

How Sweet It Is

for a cappella SSATB choir, with male soloist

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Arr.: Darmon Meader

Medium Swing ♩ = ca. 105

mf

Sopran

How sweet it is, how sweet it is,

Alt

How sweet it is, how sweet it is,

Tenor

How sweet it is, how sweet it is,

Bass

mf

So sweet, how sweet it is, how sweet it is,

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how sweet it is to be loved by you. doo doo doo daht

how sweet it is to be loved by you. doo doo doo daht

how sweet it is to be loved by you. doo doo doo daht

how sweet it is to be loved by you. bah dm* dm dm dm dm doo daht

* "dm" should be a string bass imitation sound

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9 **A** (male solo)

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I need-ed the shel-ter of some-one's arms, —

mp *mf*

Oh, — there you were, — there you were.

mp *mf*

Oh, — there you were, — there you were.

mp *mf*

Oh, — there you were, — there you were.

mp *mf*

Oh, — there you were, — oh there you were.

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I need-ed some-one to un-der-stand my ups an' downs, —

mp *mf*

ooh — whoa oh oh, — there you were, — oh whoa ooh oh —

mp *mf*

ooh — whoa oh oh, — there you were, — oh whoa ooh oh —

mp *mf*

ooh — whoa oh oh, — there you were, — oh whoa ooh oh —

mf

bah dm ooh dm whoa oh oh — ooh, there you were, — oh whoa ooh oh —

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With sweet love an' de - vo - tion, deep-ly touch-ing my e - mo - tions

mp oh whoa ooh ooh whoa oo oh oh, I wan - na

mp oh whoa ooh ooh whoa oo oh oh, I wan - na

mp oh whoa oh ooh whoa oh oh, I wan - na

mp bah dm dm dm dm dm dm dm dm dm dm, I wan - na

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an' thank you ba - by, yes, I do.

mf stop, stop an' thank you ba - by, stop!

mf stop, stop an' thank you ba - by, stop!

mf stop, stop an' thank you ba - by, stop!

mf stop, stop an' thank you ba - by, just wan - na stop! an' thank you ba - by

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mf

How sweet it is to be loved by you. You know it feels so fine, How sweet it is

mf

How sweet it is to be loved by you. You know it feels so fine, How sweet it is

mf

How sweet it is to be loved by you. You know it feels so fine, How sweet it is

mf

How sweet it is to be loved by you. bah dm dm oh, feels so fine, How sweet it is

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B *f*

to be loved by you. doo doo doo daht. I close my eyes at night,

f

to be loved by you. doo doo doo daht. I close my eyes at night,

f

to be loved by you. doo doo doo daht. I close my eyes at night,

to be loved by you. bah dm dm dm doo doo doo daht.

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mf

Where would I be with-out you in my life?

mf

Where would I be with-out you in my life?

mf

Where would I be with-out you in my life?

mf

(a) won - der - in' where would I be (a) with - out you, where would I

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Ev - 'ry - thing I did was just a bore, ev - 'ry-where I went, seemed I been there be - fore. Well,

Ev - 'ry - thing I did was just a bore, ev - 'ry-where I went, seemed I been there be - fore. Well,

Ev - 'ry - thing I did was just a bore, ev - 'ry-where I went, seemed I been there be - fore. Well,

be? Ev - 'ry - thing I did was just a bore, ev - 'ry-where I went, seemed I been there be - fore. Well,

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you bright - en up for me all of my love so sweet in so ma - ny ways, I wan - na

you bright - en up for me all of my days, love so sweet in so ma - ny ways, I wan - na

you bright - en up for me all of my days, love so sweet in so ma - ny ways, I wan - na

you bright - en up for me all of my days, love so sweet in so ma - ny ways, I wan - na

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stop, stop. an' thank you ba - by, stop! an' thank you ba - by, How sweet it is.

stop, stop. an' thank you ba - by, stop! an' thank you ba - by, How sweet it is.

stop, stop. an' thank you ba - by, stop! an' thank you ba - by, How sweet it is.

stop, stop. an' thank you ba - by, stop! an' thank you ba - by, How sweet it is.

— to be loved by you. It's like su-gar some - times, yeah! How sweet it is—

— to be loved by you. It's like su-gar some - times, yeah! How sweet it is—

— to be loved by you. It's like su-gar some - times, yeah! How sweet it is—

— to be loved by you. bah dm dm oh, su-gar some - times yeah! How sweet it is—

bluesy scat solo

G⁷ G⁷(sus4)G⁷Em⁷B⁷Em⁷D⁷D^{b7}C⁷D⁷(^{b13}/₉)G⁷G⁷(sus4)G⁷Em⁷B⁷Em⁷

8 63 D⁷ D^{b7} C⁷ D+7(#9) **D**

You were bet-ter to me than I was to my-self,

mf doo_ doo doo_ dah daht *f* For

mf doo_ doo doo_ dah daht *f* For

mf doo_ doo doo_ dah daht *f* For

dm dm dm dm dm dm doo dah daht For

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me, there's you, an' there ain't no-bo-dy else, I wan-na stop, stop an' thank you ba-by,

me, there's you, an' there ain't no-bo-dy else, I wan-na stop, stop an' thank you ba-by,

me, there's you, an' there ain't no-bo-dy else, I wan-na stop an' thank you ba-by,

me, there's you, an' there ain't no-bo-dy else, I wan-na stop, stop an' thank you ba-by, I just wan-na

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sub p stop! an' thank ba-by, doo who n who ooh_ who n who ooh

sub p stop! an' thank you ba-by, doo who n who ooh_ who n who ooh

sub p stop! an' thank you ba-by, doo who n who ooh_ who n who ooh

sub p stop! an' thank you ba-by, doo who n who ooh_ who n who ooh

stop! stop! ban doo ban doo ban doo n doo who n who ooh_ who n who ooh

suggested fills - or make stuff up!

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just like ho-ney, sweet ho-ney to the bee, _

who ooh who n who ooh_ who n who ooh

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opt. repeat for more improvisation **F**

like jel-ly to the do-nut, _ an' su-gar to the su-gar cane ooh, _

who ooh who n who ooh who n who ooh

who ooh who n who ooh who n who ooh

who ooh who n who ooh who n who ooh

who ooh who n who ooh who n who ooh

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to be loved, to be tru-ly, tru-ly loved ooh who

who doo who ooh who n who ooh who n who ooh

who doo who ooh who n who ooh who n who ooh

who doo who ooh who n who ooh who n who ooh

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how sweet it is, *f* who ooh ooh whoa ooh oh, How sweet it is to be loved by you.

f who ooh ooh whoa ooh oh, sweet it is to be loved by you.

f who ooh ooh whoa ooh oh, How sweet it is to be loved by you.

f who ooh ooh whoa ooh oh, How sweet it is to be loved by you.

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ah well now, well now, now, well now, oh

whoa oh whoa oo oh, How sweet it is

whoa oh whoa oo oh, How sweet it is

whoa oh whoa oo oh, How sweet it is

whoa oh whoa oo oh, How sweet it is

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bah dm dm oh whoa oh whoa oo oh, sweet it is

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It's like su-gar to my soul

— to be loved by you. whoa oh whoa ooh oh, How sweet it is.

— to be loved by you. whoa oh whoa ooh oh, How sweet it is.

— to be loved by you. whoa oh whoa ooh oh, How sweet it is.

— to be loved by you. bah dm dm oh whoa oh whoa ooh oh, How sweet it is.

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yes it is, yes it is,

— to be loved by you. whoa oh whoa ooh oh, How sweet it is.

— to be loved by you. whoa oh whoa ooh oh, How sweet it is.

— to be loved by you. whoa oh whoa ooh oh, How sweet it is.

— to be loved by you. bah dm dm oh whoa oh whoa ooh oh, How sweet it is.

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— to be loved by you. whoa, whoa, wh

— to be loved by you, whoa, whoa, wh

— to be loved by you, whoa, whoa, wh

— to be loved by you, whoa, whoa, wh

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