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This sweet and merry month of May

Sopran

Mezzosopran

4

S

Mezz.

A

T

8

7

S

Mezz.

A

T

8

Bar

B

This sweet and mer-ry, mer-ry month, and mer - ry, mer - ry

This sweet and mer - ry, mer - ry month, and

month of May, and mer - ry month of May, of

mer-ry mer-ry month of May, and mer - ry month of

This sweet and mer-ry. mer-ry month, and mer-ry, mer-ry

And mer-ry, mer-ry month, and mer-ry, mer-ry month of

May, While Na - ture wan - tons

May, of May While

month of May, While Na - ture wan - tons, wan - tons in her

May, While Na -

While Na - ture wan - tons, wan - tons in her prime,

While Na - ture wan - tons, wan - tons in her

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S in her prime _____ wan - tons in her prime, _____

Mezz. Na - ture wan - tons, wan - tons in her prime, in her

A prime, while Na - ture wan - tons in _____ her prime, in

T - ture wan - tons, wan - tons in her prime, in her prime, _____

Bar wan - tons in her prime, _____ in her _____ prime,

B prime, while Na - ture wan - tons, wan - tons in _____ her

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S And birds do sing, _____ and birds do

Mezz. prime, and birds do sing, _____ and

A _____ her prime, And birds do sing, _____ and birds do

T _____ And birds do sing, _____ and birds do sing, _____

Bar And birds do sing, _____ and birds do sing, _____

B prime, and birds do sing, _____

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S sing, _____ and birds do sing, _____ and beasts do

Mezz. birds do sing, _____ and beasts do play, do play,

A sing, _____ do sing, _____ and beasts do play, and

T and birds do sing, _____ and beasts do play, and

Bar _____ and beasts do play, do play,

B and birds do sing, _____ and beasts do play, do _____

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S play, do play, do play, and

Mezz. _____ and beasts do play, do play, do play,

A beasts do play, do play, and beasts do play, do play,

T beasts do play, do play, and beasts do play, _____ do play,

Bar _____ and beasts do play, do play, and beasts do play, do play, do _____

B _____ and beats do play, _____ do play, and beasts do play,

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S
beasts do play, do play

Mezz.
and beasts do play

A
and beasts do play, do play

T
8 and beasts do play

Bar
play, do play, do play

B
do play, do play, do play

30

S
For plea - sure of the joy - ful

Mezz.
For plae - sure of the joy - ful time,

A
For plea - sure, for plea - sure of the joy - ful time, the joy - ful

T
8 For plea - sure of the joy - ful

Bar
For plea - sure of the joy - ful time, the joy - ful

B
For plea - sure of the joy - ful time,

34

S time, of the joy - ful time,

Mezz. of the joy - ful time, the joy - ful time, I choose the first for

A time, the joy - ful time, I choose the first for ho -

T time, the joy - ful time, the joy - ful time,

Bar time, of the joy - ful time, I choose the

B of the joy - ful time, the joy - ful time, I choose the first for

38

S I choose the first for ho - li - day, _____

Mezz. ho - li-day for ho - li - day, for ho - li -

A - li - day, for ho - li -

T I choose the first for ho - li-day, for ho - li -

Bar first for ho - li - day, for ho - li -

B ho - li-day, I choose the first for ho - li - day,

42

S for ho - li - day, for ho - li - day, And greet E - li - za, E - li -

Mezz. day for ho - li - day

A day, for ho - li - day, for ho - li - day, And

T 8 day, for ho - li - day, for ho - li - day, And greet E - li - za, E - li -

Bar day, for ho - li - day, And greet E - li - za, E -

B for ho - li - day, for ho - li - day, And greet E - li - za, E - li -

47

S za with a rhyme, with a rhyme,

Mezz. And greet E - li - za, E -

A greet E - li - za, E - li - za with a rhyme,

T 8 - za with a rhyme, and greet E - li - za,

Bar li - za with a rhyme, and greet E -

B za with a rhyme, with a rhyme,

50

S and greet E - li - za, E - li - za with a

Mezz. li - za with a rhyme, with a rhyme, with a rhyme,

A with a rhyme, and greet E - li - za, E - li - za with a

T E - li - za, and greet E - li - za

Bar li - za with a rhyme, and greet E - li - za

B and greet E - li - za, E - li -

54

S rhyme, with a rhyme, with _____ a

Mezz. with a rhyme, with a rhyme, with _____ a

A rhyme, with _____ a

T with a rhyme, with _____ a rhyme, with _____ a

Bar with a rhyme, with _____ a rhyme, with a

B za with a rhyme, with a rhyme, with _____ a

58

S
rhyme: O beau - te - ous Queen of se -

Mezz.
rhyme: O beau - te - ous Queen,

A
rhyme: O beau - te - ous Queen,

T
rhyme: O beau - te - ous Queen of se - cond

Bar
rhyme: O beau - te - ous Queen of se - cond

B
rhyme: O beau - te - ous Queen of

64

S
- cond Troy,

Mezz.
O beau - te - ous Queen of se -

A
O beau - te - ous Quen of se - cond

T
Troy, O beau - te - ous Quen of se - cond

Bar
Troy, O beau - te - ous Queen of se - cond, of

B
se - cond Troy, o beau - te - ous Queen of se - cond

70

S Take well in worth, take

Mezz. - cond Troy, Take well in worth a sim-ple toy,

A Troy, Take well in worth a sim-ple toy, a sim-ple toy, a

T Troy, of se-cond Troy, Take well in worth, take well in worth a

Bar se-cond, of se-cond Troy, Take well in worth a sim-ple day,

B Troy, Take well in worth, take well in worth a sim-ple day,

76

S well in worth a sim - ple toy, a sim-ple toy take

Mezz. a sim-ple toy, take well in wirth a sim-ple toy, a

A sim-ple toy, take well in wirth a sim-ple toy, a

T sim-ple toy, a sim - ple toy, take well in worth a

Bar take well in worth a sim-ple day, a sim-ple day,

B take well in worth a sim-ple day, a sim-ple day,

81

S well in wirth a sim-ple toy, a sim-ple toy,

Mezz. sim-ple toy, take well in worth a sim-ple

A sim-ple toy, take well in wortzh a sim-ple toy, a sim - ple

T 8 sim-ple toy, take well in wirth a sim - ple

Bar take well in worth a sim-ple day, take well in

B a sim-ple day, a sim-ple day, take well in

86

S a sim - ple toy, a sim - ple toy.

Mezz. toy, a sim - ple toy, a sim - ple toy.

A toy, a sim - ple toy, a sim - ple toy.

T 8 toy, a sim - ple toy, a sim - ple toy.

Bar worth a sim - ple day, a sim-ple day, a sim - ple day.

B worth a sim - ple day, a sim - ple day.