

# WHEN I HEARD THE LEARN'D ASTRONOMER

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freely  $\text{♩} = 50$

**Sopran**  
*pp*  
uhh uhh Stars, si - lence.

**Alt 1**  
*< pp* whisper arrhythmically in random order: stars; silence, air; mystical, moist, rising; time; night *pp*  
uhh Si - lence. uhh

**Alt 2**  
*< pp* whisper arrhythmically in random order: stars; silence, air; mystical, moist, rising; time; night *pp*  
uhh Stars. uhh

**Tenor**  
*< pp* whisper arrhythmically in random order: stars; silence, air; mystical, moist, rising; time; night *pp*  
uhh

**Bariton**  
*< pp* whisper arrhythmically in random order: stars; silence, air; mystical, moist, rising; time; night *p*  
uhh

**Bass**  
*< pp* whisper arrhythmically in random order: stars; silence, air; mystical, moist, rising; time; night *p*  
Stars, si - lence. uhh

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**S.**  
*p*  
Stars, stars, stars.

**A. 1**  
*p*  
Stars, stars, stars.

**A. 2**  
*p* *mp*  
Stars, stars, stars, stars, stars, stars.

**T.**  
*p* *mp*  
Stars, stars, stars, stars, stars, stars.

**Ba.**  
*p*  
Stars, stars, stars.

**B.**  
*p*  
Stars, stars, stars.

2 *poco accel.* *rit.* *a tempo*  $\text{♩} = 62$

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S. *pp* *p* *mp* *mf* *p* *p*  
 Stars, stars, stars, stars. When I

A. 1 *pp* *p* *mp* *mf* *p*  
 Stars, stars, stars, stars.

A. 2 *pp* *p* *mp* *mf* *p*  
 Stars stars, stars, stars, stars.

T. *pp* *p* *mp* *mf* *p*  
 Stars, stars, stars, stars, stars.

Ba. *pp* *p* *mp* *mf* *p*  
 Stars, stars, stars, stars, stars.

B. *pp* *p* *mp* *mf* *p*  
 Stars, stars, stars, stars, stars.

17 *mp*

S. heard the lear - n'd as - tro - no - mer, When the proofs, the fi - gures wereranged in co - lumns be - fore me. When I was

A. 1 *p*  
 When the proofs, the fi - gures wereranged in co - lumns be - fore me,

A. 2 *p*  
 When the proofs, the fi - gures wereranged in co - lumns be - fore me,

T. *p*  
 When the proofs, the fi - gures were ranged, in co - lumns be - fore me.

Ba. *p*  
 When the proofs, the fi - gures were ranged in co - lumns be - fore me.

B. *p*  
 When the proofs, the fi - gures were ranged in co - lumns be - fore me.

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S. *mf* *p* *mp* *mf*  
 shown the charts and di-a-grams, \_\_\_\_\_ to add, di-vid-e and mea-sure them, When

A. 1 *mp* *mf* *p* *mp*  
 shown the charts and di-a-grams, \_\_\_\_\_ add, di-vid-e and mea-sure them, \_\_\_\_\_

A. 2 *mp* *f* *p* *mp*  
 shown the charts and di-a-grams, shown the charts and di-a-grams add, di-vid-e and mea-sure them, \_\_\_\_\_

T. *mp* *f* *p* *mp*  
 shown the charts and di-a-grams, shown the charts and di-a-grams add, di-vid-e and mea-sure them, \_\_\_\_\_

Ba. *mp* *mf* *p* *mp*  
 shown the charts and di-a-grams \_\_\_\_\_ add, di-vid-e and mea-sure them, \_\_\_\_\_

B. *mp* *mf* *p* *mp*  
 shown the charts and di-a-grams \_\_\_\_\_ add, di-vid-e and mea-sure them, \_\_\_\_\_

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S. *f* *mp* *f* *mf*  
 I sit-ting heard the as - tro-no-mer, where he lec - tured with much \_\_\_\_\_ ap - plause \_\_\_\_\_ in the

A. 1 *mf* *f* *mp* *f* *mf*  
 I sit-ting heard the as - tro-no-mer \_\_\_\_\_ lec - tured with much \_\_\_\_\_ ap - plause \_\_\_\_\_ in the

A. 2 *mf* *f* *mp* *f* *mf*  
 I sit-ting heard the as - tro-no-mer \_\_\_\_\_ lec - tured with much \_\_\_\_\_ ap - plause \_\_\_\_\_ in the

T. *mf* *f* *mp* *f* *mf*  
 I sit-ting heard the as - tro-no-mer, where he lec - tured with much \_\_\_\_\_ ap - plause \_\_\_\_\_ in the

Ba. *mf* *f* *mp* *f* *mf*  
 I sit-ting heard the as - tro-no-mer \_\_\_\_\_ lec - tured with much \_\_\_\_\_ ap - plause \_\_\_\_\_ in the

B. *mf* *f* *mp* *f* *mf*  
 I sit-ting heard the as - tro-no-mer \_\_\_\_\_ lec - tured with much \_\_\_\_\_ ap - plause \_\_\_\_\_ in the

32 *mp*

S. lec - ture room, in the lec - ture room, lec - ture room.

A. 1. lec - ture room, in the lec - ture room, lec - ture, lec - ture room,

A. 2. lec - ture room, in the lec - ture room, lec - ture, lec - ture room,

T. lec - ture room, in the lec - ture room, lec - ture, lec - ture room,

Ba. lec - ture room, in the lec - ture room, lec - ture, lec - ture room,

B. lec - ture room, in the lec - ture room, lec - ture, lec - ture room,

36 *p*

S. How soon un-ac-coun - tab - le I be-came ti - red and sick, Till

A. 1. *p* Soon, how soon un a-coun-tab-le, tired, ti - red and sick, Till

A. 2. *p* Soon un a-coun-ta-ble, tired and sick, Till

T. *p* Soon, how soon un a-coun-tab-le, tired, ti - red and sick, Till

Ba. *p* Soon, tired and sick, Till

B. *p* Soon, tired and sick, Till

41 *poco accel.* *rit.* *f* *mp*

S. *f*  
 ri-sing and gli - ding out I wan-der'd, I wan - der'd off by my - self, In the

A. 1 *f*  
 ri - sing, gli - ding out I wan-der'd wan - der'd I wan - der'd off by my - self,

A. 2 *f*  
 ri - sing, gli - ding out I wan-der'd wan - der'd I wan-der'd off by my - self,

T. *f*  
 ri - sing, gli - ding out I wan-der'd wan - der'd I wan - der'd off by my - self,

Ba. *f*  
 ri - sing, gli - ding out I wan-der'd wan - der'd I wan-der'd off by my - self,

B. *f*  
 ri - sing, gli - ding out I wan-der'd wan - der'd I wan-der'd off by my - self,

46 *a tempo* *p*

S. *p*  
 my-sti-cal moist night-air, and from time to time, Look'd up in per-fect si-lence at the

A. 1 *mp* *p*  
 time, time, ...ime, si - lence,

A. 2 *mp* *p*  
 time, time, time, si - lence,  
 whisper arrhythmically in random order:  
 stars; silence, mystical, rising; time

T. *mp* *pp*  
 my - sti-cal moist night - air, and from time to si - lence,

Ba. *mp* *pp*  
 my - sti-cal moist night - air, and from time to si - lence,  
 whisper arrhythmically in random order:  
 stars; silence, mystical, rising; time

B. *mp* *pp*  
 my - sti-cal moist night - air, and from time to si - lence,  
 whisper arrhythmically in random order:  
 stars; silence, mystical, rising; time

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S. stars, at the stars, at the stars,

A. 1 Stars, stars, stars,

A. 2 Stars, stars, stars, stars, per - fect si - lence at the

T. Stars, stars, si - lence at the stars, in per - fect si - lence at the

Ba. Stars, stars, in si - lence at the stars, in per - fect si - lence at the

B. Stars, stars, in si - lence at the stars, in per - fect si - lence at the

*mp* *mp* *mp* *mf* *mf* *mf* *mf* *mf* *mf* *mf*

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S. stars, stars.

A. 1 stars, stars.

A. 2 stars, stars, stars.

T. stars, stars, stars.

Ba. stars, stars, stars.

B. stars, stars, stars.

*p* *pp* *pp* *pp* *pp* *pp* *pp* *pp* *pp* *pp*