

A Viennese Affair

4-Part Canon for Treble Voices

with Piano Accompaniment

Performance time: ca. 2:50

(See Notes on the last page)

Melody by W.A. Mozart (1756-1791)

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Allegretto

mf

Vi-

5

en - na in the spring is love ly. All the flow-ers are so

8

frag - rant. And birds on high, sing in the sky with hap-py

11 *sub. mp*

lov - ers pass - ing by. I know no oth - er place so pleas - ant

11 *sub. mp*

14 *mf*

Where mu - sic is so om - ni - pres - ent. Where Mo - zart wrote

14 *mf*

17

so ma - ny notes and Hay - dn penned so ma - ny, ma - ny sym - pho -

17

20

nies. St. Ste - phen's reach - es for the loft - y sky. The Dan - ube

20

23 *mf*

riv - er calm - ly pass - es by. So come with me!

23 *mf*

26

A nic - er place than this, there can - not be!

26 *mp*

29 *mp*

Child - ren are play - ing ev'-ry - where. And peo - ple laugh with -

29

32 *mf*

out a care. This is such a love - ly Vi-en-nese af

32 *mf*

36 *mf* *sempre*

[1] fair! I know no oth - er place so pleas - ant

[2] fair! *mf* Vi - en - na in the spring is

[3] fair!

[4] fair!

38

[1] Where mu-sic is so om-ni-pres - ent. Where Mo-zart wrote

[2] love ly. All the flow-ers are so frag - rant. And birds on

[3]

[4]

38

41

[1] so ma-ny notes and Hay-dn penned so ma - ny, ma - ny sym - pho-

[2] high, sing in the sky with hap - py lov - ers pass - ing

[3]

[4]

41

44

[1] nies. St. Ste-phen's reach - es for the loft - y sky. The Dan-ube

[2] by. I know no oth-er place so pleas-ant Where mu-sic is so om - ni -

[3] *mf* Vi - en - na in the spring is love ly.

[4]

44

6
47

[1] riv - er calm-ly pass-es by. So come with me!

[2] pres - ent. Where Mo-zart wrote so ma-ny notes

[3] All the flow-ers are so frag - rant. And birds on high, sing in the

[4]

47

50

[1] A nic - er place than this, there can-not be!

[2] and Hay-dn penned so ma - ny, ma - ny sym - pho-nies. St. Ste-phen's

[3] sky with hap - py lov - ers pass-ing by. I know no oth-er place so *mf*

[4] Vi -

50

53

[1] Child - ren are play - ing ev - ry - where. And peo - ple laugh with -

[2] reach - es for the loft - y sky. The Dan - ube riv - er calm - ly pass - es

[3] pleas - ant Where mu - sic is so om - ni - pres - ent.

[4] en - na in the spring is love ly. All the flow - ers are so

53

56

[1] out a care. This is such a love - ly

[2] by. So come with me! A nic - er place than

[3] Where Mo - zart wrote so ma - ny notes and Hay - dn penned so ma - ny,

[4] frag - rant. And birds on high, sing in the sky with hap - py

56

8

59

[1] Vi - en - nese af - fair! Vi -

[2] this, there can - not be!

[3] ma - ny sym - pho - nies. St. Ste - phen's

[4] lov - ers pass - ing by. I know no oth - er place so

59

61

[1] en - na in the spring is love ly. All the flow-ers are so

[2] Child - ren are play - ing ev-'ry - where. And peo - ple laugh with-

[3] reach - es for the loft - y sky. The Dan-ube riv - er calm-ly pass-es

[4] pleas - ant Where mu-sic is so om - ni - pres - ent.

61

64

[1] frag - rant. And birds on high, sing in the

[2] out a care. This is such a

[3] by. So come with me!

[4] Where Mo - zart wrote so ma - ny notes

64

66

[1] sky with hap - py lov - ers pass - ing

[2] love - ly Vi - en - nese af -

[3] A nic - er place than this, there can - not

[4] and Hay - dn penned so ma - ny, ma - ny sym - pho -

66

68

[1] by.

[2] fair.

[3] be.

[4] ies.

This block contains the first system of a musical score, measures 68 to 70. It features four vocal staves labeled [1] through [4] and a piano accompaniment. The vocal parts are in 2/4 time and contain the lyrics "by.", "fair.", "be.", and "ies." respectively. Each vocal line begins with a half note followed by a whole rest for the remainder of the measure. The piano accompaniment is in 2/4 time. Measure 68 starts with a forte (*f*) dynamic and includes a piano introduction in the right hand. Measures 69 and 70 feature complex piano textures with multiple beamed eighth notes and sustained chords in both hands, marked with accents.

71

mp

mf

This block contains the second system of the musical score, measures 71 to 73. It is a piano accompaniment in 2/4 time. Measure 71 continues the piano texture from the previous system. Measure 72 is marked with a mezzo-piano (*mp*) dynamic and features a melodic line in the right hand. Measure 73 is marked with a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic and shows a crescendo in the right hand, indicated by a hairpin. The piano texture continues with beamed eighth notes and sustained chords in both hands.

74

ff

This block contains the third system of the musical score, measures 74 to 76. It is a piano accompaniment in 2/4 time. Measure 74 continues the piano texture. Measure 75 is marked with a fortissimo (*ff*) dynamic and features a melodic line in the right hand. Measure 76 shows a decrescendo in the right hand, indicated by a hairpin, leading to a sustained chord. The piano texture continues with beamed eighth notes and sustained chords in both hands.

76 *mf*

[1] I know no oth-er place so pleas - ant Where mu-sic is so om - ni -

[2] *mf* Vi - en - na in the spring is love ly.

[3] *mf* Child-ren are play - ing ev-'ry - where. And

[4] *mf* St. Ste-phen's reach - es for the loft - y sky. The Dan-ube

76 *mf*

79

[1] pres - ent. Where Mo-zart wrote so ma-ny notes

[2] All the flow-ers are so frag - rant. And birds on high, sing in the

[3] peo - ple laugh with - out a care. This is such a

[4] riv - er calm-ly pass-es by. So come with me!

79 *mf*

82

[1] *f* *non rit.*
and Hay - dn penned so ma - ny, ma - ny sym - phon - ies.

[2] *f* *non rit.*
sky with hap - py lov - ers pass - ing by.

[3] *f* *non rit.*
love - ly Vi - en - nese af - fair!

[4] *f* *non rit.*
A nic - er place than this there can - not be!

82 *ff* *non rit.*

NOTES:

A Viennese Affair is a joyous "affair" in the true sense of the word: "an event or occasion".

This simple, elegant canon by the Classical master has been fitted with new words that are more family-friendly than the ones Herr Mozart wrote for it. Anyone who has visited Vienna once or twice might recognize any of the sights mentioned in the text.

Part Assignments:

Measures 1-35 may be sung by the full group in unison, or each 8-measure section can be sung by a different section or combination. Consider assigning both high and low voices to each of the sections [1-4].

A Viennese Affair is also scored for mixed (SATB) voices.