

# Children's Poetry

## (Four Children Poems for Mixed Choir)

### III. THE RAINBOW

Christina Rossetti (1830-1894)

**PERFORMANCE NOTE:**

The soprano & alto parts in the final bars should sustain the last consonant in the word "Rain", indicated as "Rainnnnnn", and similarly the tenor & bass parts should sustain the sound "w" in the word "Bow" indicated as "Bowwwww".

**Performance suggestion (optional):**

The individual parts accompany their words and music with predetermined and well combined gestures or/and body movements as they like, as a kind of word-painting, to create an audiovisual experience rather than a static singing.

Music: Vasilis Mouskouris

♩ = 76-84

**Soprano**  
Boats sail on the ri - - vers, Ships on seas; But

**Alto**  
Boats sail on the ri - - vers, Ships on seas;

**Tenor**  
And ships sail on the seas;

**Bass**  
And ships sail on the seas;

**S**  
clouds a - - cross the sky are pret - ti - er than

**A**  
that sail a - - cross the sky are pret - ti - er than

**T**  
a - - cross the sky are pret - ti -

**B**  
a - - cross the sky are pret - ti -

9 *rit.* *mp* **Lo tempo**  
 S these are pret - ti - er . There are brid-ges on the ri - vers, as you  
 A these are pret - ti - er . There are brid-ges on the ri - vers, as you  
 T 8 - er than these are pret - tier . As pret - ty as you  
 B - er than these are pret - tier . As pret - ty as you

14 *mp* *mf*  
 S please \_\_\_; but the bow that brid-ges hea - ven and o - ver -  
 A please \_\_\_; but the bow \_\_\_ that brid - ges hea - ven and over -  
 T 8 please \_\_\_; But the bow \_\_\_ that brid - ges hea - ven \_\_\_  
 B please \_\_\_; but the bow that brid - ges hea - ven \_\_\_

18 *f* *mp*  
 S -tops the trees \_\_\_ road \_\_\_ from earth \_\_\_ to sky \_\_\_ is  
 A -tops o - ver - tops the trees \_\_\_ earth \_\_\_ to sky \_\_\_ is  
 T 8 -tops and builds a road from earth \_\_\_ to sky \_\_\_  
 B -tops road from earth to sky \_\_\_

23 **Meno mosso** *rit.*

S  
pret-tier far than these. Is pret - ti - - er. Rainnnnnnnnn Rainnnnnnnnn Rainnnnnnnnnnnnnnn.

A  
pret-tier far than these. Is pret - ti - - er. Rainnnnnnnnn Rainnnnnnnnn Rainnnnnnnnnnnnnnn.

T  
*mp*  
8 is pret-tier far than these. Is pret - tier. Bowwwwww. Bowwwwww. Bowwww.

B  
*mp*  
is pret-tier far than these. Is pret - tier. Bowwwwww. Bowwwwww. Bowwww.

( Approximate duration: 1':45" )