

Emily Dickinson &
Julia Abigail Fletcher Carney

If I Can Stop One Heart

for SAB Choir & Piano

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If I Can Stop One Heart from Breaking (1864)

Emily Dickinson
(1830 - 1886)

If I can stop one heart from breaking,
I shall not live in vain;
If I can ease one life the aching,
Or cool one pain,

Or help one fainting robin
Unto his nest again,
I shall not live in vain.

Little Things (1845)

Julia Abigail Fletcher Carney
(1823 - 1908)

Little drops of water,
Little grains of sand,
Make the mighty ocean
And the pleasant land.

*So the little moments,
Humble though they be,
Make the mighty ages*

*Of Eternity.
So the little errors
Lead the soul away
From the paths of virtue
Far in sin to stray.*

Little deeds of kindness,
Little words of love,
Help to make earth happy
Like the Heaven above.

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Steady ♩ = 60

Soprano Alto

Unis. *mf*

If I can stop one heart from break - ing,

Bass

Unis. *mf*

If I can stop one heart from break - ing,

Piano

Steady ♩ = 60

f *mf*

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I shall not live in vain; If I can ease one life the ach - ing,

I shall not live in vain; If I can ease one life the ach - ing,

I _____ shall not live in vain. _____

I _____ shall not live in vain. _____

Lit - tle drops_ of wa - ter,

Lit - tle grains_ of sand, _____

17 *mf* *f*

Make the might-ty oc - ean And the plea-sant land. If I can

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stop one heart from break - ing I shall not live in vain; If I can

stop one heart from break - ing I shall not live in vain; If I can

ease__ one life the ach - ing, Or cool one pain,_____

ease__ one life the ach - ing, Or cool one pain,_____

Musical score for measures 25-28. It consists of three systems. The first system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The second system is a piano accompaniment with treble and bass staves. The key signature has one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "ease__ one life the ach - ing, Or cool one pain,_____".

Slightly slower ♩ = 56 **a tempo**

p

Lit - tle deeds_ of kind - ness,

mp

Lit - tle words__ of love,_____

Slightly slower ♩ = 56 **a tempo**

mp *mf*

Musical score for measures 29-32. It consists of three systems. The first system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The second system is a piano accompaniment with treble and bass staves. The key signature has one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Lit - tle deeds_ of kind - ness, Lit - tle words__ of love,_____". The score includes dynamic markings *p*, *mp*, and *mf*, and tempo markings "Slightly slower" and "a tempo".

33 *mf* *f* *sub. p*

Help — to make earth hap - py — Like — the hea - ven a - bove. — If I can

mf *f* *sub. p*

Help — to make earth hap - py — Like — the hea - ven a - bove. — If I can

37 *Snap on 2 & 4* *mp*

help — one faint - ing ro - bin — Un - to his nest — a - gain, — If I can

Snap on 2 & 4 *mp*

help — one faint - ing ro - bin — Un - to his nest — a gain, — If I can

41 *Continue snapping* *sub. f*

ease__ one life the ach - ing, I ____ shall not live in vain. ____ If I can

Continue snapping *sub. f*

ease__ one life the ach - ing, I ____ shall not live in vain. ____ If I can

f

45 *Clap on 2 & 4*

stop__ one heart_ from break - ing I ____ shall not live in vain; ____ If I can

Clap on 2 & 4

stop__ one heart_ from break - ing I ____ shall not live in vain; ____ If I can

49 *Continue clapping* *Stop clapping mp*

ease__ one life the ach - ing, I ____ shall not live in vain. ____ * If I can

Continue clapping *Stop clapping mp*

ease__ one life the ach - ing, I ____ shall not live in vain. ____ * If I can

53 **Much slower, ♩ = 52** **molto rit.** *p*

stop__ one heart__ from break - ing__ I ____ shall not live in vain.

stop__ one heart__ from break - ing__ I ____ shall not live in vain.

Much slower, ♩ = 52 **molto rit.** *p*

* cue pickup notes individually