

THE WILLOW SONG

for S.A.T.B. voices a cappella

Music by

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Words from
SHAKSPEARE'S "OTHELLO"

Lento (♩ = ca. 76-80)

Soprano *p*
The poor — soul sat sigh - ing by a

Alto *p*
The poor — soul sat sigh - ing — by a

Tenor *p*
The poor — soul sat sigh - ing by a

Bass *p*
The — poor soul sat sigh - ing

PIANO (for rehearsal only) *p*

The first system of the musical score is for the vocal parts and piano accompaniment. It features four vocal staves (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and a piano accompaniment staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The tempo is marked 'Lento' with a quarter note equal to approximately 76-80 beats per minute. The lyrics for the vocal parts are: 'The poor — soul sat sigh - ing by a'. The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support with a melody in the right hand and chords in the left hand.

3 *dim.*
sy - ca - more tree, Sing all a green

dim.
sy - ca - more — tree, Sing all a green

dim.
sy - ca - more — tree, Sing — all a green —

dim.
by a sy - ca - more — tree, Sing — all a green —

dim.

The second system of the musical score continues the vocal parts and piano accompaniment. It features the same four vocal staves and piano accompaniment staff. The lyrics for the vocal parts are: 'sy - ca - more tree, Sing all a green'. The piano accompaniment continues with the same harmonic support. The tempo remains 'Lento'. The system ends with a measure marked 'dim.' (diminuendo).

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pp *p*

wil - low; Her hand_ on her bo - som, her_ head on_ her

pp *p*

wil - low; Her hand_ on her bo - som, her_ head on_ her

pp *p*

wil - low; Her hand_ on her bo - som, her_ head_ on_ her

pp *p*

wil - low; Her hand_ on her bo - som, her_ head_ on_ her

pp *p*

10

dim. *p* *mf*

knee, Sing wil - low, wil - low, wil - low. The

dim. *p* *mf*

knee, Sing wil - low, wil - low, wil - low. The

dim. *p* *mf*

knee, Sing wil - low, wil - low, wil - low. The_

dim. *p* *mf*

knee, Sing wil - low, wil - low, wil - low. The_

dim. *p* *mf*

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fresh streams ran by her and mur - mur'd her

fresh streams ran by her and mu - mur'd her

fresh streams ran by her and mur - mur'd her

fresh streams ran by her and mur - mur'd her

fresh streams ran by her and mur - mur'd her

fresh streams ran by her and mur - mur'd her

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moans; Sing wil - low wil - low, wil - low;

moans; Sing wil - low wil - low, wil - low;

moans; Sing wil - low, wil - low;

moans; Sing wil - low, wil - low;

moans; Sing wil - low, wil - low;

moans; Sing wil - low, wil - low;

21 *mp*

Her salt__ tears__ fell from her, and soft - en'd the

mp

Her salt__ tears__ fell__ from__ her, and soft - en'd__ the

mp

Her salt__ tears__ fell from her, and soft - en'd the__

mp

Her salt tears fell from her, and soft - en'd__ the

mp

24 *dim.*

stones; Sing wil - low, wil - low, wil -

dim.

stones; Sing wil - low, wil - low, wil -

dim.

stones; Sing wil - low, wil - low, wil -

dim.

stones; Sing wil - low, wil - low, wil -

dim.