



My sweet Sweeting

Arthur Somervell
(1863-1937)

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S 1

S 2 *mf* Ah! my sweet

A 1 *p* Ah! my sweet sweet - ing; My lit - - - tle pret - - - ty

A 2 *p* Ah! my sweet sweet - ing; My lit - tle pret - - - ty

T *p* Ah! my sweet sweet - ing; My lit - tle pret - - - ty

B *p* Ah! my sweet sweet - - - -

S 1 *f* Ah! my sweet sweet - ing; My lit - - - tle

S 2 sweet - ing; My lit - - - tle pret - - - ty

A 1 sweet - ing, My lit - - - tle pret - - - ty

A 2 sweet - ing, My lit - - - tle pret - - - ty

T sweet - ing, My lit - - - tle pret - - - ty

B - - - ing; My lit - - - tle pret - - - ty

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S 1
pret - - - ty sweet - ing, My___ sweet - ing will I

S 2
sweet - ing, My___ sweet - ing will I love wher - e'er___ I

A 1
sweet - ing, My sweet - ing will I love wher -

A 2
sweet - ing, My sweet - ing will I

T
sweet - ing, My sweet - ing will I love wher -

B
sweet - - - - - ing, My sweet - ing will I

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S 1
love wher - e'er___ I go; She is so prop - er and

S 2
go; She is so prop - er and

A 1
e'er___ I go; She is so prop - er and

A 2
love wher - e'er I___ go; She is so prop - er and

T
e'er___ I go; She is so prop - er and

B
love wher - e'er I go; She is so prop - er and

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S 1 pure, Stead - fast, sta - ble, and de - mure, There is none

S 2 pure, Stead - fast, sta - ble, and de - mure, There is none

A 1 pure, Stead - fast, sta - ble, and de - mure, There is none

A 2 pure, Stead - fast, sta - ble, and de - mure, There is none

T pure, Stead - fast, sta - ble, and de - mure, There is none

B pure, Stead - fast, sta - ble, and de - mure, There is none

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S 1 such, ye may be sure, As my sweet sweet - - -

S 2 such, ye may be sure, As my sweet sweet - ing.

A 1 such, ye may be sure, As my sweet sweet - ing.

A 2 such, ye may be sure, As my sweet sweet - - -

T such, ye may be sure, As my sweet sweet - ing, As

B such, ye may be sure, As my sweet sweet - ing, As

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S 1
- - - - - ing. *p* In all this world, as think - eth

S 2
p In all this world, as think - eth

A 1
p In all this world, as think - eth

A 2
- - - - - ing. *p* In all this world, as think - eth

T
my — sweet — sweet - ing. *p* In all this world, as think - eth —

B
my — sweet — sweet - ing. *p* In all this world, as think - eth

24

S 1
me, Is none so pleas - ant to my e'e, *f* That I — am

S 2
me, Is none so pleas - ant to my e'e, *f* That — I am

A 1
me, Is none so pleas - ant to my e'e, *f* That I — am

A 2
me, Is none so pleas - ant to my e'e, *f* That I am

T
me, Is none so pleas - ant to my e'e, *f* That I am

B
me, Is none so pleas - ant to my e'e, *f* That I am

Fly sweet Sweeting

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S 1 glad so oft to see, As my sweet sweet - ing,

S 2 glad so oft to see, As my sweet sweet - ing,

A 1 glad so oft to see, As my sweet sweet - ing,

A 2 glad so oft to see, As my sweet sweet - ing,

T glad so oft to see, As my sweet sweet - ing, As

B glad so oft to see, As my sweet sweet - ing, As

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S 1 - - - - - As my sweet sweet *rall.* - ing.

S 2 - - - - - As my sweet sweet - - - - - *rall.* - ing.

A 1 - - - - - As my sweet sweet - - - - - *rall.* - ing.

A 2 - - - - - As my sweet *rall.* sweet - ing.

T my sweet - - - - - sweet - - - - - *rall.* - ing.

B my sweet - - - - - sweet - - - - - *rall.* - ing.

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S 1

S 2

A 1

A 2

T

B

When I be - hold my sweet - - - ing sweet, Her

When I be - hold my sweet - ing sweet, Her

When I be - hold my sweet - ing

When I be - hold my - sweet - ing

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S 1

S 2

A 1

A 2

T

B

When I be - hold my sweet - - - ing

hold my sweet - - - ing sweet, It

face, her hands, her min - - - ion

face, her hands, her min - - - ion

sweet, Her face, her hands, her

sweet, Her face, her hands, her

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S 1
sweet, _____ It seems to me there's nought so

S 2
seems _____ to me there's nought so sweet As my sweet

A 1
feet, _____ It seems _____ to me there's nought so

A 2
feet, _____ It seems _____ to me there's nought so

T
min - ion _____ feet, It seems to me there's nought so

B
min - - - ion feet, It seems to me there's nought so

44

S 1
sweet As my sweet sweet - ing. A - bove all oth - ers praise must I, And

S 2
sweet - ing. A - bove all oth - ers praise must I, And

A 1
sweet As my sweet sweet - ing. A - bove all oth - ers praise must I, And

A 2
sweet As my sweet sweet - ing. A - bove all oth - ers praise must I, And

T
sweet As my sweet sweet - ing. A - bove all oth - ers praise must I, And

B
sweet As my sweet sweet - ing. A - bove all oth - ers praise must I, And

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S 1
love my lit - tle pig - sen-eye, For none I find so wo - man - ly As

S 2
love my lit - tle pig - sen - eye, For none I find so wo - man - ly As

A 1
love my lit - tle pig - sen - eye, For none I find so wo - man - ly As

A 2
love my lit - tle pig - sen - eye, For none I find so wo - man - ly As

T
love my lit - tle pig - sen - eye, For none I find so wo - man - ly As

B
love my lit - tle pig - sen - eye, For none I find so wo - man - ly As

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S 1
my sweet sweet - - - - -

S 2
my sweet sweet - - - ing.

A 1
my sweet sweet - - - ing.

A 2
my sweet sweet - - - - -

T
my sweet sweet - - - ing, As my sweet sweet - - - - -

B
my sweet sweet - - - ing, As my sweet sweet - - - - -

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S 1 *pp* ing. She is so prop - er and pure, Stead - fast,

S 2 *pp* She is so prop - er and pure, Stead - fast, —

A 1 *pp* She is so prop - er and pure, Stead - fast, —

A 2 *pp* ing. She is so prop - er and pure, Stead - fast,

T *pp* ing. She is so prop - er and pure, Stead - fast,

B *pp* ing. She is so prop - er and pure, Stead - fast,

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S 1 sta - ble, — and de - mure, There is — none such, ye may be

S 2 sta - ble, and de - mure, There — is none such, ye — may be

A 1 sta - ble, and de - mure, There is — none such, ye — may be

A 2 sta - ble, and de - mure, There is none such, ye may be

T sta - ble, and de - mure, There is none such, ye may — be —

B sta - ble, and de - mure, There is none such, ye may be

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S 1
sure, As my sweet sweet - ing,

S 2
sure, As my sweet sweet - ing,

A 1
sure, As my sweet sweet - ing,

A 2
sure, As my sweet sweet - ing, As

T
sure, As my sweet sweet - ing, As my sweet

B
sure, As my sweet sweet - ing, As my

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S 1
rall. As my sweet sweet - - - ing.

S 2
rall. As my sweet sweet - - - ing.

A 1
rall. As my sweet sweet - ing.

A 2
rall. my sweet sweet - - - ing.

T
rall. sweet - - - ing.

B
rall. sweet - - - ing.

Sir Arthur Somervell (1863-1937) was born in Windermere, Westmorland, England, and was educated at Uppingham School and King's College, Cambridge, the High School for Music, Berlin, and at the Royal College of Music. He studied composition under Charles Villiers Stanford and C. Hubert Parry. He became a professor at the Royal College of Music, and was appointed Inspector of Music at the Board of Education and Scottish Education Department eventually becoming Principal Inspector of Music. He composed numerous large choral works and is best remembered for his song cycles and art songs.

Ah! my sweet sweeting;
My little pretty sweeting,
My sweeting will I love wherever I go;
She is so proper and pure,
So steadfast, stable, and demure,
There is none such, ye may be sure,
As my sweet sweeting.

In all this world, as thinketh me,
Is none so pleasant to my e'e,
That I am glad so oft to see,
As my sweet sweeting.

When I behold my sweeting sweet,
Her face, her hands, her minion feet,
It seems to me there's nought so sweet
As my sweet sweeting.

Above all others praise must I,
And love my little pigseneye,
For none I find so womanly
As my sweet sweeting.

Anon. ca. 1530

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