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HOPE IS THE THING WITH FEATHERS

for 2-part voices and piano
with optional PianoTrax*

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Brisk and joyful (♩ = ca. 132) 3

mp

PART I

PART II

Hope is the thing with
Hope is the thing with

Brisk and joyful (♩ = ca. 132)

PIANO *mp*

4

feath - ers that perch - es in the soul, and
feath - ers that perch - es in the soul, and

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7

sings the tune — with - out the words — and nev - er stops at all. —

sings the tune — with - out the words — and nev - er stops at all. —

10

11

mf Hope is the thing — with feath - ers — that

mf Hope is the thing — with feath - ers — that

13

perch - es in — the soul, and sings the tune — with -

perch - es in — the soul, and sings the tune — with -

16

out the words _____ and nev-er stops at all. _____

out the words _____ and nev-er stops at all. _____

19

mp 20

And sweet-est in the gale is heard _____ and

mp

mp

22

sore must be the storm _____ that could a-bash _____ the

oo, _____ that could a-bash _____ the

25

cresc.
lit - tle bird — that kept so man - y warm.

cresc.
lit - tle bird — that kept so man - y warm.

cresc.

28

mf 29
— Hope is the thing — with feath - ers — that

mf
— Hope is the thing — with

mf

31

perch - es in — the soul, that sings the tune — with -

feath - ers — that perch - es in — the soul, that

34

out the words — and nev-er stops at all. —
sings the tune — and nev-er stops at all. — Hope

37

Hope is the thing with feath-ers, — it's
is the thing — with feath-ers — that perch - es in — the

40

in the soul — and sings the tune — with - out the words — and
soul, — and sings the tune — with - out the words — and

43

nev - er stops at all. *mp* I've

nev - er stops at all.

46

heard it in the chill-est land, and on the strang-est sea, -

mp Oo, oo,

mp

49

yet nev - er in ex - trem-i - ty it

yet nev - er in ex - trem-i - ty it

52

cresc.

asked a crumb of me. _____

cresc.

f

asked a crumb of me. _____ Hope

cresc.

f

55

f

Hope is the thing with feath-ers, _ it's

is the thing _ with feath-ers _ that perch - es in _ the

58

in the soul _ and sings the tune _ with - out the words _ and

soul, and sings the tune _ with - out the words _ and

61

nev - er stops at all, ___ and nev - er stops at all. _

nev - er stops at all, ___ and nev - er stops at all. _

64

___ Hope is the thing ___ with feath - ers. _

___ Hope is the thing ___ with feath - ers. _

67

It nev - er stops at all! ___ *ff*

It nev - er stops at all! ___ *ff*