

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PIANO

mf

ped. *sim.*

♩ = 52

SOP. SOLO 1

mp

Si - lent-ly, si - lent-ly she's comb - ing, comb-ing her long hair.

SOP. SOLO 2

mp

Si - lent-ly, si - lent-ly she's comb - ing, comb-ing her long hair.

p

SOP. SOLO 1

9

Si - lent-ly, Gra - cious-ly with ma - ny a pret - ty air.

SOP. SOLO 2

Si - lent-ly, Gra - cious-ly with ma - ny a pret - ty air.

*Poem XXIV from Chamber Music by James Joyce

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13 *mf* *no breath*

SOP. SOLO 1 Si - lent-ly, si - lent-ly she's comb - ing, comb-ing her long hair.

SOP. SOLO 2 Si - lent-ly, si - lent-ly she's comb - ing, comb-ing her long hair.

S A Si - lent-ly, si - lent-ly she's comb - ing, comb-ing her long hair.

T B Si - lent-ly, si - lent-ly she's comb - ing, comb-ing her long hair.

17 *lontano*

SOP. SOLO 1 Ah _____ with ma - ny a pret - ty air.

SOP. SOLO 2 Si - lent-ly, gra - cious-ly with ma - ny a pret - ty air.

S A Si - lent-ly, gra - cious-ly with man - y a pret - ty air.

T B Si - lent-ly, gra - cious-ly with man - y a pret - ty air.

feature *mp*

21

SOP. SOLO 1

SOP. SOLO 2

S A

T B

p

The

p

The

mf

Red. *sim.*

25

SOP. SOLO 1

SOP. SOLO 2

VERSE

S A

T B

The sun

sun is on the wil - low leaves, and

The sun, the sun

sun is on the wil - low leaves, and

p legato

29

SOP. SOLO 1

SOP. SOLO 2

S A

T B

on the dap - pled grass, and still she's comb - ing her long hair, her

no breath

no breath

p

mp

33

SOP. SOLO 1

SOP. SOLO 2

S A

T B

long hair, her long hair, Ah

long hair, her long hair, Ah

long hair, her long hair, Ah

vib.

mf

37

SOP. SOLO 1

SOP. SOLO 2

S A

T B

fore the look - ing glass, be - fore the look - ing glass.

meno

meno

feature

più *mf*

41

SOP. SOLO 1

SOP. SOLO 2

S A

T B

p

I

mp

Red. *sim.*

45 **Solo VERSE: "I have heard of witchery"**

SOP. SOLO 1
prayer you, cease to comb out, comb out her long hair, her

SOP. SOLO 2

S A
no breath
p *vib.* *mf*
Oo comb out her long hair, her

T B
p *vib.* *mf*

pizz. *p* *mf*

49

SOP. SOLO 1
long hair, her long hair,

SOP. SOLO 2
mf
for

S A
pp *mf*
long hair, Oo for

T B
pp

53

SOP. SOLO 1

SOP. SOLO 2

S A

T B

no breath vib.

I have heard of witch - er - y, un - der a pret - ty air,

no breath vib.

I have heard of witch - er - y, un - der a pret - ty air.

pp

57

SOP. SOLO 1

SOP. SOLO 2

S A

T B

less

un - der a pret - ty air.

less

un - der a pret - ty air.

less

f