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How can I keep from singing?

Words and melody by
ROBERT LOWRY (1826-99)
arr. Michael Higgins

Flowing ♩ = 66

SOPRANO *mp*
1. My life flows on in

**SOPRANO 2
or ALTO
(optional)** *mp*
1. My life flows on in

PIANO *mp legato*
con Ped.

5

end-less song, a - bove earth's la - men - ta - tion, I hear the sweet, though far off sound that

end-less song, a - bove earth's la - men - ta - tion, I hear the sweet, though far off sound that

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Duration: 3 mins

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10 *mf*

hails a new cre - a - tion. No storm can shake my in-most calm, I hear the mu-sic

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mf

15

ring-ing, it finds an e - cho in my soul, how can I keep from sing-ing?

ring-ing, it finds an e - cho in my soul, how can I keep from sing-ing?

mp

20

p ah ah

mf

*2. I lift my eyes, the cloud grows thin, I see the blue a - bove it, and

(mp)

* If performing in unison, sing the lower part only in bars 20-28.

25

mp *ah* No storm can shake my
 day by day this path-way smooths, since first I learned to love it. *mp* No storm can shake my

30

in-most calm, I hear the mu-sic ring-ing, it finds an e - cho. in my soul, how
 in-most calm, I hear the mu-sic ring-ing, it finds an e - cho in my soul, how

35

mf can I keep from sing-ing? 3. Then sings my soul with love pro-found, a
 can I keep from sing-ing? *mf* 3. Then sings my soul with love pro-found,

40

foun-tain ev - er spring-ing, deep from the earth, how sweet the song, how
 a foun-tain ev - er spring-ing, deep from the earth, how sweet the song, how

44

can I keep from sing-ing? No storm can shake my in-most calm, I hear the mu-sic
 can I keep from sing-ing? No storm can shake my in-most calm, I hear the mu-sic

49

ring-ing, it finds an e - cho in my soul, how can I keep from sing-ing? No
 ring-ing, it finds an e - cho in my soul, how can I keep from sing-ing? No

* The accompaniment (small notes) may be omitted in bars 46-53.

54

storm can shake my in-most calm, I hear the mu-sic ring-ing, it finds an e - cho

storm can shake— my in-most calm, I hear the mu-sic ring-ing, it finds an e - cho

f

59

rit. **poco meno mosso** *p*

in my soul, how can I keep from sing - ing? —

in my soul, how can I keep from sing - ing? —

rit. **poco meno mosso** *p*