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and The Concord Chorus, Concord, Massachusetts

O Tell Me Where the Dove Has Flown

for SATB Chorus unaccompanied

Traditional Text
SOURCE:
Brewer, Maine

TUNE: *Pensive Dove*
An Early New England Folk Hymn
Setting by James McCullough

Andante sostenuto ed molto espressivo ♩ = 75–80

mp always flowing, with pensive tenderness and charm

Soprano

O tell me where the dove has flown To build her down - y

Alto

Tenor

Bass

p dolce

O tell me where is my dove? _____

Keyboard
(for rehearsal only)

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pp

nest? _____ And I will search this world all o'er, And

pp gently

Pen - sive, pen-sive dove. _____

p dolce *(pp)*

And I will search this world all o'er, And

mp *pp*

Ah! _____ And

7

mp

win her to my breast, _____ And win her to my breast.

p

Pen - sive, pen-sive dove, and win her to my breast.

p

win her breast, _____ And win her to my breast.

p

win her to my breast, _____ And win her to my breast.

11 Quietly pensive

p
Ah! Ah!

mp Tell the story
8 I sought her in the ros - y bow'r, - Where pleas - ure holds - her

p
Ah! Ah!

Quietly pensive

15

p
Ah!

mp dolce
- poco -
Where fan - cy flies from flow'r to flow'r

mf dolce
- poco -
8 reign, - Where fan - cy flies from flow'r to flow'r But there I sought in

mp
Ah! I sought in

19

Warmly assertive
mp

I _ sought her _ in _ the

mf Tell the story

I sought her in the

There I sought in vain.

pp

vain, _ But _ there I sought in vain.

vain, _ There I sought in vain.

Warmly assertive

24

bow'r of love, I _ knew _ her ten - der _ heart, _ But

poco *mf dolce*

bow'r of love, I knew her ten - der heart, _ But

poco *mf dolce*

mf

Ah! Pen-sive dove! _

* For a better balance, second sopranos may sing with the altos from measure 22 through 26. Then return to the soprano line at beat four.

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she had flown that peace - ful dove, And felt the trai - tor's dart, _____ And _

she had flown that peace - ful dove, _ And

That dove! And _____ felt _____ the trai - tor's dart, And

And felt the trai - tor's dart, And

poco mp

mf unis.

poco mp

poco

poco

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Hushed and pensive

felt the trai - tor's dart. Faith smiled and shed the ten - der tear, to

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Hushed and pensive

p

p

p

p

36 *pp* *pp dolce*

see me search a - round, — And whis - pered, "I can tell you where —

pp

see me search a - round, —

pp *p dolce*

8 see me search a - round, — And whis - pered, "I can tell you where the

pp *pp dolce*

see me search a - round, — And whis - pered, "I'll tell where the

40 *pp as an echo* *p*

— the dove may yet be found, The dove may yet — be found."

p

The dove may yet — be found."

pp

8 dove may yet be found, — The dove — may yet be found."

p

dove may be found, — The dove may yet be found."

Espressivo44 *mf* Gently phrased

“In meek re - lig - ion’s hum - ble cot She built her down - y

“In meek re - lig - ion’s hum - ble cot She built her soft

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Espressivo*Gently phrased*

48 *f* nest; Go, seek that sweet se - clud - ed spot, *mf* And win her to thy

nest; Go, seek that sweet se - clud - ed spot, *mf* And win her to thy

nest; Go, seek that sweet se - clud - ed spot, *mf* And win her to thy

nest; Go, seek that sweet se - clud - ed spot, *mf* And win her to thy

52 *poco* **Meno mosso al fine** *mp*

breast, ___ And win thy breast.”

poco *mf* (non dim.)

breast, ___ And win her to thy breast.”

poco *mp*

breast, ___ And win her to thy breast.”

poco *mp*

breast, ___ And win her to thy breast.”

Meno mosso al fine

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