

Time, Real and Imaginary
An Allegory

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On the wide level of a mountain's head
(I knew not where, but 'twas some faery place),
Their pinions, ostrich-like, for sails outspread,
Two lovely children run an endless race,
A sister and a brother!
This far outstripp'd the other;
Yet ever runs she with reverted face,
And looks and listens for the boy behind:
For he, alas! is blind!
O'er rough and smooth with even step he pass'd,
And knows not whether he be first or last.

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Flowing ♩ = 64
mp

Soprano
On the wide lev - el of a moun-tain's head _____ (I knew not

Alto
On the wide lev - el of a moun-tain's head _____ 'twas

Tenor
lev - el of a moun-tain's head _____

Bass
lev - el of a moun-tain's head _____

6 *mf* *mp* A (♩ = ♩)

S
where, but 'twas some fae - ry place), _____ Their pin - ions,

A
some _____ fae - ry place), _____ Their pin - ions,

T
some _____ fae - ry place), _____ pin - ions,

B
'twas some fae - ry place), _____

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13 *p*

S os - trich - like, for sails sails *p*

A os - trich - like, for sails sails *p*

T *p* os - trich - like, pin - ions, Their pin - ions, os - trich - like, Their pin - ions, *p*

B *mp* os - trich - like, pin - ions, Their pin - ions, os - trich - like, Their pin - ions, *p*

19 *mf*

S sails sails *mf*

A sails sails out - spread, *mf*

T *mp* pin - ions, Their pin - ions, os - trich - like, for sails out - spread, for *mf*

B *mp* pin - ions, Their pin - ions, os - trich - like, for sails out - spread, for sails *mf*

25 **B** *mf*

S out - spread, for sails out - spread, Two love - ly child - ren run run an end - less

A out - spread, Two love - ly child - ren run run an end - less

T *mf* for sails out - spread, end - less race, child - ren run an end - less race, *mf*

B for sails out - spread, end - less race, child - ren run an end - less race, *mf*

30

S race, — A — sis - ter and a bro - ther! run an end-less race, run an end-less race,

A race, — A — sis - ter and a bro - ther! run an end-less race, run an end-less race,

T end-less race, sis - ter and bro - ther! end - less race,

B end-less race, sis - ter and bro - ther! end - less race,

35

mf *f* **C** *f*

S less race, sis - ter and a bro - ther! far out - stripp'd the

A *p* *f* run an end - A sis - ter and a bro - ther! This far out-stripp'd the

T *p* *f* run an end - A sis - ter a bro - ther! This far out-stripp'd the

B *p* *f* run an end - less race, sis - ter a bro - ther! This far out - stripp'd the

40

S o - ther; ev - er runs — she — with re - vert - ed face,

A o - ther; ev - er runs — she with re - vert - re - vert - ed face,

T o - ther; ev - er runs she — with re - vert-ed face, re - vert-ed face,

B o - ther; Yet ev - er runs she with re - vert - ed — face,