

# The Bluebird

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**Larghetto Tranquillo** *pp*

I  
Soprano Blue,  
II  
Alto  
Tenor  
Bass

The lake lay blue be - low the hill, the  
The lake lay blue be - low the hill, the  
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The lake lay blue be - low the hill, the

blue,  
lake lay blue be - low the hill, be - low the hill,  
lake lay blue be - low the hill, be - low the hill,  
lake lay blue be - low the hill, be - low the hill,  
lake lay blue be - low the hill, be - low the hill,

o'er it, as I look'd, there flew a-cross the wa-ters, cold and still, a bird\_

— lay blue, cold and still, there

— lay blue, cold and still, there

— lay blue, cold and still, there

— lay blue, cold and still, there

— whose wings were pa - lest blue. *pp*

— flew a bird\_ whose wings were pa - lest blue. *pp* *p* The

— flew a bird\_ whose wings were pa - lest blue. *pp* *p* The

— flew a bird\_ whose wings were pa - lest blue. *pp* *p* The

— flew a bird\_ whose wings were pa - lest blue. *pp* *p* The

*p*

Blue,

sky a - bove \_\_\_\_\_ was blue at last, \_\_\_\_\_ the sky be - neath me

sky a - bove \_\_\_\_\_ was blue at last, \_\_\_\_\_ the sky be - neath me

sky a - bove \_\_\_\_\_ was blue at last, \_\_\_\_\_ the sky be - neath me

sky a - bove \_\_\_\_\_ was blue at last, \_\_\_\_\_ the sky be - neath me

blue,

a mo - ment ere the bird had

*mf* blue in blue, \_\_\_\_\_ *p* was blue in blue, \_\_\_\_\_

*mf* blue in blue, \_\_\_\_\_ *p* was blue in blue, \_\_\_\_\_

*mf* blue in blue, \_\_\_\_\_ *p* was blue in blue, \_\_\_\_\_

*mf* blue in blue, \_\_\_\_\_ *p* was blue in blue, \_\_\_\_\_

pass'd, it caught his i - mage, his i - mage  
 blue in blue, it caught, it caught his i - mage, his i - mage  
 blue in blue, it caught, it caught his i - mage, his i - mage  
 blue in blue, it caught, it caught his i - mage, his i - mage  
 blue in blue, it caught, it caught his i - mage as

as he flew. Blue.  
 as he flew. The lake lay blue be - low the hill.  
 as he flew. The lake lay blue be - low the hill.  
 as he flew. The lake lay blue be - low the hill.  
 he flew. The lake lay blue be - low the hill.

*rall.* *pp* *pp* *pp* *pp*