

little tree

for SATB choir and violin

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[little tree]
by E. E. Cummings

little tree
little silent Christmas tree
you are so little
you are more like a flower

who found you in the green forest
and were you very sorry to come away?
see i will comfort you
because you smell so sweetly

i will kiss your cool bark
and hug you safe and tight
just as your mother would,
only don't be afraid

look the spangles
that sleep all year in a dark box
dreaming of being taken out and allowed to shine,
the balls the chains red and gold the fluffy threads,

put up your little arms
and i'll give them all to you to hold.
every finger shall have its ring
and there won't be a single place dark or unhappy

then when you're quite dressed
you'll stand in the window for everyone to see
and how they'll stare!
oh but you'll be very proud

and my little sister and i will take hands
and looking up at our beautiful tree
we'll dance and sing
"Noel Noel"

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ca. 3' 40"

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Gently ♩ = 66

Violin *mf*

Soprano *mf*

Alto *mf*

Tenor *mf*

Bass *mf*

lit - tle tree lit - tle si - lent

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5

mp

mp

p

Christ - mas tree you are so lit-tle_ you are more like a flow'r who found you in the

mp

p

Christ - mas tree mm_ who found you in the

mp

p

Christ - mas tree mm_ who found you in the

mp

p

Christ - mas tree who found you in the

4

9

green for - est and were you ver-y sor-ry to come a-way?

green for - est and were you ver-y sor-ry to come a-way? see I will com-fort you be-cause you

green for - est and were you ver-y sor-ry to come a-way? mm

green for - est and were you ver-y sor-ry to come a-way?

13

i will kiss your cool bark and hug you safe

smell so sweet - ly_ kiss your cool bark hug you safe

kiss your cool bark hug you safe

kiss your cool bark and hug you safe

17

and tight on-ly don't be a-fraid_

and tight just as your moth-er would, oh_

and tight oh_

and tight

mp *div.* *mp*

20

look the span-gles that sleep all year_ in a dark box_

that sleep all year_ in a dark box_ dream-ing of be-ing tak-en

look the span-gles that sleep all year_ in a dark box_ dream-ing of be-ing tak-en

look the span-gles that sleep all year_ in a dark box_ dream-ing of be-ing tak-en

mf *f* *mf* *f* *mf* *f* *mf* *f* *mf* *f*

6

24

the balls the chains... the fluf-fy threads,
 out and al-lowed to shine, red and gold the fluf-fy threads,
 out and al-lowed to shine, mm

28

oh... put up your lit-tle arms and i'll give them to you to hold. ev'-ry
 mm... put up your lit-tle arms and i'll give them to you to hold. ev'-ry
 put up your lit-tle arms and i'll give them to you to hold. ev'-ry
 put up your lit-tle arms and i'll give them to you to hold. ev'-ry

33

fin-ger shall have its ring and there won't be a sin-gle place

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37

poco rall. *poco accel.*

p *mp*

dark or un - hap - py then when you're quite

p *mp*

dark or un - hap - py then when you're quite

p *mp*

dark or un - hap - py then when you're quite

p *mp*

dark or un - hap - py then when you're quite

40

mf

dressed you'll stand in the win - dow for

mf

dressed you'll stand in the win - dow for

mf

dressed stand in the win - dow for

mf

dressed stand in the win - dow for

42

$\text{♩} = 76$

f

ev'-ry-one to see and how they'll

f

ev'-ry-one to see and how they'll

f

ev'-ry-one to see and how they'll

f

ev'-ry-one to see and how they'll

44

stare! oh but you'll be ver - y proud

stare! ah

stare! ah

stare! ah

47

ver - y proud

10

50

rall.

♩ = 60

mf mp

mf mp

mf p

mf p

mf p

ver - y proud and my lit-tle sis-ter and i will take

mm "No - el

mm "No - el

mm "No - el

53

poco rall.

p

mp p

mp p

mp

hands and look-ing up at our beau - ti - ful tree mm

No - el" and look-ing up at our beau - ti - ful tree mm

No - el" "No - el No - el" we'll dance and sing

No - el" "No - el No - el" "No - el"

57 $\text{♩} = 56$

we'll dance and sing we'll dance and sing "No - el"

"No - el" we'll dance and sing "No - el"

mm we'll dance and sing "No - el"

mm we'll dance and sing "No - el"

61 **poco rit.**

No - el No - el" mm

No - el No - el" mm

No - el No - el" mm

No - el No - el" mm