

# Sweet honey-sucking bees

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Soprano I  
*mf* Sweet hon - ey - suck-ing bees, sweet hon - ey -

Soprano II  
*mf* Sweet hon - ey - suck-ing bees, sweet hon - ey - suck-ing bees,

Alto  
*mf* Sweet hon - ey - suck-ing bees, sweet hon - ey - suck-ing bees,

Tenor  
8 *mf* Sweet hon - ey - suck-ing bees, sweet hon - ey -

Bass

5  
S suck - ing bees, why do you still, why do you still, why do you  
A why do you still, why do you still, why do you still  
T 8 suck - ing bees, why do you still, why do you still  
B

10  
S still sur - feit on ro - ses, pinks and vi - o - lets; *p* As if the  
A still sur - feit on ro - ses, pinks and vi - o - lets;  
A sur - feit on ro - ses, pinks and vi - o - lets; *p* As if the  
T 8 sur - feit on ro - ses, pinks and vi - o - lets;  
B

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S choic-est nec - tar lay in them, Where-with you store,

A *p* As if the choic-est nec - tar lay in

T choic-est nec - tar lay in them, Where-with you store your cur - ious

B *p* As if the choic-est nec-tar lay in them, Where-with you

S where-with you store, where-with you store your cur-ious ca-bin-

A them, where-with you store your cur - ious

T ca - bin - ets, your cur-ious ca-

B store your cur-ious ca - bin - ets?

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S *cresc.* ets? Ah, make your flight, ah, make your flight,

A *cresc.* ca - bin - ets? Ah, make your flight to Me - li - sua - via's

T *cresc.* bin - ets? Ah, make your flight, ah, make your

B *cresc.* Ah, make your flight to Me-li - sua - via's

B *cresc.* Ah, make your flight to Me - li - sua - via's

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S *mf* ah, make your flight, ah, make your flight \_\_\_\_\_ to Me - li - sua - via's

A lips, *mf* ah, make your flight \_\_\_\_\_ to Me - li - sua - via's

T flight, \_\_\_\_\_ *mf* ah! make your flight; \_\_\_\_\_ *f* There may you

B lips, your flight \_\_\_\_\_ to Me - li - sua - via's lips;

B lips, *mf* Ah, make your flight \_\_\_\_\_ to Me - li - sua - via's

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S lips. \_\_\_\_\_ *f* There, there may you re - vel

A lips. \_\_\_\_\_ *f* There may you re - vel, there may you re - vel

T re - vel, there may you re - vel, there, there may you re - vel,

B lips; \_\_\_\_\_ *f* There may you re - vel,

T *f* There may you re - vel, there may you re - vel, there may you re - vel

S in am - bro - sian cheer, *p* Where smil - ing \_\_\_\_\_

A in am - bro - sian cheer, *p* Where smil - ing \_\_\_\_\_

T in am - bro - sian cheer, *p* Where smil - ing

B \_\_\_\_\_

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S ro- ses and sweet lil - lies sit, *f* there may you

A ro- ses and sweet lil - lies sit, *f* there may you

T *f* there may you re - vel, there may you

B 8 ros - ses and sweet lil - lies sit, *f* there may you re - vel,

*f* there may you

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S re - vel,

A re - vel

T re - vel in am - bro-sian cheer, *p* where smil- ing

B 8 there may you re - vel in am - bro-sian cheer, *p* where smil- ing

re - vel in am - bro-sian cheer, *p* where smil - ing

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S

A *p* Keep- ing their spring-tide

T ro- ses and sweet lil - lies sit, keep- ing their spring-tide

B 8 ro - ses and sweet lil - lies sit,

S *p* Keep - ing their spring - tide, keep - ing their spring - tide gra - ces,

A gra - ces, keep - ing their spring - tide gra - ces,

T gra - ces, keep - ing their spring - tide gra - ces all

B 8 gra - ces, keep - ing their spring - tide gra - ces, keep -

*cresc.*

*cresc.*

keep -

50 *cresc.* keep - ing their spring - tide gra - ces all the year,

*cresc.* keep - ing their spring - tide gra - ces all the year,

*cresc.* the year, their spring - tide gra - ces all the year, all the

T 8 ing their spring - tide, spring - tide gra - ces, keep - ing their spring - tide

B ing their spring - tide, spring - tide gra - ces all the year,

55 keep - ing their spring - tide gra - ces

keep - ing their spring - tide gra -

A year, keep - ing their spring - tide gra - ces

T 8 gra - ces,

B

S all the year,

A ces all the year,

A all the year, *p* keep- ing their spring-

T *p* keep-ing their spring - tide

B *p* keep-ing their spring - tide

S *f* keep-ing their

A *f* keep-ing their spring - tide,

A tide gra- ces all the year, *f* keep-ing their spring - tide

T gra - ces all the year, *f* keep-ing their

B gra - ces all the year, *f* keep-ing their

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S spring - tide gra - ces all the year.

A spring - tide gra - ces all the year.

A spring - tide gra - ces all the year.

T spring - tide gra - ces all the year.

B spring - tide gra - ces all the year.