

Loveliest of trees

Text: A. E. Housman, 1896

Music: Pierre de Corbeil, harmonized Richard Redhead, 1853

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The musical score consists of four staves of music for voice and piano. The top staff (soprano) starts in E♭ major and moves through Fm, B♭, and E♭. The second staff (soprano) starts in E♭ major and moves through A♭, B♭sus, B♭, and E♭. The third staff (soprano) starts in E♭ major and moves through A♭, Fm, and G. The bottom staff (bass) starts in E♭/G and moves through Gm, Fm, B♭, and E♭. The lyrics are as follows:

1 Love - liest of trees, the cher - ry now,
2 Now of my three - score years and ten,
3 And since to look at things in bloom

hung with bloom a - long the bough,
twen - ty will not come a - gain,
fif - ty springs are lit - tle room,

it stands a - bout the wood - land ride
And take from sev'n - ty springs a score,
a - bout the wood - lands I will go,

wear - ing white for Eas - ter tide.
leav - ing me just fif - ty more.
see the cher - ry hung with snow.