

# The Willow Song

(Three Elizabethan Part-songs, No. 2)  
for SATB Chorus unaccompanied

William Shakespeare  
(from "Othello")

Ralph Vaughan Williams

**Lento**  
*p*

Soprano  
The poor\_ soul sat sigh - ing by a sy - ca-more tree,

Alto  
The poor\_ soul sat sigh - ing — by a sy - ca-more — tree,

Tenor  
The poor\_ soul sat sigh - ing by a sy - ca-more — tree, Sing —

Bass  
*p*  
The — poor soul sat sigh-ing by a sy-ca-more — tree, Sing —

Keyboard  
(for rehearsal only)  
**Lento**  
*p*

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Soprano  
Sing all a green wil - low; Her hand\_ on her bo - som, her —

Alto  
Sing all a green wil - low; Her hand\_ on her bo - som, — her —

Tenor  
all a green — wil - low; Her hand\_ on her bo - som, her —

Bass  
all a green — wil - low; Her hand\_ on her bo - som, her —

Keyboard  
*p*

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head on — her knee, Sing wil - low, wil - low, wil - - -

head on — her knee, Sing wil - low, wil - low, wil - - -

head — on — her knee, Sing wil - low, wil - low, wil - - -

head — on — her knee, Sing wil - low, wil - low, wil - - -

The piano accompaniment consists of chords in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand, both in G major.

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*mf* low. The fresh — streams ran by her and mur - mur'd her

*mf* low. The fresh — streams - ran by her and — mur - mur'd her

*mf* low. The — fresh — streams ran by — her and mur - mur'd her

*mf* low. The — fresh — streams - ran by her and mur - mur'd her

The piano accompaniment continues with chords in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand, both in G major.

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moans; Sing wil - low wil - low, wil - low: Her salt — tears —

moans; Sing wil - low will - low, wil - low: Her salt — tears —

moans; Sing wil - low, wil - low: Her salt — tears —

moans; Sing wil - low, wil - low: Her salt

*p*

*p*

*p*

*p*

*p*

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fell from her, and soft - en'd the stones; Sing wil - low,

fell — from — her, and soft - en'd — the stones; Sing wil - low,

fell from her, and soft - en'd the — stones; Sing wil - low,

tears fell from her, and soft - en'd — the stones; Sing wil - low

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wil - low, wil - - - low, Sing all a green

wil - low, wil - - - low, Sing all a green

wil - low, wil - - - low, Sing all a green

wil - low, wil - - - low, Sing all a green

*pp*

*pp*

*pp*

*pp*

*pp*

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wil - low must be my gar - - land.

wil - low must be my gar - - land.

wil - low must be my gar - - land.

wil - low must be my gar - - land.

*rall.*

*ppp*

*rall.*

*ppp*

*rall.*

*ppp*

*rall.*

*ppp*

*rall.*

*ppp*