

How sweet the answer

(The Wren)

original key

from Thomas Moore's *Irish Melodies*

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Flowing

pp murmuring

with Ped.

pp clearly

p

1. How

5

sweet the an - swer Ech - o makes To mu - sic at night; When,

9

rous'd _ by lute or horn, _ she wakes, _ And far _ a - way, o'er lawns _ and lakes,

13

pp

Goes an - swer-ing light.

17

more express.

2. Yet love hath ech - oes tru - er far, And far_ more sweet,

21

Than e'er_ be-neath the moon - light's star, - Of horn, - or lute, or

25

dim.

soft_ gui- tar,

The songs_ re-peat.

29

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3.'Tis when the sigh, in youth— sin-cere, And

pp

8vb

33

on - ly then— The sigh,— that's breath'd for one— to hear,— Is

8vb

37

by— that one, that on - ly dear, *pp* Breath'd back— a - gain,

8vb

41

a - gain, a - gain, *dim.* a - gain, a - gain, a - gain.

dim.

ppp