

Commissioned by Cappella Clausura, Amelia Leclair, Director;
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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)
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*From *Music for the Psalms*,
dedicated in its entirety to Peter Sykes

$\text{♩} = 60$

Soprano

Alto

Tenor
mf Bring out moving notes
With intensity; sempre molto legato
Keep, keep, keep _____ me _____ keep _____ me as the ap - ple of your

Baritone
mf Bring out moving notes
With intensity; sempre molto legato
Keep, keep, keep _____ me _____ keep _____ me ap-ple

Bass
mf Bring out moving notes
With intensity; sempre molto legato
Keep, keep, keep me _____ keep _____ (ap _____

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

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

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

18

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

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

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

25

S. *mf* Bring out moving notes With intensity; sempre molto legato
Keep, keep, keep me

A. *mf* Bring out moving notes With intensity; sempre molto legato
Keep, keep, keep me

T. your wings. Keep, keep, keep me

Bar. your wings Keep keep keep me

B. wings wings Keep keep keep me

33

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

A. *mp*
 keep _____ me (ap eye _____ keep _____ me (ap

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

Bar. *mp*
 keep _____ ap - ple of your eye keep _____ ap - ple

B. *mp*
 keep _____ (ple of your eye keep _____ (ple

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

A. *mf* *mp*
 eye _____ and _____ un - der shad - -

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

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

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

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S. *mf*
ow- wings.

A. wings

T. *mf*
of your wings.

Bar. *mf*
of your wings

B. *mf*
ow of your wings wings

55

S. *mp* *rit.* *p*
of your wings

A. *mp* *p*
your wings.

T. *mp* *p*
of your wings.

Bar. *mp* *p*
of your wings

B. *mp* *p*
of your wings wings