

The Blue Bird

For S A T T Bar B

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The lake lay blue below the hill,
O'er it, as I looked, there flew
Across the waters, cold and still,
A bird whose wings were palest blue.

The sky above was blue at last,
The sky beneath me blue in blue,
A moment, ere the bird had passed,
It caught his image as he flew.

(Mary Elizabeth Coleridge)

Andante $\text{♩} = 72$

The musical score is written for SATTB voices. It consists of six staves: Soprano (S), Alto (A), Tenor 1 (T), Tenor 2 (T), Baritone (Bar), and Bass (B). The music is in common time (C) and marked 'Andante' with a tempo of 72 beats per minute. The dynamic marking is 'mp' (mezzo-piano). The lyrics are: 'The lake lay blue below the hill, O'er it, as I looked, there flew Across the waters, cold and still, A bird whose wings were palest blue. The sky above was blue at last, The sky beneath me blue in blue, A moment, ere the bird had passed, It caught his image as he flew.' The score includes vocal lines with lyrics and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: 'The lake lay blue below the hill, O'er it, as I looked, there flew Across the waters, cold and still, A bird whose wings were palest blue. The sky above was blue at last, The sky beneath me blue in blue, A moment, ere the bird had passed, It caught his image as he flew.'

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mf

S hill, o'er it as I looked,

A hill, o'er it as I looked,

T⁸ hill, o'er it as I looked, as I

T⁸ hill, o'er it as I looked, as I

Bar be - low the hill, o'er it o'er it as I

B be - low the hill, o'er it o'er it as I

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p *mp*

S there flew a - cross the wa - ters,

A there flew a - cross the wa - ters,

T⁸ looked, there flew a - cross the

T⁸ looked, there flew a - cross the

Bar looked, there flew

B looked, there flew

S
a - cross the wa - ters,

A
a - cross the wa - ters,

T
wa - ters, a - cross the wa - ters,

T
wa - ters, a - cross the wa - ters,

Bar
mf
a - cross the wa - ters, a - cross the wa - ters,

B
mf
a - cross the wa - ters, a - cross the

33

S
pp cold and still, *mp* a

A
pp cold and still,

T
pp cold and still,

T
pp cold and still,

Bar
mp
a bird whose wings were pal - est blue

B
wa - ters, cold and still,

S
bird whose wings were pal - est blue

A
mp
a bird whose wings were pal - est blue

T
mp
a bird whose wings were pal - est blue

T
mp
a bird whose wings were

Bar

B
mf
a

S
mf were pal - est blue *p* were pal - est

A
mf were pal - est blue *p* were pal - est

T
p were pal - est blue

T
p pal - est blue were pal - est blue

Bar
mf a bird whose wings were pal - est blue. The sky

B
bird whose wings were pal - est blue. The

mf

S blue were pal - est blue. The sky a - bove was

mf

A blue were pal - est blue. The sky a - bove was

mf

T were pal - est blue. The sky _____ a - bove was blue at last,

mf

T were pal - est blue. The sky _____ a - bove was blue at last,

Bar _____ a - bove was blue at last, was blue at

B sky _____ a - bove was blue at last, was blue at

mp

S blue _____ at last, _____ the sky _____ be - neath _____ me

mp

A blue _____ at last, _____ the sky _____ be - neath me

mp

T was blue at last, _____ the sky _____

mp

T was blue at last, _____ the sky _____

Bar last, was blue _____ at last, _____ the

mp

B last, was blue at last, _____ the

69

f
 S be - neath me blue in blue, blue in blue, a mo - ment
 A be - neath me blue in blue, blue in blue, a mo - ment
 T ⁸ be - neath me blue in blue, blue in blue, a mo - ment
 T ⁸ be - neath me blue in blue, blue in blue, a mo - ment
 Bar sky be - neath me be - neath me blue in blue, in blue, a mo - ment ere the
 B sky be - neath me be - neath me blue in blue, in blue, a mo - ment ere the

82

mp *pp*
 S ere the bird had passed, it caught his im - age as he
 A *mp* *pp*
 ere the bird had passed, it caught his im - age as he
 T *p*
⁸ ere the bird had passed,
 T *p*
⁸ ere the bird had passed,
 Bar bird had passed,
 B bird had passed,

S
flew it caught his im-age as he

A
flew it caught his im-age as he

T
pp
it caught his im-age as he flew

T
pp
it caught his im-age as he flew

Bar
pp
it caught his im-age as he flew

B
pp
it caught his im-age as he flew

S
flew it caught his im - age as he flew.

A
flew it caught his im - age as he flew.

T
pp
it caught his im - age as he flew.

T
pp
it caught his im - age as he flew.

Bar
pp
it caught his im-age as he flew as he flew.

B
pp
it caught his im-age as he flew as he flew.