

IF YOU LOVE ME

for S.A.T.B. voices, a cappella

Words based on
A 19th century Pennsylvania German fraktur

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Tenderly (♩ = ca. 66-69), with freedom of movement

mp

SOPRANO

If you love me, if you love me, then I will love you for-

ALTO

If you love me, if you love me, then I will love you for-

TENOR

BASS

Tenderly (♩ = ca. 66-69), with freedom of movement

mp (for rehearsal only)

PIANO

The words of this piece are based on a 19th century Pennsylvania German fraktur. Fraktur is a form of decorative calligraphy that was practiced by Pennsylvania Germans. It was frequently used to commemorate important events such as births, baptisms, and marriages. This text is inspired by a marriage fraktur.

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ev - er.

ev - er.

mp

If you love me, if you love me, then I will love you for -

mp

If you love me, if you love me, then I will love you for -

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mp 9 *cresc. poco a poco*

If you love me, if you love me, then I will be true to

mp *cresc. poco a poco*

If you love me, if you love me, then I will be true to

cresc. poco a poco

ev - er. If you love me, if you love me, then I will be true to

cresc. poco a poco

ev - er. If you love me, if you love me, then I will be true to

cresc. poco a poco

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mf *molto rit.*

you. If you love me, if you love me, then I will love you

mf *molto rit.*

you. If you love me, if you love me, then I will love you

mf *molto rit.*

you. If you love, if you love me, if you love me, I will love you

mf *molto rit.*

you. If you love, if you love me, if you love me, I will love you

mf *molto rit.*

16 Lightly (♩ = 88-92)

too. I will love you, I will love you,

f

too. I will love you, I will love you,

f

too. I will love you, I will love you, I will love you, I will love you,

f

too. I will love you, I will love you,

f

Lightly (♩ = 88-92)

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I will love you, I will love you for - ev - er, for - ev - er, for -
 I will love you, I will love you for - ev - er, for - ev - er, for -
 I will love you for - ev - er, for - ev - er, for -
 I will love you for - ev - er, for - ev - er, for -

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ev - er. I will love you for - ev - er.
 ev - er. I will love you for - ev - er.
 ev - er. I will love you for - ev - er.
 ev - er, and for - ev - er. I will love you.

27 *ff*

I will love you, I will love you, I will

ff

I will love you, I will love you, I will

ff

I will love you, I will love you, I will

ff

I will love you, I will love you, I will

ff

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30 *rit.* *mp* **Tempo I** (♩ = ca. 66-69)

love you. If you love me, if you love me, then

rit. *mp*

love you. If you love me, if you love me, then

rit. *mp*

love you. If you love me, if you love me, then

rit. *mp*

love you. If you love me, if you love me, then

Tempo I (♩ = ca. 66-69)

rit. *mp*

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I will love you for - ev - er. If you love me, _____

I will love you for - ev - er. If you love me, _____

I will love you for - ev - er. If you love me, if you

I will love you for - ev - er. If you love me, if you

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if you love me, then I will love you, then I will love you. And

if you love me, then I will love you, then I will love you. And

love me, then I will love you, then I will love you. And

love me, then I will love you, then I will love you. And

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rit. *mp* Freely

we shall be, and we shall be, and

rit. *mp*

we shall be, and we shall be, and

rit. *mp*

we shall be, and we shall be, and

rit. *mp*

we shall be, and we shall be, and

rit. *mp* Freely

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p SOLO *p* If you love me.

we shall be as one.

p

we shall be as one.

p

we shall be as one.

p

we shall be as one.

p