

Jesus Christ the Apple Tree

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Sopranos

Soprano

1. The tree of life my soul hath seen, La-den with fruit and al-ways green: The
5. This fruit doth make my soul to thrive, It keeps my dy-ing faith a-live; This

tree of life my soul hath seen, La-den with fruit and al-ways green:
fruit doth make my soul to thrive, It keeps my dy-ing faith a-live;

9

The trees of na-ture fruit-less be Com-pared with Christ the ap-ple tree.
Which makes my soul in haste to be With Je-sus Christ the ap-ple tree.

SSAA

14

2. His beau-ty doth all things ex-cel: By faith I know, but ne'er can tell, His

beau-ty doth all things ex-cel: By faith I know, but ne'er can tell

19

The glo-ry which I now can see in Je-sus Christ the ap-ple tree.

This musical score consists of four staves of music. The top two staves are for the Soprano voice, indicated by a 'Sopranos' label above the first staff and a 'Soprano' label above the second staff. The bottom two staves are for the SSAA (Soprano, Alto, Alto, Bass) voices, indicated by an 'SSAA' label above the third staff. The music is in common time, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The tempo is marked as 120 BPM. The lyrics are integrated into the musical lines, with some words aligned with specific notes. The score includes measure numbers 1, 5, 9, 14, 19, and 23.

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28 *Tutti*

V3: *mf*
V4: *mp*

3. For hap - pi - ness I long have sought, And plea - sure dear - ly
 4. I'm wea - ry with my for - mer toil, Here I will sit and

32

I have bought; For hap - pi - ness I long have sought, And
 rest a - while: I'm wea - ry with my for - mer toil, Here

35

plea - sure dear - ly I have bought: I missed of all; but
 I will sit and rest a - while: Un - der the sha - dow

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now I see 'Tis found in Christ the ap - ple tree.
 I will be, Of Je - sus Christ the ap - ple tree.