

Janet Oates

2012

Bee: Dance

For soprano and piano
To a text by C.A. Duffy

Duration 3 ½ minutes

Bees

Here are my bees,
brazen, blurs on paper,
besotted; buzzwords, dancing
their flawless, airy maps.

Been deep, my poet bees,
in the parts of flowers,
in daffodil, thistle, rose, even
the golden lotus; so glide,
gilded, glad, golden, thus –

wise – and know of us:
how your scent pervades
my shadowed, busy heart,
and honey is art.

Carol Ann Duffy

Bee: Dance

'Bees'
Carol Ann Duffy

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$\text{♩} = \text{c. 72 (freely)}$

M.G.

mp

pp

p

mf

M.G.

pp

p

4

Here are my bees:____ Bra-zen, blurs____

8

on pa - per, Be - so tted buzz -

p

(b)

10

words, dan - cing their flaw - less

p

air - y ma - ps - pss

(tr)

pp

tr

tr

mp

tr

M.G.

3

3

M.G.

M.G.

18

20

rit.

$\text{♩} = 60$

Been deep, my po-et bees;

rit.

$\text{♩} = 60$

pp

23

— in the parts of flo - wers, in daf-fo-dil, thi stle,—

tr

tr

pp

27

mf poco rit. tempo primo

rose, — e-ven the gol - den lo - tus; So glide,

poco rit.

tempo primo

pp

32

gi - ded, glad, gol - den,

pp

Meno mosso

37

Thu - s wise And know of us: How your

tr

f

mf

45

scent per - vades my shad - owed, bu-sy heart, and ho-ney

mp

pp

p

ped.

52

is art.

b

54

p

tr

56

58 (tr)

60

62

duration: c. 3'20"