

IV. The Linden Branch

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Solo *mp* **Cantabile, Freely** (♩=72 approx.)

The musical score is arranged for Soprano, Alto, Tenor, and Bass. The Soprano part begins with the lyrics "Stro-phe of green leaves" and includes a "Solo mp" marking. The Alto part enters with "In the in -" and later has a "Solo mp" marking. The Tenor part has a "Solo mp" marking and the lyrics "Ver - si - cle of God". The Bass part has a "Chor. mp" marking. The score includes various musical notations such as slurs, accents, and a triplet of eighth notes. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C).

Soprano
Stro-phe of green leaves

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Stro - phe of green leaves

Alto
In the in -

Tenor
Ver - si - cle of God

Bass
Chor. mp

green leaves

ev - i - ta - ble spi - ral, spi -

3

Solo *mp*

Chor. mp

Solo *mp*

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S. *Solo mf* Si - lence

S. *Chor. mp* green leaves *mf* green leaves, *Solo* Si - lence

A. *mf* - ral, *mf* green leaves

T. *Chor. mf* Ver-si-cle of God ver-si-cle of God

B. *Chor. mp* Of what green sound the bo - dy?

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7 *slowing* *pp* **A** *Tempo I*

S. of what lyre?

S. *pp* of what lyre? *Chor. Soprano* *pp* hum-m-m *mouth remains closed, slight glottal stop*

A. *pp* *< p >* *pp* of what lyre? *Alto* *f* *p* hum-m-m *short aspirate 'h' each time*

T. *pp* *< p >* *pp* of what lyre? *pp* *Tenor I* hum-m-m hum-m-m *short aspirate 'h' each time*

B. *pp* *< p >* *pp* of what lyre? *Baritone Solo*

B. *pp* *< p >* *pp* of what lyre? *Bass + Tenor II* *mp* *resonantly rhythmic* Stro- phe of green leaves, Stro- phe of green leaves,

10 **2 voices**
mp

Solo humming

Chor S hum-m-m

Chor A *f* > *p*
hum-m-m

Chor T I hum-m-m

Solo

Chor T II+B Stro-phe of green leaves,

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Solo hum-m-m

Chor S hum-m-m

Chor A *f* > *p* *f* > *p*
hum-m-m hum-m-m

Chor T I hum-m-m

Baritone Solo
mp *legato*
Ver - si - cle of God

Chor T II+B Stro-phe of green leaves,

B Sop. or Alto Solo

14 *mp*

Solo *mp*
In the in - ev - i - ta - ble spi - ral

Chor S hum-m-m

Chor A *f* *p* *f* *p*
hum-m-m hum-m-m

Chor T I *pp* *sempre legato*
hum-m-m

Solo

Chor T II+B *sempre mp* *rhythmic*
Stro-phe of green leaves,

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Solo

Chor S hum-m-m

Chor A *f* *p* *f* *p*
hum-m-m hum-m-m

Chor T I *pp* *sempre legato*
hum-m-m

Solo *Ten. Solo mp*
O green leaves

Chor T II+B *sempre mp* *rhythmic*
Stro-phe of green leaves,

18 **C**

Solo

Chor S (Chorus) *pp* *p* *pp*
 Stro-phe of green leaves

Chor A *f* *p* *f*
 hum-m-m hum-m-m

Chor T I
 hum-m-m hum-m-m

Solo Bar. Solo *mp*
 ver - si - cle of God

Chor T II+B
 Stro-phe of green leaves,

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Solo

Chor S *sempre pp non espr.* *pp*
 stro-phe of green leaves stro-phe of

Chor A (Chorus) *mp*
 In the in - ev - i - ta - ble spi - ral

Chor T I

Solo

Chor T II+B
 Stro-phe of green leaves,

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Solo

Chor S
green leaves stro-phe of green

Chor A
p non espr.
in the in - ev - i - ta - ble spi - ral

Chor T I
mp
O green leaves

Solo
mp
ver - si - cle of God

Chor T II+B
sempre mp rhythmic
Stro-phe of green leaves,

24 **D**

Solo
mp
Si - lence of what lyre?

Chor S
dim pp
leaves, green leaves

Chor A
p
In the in - ev - i -

Chor T I

Solo
pp
ver - si - cle of God

Chor T II+B
Stro-phe of green leaves,

E

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Solo *mf* Of what green

Chor S *sem. pp* stro - phe of green leaves

Chor A ta - ble spi - ral

Chor T I *p* O green leaves *mp* O

Solo *p* God ver - si - cle of God *mf* Of

Chor T II+B Stro - phe of green leaves,

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Solo sound the bo - dy

Chor S stro - phe of green leaves

Chor A *p* green leaves *p* in the in - ev - i - ta - ble

Chor T I green leaves

Solo what green sound the bo - dy

Chor T II+B Stro - phe of green leaves,

30

Solo

Chor S *sempre pp*
stro-phe of green leaves

Chor A *p*
spi - ral green

Chor T I *mp*
stro - phe of green leaves

Solo *mp*
ver - si - cle of

Chor T II+B *p*
Stro-phe of green leaves, Stro-phe of green leaves,

gradually softer

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Solo

Chor S
stro-phe of green leaves

Chor A
leaves green

Chor T I *p*
stro - phe of green leaves

Solo
God ver - si - cle of

Chor T II+B *(poco)*
Stro-phe of green leaves, Stro-phe of green leaves,

and softer

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Solo

Chor S *sempre pp*
sto - phe of green leaves

Chor A
leaves green

Chor T I *meno p*
stro - phe of green leaves

Solo
God ver - si - cle of

Chor T II+B *meno p*
Stro-phe of green leaves, Stro-phe of green leaves,

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Solo *softer* *ppp*

Chor S *ppp*
sto - phe of green leaves, green

Chor A *ppp*
green leaves, green

Chor T I *pp*
stro - phe of green leaves,

Solo *pp* *p*
God ver - si - cle of

Chor T II+B *pp* (T II tacet)
Stro-phe of green leaves, Stro-phe of green leaves

38 *slightly slower* **Solo p** **G**

Solo: Of what green sound the bo-dy

Chor S: leaves,

Chor A: *p* O lin - den bough, *mp* O leaves teach

Tenor: **All Tenors** *mp* O lin - den bough, O leaves teach

Solo: God

Bass: *mp* O lin - den bough,

42 *always with intense expression!* *crescendo*

Solo: Teach us your in - ter - vals:

Chor S: your in - ter - vals, teach us

Chor A: us your in - ter - vals, teach us

Tenor: us your in - ter - vals,

Solo: **Solo f** Our strings are strung so false we

Bass:

45 **H** *ff* *hold back*

Solo
teach us, O lin - den

Chor S
teach us, O green

Chor A
teach us, O green

Tenor
teach us, O green

Solo
make no mu - sic be. O lin - den

Bass
teach us, O green

47 *p* *2 voices p* For wind

Solo
bough For wind to

Chor S
leaves O lin - den bough,

Chor A
leaves Solo *mp* Could we as you be strung

Tenor
leaves, O lin - den bough, O

Solo
bough

Bass
leaves, O lin - den bough, O

50 to blow on *pp* hold back **I** Tempo I Solo *pp*

Solo
blow on green

Chor S
p We might be that song. *mp*

Chor A
p We might be that song. *mp*

Tenor
leaves, O green leaves stro-phe of green leaves

Solo

Bass
leaves, O green leaves stro-phe of green leaves *mp*

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Solo
leaves green *pp*

Chor S
mp **Soprano I** we might be that song *dim.*

Chor A
mp **Soprano II** in - ev - i - ta - ble spi - ral *mf*

Chor A
mp **Tenor I** we might be that song *dim.*

Tenor I
mp **Tenor I** we might be that song *dim.*

Solo

Chor T II+B
Tenor II *sempre mp*
stro - phe of green leaves stro - phe of green leaves

55 *crescendo* **Solo** *f*

Solo leaves _____ Ver-si-cle of God _____ we might be that

Chor S *mp* *f* we might be that song _____ we might be that

Chor A *mp* *f* we might be that song _____ we might be that

Tenor I *mp* *f* All Tenors we might be that song _____ we might be that

Solo *f* Ver-si-cle of God _____

Chor T II+B *f* *f* stro-phe of green leaves Ver-si-cle of God _____ we might be that

Chor B

59 **Solo** *pp* *3* *slowing*

Solo O _____ leaves.

Chor S *ppp* song _____ O _____ leaves.

Chor A *ppp* song _____ O _____ leaves.

Tenor *ppp* **Solo** *pp* O _____ *3* _____ leaves.

Solo *pp* song _____ O _____ leaves.

Chor B *pp* song _____ O _____ leaves.