

UNDER THE GREENWOOD TREE

for 3-part mixed voices and piano
with optional SoundTrax*

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WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE (1564-1616)†

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Rollicking (♩ = ca. 96)

PART I
PART II

PART III

Rollicking (♩ = ca. 96)

PIANO

mf

3

mf

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

mf

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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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who

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

7 loves to lie with me

un -

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.

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 *mf* *mf*

sun, seek-ing the food he eats, and

live in the sun, and

mf

20 pleased with what he gets, he gets.
 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* who
 Un - der the green - wood, green - wood, green - wood, un - der the green - wood, green - wood tree,

mf

27 loves to lie with me

un -

and turn his mer - ry note un -

29 *p cresc.*
to the sweet bird's throat, — come hith - er, hith - er, hith - er, hith - er,



31 *mf*
here shall he see, he see. *mf*

33

mp cresc. *mf*

No en - e - my, no en - e - my, no en - e - my but *mf*

mp cresc. *mf*

mp cresc. *mf*

35

1. 2.

win - ter. win - ter and rough weath - er.

1. 2.

37

f

38

mf

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

mf

mf

40

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

f

44

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

46

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

mp *f*

mf *f*

mp *mf* *f*

48

tree, green - wood tree.

ff *ff*

cresc. *ff*