

SONGBIRD 

My Letter to the World

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SSA and piano

Difficulty level ● ◐ ○ ○

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My Letter to the World

Emily Dickinson (1830–86)
(adap. Toby Young)

TOBY YOUNG

Steady ballad ♩ = 76

ALTO *p fragile*

There is a-no-ther sky, ev-er se-rene and fair,

PIANO *p semplice*

con Ped.

8

and there is a - no - ther sun-shine there.

14

SOPRANOS *p tentative*

S.1/S.2

Though there is dark-ness here, ne-ver mind fa-ded for-ests, here is a

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S.1 *mp* *p accomp.*
 for - est whose leaf is ev - er green; and oo

S.2 *mp* *mf espress.*
 for - est whose leaf is ev - er green; There is a so - li - tude of

A. *p accomp.*
 and oo

26

like backing singers *mp* *p* *mp*
 there is a so - li - tude of space, there is a so - li - tude of

space, there is a so - li - tude of sea,

like backing singers *mp* *p* *mp*
 there is a so - li - tude of space, there is a so - li - tude of

32

p sea, _____ *mp* a soul ad-mit-ted in in - fin - i -

cantabile *mp* a soul ad - mit-ted to it-self in in - fin - i -

p sea, _____ *mp* a soul ad-mit-ted in, in fin-ite in - fin - i -

mp *mf*

38

mf *sub. p sotto voce* -ty. This is my let - ter to the world that ne-ver wrote to me, the sim-ple

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mf *sub. p sotto voce* -ty. This is my let - ter to the world that ne-ver wrote to me, the sim-ple

p

43

cresc.

news that na-ture told___ with her ten-der ma-jes-ty.____ This is my let-ter to the world,___ to all the

cresc.

news that na-ture told___ with her ten-der ma-jes-ty.____ This is my let-ter to the world,___ to all the

cresc.

news that na-ture told___ with her ten-der ma-jes-ty.____ This is my let-ter to the world,___ to all the

49

mf warm

hands I can-not see,___ this is to ev-'ry-one out there,___

mf warm

hands I can-not see,___ this is to ev-'ry-one out there,___

mf warm *sub. mp*

hands I can-not see,___ this is to ev-'ry-one out there,___ come and join a - gain with me...

mf *sub. mp*

54

With movement ♩. = 80

mp with hope

Here is a bright-er gar - den,

With movement ♩. = 80

p

mf

60

*mp with hope**espress.*

mp with hope

espress.

in its un-fad-ing flow-ers. Oh_ my bro - ther, my sis - ter,

mp with hope

espress.

in its un-fad-ing flow-ers. my_ sis - ter,

espress.

my_ sis - ter,

p

66 *f* *p accomp.* *mp*

come with me. And oh there is

mf *mf cantabile*

come with me. There is a so - li - tude of space,

mf *p accomp.* *mp*

come with me. And oh there is

mp espress. *mf*

71 *p* *mp*

so - - li - tude of sea,

there is a so - li - tude of sea,

p *mp*

so - - li - tude of sea,

mp *mf*

76 *mf* a soul ad - mit - ted to _____ it - self in fi - nite

mf a soul ad - mit - ted to _____ it - self in in - -

mp oh _____ in it - self in in - -

mp *mf*

81 *risoluto* in - fin - i - ty. This is my let - ter to the world _____ that ne - ver

f *risoluto* - fin - i - ty. This is my let - ter to the world _____ that ne - ver

f *risoluto* - fin - i - ty. This is my let - ter to the world _____ that ne - ver

f

85

wrote to me, the simple news that nature told with her

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89

poco a poco dim. al fine

ten - der ma - jes - ty. This is my let - ter to the world

ten - der ma - jes - ty. This is my let - ter,

ten - der ma - jes - ty. This is my let - ter to the world that ne - ver

poco a poco dim. al fine

* sing bracketed notes if G is out of comfortable vocal range

93

(mf)
 that ne-ver wrote___ to___ me,___ the sim-ple news that na-ture told___

(mf)
 that ne-ver wrote___ to___ me,___ the sim-ple news that

(mf)
 wrote___ to___ me,___ the sim-ple news that na-ture told___ with_ her

97

with_ her ten - der ma-jes - ty,___ let - ter to ² the world___

² na - ture told,___ let - ter to the world

ten - der ma-jes - ty. This is my let - ter to the world___ that ne-ver

101

(mp)

that ne - ver wrote to me, with ma - jes - ty.

(mp)

that ne - ver wrote to me, the sim - ple news that

(mp)

wrote to me, the sim - ple news that na - ture told with her

105

(p)

This is my let - ter to the

(p)

na - ture told me. This is my let - ter to the world that ne - ver wrote to

(p)

ten - der ma - jes - ty. This is my let - ter to the world,

110

world. _____

me, _____ this is my let - ter to the world. _____

this is my let - ter to the world, _____ of ma-jes - ty, _____ this is my

115

let - ter to the world. _____

There is a - no - ther sky. _____

pp _____

mm _____

pp _____

mm _____

p like the beginning

pp delicato

