

The turtle dove

English folk-song

arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams

Andante sostenuto

Bar. solo *p*
Fare you well, my dear, I must be gone, And leave you for a

S1 *pp*
closed lips

S2 *pp*
closed lips

A *pp*
closed lips

T *pp*
closed lips

B *pp*
closed lips

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while; If I roam a - way I'll come back a - gain, Though I b

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Bar. solo

roam ten thou - sand miles, my dear, Though I roam ten thou - sand miles _____

S1

(S1 half closed lips)

S2

A

T

B

11

p

So fair thou art my bon - ny lass, So deep in love am

pp

So fair thou art,

pp

So fair thou art,

pp

So fair thou

pp

So fair thou

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S1 I; But I nev- er will prove false to the bon- ny lass I love, Till the

S2 So deep _____ in love,

A So deep _____ in love,

T art, *pp* So

B art, *pp* So

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stars fall from the sky, my dear, Till the stars fall from the sky. The *mp*

Till the stars fall from the sky. The *p* *mp*

Till the stars fall from the sky. The *p* *mp*

deep in love, so deep in love am ____ I. The *mp*

deep in love, so deep in love am I. The *mp*

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S1 sea will nev - er run dry, Nor the rocks melt with the

S2 sea will nev - er run dry, my dear, Nor the rocks nev - er melt with the

A sea will nev - er run dry, my dear, Nor the rocks melt with the

T sea will nev - er run dry, my dear, Nor the rocks nev - er melt with the

B sea will nev - er run dry, my dear, Nor the rocks nev - er melt with the

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sun, But I nev - er will prove false, Till

sun, But I nev - er will prove false to the bon - ny lass I love, Till

sun, But I nev - er will prove false, Till

sun, But I nev - er will prove false to the bon - ny lass I love, Till

sun, But I nev - er will prove false, Till

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Bar. solo

S1

all be done, my dear, Till all these things be done.

S2

all these things be done, my dear, Till all these things be done.

A

all be done, my dear, Till all these things be done.

T

all these things be done, my dear, Till all these things be done.

B

all these things be done, my dear, Till all these things be done.

dim.

p

dim.

mp

dim.

p

dim.

mp

dim.

mp

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yon - der doth sit that lit - tle tur - tle dove, He doth sit on yon - der high

pp

pp

pp

pp

pp

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Bar. solo

tree, A - mak - ing a moan for the loss of his love, As I will do for

S1 (S1 half closed lips)

S2

A

T

B

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thee, my dear, As I will do for thee. _____

ppp

ppp

ppp

ppp

ppp