

Be like the bird

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SA and piano

Difficulty level ● ○ ○ ○

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for its 40th anniversary

Be like the bird

Victor Hugo (1802–85)
Trans. anon.

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With warmth ♩ = 72

unis. mp

SOPRANO
ALTO

Be like the bird. Be like the bird. *poco rit.*

PIANO

mp

con Ped.

7 **Bright and sparkling** ♩ = 88

mf

Be like the

mf

10

bird who, paus-ing in her flight a-while on

Duration: 3.5 mins

13

boughs too slight, _____ feels them give_ way be -

16

-neath her, _____ feels them give_ way be -neath her, and yet *f*

19

sings, yet sings, yet sings, *mf*

22

know - ing she has wings.

4

25

Be like the bird who, paus-ing in her flight

28

a-while on boughs too slight,

31

feels them give way be-neath her, feels them give way be-

34

-neath her, and yet sings, yet sings, yet

37

sings, know - ing she has wings.

40

unis. mf

Soy - ez comme l'oi-seau po-sé pour un in -

43

- stant, soy - ez comme l'oi-

46

-seau qui chante, chante, chante!

6

49 *mp* *3* *3* *3*

S. Ô, chante! ô, chante! ô, chante!

A. Ô, chante! ô, chante! ô, chante!

mp *3*

52 *mf* *3* *3* *3*

ô, chante! ô, chante! ô, chante!

ô, chante! ô, chante! ô, chante!

mf *mf* *3*

55 *mp* *3* *3*

ô, chante! Be like the

ô, chante! Soy - ez comme l'oi -

mp *mp*

58

bird who, paus-ing in her flight a-while on

-seau po - sé pour un in - stant,

61

boughs too slight, feels them give way be -

soy - ez comme l'oi - seau qui chante, chante, chante,

mf

64

-neath her, feels them give way be -neath her, and yet

qui chante, chante, chante! and yet

f

8

67 **poco rit.** **molto rit.**

sings, yet sings, yet sings, know-ing she has

sings, yet sings, yet sings, know-ing she has

poco rit. **molto rit.**

71 **With warmth** ♩ = 72 **mp**

wings. Be like the

wings. Be like the bird,

With warmth ♩ = 72 **mp**

74 **poco rit.** **p**

bird, bird, bird, be like the bird.

be like the bird, the bird, the bird.

poco rit. **p**