

*for Paige Shelton*

## The Crown of Roses

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(1825-1893)

for Soprano Voice and Piano

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b. 1959

Quietly ♩=76

Soprano

Piano

*Ped.*

*Ped.*

*simile*

S

*p*

When Je-sus Christ was yet a child

Pno.

*mp*

He had a gar-den small and wild, Where in he cher-ished ro-ses fair, and

Pno.

*mp*

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17 *p*

S wove them in - to gar - lands there. Now

Pno.

22

S once, as sum-mer - time drew nigh, there came a troop of child-ren by,

Pno.

27 *mp*

S and see - ing ros - es on the tree, with shouts they plucked them

Pno. *mp*

31 *p* *mf*

S mer - ri - ly. "Do you bind

Pno. *p* *mf*

36

S      ros - es in your hair?"      they cried in scorn \_\_\_\_\_ to Je - sus there. \_\_\_\_\_

Pno.

41

S      — The boy said humb - ly "Take, I pray — all but the nak - - ed

Pno.

46

S      thorns a - way."

Pno.

51

S      rit.      a tempo      **p**

Pno.      Then

56

S of the thorns they made a crown, and with rough fing - ers

Pno.

60 *mp*

S pressed it down, till on his fore - head fair and

Pno. *mp*

65 *p* *rit.*

S young red drops of blood like ros - es

Pno. *p*

70 *a tempo*

S sprung.

Pno. *pp*