

Choral Music of Karen P. Thomas

I will be the gladdest thing

SSAB and piano

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Afternoon on a Hill

I will be the gladdest thing
Under the sun!
I will touch a hundred flowers
And not pick one.
I will look at cliffs and clouds
With quiet eyes,
Watch the wind bow down the grass.
And the grass rise.
And when lights begin to show
Up from the town,
I will mark which must be mine.
And then start down.

Edna St Vincent Millay

I will be the gladdest thing

(Afternoon on a hill)

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Poem by Edna St. Vincent Millay

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♩ = c. 124
con brio

Piano

f

con brio

f

S
A
B

I _____ will be the glad-dest thing

I _____ will be the glad-dest thing

I _____ will be the glad-dest thing

cresc. *ff* *f*

*Ped. * Ped. **

12

S un-der the sun! I _____ will be the

A un-der the sun! I _____ will be the

B un-der the sun! I _____ will be the

12

Ped. *

17

S glad-dest thing un-der the sun!

A glad-dest thing un-der the sun!

B glad-dest thing un-der the sun!

17

Ped. *

22

S I _____ will be the glad - dest thing un - der the sun!

A I _____ will be the glad - dest thing un - der the sun! _____ un - der the

B I _____ will be the glad - dest thing un - der the, un - der the sun!

22

27

S un - der the sun!

A sun! _____

B _____

27

$\text{♩} = \text{c. } 62 \text{ (♩=♩)}$

legato *dim.*

con Ped.
Bring out LH melody

30

mf

33

mf

36

dim.

39

legato, gentle

mp

S I will touch a hun-dred flow'rs and not pick one.

A I will touch a hun-dred flow'rs and not pick one.

B I will touch a hun-dred flow'rs and not pick one.

39

legato, gentle

mp

I will touch a hun-dred flow'rs, hun - dred

44 *cresc.*

S — I will look at cliffs and clouds, at cliffs and

A — I will look at cliffs and clouds, at cliffs and

B flow'rs. I will look at cliffs and clouds, at cliffs and

44 *cresc.*

49 *mf* *dim.* *mp*

S clouds with qui-et eyes. Watch the wind bow

A *mf* *dim.* *mp*

A clouds with qui-et eyes. Watch the wind bow

B *mf* *dim.* *mp*

B clouds with qui-et eyes. Watch the wind bow

49 *mf* *dim.* *mp*

Ped. * *Ped.* *

55

S down the grass, and the grass rise, and the grass

A down the grass, and the grass rise.

B down the grass, and the grass rise, and the grass rise,

p *mp* *p* *mp*

55

61

S rise. And when the lights be -

A rise. And when the lights be -

B rise. And when the lights be -

cresc. *mf* *mp* *cresc.* *mf* *mp* *cresc.* *mf* *mp*

61

con Ped.

67

S
gin to show, be - gin to show up from the town, _____

A
gin to show, be - gin to show up from the town, _____

B
gin to show, be - gin to show _____ up from

67

72 *cresc.* *mf* *dim.*

S
_____ I will mark which must be mine,

A
cresc. *mf*
_____ I will mark which must be mine,

B
cresc. *mf*
the town, _____ must be

72

77

S *mp* must be mine. And then start

A *dim.* *mp* must be mine. And then

B *dim.* *mp* mine. And then start down,

77

dim. *mp* *dim.*

83

S *p* down.

A *p* start down.

B *p* down.

83

p *cresc.* *Tempo Primo* *mf* *cresc.*

88 *con brio* ***f***

S I will be the glad - dest thing un - der the

A I will be the glad - dest thing un - der the

B I will be the glad - dest thing un - der the

88 *con brio* ***f*** *cresc.* ***ff*** ***f***

93

S sun! I will be the

A sun! I will be the

B sun! I will be the

93 *Ped.* *

97

S
glad - dest thing un - der the sun!

A
glad - dest thing un - der the sun!

B
glad - dest thing un - der the sun!

97

Ped. *

101

S
I will be the glad - dest thing un - der the

A
I will be the glad - dest thing un - der the

B
I will be the glad - dest thing un - der the,

101

105

S

sun! Un - der

A

sun! un - der the, un - der

B

un - der the sun! Un - der

+ Optional high A for one soprano.

109

S

the sun!

A

the sun!

B

the sun!

* Optional divisi for tenor & bass.

109

cresc.

ff