

# IV. The Linden Branch

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

Soprano  
Stro - phe of green leaves

Soprano  
Stro - phe of green leaves

Alto  
In the in -

Tenor

Bass

Bass

3  
S. green leaves

S.

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

T. Solo *mp* Ver - si - cle of God

B.

B.

**Chor. 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*  $\triangleright$  *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*  $\triangleright$  *p* *f*  $\triangleright$  *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 hum-m-m

Solo *Ten. Solo mp*  
O green leaves

Chor T II+B 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 body

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:

**H***hold back*

45

Solo *ff* *>* teach us, O lin - den

Chor S *ff* teach us, O green

Chor A *ff* teach us, O green

Tenor *ff* teach us, O green

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

Bass *ff* teach us, O green

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Solo *p* bough For wind to

Chor S *p* leaves O lin - den bough,

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

Tenor *p* leaves, O lin - den bough, O

Solo *p* bough

Bass *p* 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  
**Soprano I** *mp* crisp we might be that song *dim.*

Chor A  
*mp* crisp we might be that song *dim.*

Tenor I  
**Tenor I** *mp* crisp 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

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

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

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

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.