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Playfully \( \frac{j}{4} 144 \)

Baritone (Men)

The snails on the pink sleds of their bodies are

Ah

The spider is asleep among the red thumbs of the raspberries.
What shall I do? What shall I do? mf The rain is slow. The

Ah

little birds are alive in it. Ah The green leaves

Ev'en the beetles. Ah, ah

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

Ah

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

Ah
Faster \( J = 184 \)

Ah

The porch of her paper castle.

Ah

The blue heron

out of the clouds

The fish leap, the

floats ah

The fish leap, the fish all

fish all rainbow and mouth from the dark water. This

rainbow and mouth, from the dark water. This

moming, this moming the water

moming, this moming, ah...
A

lilies ah are no less lovely.

This morning are

ah I think, I think, than the lilies

no less lovely, I think, I think, than the lilies

of Monet. And I don't want anymore

of Monet.

to be useful, to be docile, to lead
...children out of the field into the text

...of civility, to teach them that they

are (they are not) better than the grass.