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# What is Beauty but a Breath?

SATB

Text: Anonymous, 14th cen

Frank Felice

1 Freely

*p*

What is beau - ty?  
at birth  
But a breath, it's fan - cies twin  
is beau - ty But a breath, it's fan - cies twin at  
What is beau - ty?

5

*mp* ten.  
and death.  
*pp* *p* that fa - deth  
and death.  
*mp* ten.  
a da - mask rose  
*mp*  
birth and death.  
The co - lour of a da-mask rose  
at birth and death.  
that fa - deth

9

*f* *p*,  
when the north wind blows. It fa - deth,  
north wind blows. fa - deth,  
when the north wind blows. fa - deth,  
wind blows. fa - deth,

A Bit Faster

13      *p*

Sop. fa - deth when the north wind

Alto fa - deth when the north wind

Ten. fa - deth when the north wind

Bass fa - deth when the north wind

blows.

blows.

blows.

blows.

Tis such that though all sorts do

Tis such that though all sorts do

16      *mf*

Sop. -

Alto -

Ten. -

Bass -

they know not,

what it is

to have it; *f* a thing

they know not,

what it is

to have it; *f* a thing

crave it

crave it

a thing

a thing

a thing

20

Sop. -

Alto -

Ten. -

Bass -

a thing that some - times stoops not to a king and

not to a king

thing that some - times stoops not to a king a king a king a king

a thing that some - times stoops not to a king

23

Sop. yet is most open

Alto most open

Ten. most open to the commonest thing.

Bass most open to the commonest thing.

p  
she that is most

27

Sop. for she is fair

Alto is most fair

Ten. fair

Bass for she is fair

p  
p  
poco cresc., tutti  
pp  
pp  
pp  
pp

is o - pen to the air.

Tempo I

31

Sop. What is beauty?

Alto What is beauty but a breath?

Ten. is beauty?

Bass What is beauty?

p  
mp  
p

34

Sop. at birth  
Alto fan - cies twin  
Ten. fan - cies twin  
Bass at birth and  
death.  
The co-colour of a da-mask

38

Sop. that fa-deth  
Alto da-mask rose  
Ten. that fa-deth  
Bass rose

when the north wind  
mf

blows. It fa-deth,  
f p

when the north wind  
mf

blows. f p

when the north wind  
mf

blows. f p

fa - deth,

42

Sop. fa - deth when the north wind  
Alto fa - deth when the north wind  
Ten. fa - deth  
Bass fa - deth,

fa - deth when the north wind  
fa - deth when the north wind  
fa - deth when the north wind  
fa - deth when the north wind

blows. ppp  
blows. ppp  
blows. ppp  
blows. ppp