

What Sweeter Music

(SATB unaccompanied)

Robert Herrick (1591-1674)

John Earwaker

Sops.

p What swee - ter mu - sic can we bring Than a

4 ca - rol for to sing the birth of this our heav'n - ly King?

8 *p* Lul la. lul - la, lul - la, lul - lay *pp* Lul la, lul - la, lul - la, lul - lay

15 *mf* What swee - ter mu - sic can we bring *cresc.* Than a

19 ca - rol for to sing the birth of this our heav'n - ly King?

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f Sing No el, — No el — Sing No el, — No-el. No - el, No - el, No - el,

new ♩ = old ♩

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No - el! *f* Dark and dull night, fly hence a - way, And give the

unis. 3

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ho - nour to this day That sees De - cem sees De - cem - ber turn'd to May —
(ho - nour to this day That sees, that sees De - cem - ber)

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mf If we may ask the rea - son *mf* say: — The why and

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where - fore all things here Seem like the Spring - time, — Seem like the

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Spring time, Seem like the Spring time of the year? We see him

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come, and know him ours, Who with his sun - shine and his

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showers Turns all the pa - tient ground to flowers.

53 **Tempo giusto** **dolce**

Glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o! *p* The dar - ling of the

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world is come, And fit it is to find a room to wel - come him.

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mf The nob - ler part of all the house here is the heart, *mf* Which we will

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give him and be - queath This hol - ly and this i - vy wreath To do him

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Largamente

ho - nour who's our King *f* And *cresc.* Lord of all this re - vel -

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Tempo giusto

ling. *f* Glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis

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De - o! Glo - ri - a, Glo - ri - a, Glo - ri - a!