

5. The Fly and the Humble Bee

Eight New Nursery Rhymes, Op. 23

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Presto (♩ = 160)

1st time *mf*

Soprano: Fid - dle - de - dee, fid - dle - de - dee, The fly has mar - ried the hum - ble bee, Says the

Alto: Fid - dle - de - dee, fid - dle - de - dee, The fly has mar - ried the hum - ble bee,

Tenor: Fid - dle - de - dee, fid - dle - de - dee, The fly has mar - ried the hum - ble bee,

Bass: Fid - dle - de - dee, fid - dle - de - dee, The fly has mar - ried the hum - ble bee,

Piano (For practice only): *1st time* *mf*

fly, says he, will you mar - ry me, And live with me, sweet hum - ble bee:

pp mar - ry me, live with me,

pp mar - ry me, live with me,

pp mar - ry me, live with me,

mf L.H. *pp* L.H. *pp* L.H. *pp* L.H.

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1st time *pp* *mf*

Fid - dle - de - dee, fid - dle - de - dee, The fly has mar - ried the hum - ble bee,

Fid - dle - de - dee, fid - dle - de - dee, The fly has mar - ried the hum - ble bee, Says the *mf*

Fid - dle - de - dee, fid - dle - de - dee, The fly has mar - ried the hum - ble bee,

Fid - dle - de - dee, fid - dle - de - dee, The fly has mar - ried the hum - ble bee,

1st time *pp* *mf*

Fid - dle - de - dee, fid - dle - de - dee, The fly has mar - ried the hum - ble bee,

Fid - dle - de - dee, fid - dle - de - dee, The fly has mar - ried the hum - ble bee, Says the *mf* (2nd time)

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pp

bee, says she, I'll live un - der your wing, And you'll

you'll ne - ver

you'll ne - ver

you'll ne - ver

mf

you'll ne - ver

you'll ne - ver

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know, I sting.

ne - ver, ne - ver know that I car - ry a sting.

know, I sting.

know, I sting.

pp

know, I sting.

13 *1st time* *mf* *3* *3* *3* *3* *f* *(2nd time)*

Fid - dle - de - dee, fid - dle - de - dee, The fly has mar - ried the hum - ble bee, So

Fid - dle - de - dee, fid - dle - de - dee, The fly has mar - ried the hum - ble bee, So

Fid - dle - de - dee, fid - dle - de - dee, The fly has mar - ried the hum - ble bee, So

Fid - dle - de - dee, fid - dle - de - dee, The fly has mar - ried the hum - ble bee,

1st time *mf* *3* *3* *3* *3* *3* *3* *3*

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when the par - - son had joined the pair, They

when the par - - son had joined the pair, They

f *3* *3* *3* *3* *3* *3*

17 *dim. e rit.*

both _____ went _____ out _____ to _____ take the air.

dim. e rit.

both _____ went _____ out _____ to _____ take the air.

dim. e rit. *3* *3* *3* *3* *3* *3*

1st time *3*
a tempo
 Fid - dle - de - dee, fid - dle - de - dee, The fly has mar - ried the hum - ble bee,
pp *3*
 Fid - dle - de - dee, fid - dle - de - dee, The fly has mar - ried the hum - ble bee,
pp *3*
 Fid - dle - de - dee, fid - dle - de - dee, The fly has mar - ried the hum - ble bee,
pp *3*
 Fid - dle - de - dee, fid - dle - de - dee, The fly has mar - ried the hum - ble bee, (2nd time)
 Fid - dle - de - dee, fid - dle - de - dee, The fly has mar - ried the hum - ble bee, And

1st time *3* *2nd* *3* *3* *3* *3* *3* *3* *3* *3* *3*

f
 then to think that of all the flies The hum - ble bee should
dim.
a piacere
 col basso
 the
 the
 col basso
 the
 col basso

pp *ppp*

ppp
 hum - - ble bee.
ppp
 hum - - ble bee.
pp
 take the prize.
a tempo
 Fid,
a tempo
 Fid - dle - de - dee, fid - dle - de - dee,
p
 Fid - dle - de - dee, fid - dle - de - dee,
a tempo
 Fid - dle - de - dee, fid - dle - de - dee,
p
a tempo
 Fid,
a tempo

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ff

Fid - dle - de - dee, fid - dle - de - dee, The

cresc. 3

Fid - dle - de - dee, fid - dle - de - dee, The

cresc. 3

Fid - dle - de - dee, fid - dle - de - dee, The

ff

Fid - dle - de - dee, fid - dle - de - dee, The

ff

Fid - dle - de, fid - dle - de, fid - dle - de, fid - dle - de,

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fly has mar - ried the hum - ble bee.

fly has mar - ried the hum - ble bee,

fly has mar - ried the hum - ble bee.

fid - dle - de, fid - dle - de, fid - dle - de, fid - dle - de, - Fid - dle - de, fid - dle - de, fid - dle - de, fid - dle - de,

p

Fid - dle - de, fid - dle - de, fid - dle - de, fid - dle - de,

p

Fid - dle - de, fid - dle - de, fid - dle - de, fid - dle - de,

p

Fid - dle - de, fid - dle - de, fid - dle - de, fid - dle - de,

p

Fid - dle - de, fid - dle - de, fid - dle - de, fid - dle - de,

ppp

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fid - dle - de, fid - dle - de, fid - dle - de, - dee.

fid - dle - de, fid - dle - de, fid - dle - de - dee.

fid - dle - de, fid - dle - de, fid - dle - de - dee.

fid - dle - de, fid - dle - de, fid - dle - de - dee.

ppp

*Hum - - - ble bee.

ppp

*Hum - - - ble bee.

ppp

*Hum - - - ble bee.

ppp

*Hum - - - ble bee.

ppp

*This syllable is effective if the m sound be sustained.