

*Commissioned by Cappella Clausura, Amelia Leclair, Director,
and Premiered on 7 & 8 May 2016, Boston and Newton MA*

BIRDS OF THE PSALMS*

3. Psalm 17 (Keep Me As the Apple of Your Eye)

*Keep me as the apple of your eye;
hide me under the shadow of your wings.*

*Adapted from The Psalter,
The Book of Common Prayer*

Music by Patricia Van Ness (1951)
Score rev. 19 February 2018
*From *Music for the Psalms*,
dedicated in its entirety to Peter Sykes

$\text{♩} = 60$

Soprano

Alto

Tenor

Baritone

Bass

Bring out moving notes
mf With intensity; sempre molto legato

Keep, keep, keep me as the ap - ple of your

Bring out moving notes
mf With intensity; sempre molto legato

Keep, keep, keep me ap-ple

Bring out moving notes
mf With intensity; sempre molto legato

Keep, keep, me ap-

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T. *mp* eye, keep me as the ap - ple of your eye, and hide me hide me

Bar. *mp* eye keep me ap-ple eye and hide hideme

B. *mp* eye keep (ap) eye and me hide me

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T. *mp* un - der shad - - - ow of

Bar. *mp* un - der the shad - - - ow of

B. *mp* un - der shad - - - ow of your

Bring out moving notes *mf* With intensity; *sempre molto legato*

S. **A** Keep, keep, keep me

Bring out moving notes *mf* With intensity; *sempre molto legato*

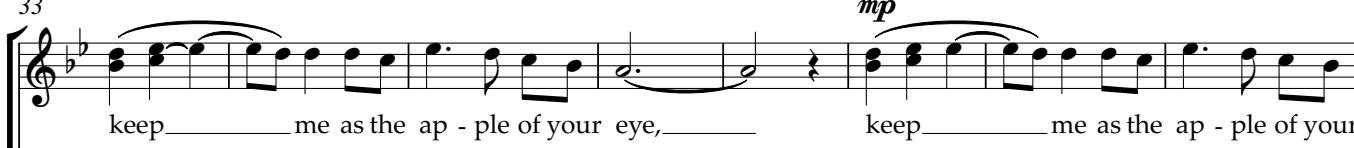
A. Keep, keep, keep me

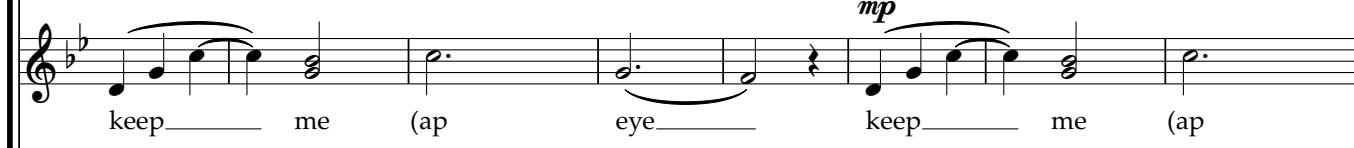
T. 8 your wings. Keep, keep, keep me

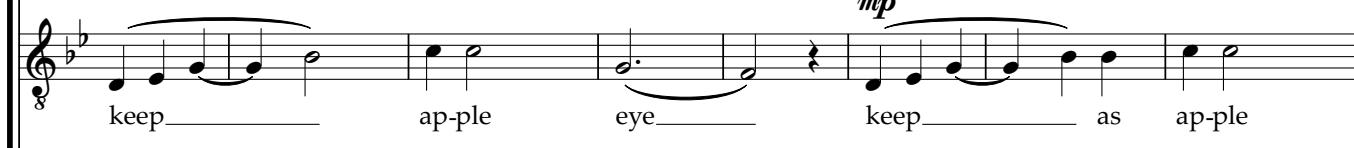
Bar. — your wings Keep, keep, keep me

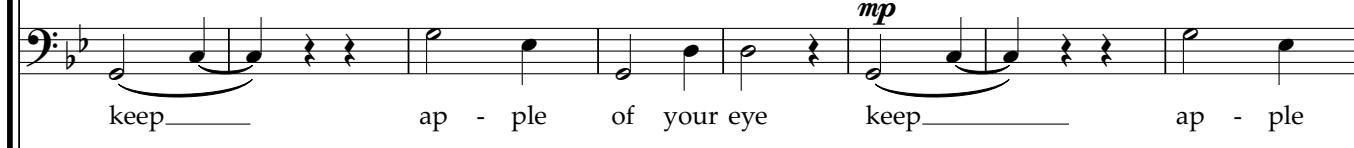
B. — wings wings Keep, keep, keep me

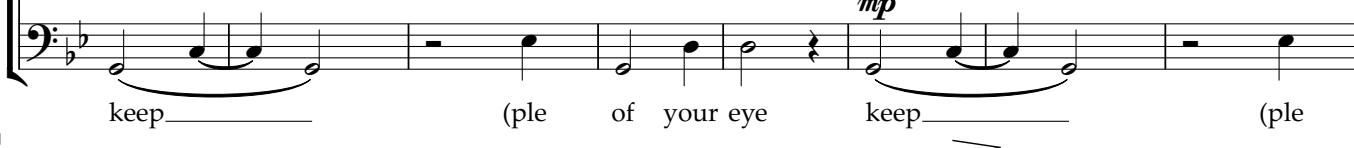
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S.  keep me as the ap - ple of your eye, _____ keep me as the ap - ple of your

A.  keep me (ap eye) _____ keep me (ap

T.  keep ap-ple eye _____ keep as ap-ple

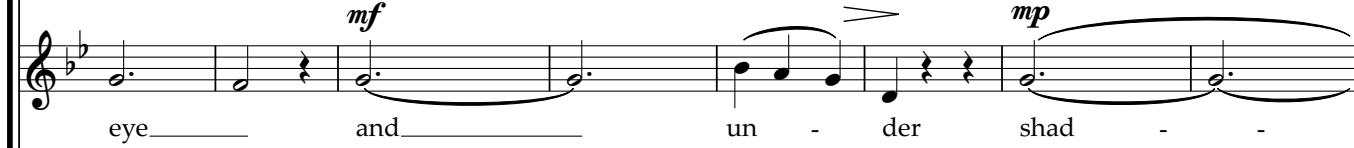
Bar.  keep ap - ple of your eye keep ap - ple

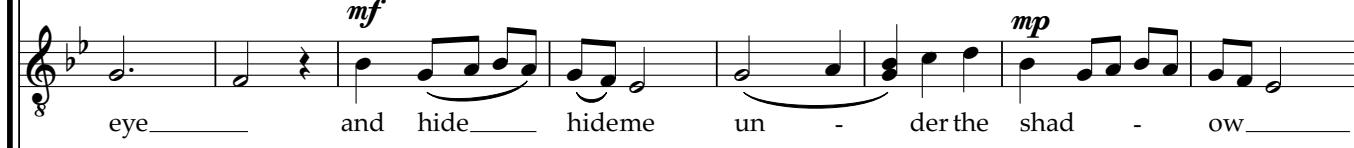
B.  keep (ple of your eye) keep > (ple

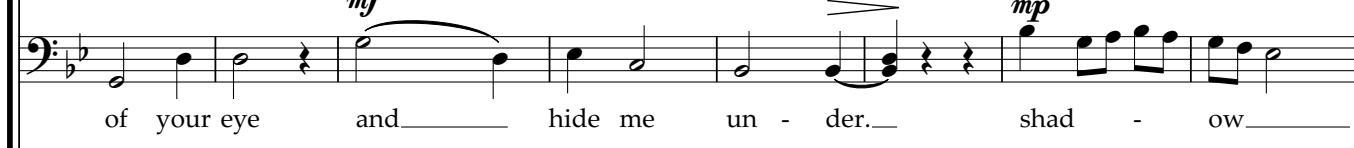
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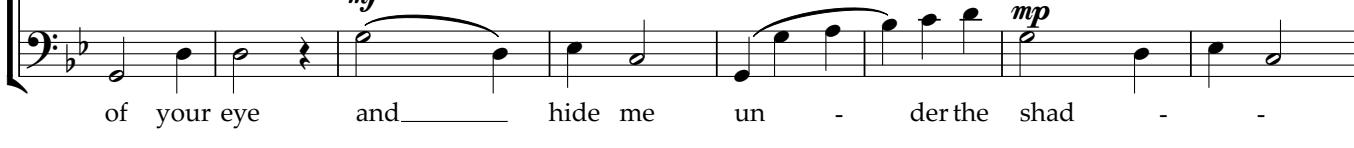
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S.  eye, _____ and hide me hide me un - der shad - - -

A.  eye _____ and _____ un - der shad - - -

T.  eye _____ and hide hideme un - der the shad - - - ow _____

Bar.  of your eye and _____ hide me un - der shad - - - ow _____

B.  of your eye and _____ hide me un - der the shad - - -

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S. *ow-* wings.

A. wings

T. *mf* of your wings.

Bar. of your wings

B. *mf* *ow* of your wings wings

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S. *mp* of your wings

A. *mp* — your wings

T. *mp* of your wings

Bar. *mp* of your wings

B. *mp* of your wings wings