



Four Partsongs

Opus 110

No. 1

Valentine's Day

Charles Villiers Stanford

(1852-1924)

Andante leggiero

p *poco*

S Oh! I wish I were a ti - ny brown - y bird from out the south _____

A Oh! I wish I were a ti - ny brown - y bird from out the south _____

T Oh! I wish I were a ti - ny brown - y bird from out the south _____

B Oh! I wish I were a ti - ny brown - y bird from out the south _____

⁴ *pp* *p*

S Set - tled a-mong the al - der - holts, and twit-ter-ing, twit-ter-ing, twit-ter-ing by the stream; I would

A Set - tled a-mong the al - der - holts, and twit - - - ter-ing by the stream; _____

T Set - tled a-mong the al - der - holts, and twit - - - ter-ing by the stream; _____

B Set - tled a-mong the al - der - holts, and twit - - - ter-ing by the stream; _____

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S put my ti - ny tail down, and put up my ti - ny mouth, And

A *p* I would put my ti - ny tail down, and put up my ti - ny mouth, And

T *p* I would put my ti - ny tail down, and put up my ti - ny mouth, And

B *p* I would put my ti - ny tail down, and put up my ti - ny mouth, And

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S sing my ti - ny life a - way in one me - lo - dious dream. *pp*

A sing my ti - ny life a - way in one me - lo - dious dream. *pp*

T sing my ti - ny life a - way in one me - lo - dious dream. *pp*

B sing my ti - ny life a - way in one me - lo - dious dream. *pp*

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S *p* I would sing a - bout the blos - soms, and the sun - shine and the sky, And the *mf* *pp*

A *p* I would sing a - bout the blos - soms, and the sun - shine and the sky, And the *mf* *pp*

T *p* I would sing a - bout the blos - soms, and the sun - shine and the sky, And the *mf* *pp*

B *p* I would sing a - bout the blos - soms, and the sun - shine and the sky, And the *mf* *pp*

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S ti - ny wife I mean to have in such a co - - sy, co - sy nest;

A ti - ny wife I mean to have in such a co - - sy nest; _____

T ti - ny wife I mean to have in such a co - - sy nest; _____

B ti - ny wife I mean to have in such a co - - sy nest;

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S *mf* And if some one came and shot me dead, *f* why then *p* I could but

A *mf* And if some one came and shot me dead, *f* why then *p* I could but

T *mf* And if some one came and shot me dead, *f* why then *p* I could but

B *mf* And if some one came and shot me dead, *f* why then *p* I could but

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S *pp* die, With my ti - ny life and ti - ny song just end - ed *rall.* at their best.

A *pp* die, _____ With my ti - ny life and ti - ny song just end - ed *rall.* at their best.

T *pp* die, With my ti - ny life and ti - ny song just end - ed *rall.* at their best.

B *pp* die, With my ti - ny life and ti - ny song just end - ed *rall.* at their best.

Oh! I wish I were a tiny brown bird from out the south
Settled among the alder-holts, and twittering by the stream;
I would put my tiny tail down, and put up my tiny mouth,
And sing my tiny life away in one melodious dream.

I would sing about the blossoms, and the sunshine and the sky,
And the tiny wife I mean to have in such a cosy nest;
And if some one came and shot me dead, why then I could but die,
With my tiny life and tiny song just ended at their best.

Charles Kingsley (1819-1875)

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