

Courtin In The Kitchen

Traditional Irish Song

Arranged by Peggy Carter

for

3-Part Mixed plus optional bass-baritone

with limited range

Program notes:

Irish pubs are establishments where families (and tourists) gather to relax and sing the old songs, sometimes accompanied by a fiddle and/or guitar. The voices imitate the instruments as this humorous musical story unfolds.

Performance suggestions:

Focus on diction. “Zum” needs a strong Z followed by a very “open Ooo,” and quickly closed to the “mmm.” The “Bum” needs a strong B followed by an “open ah” and quickly closed to the “mmm.”

“Tooraloorala” needs the same attention to the beginning consonant and open vowels, but in addition the “r” should be “flipped” (“rda”).

Keep a lively steady tempo throughout. Pay attention to facial expressions... this is a humorous story and the facial expressions help to deliver the lyrics. Contrasting dynamics in the phrasing keep it interesting.

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Musical score for Soprano, Alto, Changing Voice, and Optional Bass Baritone. The score is in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The piano accompaniment is marked *mf*. The vocal parts are currently blank, with only a few notes visible in the Soprano, Alto, and Changing Voice staves.

Musical score with lyrics for Soprano (S), Alto (A), Changing Voice (C), Bass (B), and Piano (Pno.). The score is in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The piano accompaniment is marked *mf*. The lyrics are:

S: *mf* Zum zum a zum zum a zum zum a zum zum, Zum zum a zum zum a zum zum a zum. Come
A: *mf* Zum zum a zum zum a zum zum a zum zum, Zum zum a zum zum a zum zum a zum.
C: *mf* Zum - zum-a-zum - zum-a zum - zum-a zum - zum, Zum - zum-a-zum - zum-a zum - zum-a-zum.
B: *mf* Zum zum zum zum zum zum zum
Pno.: *mf*

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5

S sing le belle and beau, un to me pay at ten tion,

A Zum zum a zum zum a zum zum a zum. Zum zum a zum zum a zum zum a zum Don't

C Zum Zum - - - - zum

B

Pno.

7

S Zum zum a zum zum a zum zum a zum zum a Zum zum a zum zum a zum zum a zum a

A ev er fall in love, 'tis the dev il's own in ven tion.

C Zum Bum - a - bum - a - bum - bum. For

B Bum - a - bum - a - bum - bum.

Pno.

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13 *p* *mf*

S Toor a loor a lie, Sing Toor a loor a lad die, *mf* Sing

A *p* Toor a loor a lie. Sing Toor a loor a lad die, *mf* Sing

C *p* Toor - a - loor - a - lie, Sing Toor - a - loor - a - lad - die, *mf* Sing

B *p* Toor a loor - a - lie, Sing Toor - a - loor - a - lad - die, Sing

Pno. *p* *mf*

15

S Toor a loor a la, Sing ing Toor a loor a lad die.

A Toor a loor a la, Sing ing Toor a loor a lad die.

C Toor a - loor - a - la, Sing Toor - a-loor - a - lad - die.

B Toor - a - loor - a - la, Sing Toor - a-loor - a - lad - die

Pno. 15

Courtin' In The Kitchen 6

17 *mf*

S *mf* Zum zum a zum zum a zum zum a zum zum, Zum zum a zum zum a zum zum a zum.

A *mf* Zum zum a zum zum a zum zum a zum zum, Zum zum a zum zum a zum zum a zum.

C Zum - zum - a - zum - zum - a zum - zum - a zum - zum, Zum - zum - a - zum - zum - a zum - zum - a - zum. Just

B Zum zum zum zum zum zum zum

Pno.

19

S She

A She

C as the clock struck six, we sat down at the tab - le.

B as the clock struck six, we sat down at the tab - le.

Pno.

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21

S
hand ed him the tay, and he ate what he was a ble.

A
hand ed him the tay, and he ate what he was a ble.

C

B

Pno.

23

S

A

C
I ate cakes with punch and tay, till my side had got a stitch in,

B

Pno.

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25

S *f*

A *f*

C *f*

B *f* Sing

And the time passed ver - ry quick with our court-in' in the kitch-en. *f* Sing

And the time passed ver - ry quick with our court-in' in the kitch-en. Sing

Pno. *f*

27

S *mp*

A *mp* Sing

C *mp* Sing

B *mp* Sing

Toor a loor a lie, Sing Toor a loor a lad die, *mp* Sing

Toor a loor a lie. Sing Toor a loor a lad die, *mp* Sing

Toor - a - loor - a - lie, Sing Toor - a - loor - a - lad - die, *mp* Sing

Toor a loor - a - lie, Sing Toor - a - loor - a - lad - die, Sing

Pno. *mp*

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29

S Toor a loor a la, Sing ing Toor a loor a lad die.

A Toor a loor a la, Sing ing Toor a loor a lad die.

C Toor a - loor - a - la, Sing-ing Toor - a-loor - a - lad - die.

B Toor - a - loor - a - la, Sing Toor - a-loor - a - lad - die

Pno.

31

S

A

C

B

Pno.

mf

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33 *mf*

S
zum zum a zum zum a Zum zum a zum.

A
zum zum a zum zum a zum zum a zum.

C
zum zum a zum zum a zum zum a zum.

B
mf zum - - - - Zum Zum - - - - Zum. With

Pno.
33 *mf*

35

S
When

A

C
my arms 'round her waist, she sly - ly men-tioned mar-riage.

B

Pno.
35

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37

S to the door in haste came Cap tain Kel ly's car riage. Her

A To the door came Cap tain Kel ly's car riage. Her

C

B Her

Pno.

39

S looks were not be witch in'.

A looks were not be witch in'.

C looks told me so well and they were not be - witch - in', That

B looks told me so well

Pno.

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41 *f*

S *f* A way from her kitch en. Sing

A *f* Her way from her kitch en. Sing

C *f* she wished I would go a - way, *f* A - way - from her kitch - en. Sing

B *f* A - way from her kitch - en. Sing.

Pno. *f*

43 *p*

S *p* Toor a loor a lie, Sing *p* Toor a loor a lad die, Sing

A *p* Toor a loor a lie. Sing *p* Toor a loor a lad die, Sing

C *p* Toor - a - loor - a - lie, Sing *p* Toor - a - loor - a - lad - die, Sing

B *p* Toor a loor - a - lie, Sing *p* Toor - a - loor - a - lad - die, Sing

Pno. *p*

Courtin' In The Kitchen 13

45 *mf*

S Toor a loor a la, Sing ing Toor a loor a lad die.

A *mf* Toor a loor a la, Sing ing Toor a loor a lad die.

C *mf* Toor a loor a la, Sing ing Toor a loor a lad die.

B *mf* Toor a - loor - a - la, Sing Toor - a-loor - a - lad - die.

Toor - a - loor - a - la, Sing Toor - a-loor - a - lad - die

Pno. *mf*

47 *f*

S Toor a lu, Toor a lu. Court *f* in' in the kitch en

A Toor a lu, lu, Court *f* in' in the kitch en.

C Toor - a - lu Court *f* in' in the kitch - en.

B Toor - a - lu Court - in' in the kitch - en.

Pno. *f*