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# The First Day of Spring

(2-Part, Piano and Flute)

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**Flowing** ♩ = 80

**Piano** *mf*

**Unison Voices** *mf* **A**

1 I won-der if the sap is stir-ring yet, if

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7 win-try birds are dream-ing of a mate, if fro-zen snow-drops feel as

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10 yet the sun and cro - cus fires are kind-ling one ore:

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12 *div.*

**Flute** *mf*

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14

15

**B**

16

17 *mp*

18 I won-der if the spring-tide of this year will

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20  
21

bring an-oth-er Spring both lost and dear; if heart\_ and\_ spi - rit will

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23  
24

find their Spring, or if the world a-lone will bud and sing: *div.*

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26  
27  
28

**C**

*f*  
*mf*

Sing, hope, to me. Sing, hope to\_ me. Sweet  
Sing\_ hope, to me, sing to me. Sing\_ hope to me, sing to me. Sweet

29  
30  
31  
32

notes, my\_ hope, soft\_ notes\_ for mem-o - ry. The *mf*

33  
34  
35

**D**  
*mp*

sap will sure-ly quick-en soon or late. The tar-diest bird will twit-ter to a

36  
37  
38

mate; So Spring must dawn a - gain with warmth and bloom, or

6

39 in this world, or in the world to come: Sing, voice of Spring.

41 **E**

42 in this world, or in the world to come: Sing, voice of Spring, sing of Spring.

43 Sing, voice of Spring! Till I too, blos - som -

44 Sing, voice of Spring, sing of Spring! Till I too, blos - som -

46 and re-joyce and sing. Oh, Sing,

47 and re-joyce and sing. Oh, Sing, voice of

7

50 voice of Spring! Oh, Sing, voice of Spring! Till

51 Spring! Oh Sing, Sing, voice of Spring! Till

53 I too, blos - som - and re-joyce and sing, re-joyce and

54 and re-joyce and sing, re-joyce and sing.

56 sing, re-joyce and sing, re-joyce and sing.

59 *tr* *no trill*

8<sup>th</sup>...

Flute

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1 4 8 13 14 15 16 3

17 18 19 20 21

22 23 24 25 26

27 28 29 30 31

32 33 34 35 36

37 38 39 40

41 42 43 44 45

46 47 48 49 50

51 52 53 54 55 tr.

56 57 58 59 60 tr.

*mf* *mp* *mf* *mp* *mf* *mp* *mf* *mp* *tr.*

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