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MARY OF NAZARETH

**Anthem suitable for
The Feast of The Annunciation**

Mary of Nazareth - Clive Sansom

It was like music:

Hovering and floating there

With the sound of lutes and timbrels

In the night air.

It was like waves,

Beating upon the shore:

Insistent with a rhythm, a pulsing

Unfelt before.

It was like wind:

Blowing from off the seas

Of other, far other

Lands than these.

It was like wings,

Like whirring wings that fly

The song of an army of swans

On the dark sky.

It was like God:

A presence of blinding light,

Ravishing body and soul

In the Spring night.

For the dedication of the Lady Chapel reredos in Ely Cathedral, June 2011.

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Paul Trepte

Soprano 1 *p*
It was like _____ mu - sic _____ mu - sic _____

Soprano 2 *p*
It _____ was like _____ mu - sic _____ mu - sic _____

Alto 1 *p*
It _____ was like _____ mu - sic _____ mu - sic _____

Alto 2 *p*
It _____ was like _____ mu - sic _____ mu - sic _____

Tenor 1 *p*
and floa - ting

Tenor 2 *p*
and floa - ting

Bass 1 *p*
Hov - er - ing _____

Bass 2 *p*
Hov - er - ing _____

6 *mf*
 S. With the sound of lutes and tim - brels__ In the

mf
 S. With the sound of lutes and tim - brels__ In the

mf
 With the sound of lutes and tim - brels__ In the

A. *mf*
 A. With the sound of lutes and tim - brels__ In the

T. *mf*
 there, floa - ting there floa - ting__

T. *mf*
 there, floa - ting there floa - ting__

B. *mf*
 ho-ver-ing__ ho-ver-ing__

B. *mf*
 ho-ver-ing__ ho-ver-ing__

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S. *p*
 night air _____ like waves, _____ like waves

S. *p*
 night air _____ like waves, _____ like waves

p
 night air _____ like waves, _____ like waves

A. *p*
 A. night air _____ like waves, _____ like waves

T. *p*
 It _____ was like It _____ was like waves, like waves

T. *p*
 It _____ was like waves, like waves

B. *p*
 It _____ was like It _____ was like waves, like waves

B. *p*
 It _____ was like waves, like waves

S. *mf* *3* *3* *3*
 bea - ting_ up-on the shore: In - sis- tent_ with a rhy- thm, a pul- sing un - felt be -

S. *mf* *3* *3* *3*
 bea - ting_ up-on the shore: In - sis- tent_ with a rhy- thm, a pul- sing un - felt be -

mf *3* *3* *3*
 bea - ting_ up-on the shore: In - sis- tent_ with a rhy- thm, a pul- sing un - felt be -

A. *mf* *3* *3* *3*
 A. bea - ting_ up-on the shore: In - sis- tent_ with a rhy- thm, a pul- sing un - felt be -

T. *mf*
 waves waves waves waves waves

T. *mf*
 waves waves waves waves waves

B. *mf*
 waves waves waves waves waves

B. *mf*
 waves waves waves waves waves

20 *p* *f*

S. fore. It was like It was like wind blowing from

S. *p* *f*

S. fore. It was like It was like wind blowing from

p *f*

fore. It was like it was like wind blowing from

A. *p* *f*

A. fore. It was like it was like wind blowing from

p *f*

T. waves waves blowing

p *f*


T. waves waves blowing


p *f*

B. waves waves blowing


p *f*

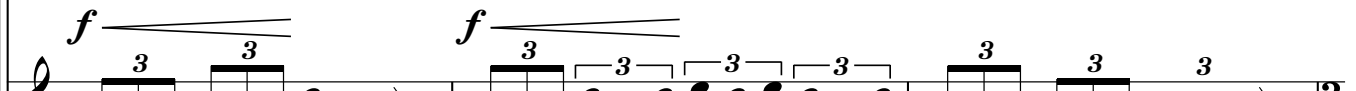
B. waves waves blowing


S.  off the seas of oth - er, far oth - er lands than


S.  off the seas of oth - er, far oth - er lands than


 off the seas of oth - er, far oth - er lands than

A.  off the seas of oth - er, far oth - er lands than

T.  *f* blow - ing blow - - - - -

T.  *f* blow - ing blow - - - - -

B.  *f* blow - ing blow - - - - -

B.  *f* blow - ing blow - - - - -

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S. *p* *mf*
 these than these like wings,

S. *p* *mf*
 these than these like wings,

p *mf*
 these than these like wings,

A. *p* *mf*
 these than these like wings,

T. *p* *mf*
 - - - ing It was like It was like wings, like

T. *p* *mf*
 - - - ing It was like wings, like

B. *p* *mf*
 - - - ing It was like It was like wings, like

B. *p* *mf*
 blow_ blow_ blow - ing It was like wings, like

S. *f*
 like whir - ring wings, whir - ring wings,

S. *f*
 like whir - ring wings, whir - ring wings,

f
 like whir - ring wings, whir - ring wings,

A. *f*
 like whir - ring wings, whir - ring wings,

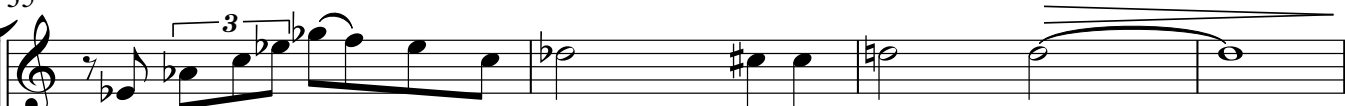
T. *f*
 whir___ ring wings that fly, The song of an ar - - my of

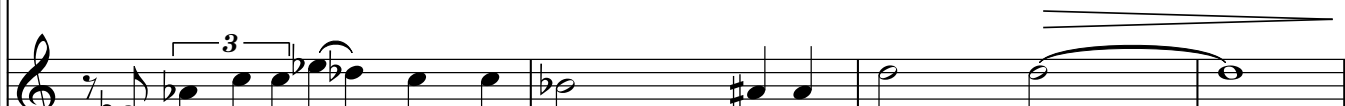
T. *f*
 whir___ ring wings that fly, The song of an ar - - my of

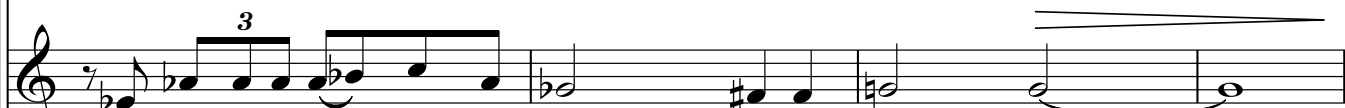
B. *f*
 whir___ ring wings that fly, The song of an ar - - my of

B. *f*
 whir___ ring wings that fly, The song of an ar - - my of

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S.  The song of an ar - my of swans on the dark sky_____

S.  The song of an ar - my of swans on the dark sky_____

 The song of an ar - my of swans on the dark sky_____

A.  The song of an ar - my of swans on the dark sky_____

T.  swans, The song of an ar - my of swans, an ar - my of swans on the dark sky_

T.  swans, The song of an ar - my of swans, an ar - my of swans on the dark sky_

B.  swans, The song of an ar - my of swans, an ar - my of swans on the dark sky_

B.  swans, The song of an ar - my of swans, an ar - my of swans on the dark sky_

S. *pp* It was like _____ *ff^{sub}* GOD: A

S. *pp* It was like _____ *ff^{sub}* GOD: A

S. *pp* It was like _____ *ff^{sub}* GOD: A

A. *pp* It was like _____ *ff^{sub}* GOD: A


T. *pp* _____ *pp* It was like _____ *ff* it _____ was like like GOD: _


T. *pp* _____ *pp* It was like _____ *ff* it _____ was like like GOD: _


B. *pp* _____ *pp* It was like _____ *ff* it _____ was like like GOD: _


B. *pp* _____ *pp* It was like _____ *ff* it _____ was like like GOD: _

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S. 
 pre - sence_ of blin - ding light_____ light_____ light_____


S. 
 pre - sence_ of blin - ding light,_____ pre_____ light_____ light_____


 pre - sence_ of blin - ding light,_____ light_____ light_____ light_____

A. 
 pre - sence_ of blin - ding light,_____ light_____ light_____ light_____

T. 
 ___ A pre - sence_____ of blin - ding light,_____ light,_____

T. 
 ___ A pre - sence_____ of blin - ding light,_____ light,_____

B. 
 ___ A pre - sence_____ of blin - ding light,_____ light,_____

B. 
 ___ A pre - sence_____ of blin - ding light,_____ light,_____

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S. *ff*

Ra-vish-ing bo - dy and soul _____ In the Spring night__

S. *ff*

Ra-vish-ing bo - dy and soul _____ In the Spring night__

ff

Ra-vish-ing bo - dy and soul _____ In the Spring night__

A. *ff*

Ra-vish-ing bo - dy and soul _____ In the Spring night__

T. *ff*

Ra-vish-ing bo-dy and soul _____ In the Spring night__

T. *ff*

Ra-vish-ing bo-dy and soul _____ In the Spring night__

B. *ff*

Ra-vish-ing bo-dy and soul _____ In the Spring night__

B. *ff*

Ra-vish-ing bo-dy and soul _____ In the Spring night__