

Alan Jones

The Bee Carol

For a cappella choir

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(A cappella version)

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Music by Alan Jones, Op. 33a
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Soprano *Solo* **Andante** $\text{♩} = 72$ *mf* *Tutti* *mp*

Alto *P*

Tenor *P*

Bass *P*

Si - lent - ly on Christ - mas Eve, the turn of mid-night's key; all the

5 *rall.* *f* *A tempo*

g - g - gar - den l - l - lo - cked in i - ce - ce -- a s - s - sil - ver f - f - free - ze a s - s - sil - ver f - f - free - ze - ze -- ex -

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cept the win - ter clus - ter of the bees; ex - cept the win - ter clus - ter of the bees.

cept the win - ter clus - ter of the bees, the bees; ex - cept the win - ter clus - ter of the bees.

div. humming

cept the win - ter clus - ter of the bees, the bees; ex - cept - the win - ter clus - ter of the bees.

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Verse 2

15 *mf*

Flight - less now and shi - ve - ring, a - round their Queen they cling; e - ve - ry

mf

Flight - less now and shi - ve - ring, a - round their Queen they cling; e - ve - ry

mf

8 Flight - less now and shi - ve - ring, a - round their Queen they cling; e - ve - ry

Solo *f*

mf

Gli altri and shi - ve - ring, a - round their Queen they cling; e - ve - ry

f Tutti

19 *rall.* *A tempo*

bee a gift of heat; she will not freeze, she will not freeze with-

bee a gift of heat; she will not freeze, she will not freeze with-

8 bee a gift of heat; she will not freeze, she will not freeze with-

bee a gift of heat; she will not freeze, she will not freeze with-

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in the win - ter clus - ter of the bees; ex - cept the win - ter clus - ter of the bees.

in the win - ter clus - ter of the bees, the bees; ex - cept the win - ter clus - ter of the bees.

div. humming

in the win - ter clus - ter of the bees, the bees; ex - cept - the win - ter clus - ter of the bees.

div. humming

in the win - ter clus - ter of the bees; ex - cept the win - ter clus - ter of the bees.

29 Verse 3

p Bring me for my Christ - mas gift a sing - le gol - den jar; let me

Solo *mf* Bring me for my Christ - mas gift a sing - le gol - den jar; let me

p unis. Bring me for my Christ - mas gift a sing - le gol - den jar; let me

p unis. Bring me for my Christ - mas gift a sing - le gol - den jar; let me

Tutti *mp*

33

rall. taste the sweet - ness there, but ho - ney leave, but ho - ney leave__ to

f A tempo taste__ the sweet - ness__ there, but ho - ney leave, but ho - ney leave__ to

f taste__ the sweet - ness there, but ho - ney leave, but ho - ney leave to

f taste the sweet - ness there, but ho - ney leave, but ho - ney leave__ to

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feed__ the win - ter clus - ter of the bees; ex - cept__ the win - ter clus - ter of the bees.

feed__ the win - ter clus - ter of the bees, the bees;__ ex - cept the win - ter clus - ter of the bees.

div. humming feed the win - ter clus - ter of the bees, the bees; ex - cept - the win - ter clus - ter of the bees.

div. humming feed the win - ter clus - ter of the bees; ex - cept the win - ter clus - ter of the bees.

43 Verse 4
mf
 Come with me on Christ - mas Eve to see the si - lent hive-- trem-bling
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 Come with me on Christ - mas Eve to see the si - lent hive-- trem-bling
 Solo *f* Tutti *f*
 Come with me on Christ - mas Eve to see the si - lent hive-- trem - bling
mf unis.
 Come with me on Christ - mas Eve to see the sil - ent hive-- trem-bling

47 *rall.* // A tempo
 stars cloi-stered a - bove-- and then be-lieve and then be - lieve
 stars cloi-stered a - bove-- and then be-lieve and then be - lieve
 stars cloi-stered a - bove-- and then be-lieve and then be - lieve
 stars cloi-stered a - bove-- and then be-lieve and then be - lieve

51 *f* *ff* *rall.*
 bless the win - ter clus - ter of the bees; bless the win-ter clus-ter of the bees.
 bless the win-ter clus - ter of the bees, the bees; bless the win-ter clus-ter of the bees.
 div. humming *ff* unis. *ff*
 bless the win - ter clus - ter of the bees, the bees; bless the win-ter clus-ter of the bees.
 div. humming *ff* unis. *ff*
 bless the win-ter clus - ter of the bees; bless the win-ter clus-ter of the bees. 3'19.3"