

Hope is the Thing with Feathers

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Andante con moto *mp*

Mezzo-Soprano

Piano

mp

Hope is the thing, the

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thing with fea - thers.

8 *mf*

Hope is the thing, the thing with fea - thers, that perch - es

mf

12

in the soul. And sings the

16

tune with-out the words, and sings the tune with-out the words,

19

and nev - er stops at all, and nev - er stops at all.

23

p And sweet - est, and

26

sweet - est_ in the Gale is heard, and sore_ must

29

be the storm.

32

That_ could a - bash_ the lit - tle bird, that_ kept_ so ma - ny warm, that

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could_ a - bash_ the lit - tle bird, that_ kept_ so

40 *mf*
ma - ny warm. I've heard it in the chil - lest land,

43 *mf*
and on the strang - est sea. Yet nev - er in ex - tre - mi - ty, yet

47 *p*
nev - er in ex - tre - mi - ty, it asked a crumb, it ask - ed a

51
crumb of me.