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Music by
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1. the birds on the morning of going

p $\text{♩} = 54$

Soprano
If I _____ can say _____ yes I must say _____ it _____ to this and

Alto
If I _____ can say _____ yes I must say _____ it _____ to this and

Tenor
p
If I _____ can say _____ yes I must say it _____ to this and

Bass
p
If I _____ can say _____ yes I must say it _____ to this and

Rehearsal Piano
p

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S
now try-ing to re - mem-ber _____ what the pre-sent _____ can bless with can bless with *mf*

A
now try-ing to re - mem-ber _____ what the pre-sent _____ can bless with can bless with *mf*

T
now try-ing to re - mem-ber _____ what the pre-sent _____ can bless with can bless with *mf*

B
now try-ing to re - mem-ber _____ what the pre-sent _____ can bless with can bless with *mf*

R.P.
5 *mf*

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S
which I know from all o-ther a-ges how lit-tle has

A
which I know from all o-ther a-ges how lit-tle has

T
8 which I know how lit-tle has come to me

B
which I how lit-tle has come to me

R.P.

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S
come to me that is breath and no-thing that is you now

A
come to me that is breath and no-thing that is you now

T
8 that is breath and no-thing that is you now

B
that is breath and no-thing that is you

R.P.

poco a poco crescendo al forte

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S I can see I have been car - ry-ing this fear a blue thing

A I can see I have been car - ry-ing this fear a blue thing

T 8 I can see I have been car - ry-ing this fear a blue thing ask - ing

B a blue thing ask - ing

R.P.

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S the length of my life bring-ing it here to the

A the length of my life bring-ing it here to the

T 8 ask - ing is this its place

B ask - ing is this its place

R.P.