

Alfred, Lord Tennyson
(1809-92)

O Swallow, Swallow, Op.68 no.5

Charles Villiers Stanford
(1852-1924)

Soprano *allegro leggiero*

Alto *mp* O Swal-low, Swal-low,

Piano *allegro leggiero*
pp una corda

S Fly - ing, fly - ing south, Fly to her, and fall u - pon her

A Fly - ing, fly - ing south, Fly to her, and fall u - pon her

S gild- ed eaves, And tell her, tell her,

A gild- ed eaves, And tell her, tell her,

S
what I tell to thee.

A
what I tell to thee.

T
p O tell her, Swal-low,

B
p O tell her, Swal-low,

T
cresc. 15
thou that know - est each, *f* that bright and fierce and

B
cresc.
thou that know - est each, *f* that bright and fierce and

T
fi - ckle is the South, And dark and true and

B
fi - ckle is the South, And dark and true and

20

S *mp* O Swal-low, Swal-low, if

A *mp* O Swal-low, Swal-low, if

T ten - der is the North.

B ten - der is the North.

25

S I could fol-low, And light u - pon her lat-tice, I would

A I could fol-low, And light u - pon her lat-tice, I would

S *cresc.* pipe and trill, and cheep and twit-ter twen - ty mil - lion

A *cresc.* pipe and trill, and cheep and twit-ter twen - ty mil - lion

S
loves.

A
loves.

T
8
O were I thou that she might take me

B
O were I thou that she might take me

T
8
in, And lay me on her bo - som, and her

B
in, And lay me on her bo - som, and her

T
8
heart would rock the snow- y cra - dle till I

B
heart would rock the snow- y cra - dle till I

40

S *mf* Why lin - g'reth she to clothe her heart with

A *mf* Why lin - g'reth she to clothe her heart with

T died.

B died.

poco cresc.

S love, —

A love, —

T *mf* De - lay - ing as the ten - der ash de -

B *mf* De - lay - ing as the ten - der ash de -

45

S
When all the woods are

A
When all the woods are

T
lays to clothe her - self When all the woods are

B
lays to clothe her - self When all the woods are

50

S
green? *mp* O

A
green? *mp* O

T
green? *mp* O

B
green? *mp* O

S
tell her, tell her, that thy brood is flown:

A
tell her, tell her, that thy brood is flown:

T
tell her, tell her, that thy brood is flown:

B
tell her, tell her, that thy brood is flown:

55

S
Say to her I do but wan - ton in the

A
Say to her I do but wan - ton in the

T
Say to her I do but wan - ton in the

B
Say to her I do but wan - ton in the

S
South, But in the North long since my nest is

A
South, But in the North long since my nest is

T
South, But in the North long since my nest is

B
South, But in the North long since my nest is

60
S
made, O tell her, brief is life, but love is

A
made, O tell her, brief is life, but love is

T
made, O tell her, brief is life, but love is

B
made, O tell her, brief is life, but love is

65

S long, *f* And brief the sun of sum-mer in the

A long, *f* And brief the sun of sum-mer in the

T long, *f* And brief the sun of sum-mer in the

B long, *f* And brief the sun of sum-mer in the

S North, *p* And brief the moon of beau - ty in the South.

A North, *p* And brief the moon of beau - ty in the South.

T North, *p* And brief the moon of beau - ty in the South. O

B North, *p* And brief the moon of beau - ty in the South. O

70

S

A

T

B

Swal-low, fly-ing from the gol - den woods,

Swal-low, fly-ing from the gol - den woods,

75

S

A

T

B

Fly to her and pipe and woo her, and make her mine,

Fly to her and pipe and woo her, and make her mine,

p Fly _____ and make her mine,

Fly and make her mine,

80

S *dim.*
And tell her, tell her, that I fol - low

A *dim.*
And tell her, tell her, that I fol - low

T *dim.*
And tell her, tell her, that I fol - low

B *dim.*
And tell her, tell her, that I fol - low

85

S
thee.

A
thee.

T
thee.

B
thee.