

to Paul Salamunovich

# Sure On This Shining Night

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Flowing, tempo rubato (♩ = ca. 72) *poco rit.* *a tempo*

Piano *p espressivo*

4 *rit.* *a tempo* *mp*  
T Sure on this shin - ing  
B *mp*  
A Sure on this shin - ing  
*a tempo*

7 *poco rit.*  
T night of star-made shad-ows round, kind-ness must watch for me this side the ground, on this  
B night of star-made shad-ows round, kind-ness must watch for me this side the ground, on this  
*poco rit.*

\*Omit if the low As are out of range.

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10 *a tempo* *rit.* *a tempo*

shin - - - ing night, this shin - - -

shin - - - ing night, this shin - - -

*a tempo* *rit.* *a tempo*

Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped.

13 *rit.* *a tempo* *rit.*

- - - ing night.

- - - ing night.

*rit.* *a tempo* *rit.*

Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped.

16 **B** *a tempo* *mp*

Sure on this shin-ing night, sure on this shin - - - ing -

Sure on this shin-ing night of star-made shad-ows round, kind-ness must watch for me this

**B** *a tempo*

Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped.

19 *rit.*

night, sure on this shin-ing night, this

side the ground, on this shin - - - ing night, this

*Ped.* *Ped.* *Ped.*

22 *a tempo* *molto rit.* *a tempo* **C**

shin - - - ing night.

shin - - - ing night.

*a tempo* *molto rit.* *a tempo* *mp*

*Ped.* *Ped.* *Ped.* *Ped.* *Ped.* *Ped.*

25 *mp*

The late year lies—

*Ped.* *Ped.* *Ped.* *Ped.* *Ped.*

28

B

down the north, All is healed, all is health. High

Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped.

31

T *mp*  
The late year lies down the north, All is

B  
sum-mer holds the earth. Hearts all whole. All is healed,

Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped.

34

T1 (no breath) *mf*  
healed, all is health. High sum-mer holds the earth. Hearts all

T2 *mf*  
healed, all is health. High sum-mer holds the earth. Hearts all

B2 *mf*  
all is health, all is health. High sum-mer holds the earth. Hearts all

B2 *mf*  
all is health, all is health. High sum-mer holds the earth. Hearts all

Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped.

37

*meno mosso* *rit.* **D** *a tempo* *f*

T1 whole. Sure on this shin - ing night, sure on this shin - ing,

T2 whole. Sure on this shin - ing night, sure on this sure on this

B1 whole. Sure on this shin - ing night,

B2 whole. Sure on this shin - ing night,

*meno mosso* *rit.* **D** *a tempo* *f*

Ped.

40

*rit.* *a tempo* *ff*

shin - ing night, sure on this shin

shin - ing night, sure on this shin

shin - ing night, sure on this shin

shin - ing night, sure on this shin

*rit.* *a tempo* *ff*

Ped.

43

*rit.* *mp* *a tempo* *p*

- ing night. I weep for won-der wan-d'ring far a-lone of

- ing night. I weep for won-der wan-d'ring far a-lone of

- ing night. I weep a-lone of

- ing night. I weep a-lone of

*rit.* *a tempo* *mp* *p*

Ped. | Ped. | Ped. | Ped. | Ped.

46

*meno mosso* *rit.* *molto rit.* *molto lunga* **E** *Molto meno mosso, with a sense of wonder* *ppp* *hushed*

shad-ows on the stars. Sure on this

shad-ows on the stars. Sure on this

shad-ows on the stars. Sure on this shin-ing

shad-ows on the stars.

*meno mosso* *rit.* *molto rit.* *molto lunga* **E** *Molto meno mosso, with a sense of wonder* *ppp*

(no break)

Ped. | Ped. | Ped. | Ped. | Ped.

49

shin-ing night, this shin-ing night, on this  
*ppp hushed*  
 Sure on this shin-ing night, on this  
 night of star-made shad-ows round, kind-ness must watch for me this side the ground, on this  
*ppp hushed*  
 Sure on this shin-ing night, on this

Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped.

52

shin-ing night, this shin-ing night, this shin-ing night, this shin-ing night, this shin-ing night, this shin-ing night

Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped.

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56 *rit.* **F** *meno mosso* *rit.*

- - ing night,

- - ing night,

- - ing night,

- - ing night,

*rit.* **F** *meno mosso* *rit.*

*p*

*Ped.* *Ped.* *Ped.*

60 *lunga* *molto meno mosso* **Tempo I** *rit.* *molto rit.* *lunga*

sure on this shin - ing night.

sure on this shin - ing night.

sure on this shin - ing night.

sure on this shin - ing night.

*lunga* *molto meno mosso* **Tempo I** *rit.* *molto rit.* *lunga*

*mp* *p*

*Ped.* *Ped.* *Ped.* (ca. 4'45")