

# What is Beauty but a Breath?

SATB

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1 Freely *p* *mp*

Soprano: What is beau-ty? at birth

Alto: What is beau-ty but a breath? But a breath, it's fan-cies twin

Tenor: is beau-ty But a breath, it's fan-cies twin at

Bass: What is beau-ty?

5 *mp* *ten.* *mp*

Sop.: and death. that fa-deth

Alto: and death. a da-mask rose

Ten.: birth and death. that fa-deth

Bass: at birth and death. The co-lour of a da-mask rose

9 *f* *p*

Sop.: when the north wind blows. It fa-deth,

Alto: north wind blows. fa-deth,

Ten.: when the north wind blows. fa-deth

Bass: wind blows. fa-deth,

A Bit Faster

13 *p* *pp*

Sop. fa - deth when the north wind blows.

Alto fa - deth when the north wind blows.

Ten. fa - deth when the north wind blows.

Bass fa - deth when the north wind blows.

*mf* T'is such that though all sorts do

fa - deth when the north wind blows. T'is such that though all sorts do

16 *mf* *f*

Sop. they know not, what it is to have it; a thing

Alto they know not, what it is to have it; a thing

Ten. crave it

Bass crave it

*f* a thing a

crave it a thing

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Sop. a thing that some 3 times stoops not to a king and

Alto not to a king

Ten. thing that some 3 times stoops not to a king a king

Bass a thing that some 3 times stoops not to a king

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Sop. yet is most o - pen

Alto most o - pen she that *p*

Ten. most o - pen to the common-est thing. For she that is most *p*

Bass most o - pen to the common-est thing. *pp*

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Sop. for she is fair is o - pen to the air. *p* *p* *poco cresc., tutti* *pp*

Alto is most fair is o - pen to the air. *p* *pp*

Ten. fair is o - pen to the air. *p* *pp*

Bass for she is fair is o - pen to the air. *p* *pp*

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Sop. What is beau - ty? *p* *mp*

Alto What is beau - ty but a breath? *p* *mp* But a breath, it's

Ten. is beau - ty? *p* *mp* But a breath, it's

Bass What is beau - ty? *p*

34 *mp* *mp*

Sop. at birth and death.

Alto fan - cies twin and death. a

Ten. fan - cies twin at birth and death.

Bass at birth and death. The co-lour of a da-mask

38 *mp* *f* *p*

Sop. that fa - deth when the north wind blows. It fa - deth,

Alto da - mask rose north wind blows. fa - deth,

Ten. that fa - deth when the north wind blows.

Bass rose wind blows. fa - deth,

42 *ppp* *ppp* *ppp* *ppp*

Sop. fa - deth when the north wind blows.

Alto fa - deth when the north wind blows.

Ten. fa - deth, fa - deth when the north wind blows.

Bass fa - deth when the north wind blows.