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Choral Settings
of
E. E. Cummings Poems

3. Hello is what a mirror says

SATB and Piano

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Hello is what a mirror says
it is a maid says Who
and (hearing not a which) replies
in haste I must be you
no sunbeam ever lies

Bang is the meaning of a gun
it is a man says No
and (seeing something yes) will grin
with pain You so and so
true wars are never won

Medium swing

Piano

Blues feel

mf

5

S. *f* Hel - lo _____ is what a mir - ror_ says _____

A. *f* Hel - lo _____ *dim.* says _____

T. *f* Hel - lo _____ *dim.* says _____

B. *f* Hel - lo _____ *dim.* says _____

Pno.

9

S. it is a maid _____ says Who _____ and hear-ing not a which re-plies in

A. *mp* a maid says Who _____ not a which

T. *mp* a maid says Who _____ which

B. *mp* a maid says Who _____ which

Pno.

13

S. haste I must be you! No sun-beam ev-er lies.

A. *mf* I must be you! No sun-beam ev-er lies.

T. *mf* Oh _____ who, No sun-beam ev-er lies.

B. *mf* Oh _____ who, No sun-beam ev-er lies.

Pno.

17

S. *f* Bang *mp* yes it is

A. *f* Bang *mp* yes it is

T. *f* Bang *f* Bang is the mean-ing of a gun

B. *f* Bang *f* Bang is the mean-ing of a gun

Pno.

21

S. yes it is a man says No__

A. yes it is a man says No__

T. — it is a man says No__ and see-ing some-thingyes will grin with

B. — man says No__ and see-ing some-thingyes will grin with

Pno.

25

S. *f* and so__ true wars are ne-ver won,

A. *f* and so__ true wars are ne-ver won,

T. *f* pain you so and so true wars are ne-ver won,

B. *f* pain you so and so true wars are ne-ver won,

Pno.

29 *rit.*

S. they're ne - ver won._____

A. they're ne - ver won._____

T. they're ne - ver won._____

B. they're ne - ver won._____