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(1696-1761)

Busy. curious, thirsty fly

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(1809-1886)

andante con moto =96

Alto
p 1. Bu-sy, cu-rious, thir - sty fly!_ Drink with me, and drink as I, Free-ly wel-come *cresc.*

Tenor I
p 1. Bu-sy, cu-rious, thir- sty fly!_ Drink with me, and drink as I, Free-ly wel-come *cresc.*

Tenor II
p 1. Bu-sy, cu-rious, thir- sty fly! Drink with me, and drink as I, Free-ly wel-come *cresc.*

Bass
p 1. Bu-sy, cu-rious, thir- sty fly!_ Drink with me, and drink as I, Free-ly wel-come *cresc.*

Piano
andante con moto =96 *p* *cresc.*

A
to my cup, — *f* Could'st thou sip, and sip it up, *p* Could'st

T I
to my cup, — *f* Could'st thou sip, and sip it up,

T II
to my cup, *f* Could'st thou sip, and sip it up, *p* Could'st

B
to my cup, — *f* Could'st thou sip, and sip it up,

f *p*

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A thou sip, and sip it up, *mf* Make the most of life you may,

T I *p* Could'st thou sip, and sip it up, *mf* Make the most of life you may,

T II thou sip, and sip it up,

B *p* Could'st thou sip, and sip it up, *mf* Make the most of life you may,

mf

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A *f* Life is short, and wears a-way, *p* Life is short and wears a-way. *pp* Bu-sy, cu-rious,

T I *f* Life is short, and wears a-way, *p* Life is short and wears a-way. *pp* Bu-sy,

T II *f* Life is short, and wears a-way.

B *f* Life is short, and wears a-way. *pp* Bu-sy, cu-rious, thir-sty

f *p* *pp*

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A
thir - sty fly, — cu - rious, thir - sty fly! *f* Bu - sy, cu - rious — thir - sty fly!

T I
cu - rious, thir - sty fly, — thir - sty fly! *f* Bu - sy, cu - rious thir - sty fly!

T II
pp Bu - sy. thir - sty fly! *f* Bu - sy, cu - rious — thir - sty fly!

B
fly! — Bu - sy, cu - rious, thir - sty fly! *f* Bu - sy, cu - rious thir - sty fly!

f *dim.*

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A
p 2. Both a - like are mine and thine! — Hast' - ning quick to their de - cline; —

T I
p 2. Both a - like are mine — and — thine! — Hast' - ning quick to their de - cline; —

T II
p 2. Both a - like are mine — and — thine! Hast' - ning quick to their de - cline; —

B
p 2. Both a - like are mine — and — thine! — Hast' - ning quick to their de - cline; —

p

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cresc.

A Thine's a sum-mer, mine no more, *f* Though re-peat-ed to three score, *p* Though

cresc.

T I Thine's a sum-mer, mine no more, *f* Though re-peat-ed to three score,

cresc.

T II Thine's a sum-mer, mine no more, *f* Though re-peat-ed to three score, *p* Though

cresc.

B Thine's a sum-mer, mine no more, *f* Though re-peat-ed to three score,

cresc. *f* *p*

A re-peat-ed to three score. *mf* Three score sum-mers, when they're gone,

p Though re-peat-ed to three score. *mf* Three score sum-mers, when they're gone,

T II re-peat-ed to three score.

B *p* Though re-peat-ed to three score. *mf* Three score sum-mers, when they're gone,

mf

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A *f* Will ap-pear as short as one, — *p* Will ap-pear as short as one. *pp* Bu - sy, cu - rious,

T I *f* Will ap-pear as short as one, — *p* Will ap-pear as short as one. *pp* Bu - sy,

T II *f* Will ap-pear as short as one,

B *f* Will ap-pear as short as one, *pp* Bu - sy, cu - rious, thir - sty

f *p* *pp*

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A thir - sty fly, — cu - rious, thir - sty fly! *f* Bu - sy, cu - rious thir - sty fly!

T I cu - rious, thir - sty fly, — thir - sty fly! *f* Bu - sy, cu - rious thir - sty fly!

T II *pp* Bu - sy. thir - sty fly! *f* Bu - sy, cu - rious thir - sty fly!

B fly! — Bu - sy, cu - rious, thir - sty fly! *f* Bu - sy, cu - rious thir - sty fly!

f *dim.*