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There always
something sings

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Ralph Waldo Emerson
(1803–82)

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Flowing ♩ = 72

**SOPRANO/
TENOR**

**ALTO/
BASS**

PIANO

P
con Ped.

poco rit. **a tempo**

mf

Let me go wher-e'er I will, I hear a sky - born

mp

oo

poco rit. **a tempo**

mf

This piece may be performed by SA or TB or a combination of both. For unison performance, omit the alto/bass part.

Also available in an arrangement for two-part (or unison) voices (ISBN 978-0-19-354381-2), which is compatible with this version, as is the flexible arrangement published in *The Oxford Book of Flexible Choral Songs* (ed. Bullard, ISBN 978-0-19-352563-4).

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7 **poco rall.** **a tempo**

mu- sic still: _____ it sounds from all things old, _____

oo _____

poco rall. **a tempo**

10 **mp**

— it sounds from all things young, _____ from all that's fair, _____ from all that's

p

oo _____

mp

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

foul, _____ peals out a cheer-ful song. _____

cheer-ful song. _____

rit. **a tempo**

16 *mf*

It is not on - ly in the rose, it is not on - ly in the

mf

It is not on - ly in the rose, it is not on - ly in the

mf

19

bird, not on - ly where the rain - bow glows,

bird, not on - ly where the rain - bow glows,

22

rall. **poco meno mosso**

mp

nor in the song of wo-man heard, but in the dark - est,

mp

nor in the song of wo-man heard, but in the dark - est,

rall. **poco meno mosso**

mp

25 **poco rit.**

mean - est things there al - way, al - way

mean - est things, the mean - est things there al - way, al - way

poco rit.

Ped.

28 **a tempo**

some-thing sings.

some-thing sings.

a tempo

(mp)

f

f

31 *f*

'Tis not in the high stars a - lone,

f

'Tis not in the high stars a - lone,

34

nor in the cup of bud-ding flow'rs, nor in the red - breast's

nor in the cup of bud-ding flow'rs, nor in the red - breast's

37

mel - low tone, *mf* nor in the bow that smiles in show - ers,

mel - low tone, *mp* oh

mf

Ped.

40

rit. **poco meno mosso**

but in the mud and scum of things there

but in the mud and scum of things there

rit. **poco meno mosso**

p

8va

p

(*Ped.*)

44 *mf*

al - way, al - way some-thing sings, there al - way, al - way

mf

al - way, al - way some-thing sings, there al - way, al - way

mf

47 *f*

some-thing sings, there al - way, al - way

f

some-thing sings, there al - way, al - way

f

rit.

50 *mp*

some-thing sings.

mp

some-thing sings.

mp

sub. p

Ped. *8^{va}*