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So shy shy shy (and with a  
look the very boldest man  
can scarcely dare to meet no matter  
how he'll try to try)

So gay gay gay and with a  
wisdom not the wisest man  
will partly understand (although  
the wisest man am i)

So wrong (wrong wrong) and with a  
smile at which the rightest man  
remembers there is such a thing  
as spring and wonders why

So young young young and with a  
something makes the oldest man  
(whoever he may be) the only  
man who'll never die

Slowly; thoughtfully

SOPRANO

ALTO

TENOR

BASS

*p*  
So shy, shy,

Slowly; thoughtfully

Piano

*mp legato*

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S. \_\_\_\_\_

A. \_\_\_\_\_

T. *cresc.* *mf*

shy, and with a look, the ve-ry bold-est man can scarce-ly

B. \_\_\_\_\_

Pno.

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S. \_\_\_\_\_

A. \_\_\_\_\_

T. dare to meet, no mat-ter how \_\_\_\_\_ he'll try to

B. \_\_\_\_\_

Pno.

*Red.* *Red.* *Red.* *Red.*

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S.

A.

T. 

B.

Pno.

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S.

A. 

T. 

B.

Pno.

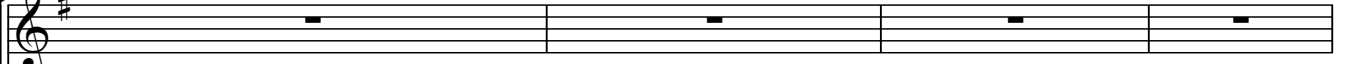
S. 


A. 
  
smile at which the right - est man re - mem - bers


T. 
  
there is such a thing as spring and

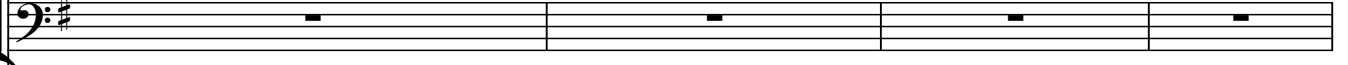
B. 


Pno. 
  
Ped. Ped. \*

S. 

A. 
  
there is such a thing as spring and won - ders why.

T. 
  
won - ders why, won - ders, and won - ders why.

B. 

Pno. 

S. 

A.  *mp*  
So

T.  *mp*  
So gay, gay, gay, and with a

B. 

Pno. 


S. 

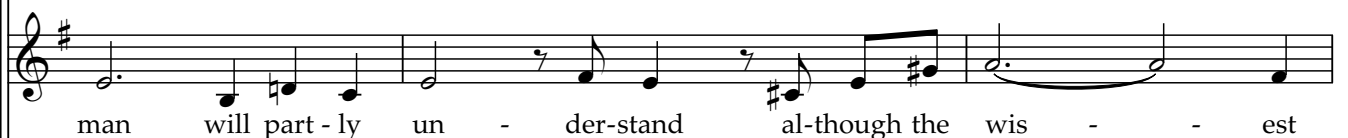
A.  *cresc.*  
gay, gay, gay, and with a wis - dom not the wis - est

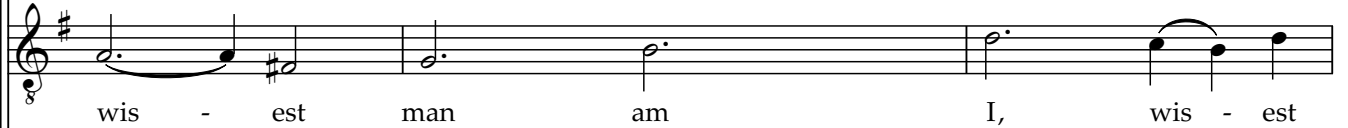
T.  *cresc.*  
wis - dom not the wis - est man will part-ly un - der-stand al-though the


B.  *mf*  
So gay, gay,

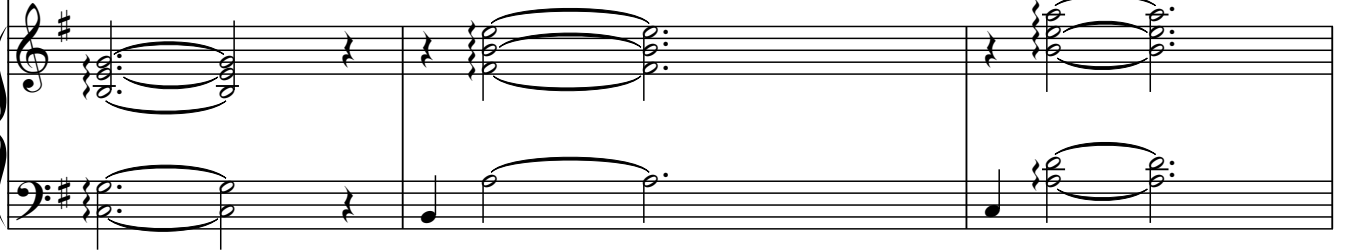
Pno. 

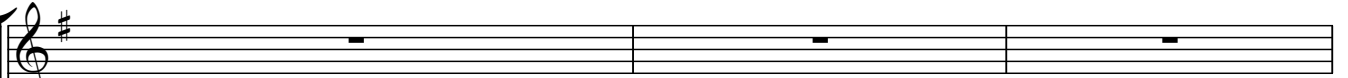
S. 


A.  man will part-ly un-der-stand al-though the wis-est

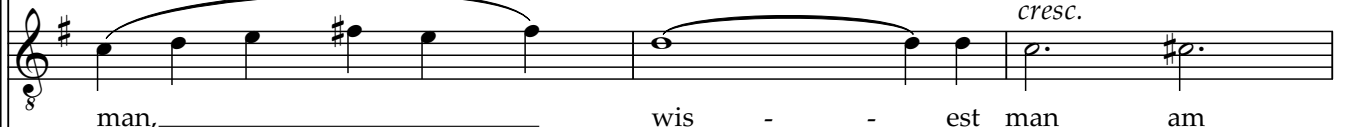
T.  wis-est man am I, wis-est


B.  gay, and with a wis-dom not the wis-est man will part-ly

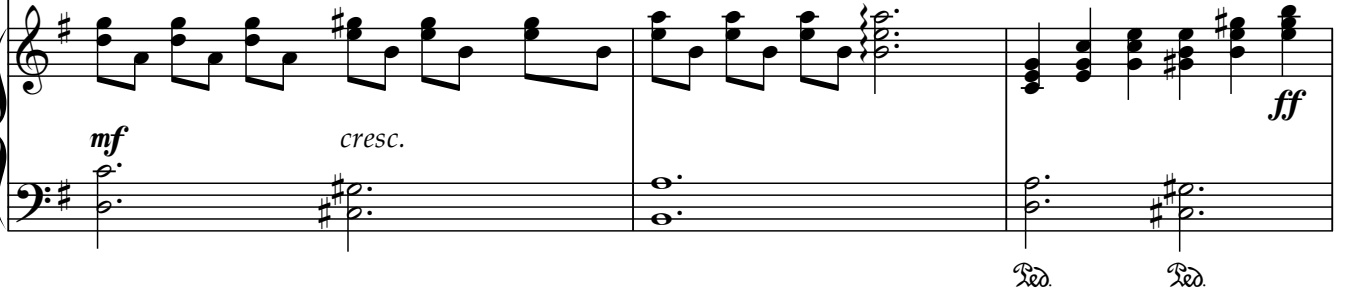
Pno. 

S. 

A.  man am I, man am *cresc.*

T.  man, wis-est man am *cresc.*

B.  un-der-stand al-though the wis-est man am *cresc.*

Pno.  *mf* *cresc.* *ff*

*Red. Red.*

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**Maestoso**  
*mf*

S. ————— So  
*mf*

A. I. ————— So  
*mf*

T. I. ————— So  
*mf*

B. ————— So  
*f*

Pno. I. *8va* ————— So  
**Maestoso**

*Red.*

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S. young, young, young, and with a some - thing makes the ol - dest man who - e - ver

A. young, young, young, — and some - thing makes man who

T. young, young, young, and some - thing makes man who

B. young, young, young, and some - thing makes man who



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S. he may be the on - ly man who'll ne - ver die.

A. he be man who'll ne - ver die.

T. he be man who'll ne - ver die.

B. he be man who'll ne - ver die.

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S. May be man will ne - ver die.

A. May be man will ne - ver die.

T. May be man will ne - ver die.

B. May be man will ne - ver die.