

An Air Baby

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$\text{♩} = 104\text{c.}$

Sop. *f* A wo - man had an air ba - by, with

Fl. *f*

Cl. *f*

Pc. *mp* SN. DR. (cloth removed) *f* *mp*

Vn. *f*

3 Sop. li - ttle dust eyes that wink and blink in the sun - light.

Fl.

Cl.

Pc. SN. DR. *mp* *f*

Vn.

5

Sop. *mp* But one day she breathed *f* deep - ly and breathed her li - ttle

Fl. *mp* *f*

Cl. *mp* *f*

Pc. SN. DR. *mp* *f* *p*

Vn. *mp* *f*

7

Sop. ba - by in - to her - self. So that she breathes out as

Fl.

Cl.

Pc. SN. DR. *f* *p* *f* *f* *p*

Vn.

9

Sop. hard as she can. No, that is not my

Fl.

Cl.

Pc. SN. DR. *p* *f* *p*

Vn.

Sop. *ba - by. And she breathes out a - gain as hard as she*

Fl. *mp*

Cl. *mp*

Pc. SN. DR. *mf*

Vn. *mp*

Sop. *can. No, that is not my ba - by ei - ther.*

Fl. *f*

Cl. *f*

Pc. SN. DR. *f*

Vn. *f*

ff low, hard

Sop. *No - thing is your ba - by, you fool - ish dog sitt - ing there*
harsh, ugly

Cl. *ff*

Pc. TOM-TOM *ff*

Vn. *ff*

18

Sop. pant - ing, says her hus - band.

Fl. *f*

Cl. *f*

Pc. TOM-TOM

Vn.

20

Sop. *mp*
No, no, — I — breathed it — in, I

Fl. *mp*

Cl. *mp*

Pc. SN. DR. *f p*

Vn. *mp*

22

Sop. *f* *as before ff*
sucked — it out of my arms in - to my nose. You

Fl. *ff*

Cl. *ff*

Pc. SN. DR. *p* TOM-TOM *ff*

Vn. *ff*

Sop. fool - ish dog, how dare you treat my un - known heir like a

Cl.

Pc. TOM-TOM

Vn.

Sop. smell. I had it here:

Fl.

Cl.

Pc. SN. DR. *p*

Vn. *ff*

Sop. it had just wet its dia-pers and I was just a - bout to throw it on the floor for wet - ting on me.

Fl. *ff*

Cl.

Pc. SN. DR. *ff*

Vn.

31 *mf* *ff*

Sop. I was just sum - mon - ing my breath to jump on it for wet - ting on

Fl. *mp* *ff* 3 3 3

Cl. *mp sub.* *ff* 3 3 3

Vn. *mp* *ff* 3

33

Sop. me. I was just draw - ing deep - ly on the at - mos - phere

Fl. *mf* *ff* 3 3 3

Cl. *mf* *ff* 3 3 3

Vn. *mf*

35 *f*

Sop. in prep - a - ra - tion for the pu - ni - tive feat. And - I -

Fl. *f* 3 3 3 3

Cl. *f* 3 3 3 3

Pc. SN. DR. TOM-TOM *pp*

Vn. *f*

Sop. *cresc.*
 drew it, and I—drew it— in, and— I—drew it in - to

Fl. *cresc.*

Cl. *cresc.*

Pc. SN. DR. *cresc.*
 TOM-TOM

Vn. *f* *cresc.*

Sop. 39
 one— of my nos - trils, or— both, or— both,

Fl.

Cl.

Pc. SN. DR.

Vn. TOM-TOM

Sop. *ff* 41
 break— ing it be-tween— my— nos - trils.

Fl. *ff*

Cl. *ff*

Pc. SN. DR. *mf*
 TOM-TOM

Vn. *ff*

43 *as before*

Sop. You are the cruel mo - ther that eats back her

Fl.

Cl.

Pc. SN. DR. *ff*

Vn. TOM-TOM

45 *spoken*

Sop. young, says her hus - band. And

Fl.

Cl.

Pc. SN. DR. *p sub.*

Vn. *p sub.*

47

Sop. why should I not? Be - cause you eat well e - nough with - out

Fl.

Cl.

Pc. SN. DR. *ff*

Vn. *ff*

46

49

Sop. that. Why just the oth-er day I brought you a love ly

Fl.

Cl.

Pc. SN. DR. *p* *cresc.* TOM-TOM

Vn.

51

Sop. in - sect, re - mem - ber, six legs? and

Fl.

Cl.

Pc. SN. DR. TOM-TOM

Vn.

53

Sop. how you baked it in the o-ven? re-mem - ber how I

Fl.

Cl.

Pc. SN. DR. *ff* *p* TOM-TOM

Vn.

55

Sop. climbed on your back and said take me to Mar-ket street, where I bought you a cook-book?

Fl.

Cl.

Pc. SN. DR. TOM-TOM

Vn.

57

Sop. and we looked through it for a re-ci-pe for baked ba-by, and there was

Fl.

Cl.

Pc. SN. DR.

Vn.

59

Sop. none? And how you baked the cook-book and

Fl.

Cl.

Pc. SN. DR.

Vn.

48

61

Sop. how real-ly good it was? Don't

Fl.

Cl.

Pc. SN. DR. *f* *cresc.*

Vn.

63

Sop. you re - - - mem - ber a - ny - thing?

Fl.

Cl.

Pc. SN. DR.

Vn.

65

Sop. *mp* I re - mem - ber some-thing that I ne-ver had.

Fl.

Cl.

Pc. SN. DR. *ff*

Vn.