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A Tree is a Song

Heather Lane (b. 1960)

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Bright, with joy ♦ = c.69

mf sempre leggiero

SOPRANO



mf sempre leggiero

ALTO



mf sempre leggiero

TENOR



mf sempre leggiero

BASS



Bright, with joy $\downarrow = c.69$

g, b, d, f, a, c

*for
rehearsal
only*



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mp



First performed by the Fairhaven Singers, Musical Director, Ralph Woodward, at Trinity College, Cambridge, on 30 July 2023.

Duration: 4 mins

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na na na na re - cord - ing ring on ring,-

na na na na na re - cord - ing ring on

na na na na na re - cord - ing ring on

na na na na na re - cord - ing ring on

7

ring, na the

ring, na the

ring, na the

ring, na the

na na

9 *mf*

trees, they bind their whole ho - ri - zon, re - cord-ing ring on ring, oh sun -

10 *mp*

trees bind, ho - ri - zon, re - cord - ing ring on ring, on ring

11 *mp*

8 trees bind, ho - ri - zon, re - cord - ing ring on ring, on ring

12 *mp*

trees bind, ho - ri - zon, re - cord - ing ring on ring, on ring

13 *mf*

11

-light, sha-dow_ and wind and won - der. na na

mf

sun - light and won - der. na na

mf

8 sun - light and won - der. na na

mf

sun - light and won - der. na na

The musical score consists of five staves of music for voice and piano. The top three staves are for voices (Soprano, Alto, Tenor) and the bottom two are for piano. The music is in common time, with a key signature of one flat. The vocal parts sing eighth-note patterns, while the piano accompaniment provides harmonic support with eighth-note chords. The lyrics "sun - light and won - der" are repeated three times, each time followed by a melodic phrase of "na na na". The dynamic marking *mf* (mezzo-forte) is placed above the second, third, and fourth lines of music.

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seeds, they gath - er their wis - dom, en-fold-ing all they know of

seeds, they gath - er their wis - dom, en-fold-ing all they know of

seeds, they gath - er up their wis - dom, en - fold-ing all they know of

seeds, they gath - er up their wis - dom, en - fold-ing all they know of

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bird and breeze, the world ash tree, the sum-mer, and the snow, the

bird and breeze, the world ash tree, the sum-mer, and the snow, the

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