

# Nothing Gold Can Stay

SSAATTBB a cappella

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With calm admiration  $\text{♩} = 65$

*mp* first green is gold, *mf* Her hard - est hue

S. Na - ture's first green is gold, Her hard - est hue

A. Na - ture's first green is gold, Her hard - est hue

T. Na - ture's first green is gold, Her hard - est

B. Na - ture's first green is gold, Her hard - est hue

The first system of the musical score is for four voices: Soprano (S.), Alto (A.), Tenor (T.), and Bass (B.). It begins with a tempo marking 'With calm admiration' and a metronome marking of 65. The music is in 4/4 time and the key signature has four flats (B-flat major). The lyrics are: 'Na - ture's first green is gold, Her hard - est hue'. The dynamics are marked as *mp* (mezzo-piano) for the first part and *mf* (mezzo-forte) for the second part. The score includes vocal lines with notes and rests, and a bass line.

5 to hold. *p* Her ear - ly leaf's a flower;

to hold. Her ear - ly leaf's a flower;

hue to, to hold. Her ear - ly leaf's a flower;

to hold. Her ear - ly leaf's a flower;

The second system of the musical score continues the lyrics: 'to hold. Her ear - ly leaf's a flower;'. It starts with a measure rest marked '5'. The music features complex phrasing with ties and rests. The dynamics are marked as *p* (piano). The score includes vocal lines with notes and rests, and a bass line. The time signature changes from 4/4 to 3/4 and back to 4/4.

11

But on - ly so an hour. Then

But on - ly so an hour. Then

But on - ly so an hour. Then

But on - ly so an hour. Then

15

leaf sub - sides to leaf. So E - den sank to

sub - sides to leaf. So E - den sank

leaf sub - sides to leaf, leaf. E - den sank

leaf sub - sides to leaf, leaf. E - den, to

19 *mp*

grief. So dawn goes down to day.

to grief. Dawn goes down to day.

to grief. Dawn goes down to day.

grief. Dawn goes down to day.

23

No - thing gold can stay, no - thing gold can

No - thing gold can stay, no - thing gold can

No - thing gold can stay no - thing gold can

No - thing gold can stay, no - thing gold can

27

stay. Then leaf sub - sides to leaf. So

leaf sub - sides to leaf. So

stay. Then leaf, to leaf. So

stay. Then leaf, to leaf. So

31

E - den sank to grief. So dawn goes down to

E - den sank, E - den sank to grief. So dawn goes down to

E - den sank, E - den sank to grief. So dawn goes down to

E - - den, grief. So dawn goes down to

37 *p* *pp* *mp*

day. No - thing gold can stay, no - thing

day. No - thing gold can stay, no - thing

day. No - thing gold can stay no - thing

day. No - thing gold can stay, no - thing

41 *mf* *mp*

gold can stay, can stay.

gold can stay, can stay.

gold can stay, can stay.

gold can stay, stay.