

MUSIC I HEARD

for S.A.B. voices and piano
with optional PianoTrax CD*

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Expressively (♩ = ca. 84)

SOPRANO
ALTO

BARITONE

PIANO

mp

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4 *rit.* 5 *a tempo*
mp

Mu - sic I heard with you was more than

mp

rit. *a tempo*

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mu - sic. And bread I broke with

mu - sic, more than mu - sic. Bread I broke with

10

cresc.

you was more than bread.

cresc.

you was more than bread, was more than bread.

cresc.

13

mf

Now that I am with - out you, all is des - o -

mf

16 *mp* beau - ti - ful is

late, _____

mp all that was once so beau - ti - ful is

mp

19

dead. _____

dead, all that was once so beau - ti - ful.

22 **23** *moving ahead*

mf

Your _____ hands once touched this ta - ble and this

moving ahead *mf*

25 *mp*

You touched this sil - ver

sil - ver, _____ and I have seen your

28 *f*

and you held this glass. These _____

fin - gers hold this glass. _____

31

things do not re - mem - ber you, be - lov - ed, _____

mf

My be -

f

34 *mf*

and yet your touch up - on them will not

lov - ed, and yet your touch up - on them will not

mf

37 *rit.* *mp* **39** *a tempo*

pass. For it was in my

rit. *a tempo* *mp*

40

heart you moved a - mong them,

heart you moved a - mong them, moved a -

42

and blessed them with your

mong them, blessed them with your

44

hands and with your eyes.

hands and with your eyes, and with your eyes.

cresc.

47

And in my heart they will re-mem - ber

mf

50

al - ways:

mp

they knew you once, O beau - ti - ful and

mp

53

mp *rit.* *a tempo mp*

they knew you once. Mu - sic I heard with

wise. _____

rit. *a tempo mp*

56

molto rit. *p*

you was more than mu - sic. _____

molto rit. *p*