

A Birthday

Christina Rossetti (1830-1894) was at the centre of the Pre-Raphaelite movement, which promoted the combination of sensuality and severity in both poetry and painting. Another of her poems is the carol "In the bleak mid-winter."

Christina Rossetti

Terry Pratt

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