

Choruses from *The Fairy Queen*

5. If love's a sweet passion

Soprano solo and SATB Chorus with Accompaniment

English Text

Adapted from *A Midsummer Night's Dream*
by William Shakespeare (1564-1616)

Henry Purcell (1658-1695)

Engraved by Keith Hudson

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Allegretto



The musical score is presented in five systems. The first four systems consist of piano accompaniment for the first 30 measures, with a tempo marking of *Allegretto* and a dynamic marking of *mp*. The fifth system begins with a *Soprano Solo* section, also marked *mp*, starting at measure 26. The lyrics for the solo are: "If love's a sweet pas-sion, why does it tor-ment? If a bit-ter, oh— tell me whence". The piano accompaniment continues throughout the solo section.