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I am the Rose of Sharon

for five solo voices (ATTBarB)

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Duration: 6 minutes

I am the rose of Sharon, and the lily of the valleys.
As the lily among thorns, so is my love among the daughters.
As the apple tree among the trees of the wood, so is my beloved among the sons.
I sat down under his shadow with great delight, and his fruit was sweet to my taste.

I am my beloved's, and my beloved is mine: he feedeth among the lilies.

I am come into my garden, my sister, my spouse: I have gathered my myrrh with spice; I have eaten my honeycomb with my honey; I have drunk my wine with my milk: eat, O friends; drink, yea drink abundantly, O beloved.

I am my beloved's, and my beloved is mine: he feedeth among the lilies.

He brought me to the banqueting house, and his banner over me was love.

The Song of Solomon 2:1-3, 6:3, 5:1, 6:3, 2:4

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Unhurried (but not too slow) (e = c.92)

Musical score for the first system, featuring five vocal parts: Alto, Tenor 1, Tenor 2, Baritone, and Bass. The music is in a key of three flats (B-flat major/D minor) and a 2/4 time signature. The tempo is 'Unhurried (but not too slow)' with a metronome marking of c.92. The dynamic is marked *mp*. The lyrics are: 'I am the rose of Sha - - - - -'. The Alto part has a five-fingered scale-like passage at the end of the line.

Musical score for the second system, continuing the vocal parts from the first system. The lyrics are: '- - - - - ron, and the li - - - - - ly'. The dynamics are marked *p* and *mp*. The Alto part has a five-fingered scale-like passage at the end of the line.

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of the valley. As the li - - - ly, - - - - - ly, - - - - - ly.

- - - - - ley. As the li - - - - - ly

- - - - - ley.

- - - - - ley.

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the li - - - ly a - mong thorns, so is my love... - - - - -

li - - - ly, - - - - -

li - - - ly, - - - - - so is my love... - - - - -

so is my love, - - - - -

so is my love, - - - - -

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As the *p*
As the *p*
a - mong the daugh - - - - - ters.
daugh - - - - - ters.
daugh - - - - - ters.

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ap - - - - - ple tree a mong the trees of the wood, *poco più f*
ap - - - - - ple tree, the wood, *poco più f*
the wood *poco più f*

32 *mp*

so is my be - love...

so is my be - lov - - - - ed_ a - mong_ the_

so is my be - lov - - - - ed, _____

so is my be - lov - - - - ed, _____

mp

mp

mp

mp

37 *pp cresc.* *mf*

I sat down un - der his sha - dow

I sat down un - der his sha -

sons. I sat down un - der his sha -

sons. I sat down un - der his sha - dow

sons. I sat down un - der his sha - dow,

pp cresc. *mf*

pp cresc. *mf*

pp cresc. *mf*

pp cresc. *mf*

pp cresc. *mf*

41 *mp*

with great 5 de - light, and his fruit

mp

dow, great de - light, and his fruit,

mp

dow, great de - light, and his fruit

mp

with great 5 de - light, fruit,

mp

great de - light, fruit,

47 *mf* *dim.*

3 was sweet to my 5

mf *dim.*

sweet to my

mf *dim.*

3 was sweet to my

mf *dim.*

sweet to my

mf *dim.*

sweet to taste.

51

p

taste. _____

p *mf*

taste. _____ I am my be - lov - ed's, ___ and my be -

p *mf*

taste. _____ I am my be - lov - ed's, ___ and my be -

p *mf*

taste. _____ I am my be - lov - ed's, ___ and my be -

p *mf*

_____ I am my be - lov - ed's, ___ and my be -

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lov - ed is mine: he feed - eth a - mong the li - lies. _____

lov - ed is mine: he feed - eth a - mong the li - lies. _____

lov - ed is mine: he feed - eth a - mong the li - lies. _____

lov - ed is mine: he feed - eth a - mong the li - lies. _____

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p I am come in-to my gar - den, my sis - - ter, my spouse:___

p I am come in-to my gar - den, my sis - - ter, my spouse:___

p I am come in-to my gar - den, my sis - - ter, my spouse:___

p I am come in-to my gar - den, my sis - - ter, my spouse:___

p I am come in-to my gar - den, my sis - - ter, my spouse:___

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mp gath - ered___ spice;___ eat - en

mp I___ have gath - ered___ my myrrh with spice;___ I___ have eat ⁵ - en my

mp I___ have gath - ered___ my myrrh with spice;___ I___ have eat - en my

mp gath - ered___ my myrrh with spice;___ eat - en my

mp I,___ *mp* I,___

77

ho - ney; drunk
 ho - ney - comb with my ho - ney; I have drunk
 ho - ney - comb with my ho - ney; I have drunk
 ho - ney - comb with my ho - ney; drunk
 I,

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milk:
 my wine with my milk:
 my wine with my milk:
 my wine with my milk:

86

p eat, O friends;_ drink, yea drink a - bun - - - dant -

p eat, O friends;_ drink, yea drink a - bun - - - dant -

p eat, O friends;_ drink, yea drink a - bun - - - dant -

p eat, O friends;_ drink, yea drink a - bun - - - dant -

p eat, O friends;_ drink, yea drink a - bun - - - dant -

91

f dim. ly, O be - lov - - - ed. *p*

f dim. ly, *p*

f dim. ly, *p*

f dim. ly, *p*

f dim. ly, *p*

mf
I am my be - lov - ed's, and my be - lov - ed is mine: he feed - eth a -

mf
I am my be - lov - ed's, and my be - lov - ed is mine: he feed - eth a -

mf
I am my be - lov - ed's, and my be - lov - ed is mine: he feed - eth a -

mf
I am my be - lov - ed's, and my be - lov - ed is mine: he feed - eth a -

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mp
He brought me to the

mp
mong the li - lies. He brought

mp
mong the li - lies. me

mp
mong the li - lies. He brought

mp
mong the li - lies. me

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ban - - - - - quet - ing_ house, and_ his_ ban - ner

to _____ house, — his ban - ner

— the his ban - ner

to _____ house, — his ban - ner

— the and_ his ban - ner

115

o - ver me ___ was love. *pp*

o - ver me ___ was ___ love. *pp*

o - ver me ___ was love. *pp*

o - ver me ___ was ___ love. *pp*

o - ver me ___ was ___ love. *pp*