

May

a song for SSAA quartet (or chamber choir),
with piano accompaniment

poem by *Christina Rossetti*

Andantino grazioso ♩ = 100

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Soprano 1

Soprano 2

Alto 1

Alto 2

Piano

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p I can-not tell you how it was;— But this I know: it came to pass Up-on a

p I can-not tell you how it was;— But this I know: it came to pass Up-on a

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16 *mf poco espr.*

bright and breez-y day_ When May_ was young, when May was young, when May was

mf poco espr.

bright and breez-y day_ When May_ was young, when May was young, when May was

mf

bright and breez-y day_ When May was young; ah

mf

bright and breez-y day_ When May was young; ah

21 *p*

young, ah pleas-ant May! It came to pass Up - on a bright and

p

young, ah pleas-ant May! It came to pass Up-on a bright and breez-y day When May was

p

pleas - ant May! It came to pass Up-on a bright and breez-y day When May was

p

pleas - ant May! It came to pass Up - on a bright and

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breez - y day, ah pleas-ant May! *pp*

young, ah pleas-ant May, ah pleas-ant May! *pp*

young, ah pleas-ant May, ah pleas-ant May! *pp*

breez - y day, ah pleas-ant May! *pp*

33

mp As yet the pop-pies were not

mp As yet the pop-pies were not

pp *mp pesante*

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mf The

mf The

born Be - tween__ the blades of ten - der corn,____ ten-der corn;

born Be - tween__ the blades of ten - der corn,____ ten-der corn;

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last egg had not hatched as yet, Nor__ an-y bird__ fore-gone its

last egg had not hatched as yet, Nor__ an-y bird fore-gone its

mf ...not hatched as__yet, Nor__ an-y bird fore-gone its

mf ...not hatched as__yet, Nor__ an-y bird fore-gone its

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f mate. _____ *pp* I can-not tell you

f mate. _____ *pp* I can-not tell you

f mate. _____ *pp* I can-not tell you

f mate. _____ *pp* I can-not tell you

f *p* *pp* *ppp* *pp*

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what it was;— But this I know: it did but pass. It passed a - way with sun-ny

what it was;— But this I know: it did but pass. It passed a - way with sun-ny

what it was;— But this I know: it did but pass. It passed a - way with sun-ny

what it was;— But this I know: it did but pass. It passed a - way with sun-ny

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May, With all sweet things it passed a - - - way. _____

May, With all sweet things it passed a - - - way. _____

May, With all sweet things it passed a - - - way. _____

May, With all sweet things it passed a - - - way. _____

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poco amaramente

With all sweet things it passed a - way, And left me old, and - cold, and -

Ah! _____

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grey, with all sweet things it passed a - way, And left me old, and ___

poco amaramente

With all sweet things it passed a - way, And left me old, and ___

poco amaramente

— Ah, with all sweet things it passed a - way, And

poco amaramente

Ah, with all sweet things it passed a - way, And

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cold, and ___ grey. It passed a - way with sun - ny

cold, and grey. It passed a - way, a - way ___ with

left me old, and cold, and grey. It passed a - way with sun - ny

left me old, and cold, and grey. It passed a - way, a - way ___ with

sun - ny May, With all sweet things it passed, it passed a - way.

 $\mathfrak{m}f$

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ah, ah! All sweet things, it passed a -

ah, ah! All sweet things, it passed a -

ah, ah! All sweet things, it passed a -

ah, ah! All sweet things, it passed a -

flessibile e trasparente **f**

rall. - - - - -

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- way, And left me old, and left me old, and cold, and grey... **p** **ppp**

- way, And left me old, and left me old, and cold, and grey... **p** **ppp**

- way, And left me old, and left me old, and cold, and grey... **p** **ppp**

- way, And left me old, and left me old, and cold, and grey... **p** **ppp**

pp