

Soprano

The Voice

for mixed chorus a cappella

Lyricist: Dunstan Ward

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Maestoso $\text{♩} = 58$

mf

A dis - tant cry _____ stopped me as I fol - lowed,

5

in the is - - land's af - ter - noon _____ af - ter - noon heat, _____

9

twis - ting _____ twis - ting be - tween _____ the thorn _____ bush - es and

13

rocks _____ a - round _____ the cliffs a - bove the _____

18

glit - ter - ing _____ bay. _____ Be - - low _____ me, a

23

lone _____ fish - er - man was sing - ing, _____ a high,

27

harsh song, _____ care - less _____ yet im - pas - sioned, that he kept

31 *f*

up kept up kept up he heaved the bow___ of his

36 *mf* *f* *p* *f*

tur - quise - paint - ed___ boat___ a - gainst the swell._____ I

41 *p* *rallentando*.....

stood there___ list - en - ing, en - vi - ous and chas - tened,___

44 *a tempo* *rfz* *pp* *mp* *mf* *rallentando* *a tempo* *p*

chas - tened - as though this were the sound___ sound I longed longed___ to

49 *f* *f* *mp* *f*

hear___ through___ tide on tide___ of si - lence___

54 *f* *mp* *p*

self - doubt, the voice of one at - tuned to___ him - self,___ to life___