

Arranged for Libby Landles-Dowling and Tempus

The Blue Bird

(Op. 119, No. 3)

For unaccompanied mixed chorus (SATB) and soprano solo

Mary E. Coleridge
(1861-1907)

Charles Villiers Stanford
(1852-1924)
ed. Drew Collins

Larghetto tranquillo (q=54-69)

Sop. Solo* *pp*

Soprano *pp* blue

Alto *pp*

Tenor *pp*

Bass *pp*

Piano (Reh. only) *pp*

The lake lay blue below the hill, The

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*This may be sung by a soprano soloist, three sopranos, or all first sopranos. If sung by a soloist, consider having her stand separated from the choir.

5 6 7 8 9

lake lay blue be - low the hill, be - low the hill, blue. be - low the hill,

lake lay blue be - low the hill, be - low the hill,

lake lay blue be - low the hill, be - low the hill,

lake lay blue be - low the hill, be - low the hill,

10 11 12 13

O'er it, as I looked there flew A - cross the wa - ters, cold and still, lay blue, Cold and lay blue, Cold and lay blue, Cold and

14 16 17

A bird whose wings were pa - lest

14 15 17

still, there flew a bird whose wings were pa - lest

14 15 17

still, there flew a bird whose wings were pa - lest

14 15 17

still, there flew a bird whose wings were pa - lest

14 15 17

still, there flew a bird whose wings were pa - lest

8

cresc.

ppp 20 21 22 23 *p*

blue. blue,

ppp 20 *p* 21 22

blue. The sky a - bove was blue at last, The

ppp 20 *p* 21 22

blue. The sky a - bove was blue at last, The

ppp 20 *p* 21 22

blue. The sky a - bove was blue at last, The

ppp 20 *p* 21 22

blue. The sky a - bove was blue at last, The

ppp *p* *cresc.*

25 26 27 *mf* 29

blue.

sky be - neath me blue in blue, was blue in

sky be - neath me blue in blue, was blue in

sky be - neath me blue in blue, was blue in

sky be - neath me blue in blue, was blue in

31 32 33 *mf*

A mo - ment, ere the bird had passed, It caught

pp blue, blue in blue, It

pp blue, blue in blue, It

pp blue, blue in blue, It

pp blue, blue in blue, It

his im age, his im - age as he
 caught, it caught his im - age, his im - age as he
 caught, it caught his im - age, his im - age as he
 caught, it caught his im - age, his im - age as he
 caught, it caught his im - age, as he

Piu lento 40 41 42 *quasi niente ppp*

flew. blue.
 flew. The lake lay blue be - low the hill.
 flew. The lake lay blue be - low the hill.
 flew. The lake lay blue be - low the hill.
 flew. The lake lay blue be - low the hill.