

Meditation: Shall I Silent Be?

These touching words by George Herbert (1593-1633) form the middle stanza of his poem "Christmas". They are set to alternating passages for solo soprano and TTBB chorus, accompanied by flute, harp and organ.

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