



The Bee Carol

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Calmly ♩ = 90

SOPRANO *p* Si - lent - ly, on Christ - mas Eve,

ALTO *p* si - lent-ly, si - lent-ly, si - lent-ly, si-lent-ly, on

TENOR *p* si - lent-ly, si - lent-ly, si - lent-ly, si-lent-ly, on

BASS *p* si - lent-ly, si - lent-ly, si - lent-ly, si-lent-ly, on

PIANO *p*

7

mp the turn of mid - night's key; all the gar - den locked in

mp Christ-mas Eve, the turn of mid-night's key; all the gar - den locked in

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mp Christ-mas Eve, the turn of mid-night's key; all the gar - den locked in

mp

13

ice - a sil - ver frieze - except the win - ter clus - ter

ice - a sil - ver frieze - except the win - ter clus - ter

ice - a sil - ver frieze - except the win - ter clus - ter

ice - a sil - ver frieze - except the win - ter clus - ter

19

of the bees. Flight - less, flight - less now and

of the bees. Flight - less, flight - less now and

of the bees. Flight - less, flight - less now and

of the bees. Flight - less, flight - less now and

25

shi-ver-ing, a-round their queen they cling; ev-'ry

shi-ver-ing, a-round their queen they cling; ev-'ry

shi-ver-ing, a-round their queen they cling; ev-'ry

shi-ver-ing, a-round their queen they cling; ev-'ry

30

bee a gift of heat; she will not freeze with-in the *mp*

bee a gift of heat; she will not freeze with-in the *mp*

bee a gift of heat; she will not freeze with-in the *mp*

bee a gift of heat; she will not freeze with-in the *mp*

36

mf

win - ter clus - ter of the bees. Bring for me my

mf

win - ter clus - ter of the bees. Bring for me my

mf

win - ter clus - ter of the bees. Bring for me my

mf

win - ter clus - ter of the bees. Bring for me my

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Christ - mas gift a sing - le, sing - le jar; let me taste the

Christ - mas gift a sing - le, sing - le jar; let me taste the

Christ - mas gift a sing - le, sing - le jar; let me taste the

Christ - mas gift a sing - le, sing - le jar; let me taste the

50

sweet - ness there, but ho - ney leave

sweet - ness there, but ho - ney leave

sweet - ness there, but ho - ney leave

sweet - ness there, but ho - ney leave

54

mp
to feed the win - ter clus - ter of the bees.

mp
to feed the win - ter clus - ter of the bees.

mp
to feed the win - ter clus - ter of the bees.

mp
to feed the win - ter clus - ter of the bees.

mp

59 *mf*

Come with me on Christ - mas Eve to see the

mf

Come with me, oh come with me on Christ - mas Eve to see, to see the

mf

Come with me, oh come with me on Christ - mas Eve to see, to see the

mf

Come with me, come, on Christ - mas Eve to see, to see the

65

si - lent hive - trem-bling stars clois - tered a - bove, and then be -

si - lent hive - trem-bling stars clois - tered a - bove, and then be -

si - lent hive - trem-bling stars clois-tered a - bove and then be -

si - lent hive - trem-bling stars clois-tered a - bove and then be -

