

Shall I Compare Thee To A Summer's Day?

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Music: CHRIS WILLIAMS

Lento espressivo ♩ = 60

Soprano

Shall I com - pare thee__ to__ a sum-mer's day? Thou art more

Shall I com - pare thee__ to__ a sum-mer's day? Thou art more

Alto

Shall I com- pare thee__ to__ a sum-mer's day? Thou art more

Shall I com- pare thee__ to__ a sum-mer's day? Thou art more

Tenor

Shall I com- pare thee__ to__ a sum-mer's day? Thou art more

Shall I com- pare thee__ to__ a sum-mer's day? Thou art more

Bass

Shall I com- pare thee__ to__ a sum-mer's day? Thou art more

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Piano
(rehearsal only)

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S. *mf*
love - ly and more tem - per - ate: Rough winds do

A. *mf*
love - ly and more tem - per - ate: Rough winds, rough

T. *mf*
love - ly and more tem - per - ate: Rough winds, rough

B. *mf*
love - ly and more tem - per - ate: Rough winds, rough

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S. *mf*
shake the dar-ling buds of May, And

A. *mf*
winds do shake the dar - ling, dar - ling buds of May, And

T. *mf*
winds do shake the dar - ling buds, the dar-ling buds of May, And

B. *mf*
winds do shake the dar - ling, dar-ling buds of May, And

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S. *p* *pp*
 sum - mer's lease hath all too short a date: Some -

A. *p*
 sum - mer's lease hath all too short a date:

T. *p*
 sum - mer's lease hath all too short a date:

B. *p*
 all too short a date:

p *pp*

Un poco più mosso ♩ = 128

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S. *p*
 - times too hot the eye of Hea - ven shines,

A. *p*
 Some-times too hot the eye of Hea - ven shines,

T. *p*
 Some - times too hot the eye of Hea - ven

B. *p*
 Some-times too hot the eye of Hea - ven

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p

15 *pp*

S. And of - ten is his gold com - plex - ion dimm'd;

A. *pp*
And of - ten is his gold com - plex - ion dimm'd;

T. *pp*
shines, And of - ten is his gold com - plex - ion

B. *pp*
shines, And of - ten is his gold com - plex - ion

20 *pp*

S. And ev' - ry fair from fair some -

A. *pp*
And ev' - ry fair from fair some - time de -

T. *pp*
dimm'd; And ev' - ry fair from fair some - time de -

B. *pp*
dimm'd; And ev' - ry fair from fair some - time de -