

A SPOTLESS ROSE

14th-century German hymn

tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)

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With easeful movement

p

Soprano
A Spot-less Rose is blow - ing, Sprung from a ten -

Alto
A Spot-less Rose is blow - ing, Sprung from a ten -

Tenor
A Spot-less Rose is blow - ing, Sprung from a ten -

Bass
A Spot-less Rose is blow - ing, Sprung from a ten -

mp

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- der root, Of an-cient seers' fore-show-ing, Of Jes-se pro-mised

mp

- der root, Of an-cient seers' fore-show-ing, Of Jes-se pro-mised

mp

- der root, Of an-cient seers' fore-show-ing, Of Jes-se pro-mised

mp

- der root, Of an-cient seers' fore-show-ing, Of Jes-se pro-mised

mf

7
fruit; Its fair-est bud un - folds to light A - mid the cold, cold

mf

fruit; Its fair-est bud un - folds to light A - mid the cold, cold

mf

fruit; Its fair-est bud un - folds to light A - mid the cold, cold

mf

fruit; Its fair-est bud un - folds to light A - mid cold

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A tempo

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p win - ter, And in the dark mid - night. *pp*

p win - ter, And in the dark mid night. *pp*

p win - ter, And in the dark mid - night. *pp*

p win - ter, And in the dark mid - night. *pp*

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solo (tenor or baritone) *mf* dolce

The Rose which I am sing - ing, Where - of I -

ppp (remotely) A Spot - less Rose is

ppp (remotely) A Spot - less Rose is

ppp (remotely) A Spot - less Rose is

ppp (remotely) A Spot - less Rose is

ppp (remotely) A Spot - less Rose is

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sai-ah said, Is from its sweet root spring-ing In Ma-ry, pur - est

blow - ing, Sprung from a ten -

blow - ing, Sprung from a ten -

blow - ing, Sprung from a ten -

blow - ing, Sprung from a ten -

22 *espressivo*

Maid; For thoroughour God's great love and might, The Bless-ed Babe she

pp *dim.*

- der root; Its bud un - folds in the

pp *dim.*

- der root; Its bud un - folds in the

pp *dim.*

- der root; Its bud un - folds in the

pp *dim.*

- der root; Its bud un - folds in the

26 *rall.* ----- *A tempo*

bare us In a cold, cold win - ter's night.

ppp *f ma dolce*

dark mid - night. The

ppp *f ma dolce*

dark mid - night. The

ppp *f ma dolce*

dark mid - night. The

ppp *f ma dolce*

dark mid - night. The

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Rose which I am sing - ing, Where-of I - sai-ah said, Is

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Rose which I am sing - ing, Where-of I - sai-ah said, Is

35 *f*

from its sweet root spring - ing In Ma - ry, pur - est Maid; — For

from its sweet root spring - ing In Ma - ry, pur - est Maid; For

from its sweet root spring - ing In Ma - ry, pur - est Maid; — For

from its sweet root spring - ing In Ma - ry, pur - est Maid; — For

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throughour God's great love and might, The Bless - ed Babe she

through our God's great love and might, The Bless - ed Babe she

through our God's great love and might, The Bless - ed Babe she

through our God's great love and might, The Babe she

41 *p* *pp* *ppp*

bare us In a cold, cold win - ter's night.

bare us In a cold, cold win - ter's night.

bare us In a cold, cold win - ter's night.

bare us In a cold, cold win - ter's night.