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Playfully ♩ = 144

Alto  
(Women)

*mf* The snails on the pink sleds of their bod - ies are

Baritone  
(Men)

Ah

A

mov - ing a - mong the morn - ing glo - ries. Ah

Brtn.

The

A

spi - der is a - sleep a - mong the red thumbs of the

Brtn.

A

*p* What shall I do? What shall I do?

Brtn.

rasp - ber - ries.

17 Softer

A

What shall I do? What shall I do? *mf* The rain is slow. The

Brtn.

Ah

22

A

lit - tle birds are a - live in it. Ah The green leaves

Brtn.

Ev - en the beet - les. Ah, ah

27

A

lap it up. *p* What shall I do? What shall I do?

Brtn.

32 Softer

A

What shall I do? What shall I do? *mf* The wasp sits on the

Brtn.

Ah

37

A porch of her pap - er cas - tle. Ah

Brtn. the porch Ah The blue her - on

42

A out of the clouds The fish leap, the

Brtn. floats ah The fish leap, the fish all

47

A fish all rain - bow and mouth from the dark wa - ter. This

Brtn. rain - bow and mouth, from the dark wa - ter. This

52

A morn - - - ing, this morn - - - ing the wa - ter

Brtn. morn - - - ing, this morn - - - ing, - - ah - - -

57

A  
lil - ies ah are no less love - ly,

Brtn.  
This morn - - - ing are

62

A  
ah I think, than the lil - ies

Brtn.  
no less love - ly, I think, I think, than the lil - ies

67

A  
of Mon - et. And I don't want an - y - more

Brtn.  
of Mon - et.

72

A  
to be use - ful, to be do - cile, to lead

Brtn.

77

A

child - ren out of the field in - to the text

Brtn.

82

A

Tempo I

of ci - vil - i - ty, to teach them that they

Brtn.

87

A

are (they are not) bet - ter than the grass.

Brtn.