

Poem by Mary E. Coleridge

The Blue Bird

Charles Villiers Stanford

Soprano

Alto

Tenor

Bass

pp

pp

pp

pp

The lake lay blue be - low the hill, the lake lay

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blue,

O'er it, as I looked, there flew A -

blue be - low the hill, be - low the hill, lay blue,

blue be - low the hill, be - low the hill, lay blue,

blue be - low the hill, be - low the hill, lay blue,

blue be - low the hill, be - low the hill, lay blue,

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cross the wa-ters, cold and still, A bird whose wings

Cold and still, there flew a bird whose

Cold and still, there flew a bird whose

Cold and still, there flew a bird whose

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were pa - lest blue.

wings were pa - lest blue. *ppp*

wings were pa - lest blue. *ppp*

wings were pa - lest blue. *ppp*

The sky a - bove was blue at last, *cresc.*

The sky a - bove was blue at last, *cresc.*

The sky a - bove was blue at last, *cresc.*

The sky a - bove was blue at last, *cresc.*

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mf

p *mf*

blue, blue.

The sky be - neath me blue in blue, was blue in

The sky be - neath me blue in blue, was blue in

The sky be - neath me blue in blue, was blue in

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mf

A mo-ment, ere the bird had passed, It caught his

pp blue, blue in blue. It caught, it

pp blue, blue in blue. It caught, it

pp blue, blue in blue. It caught, it

pp blue, blue in blue. It caught, it

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im - age, his im-age as he flew.

ppp caught his im - age, his im-age as he flew. The lake lay

ppp caught his im - age, his im-age as he flew. The lake lay

ppp caught his im - age as he flew. The lake lay

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quasi niente ppp

blue.

blue be - low the hill.

blue be - low the hill.

blue be - low the hill.