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voice and piano

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This composition may be sung by baritone, tenor or soprano;  
if by soprano, transpose vocal part up one octave.

*molto moderato* ♩ = 56

The musical score is written in 6/8 time and consists of two systems. The first system includes a Baritone line and a Piano line. The Baritone line has four measures with whole rests. The Piano line has four measures: the first measure has a whole rest, the second has a quarter rest followed by eighth notes, the third has a half note, and the fourth has a quarter rest followed by eighth notes. The piano part is marked *p* and *legato*. A dashed line below the piano part is labeled *8vb*. The second system includes a Baritone line and a Piano line. The Baritone line has four measures: the first two have whole rests, the third has a half note with a slur and a '2' above it, and the fourth has a whole rest. The lyrics 'Ev - ery - one grumb - led.' are written below the Baritone line. The Piano line has four measures: the first has a half note, the second has a whole note, and the third and fourth have whole rests. The piano part is marked *p*. A dashed line below the piano part is labeled *(8vb)*.

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The sky was grey.

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8vb

Detailed description: This system contains the first two measures of music. The vocal line (top staff) begins with a bass clef and a common time signature. It features a half note G#4, a half note A4, a quarter note B4, and a half note C5, all tied together with a slur. The piano accompaniment (bottom two staves) starts with a bass clef and a common time signature. The right hand has a whole rest, while the left hand plays a rhythmic pattern of eighth notes: G3, A3, B3, C4, D4, E4, F4, G4, A4, B4, C5, D5, E5, F5, G5, A5, B5, C6, D6, E6, F6, G6, A6, B6, C7, D7, E7, F7, G7, A7, B7, C8, D8, E8, F8, G8, A8, B8, C9, D9, E9, F9, G9, A9, B9, C10, D10, E10, F10, G10, A10, B10, C11, D11, E11, F11, G11, A11, B11, C12, D12, E12, F12, G12, A12, B12, C13, D13, E13, F13, G13, A13, B13, C14, D14, E14, F14, G14, A14, B14, C15, D15, E15, F15, G15, A15, B15, C16, D16, E16, F16, G16, A16, B16, C17, D17, E17, F17, G17, A17, B17, C18, D18, E18, F18, G18, A18, B18, C19, D19, E19, F19, G19, A19, B19, C20, D20, E20, F20, G20, A20, B20, C21, D21, E21, F21, G21, A21, B21, C22, D22, E22, F22, G22, A22, B22, C23, D23, E23, F23, G23, A23, B23, C24, D24, E24, F24, G24, A24, B24, C25, D25, E25, F25, G25, A25, B25, C26, D26, E26, F26, G26, A26, B26, C27, D27, E27, F27, G27, A27, B27, C28, D28, E28, F28, G28, A28, B28, C29, D29, E29, F29, G29, A29, B29, C30, D30, E30, F30, G30, 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21

end of a dis - mal day, And there

21

8vb

25

seemed to be no-thing be - yond,

25

(8vb)

29

29

(8vb)

33 *a bit faster*  
**f**

THEN Dad - dy fell in - to the pond! And

33 *mp* *fz*

8vb-----

37

eve - ry - one's face grew merr - ry and bright, And


37 *f* 3 3

40

Tim - oth - y danced for sheer de - light. "Give me the cam - er - a


40 *mp* 2 2

43




quick, oh quick! He's crawl-ing out of the duck - - weed."

Click!  
(spoken)



47

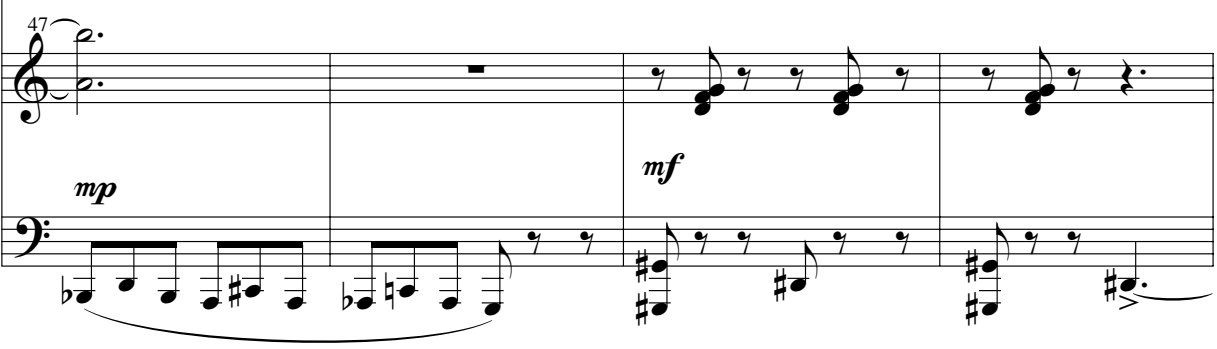
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Then the gard - ener sud - den-ly slapped his knee,

*mp*


*mf*



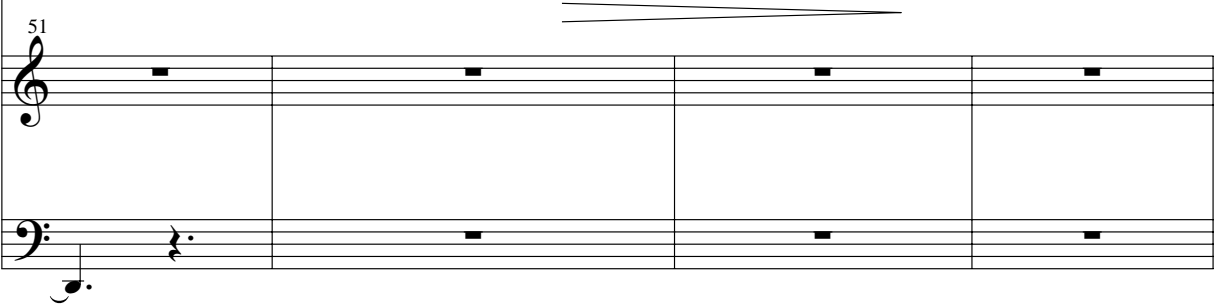
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*rit.*

*a tempo*



and doubl-ed up, shak - ing si - lent - ly, And the



55 *mp* *f*

ducks all quacked as if they were daft and it

*mp* *f*

*ped.* \*

59

sound-ed as if the old drake laughed.

63 *p* *riten.*

O, there was - n't a thing that did - n't re - spond WHEN

*fz*

67 *f a tempo*

Dad - dy *sva* ----- fell in-to the pond!

*mp* *mf*

*sed.* \*

72 *sfz*

75 *rit.* *sf* *p*

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