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# The Tortoise and the Hare

for SATB Voices *a cappella*

DARMON MEADER

**Vivace**  
*mp*

Soprano  
Well, this is the tale of the tor-toise and the hare. It's an

Alto  
Well, this is the tale of the tor-toise and the hare. It's an

Tenor  
Well, this is the tale of the tor-toise and the hare. It's an

Bass  
Well, this is the tale of the tor-toise and the hare. It's an

Keyboard  
(for rehearsal only)  
**Vivace**  
*mp*

3

age old tale and you've heard it ev-ry-where. 'Bout a fast lit-tle bun-ny who was

age old tale and you've heard it ev-ry-where. 'Bout a fast lit-tle bun-ny who was

age old tale and you've heard it ev-ry-where. 'Bout a fast lit-tle bun-ny who was

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snooz-in' in the sun as the day grew long and wea - ry. The tur - tle said he could

snooz-in' in the sun as the day grew long and wea - ry. The tur - tle said he could

snooz-in' in the sun as the day grew long and wea - ry. The tur - tle said he could

snooz-in' in the sun as the day grew long and wea - ry. The tur - tle said he could

10

beat him in a race, and at first the hare just chuck-led in his face. With

beat him in a race, and at first the hare just chuck-led in his face. With

beat him in a race, and at first the hare just chuck-led in his face. With

beat him in a race, and at first the hare just chuck-led in his face. With

13

much per - sis - tence soon the bun - ny broke, and be - queathed the tur - tle's que - ry.

much per - sis - tence soon the bun - ny broke, and be - queathed the tur - tle's que - ry.

much per - sis - tence soon the bun - ny broke, and be - queathed the tur - tle's que - ry.

much per - sis - tence soon the bun - ny broke, and be - queathed the tur - tle's que - ry.

17

*mf*  
Fast, fast the rab - bit knew the race was his, he'd win through an' through.

*mf*  
Fast, fast the rab - bit knew the race was his, he'd win through an' through.

*mf*  
Fast, fast the rab - bit knew the race was his, he'd win through an' through.

*mf*  
Fast, fast the rab - bit knew the race was his, he'd win through an' through.

21

Slow but sure, the tor - toise knew, would lead him home to

Slow but sure, the tor - toise knew, would lead him home to

Slow but sure, the tor - toise knew, would lead him home to

Slow but sure, the tor - toise knew, would lead him home to

24

*mf*  
glo - ry. The chase be - gan and the rab-bit took the lead as the

*mf*  
glo - ry. The chase be - gan and the rab-bit took the lead as the

*mp*  
glo - ry. The chase be - gan and the

*mp*  
glo - ry. The chase be - gan and the

*mf*  
*mp*

27

tur - tle crawled while the bun-ny had the speed. The tor - toise kept a  
 tur - tle crawled while the bun-ny had the speed. The tor - toise kept a  
 tur - tle crawled while the bun-ny took the lead with speed. The  
 tur - tle crawled while the bun-ny took the lead with speed. The

calm and stead-y pace, ne-ver fal - ter - ing or rest - ing.

30

calm and stead-y pace, ne-ver fal - ter - ing or rest - ing. Then  
 calm and stead-y pace, ne-ver fal - ter - ing or rest - ing. Then  
 tor - toise kept a calm and stead-y pace, ne-ver rest - ing. Then  
 tor - toise kept a calm and stead-y pace, ne-ver rest - ing. Then

*mf*  
*mf*  
*mf*

33 *mp*

A - lone and the wea-ther be - ing hot, Bun-ny took a break in a  
 A - lone and the wea-ther be - ing hot, Bun-ny took a break in a  
 half way home and the wea-ther be - ing hot, Bun-ny took a break in a  
 half way home and the wea-ther be - ing hot, Bun-ny took a break in a

*mp*

36

cool and shad-y spot. "I've time for a sweet lit - tle nap, he is  
 cool and shad-y spot. "I've time for a sweet lit - tle nap, he is  
 cool and shad-y spot. "I've got some time for a sweet lit - tle nap, he is  
 cool and shad-y spot. "I've got some time for a sweet lit - tle nap, he is

39

*mf*

way be - hind I'm guess - ing." Fast, fast the rab - bit flew, but

*mf*

way be - hind I'm guess - ing." Fast, fast the rab - bit flew, but

*mf*

*mf*

way be - hind I'm guess - ing." Fast, fast the rab - bit flew, but

*mf*

way be - hind I'm guess - ing." Fast, fast the rab - bit flew, but

43

then a length - y slum - ber did en - sue. Slow but sure, the

then a length - y slum - ber did en - sue. Slow but sure, the

*mf*

then a length - y slum - ber did en - sue. Slow but sure, the

then a length - y slum - ber did en - sue. Slow but sure, the

46 *mf*

tor - toise knew, would\_ lead him home to glo - ry. As the

tor - toise knew, would\_ lead him home to glo - ry.

tor - toise knew, would lead him home to glo - ry.

tor - toise knew, would lead him home to glo - ry.

*mf*

49

tor - toise plod - ded stead - i - ly a - long, Mis - ter Rab - bit snoozed 'til the

*mp*

*mp*

*mp*

*mp*

*mp*

*mp*

*mp*

*mp*

52

day was get-ting long. Hav-ing slept ma-ny hours while the tur-tle passed him by, sil-ly

*doo doo doo doo doo doo*

*doo doo doo doo doo doo*

*doo doo doo doo doo doo doo doo*

55

rab-bit had to hur-ry. *mp* *Doo doo*

*doo doo doo doo doo* *mp* *Doo doo*

*doo doo doo doo doo* *mp* *Doo doo*

*doo doo doo doo doo* *mf* A- wake and a- lert, bun-ny

*mf*

58

doo doo doo doo doo doo

doo doo doo doo doo doo doo doo

doo doo doo doo doo doo doo doo

dashed by the mill, as a crowd be - gan to gath - er on the hill. He be -

61

doo doo doo doo doo doo

doo doo doo doo doo doo doo doo

doo doo doo doo doo doo doo doo

-gan to dream of vic-to-ry a-head, ne-ver know-ing he should wor - ry.

65 *mf*

Down, down the a - ve - nue, the rab - bit raced, a tur-tle to pur-sue.

*mf*

Down, down the a - ve - nue, the rab - bit raced, a tur-tle to pur-sue.

*mf*

Down, down the a - ve - nue, the rab - bit raced, a tur-tle to pur-sue.

*mf*

Down, down the a - ve - nue, the rab - bit raced, a tur-tle to pur-sue.

69 *mp*

Slow but sure, the tor-toise knew, would lead him home to glo - ry. With the

*mp*

Slow but sure, the tor-toise knew, would lead him home to glo - ry. With the

*mp*

Slow but sure, the tor-toise knew, would lead him home to glo - ry. With the

*mp*

Slow but sure, the tor-toise knew, would lead him home to glo - ry. With the

73 **Slowly, rubato (in 2)** div.

end of the race on - ly just a - round the bend, Rab - bit

end of the race on - ly just a - round the bend, Rab - bit

end of the race on - ly just a - round the bend, Rab - bit

end of the race on - ly just a - round the bend, Rab - bit

**Slowly, rubato (in 2)**

77 *mf* unis. *mf*

thought he was lead - ing his slow and stead - y friend. So with

thought he was lead - ing his slow and stead - y friend. So with

thought he was lead - ing his slow and stead - y friend. So with

thought he was lead - ing his slow and stead - y friend. So with

*mf* *mf*

81

div. unis. *mp*

much sur - prise, he shud-dered when he saw

*mp* div. *mp*

much sur - prise, he shud-dered when he saw

*mp*

much sur - prise, he shud-dered when he saw

*mp*

much sur - prise, he shud-dered when he saw

85 **Molto Vivace** *mf*

Mis-ter tor - toise near the fin - ish, and the

unis. *mf*

Mis-ter tor - toise near the fin - ish, and the

*mf*

Mis-ter tor - toise near the

*mf*

Mis-ter tor - toise near the

**Molto Vivace**

*mf*

88

lead would not di - min - ish. Run bun-ny run run, bun-ny run run,  
 lead would not di - min - ish. Run bun-ny run run, bun-ny run run,  
 fin - ish, So, run bun-ny run run, bun-ny run run,  
 fin - ish, So, run bun-ny run run, bun-ny run run,

92

Got - ta run, run, run, or  
 run bun-ny, run bun-ny, run, run, run. Run bun-ny run run, bun-ny run run,  
 run bun-ny, run bun-ny, run, run, run. Run bun-ny run run, bun-ny run run,  
 run bun-ny, run bun-ny, run, run, run. Run bun-ny run run, bun-ny run run,

96

you'll be done. Then pan - ic struck, and the

run bun-ny, run bun-ny, run, run, run. Run bun-ny run run,

run bun-ny, run bun-ny, run, run, run. Run bun-ny run run,

run bun-ny, run bun-ny, run, run, run. Run bun-ny run run,

99

hare be-gan to sweat. He was still be - hind as the sun be-gan to set. As

bun-ny run run, run bun-ny, run bun-ny, run, run, run.

bun-ny run run, run bun-ny, run bun-ny, run, run, run.

bun-ny run run, run bun-ny, run bun-ny, run, run, run.

102

fast as he could, fast-er then a kan-ga-roo, Bun-ny tried to catch the

Run bun-ny run run, bun-ny run run, run bun-ny, run bun-ny,

Run bun-ny run run, bun-ny run run, run bun-ny, run bun-ny,

Run bun-ny run run, bun-ny run run, run bun-ny, run bun-ny,

105

tor - toise. *f* The mea - sured pace of the tur - tle was di-vine, and the

run, run. *f* The mea - sured pace of the tur - tle was di-vine, and the

run, run. *f* The mea - sured pace of the tur - tle was di-vine, and the

run, run. *f* The mea - sured pace of the tur - tle was di-vine, and the

108

crowd went wild as he crawled a-cross the line. The rab-bit gasped as he

crowd went wild as he crawled a-cross the line. The rab-bit gasped as he

*s* crowd went wild as he crawled a-cross the line. The rab-bit gasped as he

crowd went wild as he crawled a-cross the line. The rab-bit gasped as he

111

scam-pered in-to town, sore-ly beat-en and em-bar-rassed.

scam-pered in-to town, sore-ly beat-en and em-bar-rassed.

*s* scam-pered in-to town, sore-ly beat-en and em-bar-rassed.

scam-pered in-to town, sore-ly beat-en and em-bar-rassed.

114 *mf*

What could the bun - ny do? His brash con - ceit had been his bug - a - boo.

What could the bun - ny do? His brash con - ceit had been his bug - a - boo.

What could the bun - ny do? His brash con - ceit had been his bug - a - boo.

What could the bun - ny do? His brash con - ceit had been his bug - a - boo.

118

Slow but sure, the tor - toise knew, he was head - ing home to glo - ry.

Slow but sure, the tor - toise knew, he was head - ing home to glo - ry.

Slow but sure, the tor - toise knew, he was head - ing home to glo - ry.

Slow but sure, the tor - toise knew, he was head - ing home to glo - ry.

122

*f*

Now, now we bid a - dieu. The tur - tle won, bun-ny beat-en through and through.

*f*

Now, now we bid a - dieu. The tur - tle won, bun-ny beat-en through and through.

*f*

Now, now we bid a - dieu. The tur - tle won, bun-ny beat-en through and through.

*f*

Now, now we bid a - dieu. The tur - tle won, bun-ny beat-en through and through.

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Slow but sure, tried an' true, is the mo - ral of the sto - ry.

Slow but sure, tried an' true, is the mo - ral of the sto - ry.

Slow but sure, tried an' true, is the mo - ral of the sto - ry.

Slow but sure, tried an' true, is the mo - ral of the sto - ry. We will

*mf*

*mf*

130

*f cresc.* We will make it home, to *div.*

We will make it home to *f cresc.* *div.* *unis.*

*mf* *cresc.* We will make it home, home to *f cresc.*

make it home, home to *f cresc.*

*cresc.* *div.* *f cresc.*

134

*ff* glo - ry. *p unis.* Run bun-ny, run run, bun-ny run! run! *loud whisper*

*ff* glo - ry. *p* Run bun-ny, run run, bun-ny run! run! *loud whisper*

*ff* glo - ry. *p* Run bun-ny, run run, bun-ny run! run! *loud whisper*

*ff unis.* glo - ry. *p* Run bun-ny, run run, bun-ny run! run! *loud whisper*

*ff* *p*



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