

UNDER THE GREENWOOD TREE

for S.A.T.B. voices and piano
with optional SoundTrax*

Words by
WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE (1564-1616)†

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Rollicking (♩ = ca. 96)

SOPRANO
ALTO

TENOR
BASS

PIANO

Rollicking (♩ = ca. 96)

mf

3 *mf*

Un - der the green - wood, green - wood, green - wood, un - der the green - wood, green - wood tree,

mf

Un - der the green - wood, green - wood, green - wood tree, there

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† This text comes from a song in William Shakespeare's comedic play, *As You Like It*. As is common in Shakespeare's writing, the lyrics present a pun which can be viewed in two ways. Perhaps the word "lie" is an invitation to rest beneath the tree while listening to the bird's song, in celebration of nature. Or, if "lie" is interpreted as telling a falsehood, then the song mocks the very idea of pastoral bliss.

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un - der the green - wood, green - wood, green - wood, un - der the green - wood, green - wood tree, who

un - der the green - wood, green - wood, green - wood tree,

loves to lie with me and turn his mer - ry note un -

to the sweet bird's throat, _____ come hith - er, hith - er, hith - er, hith - er,

p *cresc.*

p *cresc.*

11 *mf* *mp*

here shall he see. — Who

mf *mp*

mf

14

doth am - bi - tion shun, and loves to live in the

doth am - bi - tion shun, and loves to

mp

17

sun,

live in the sun, seek - ing the food he eats, and

mf

mf

20 *mf* with what he gets, he gets.
 pleased with what he gets, with what he gets.

pleased with what he gets.

23 *mp*
 Un - der the green-wood, green-wood, green-wood, un - der the green-wood, green-wood tree,

mp

25 *mf*
 Un - der the green-wood, green-wood, green-wood, un - der the green-wood, green-wood tree, who
 Un - der the green - wood, green - wood, green-wood tree,

mf

27

loves to lie with me and turn his mer - ry note un -

29

to the sweet bird's throat, _____ come hith - er, hith - er, hith - er, hith - er,

p cresc.

31

here shall he see, he see.

mf

mp No

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33

mp cresc. No en - e - my, no en - e - my, no en - e - my but *mf*
mp cresc. en - e - my but *mf*

mp cresc. *mf*

35

1. win - ter. 2. win - ter and rough weath - er.
 win - ter. *mp* No

1. 2.

37

f

38 *mf*

Un - der the green - wood, green - wood, green - wood, un - der the green - wood, green - wood tree,

mf

Un - der the green - wood, green - wood, green - wood tree, there

40

un - der the green - wood, green - wood, green - wood, un - der the green - wood, green - wood tree.

un - der the green - wood, green - wood, green - wood tree.

42 *f*

Un - der the green - wood, green - wood, green - wood, un - der the green - wood, green - wood tree,

f

Un - der the green - wood, green - wood, green - wood tree, there

44

un-der the green-wood, green-wood, green-wood, un-der the green-wood, green-wood tree,
 un - der the green - wood, green - wood, green-wood tree,

Piano accompaniment for measures 44-45.

46

mp green - wood tree, green - wood tree, *f* un - der the green - wood
mf *f*

Piano accompaniment for measures 46-47.

48

tree, *ff* green-wood tree.
ff

cresc. *ff*