"33 themes shadowing through the whole thing"

For Edys

I HATE MUSIC!

A Cycle of Five Kid Songs for Soprano

(In the performance of these songs, coyness is to be assiduously avoided. The natural, unforced sweetness of child expressions can never be successfully gilded; rather will it come through the music in proportion to the dignity and sophisticated understanding of the singer.)

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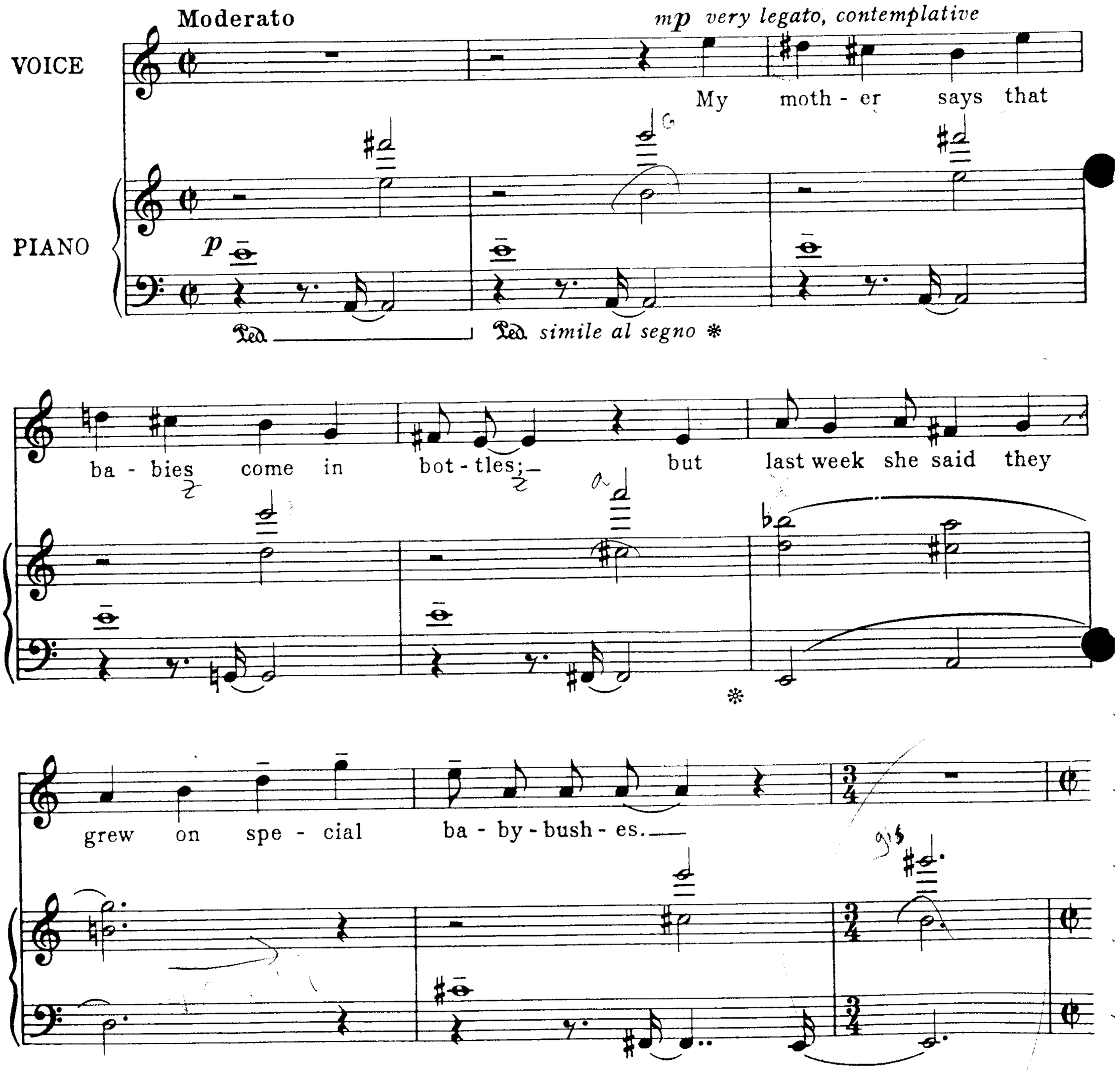

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vehemently

f *mf*

I don't be - lieve in the storks, ei - ther!_ They're

mp

f *almost*

all in the zoo, bus - y with their own ba-bies! And

p

p

resentfully

what's a ba - by - bush, an - y - way!?

mf

dim.
poco a poco rit.

p sweetly slowing up

My name is Bar - ba - ra.

p

pp

II.

Allegretto vivace

p leggiero

mp lightly

Ju - pi - ter has

simile

sev - en moons or is it nine?

Sa - turn has a mil - lion, bil - lion, tril - lion six - ty -

nine;

8

mp

And

p

ev-'ry one is a lit-tle sun, with six lit-tle moons of its own!

Molto meno mosso *mf sadly*

But we have on - ly one! Just

mf *p*

mp

poco rit.

think of all the fun we'd have if there were

Tempo I

p seriously

nine! _____ Then

pp sempre staccato

we could be ___ just nine ___ times more ro - man - tic!

mf with growing excitement

Dogs_ would bay 'til they were fran - tic!

cresc.

cresc.

we'd have nine tides in the At - lan - tic!

f

The man in the moon would be gi - gan - tic!

ff

Ped. Ped. Ped.

Tempo II

ff

But we have on - ly one!

ff

mf espressivo

lamentando

Ped.

mp

On - - - ly

Tempo I

f

one!

dim.

pp

III.

Sostenuto

f

I hate mu - sic!

p suddenly relaxed

But I like to sing:

f

p

mp freely, rather tonelessly and carelessly

la dee da da dee;— la dee da dee.

In tempo

But that's not mu - sic, not what I call mu - sic. No, sir.

p

Allegro molto

f

mp

Mu - sic is a lot of men in a

sfz p

cresc.

lot of tails, mak - ing lots of noise like a

f angrily

lot of fe - males; Mu - sic is a

mp

cresc. poco a poco

cresc.

lot of folks in a big dark hall, where they

real - ly don't want to be at all; with a

più cresc.

lot of chairs, and a lot of airs, and a

lot of furs and dia - monds!

ff

f

sfz

Ped.

Tempo I

f

Mu-sic is sil-ly! I hate mu - sic!

p relaxed again

But I like to sing:

sfz

f

p

mp not too slowly

subito, showing off

f

rit.

la dee da da dee: la dee da dee: la dee da dee.

p (to herself)

IV.

Con brio

mf

mp

p (but very sharp accents)

A big In - di - an and a

p eguale

lit - tle In - di - an were walk - ing down the street.

mf carried forward by the impetus

The lit - tle In - di - an ___ was the son of the

mf *mp* *p*

big In - di - an; but the big In - di -

cresc. *cresc.*

an was not the fa - - ther of the lit - tle

ff *f*

In - di - an: ___

f pesante, like Indians

(spoken very fast)

You see the riddle is, if the little Indian was the son of the big Indian, but the big Indian was not the father of the little Indian, (?) who was he? — I'll give you two measures:

f triumphantly

His moth - er! —

V

Moderato, alla marcia

f earnestly

I just found out to - day that I'm a per - son

mf

assertively

too, like you:

Andante *(resigned)*

p

I like bal-loons; lots of peo-ple like bal-loons:

p

cresc.

But ev-'ry-one says, "Is-n't she cute? she likes bal-loons!"

Tempo I *(recovering assertiveness)*

mf

I'm a per-son too, like you!

mf

Tempo II *(simply, by way of explanation)*

mp

I like things that ev-'ry-one likes: I like soft things and mov-ies and hors-es and

poco accel.

p

poco accel.

f appealingly

warm things and red things: don't you?

mf

Tempo I

mp straightforward

cresc.

I have lots of thoughts; like what's be - hind the

p

espr. *f* *p*

sky; and what's be - hind what's be - hind the sky: But

mf

Tempo II

mf *f* *p*

ev-'ry-one says, "Is-n't she sweet? She wants to know ev-'ry-thing!" Don't you? Of

p *f* *p*

Tempo I

suddenly a little bit unsure

cresc.

course I'm ver - y young to be say - ing all these

cresc.

gradually recovering assertiveness

f

things in front of so man-y peo - ple like you; but

mf

Meno mosso

f

I'm a per - son too! Though I'm on - ly

with dignity

mf

ten years old; I'm a per - son too, like you!

f

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