

The Bitter Withy

♩. = 1126.

mp

As it fell out on a Ho - ly Day, the drops_ of rain_ did

pizz.
mp

6
fall, did fall. Our Sa - viour asked leave of His moth - er Ma - ry if

mf
pizz.
mp

9
He_ might go play at ball. "To play at ball, my

mf
p

12
own dear son, it's time you were go - ing or gone, but be sure let me hear no com -

mf
p

16 *f* *mp* *mf*

- plaint — of You at night when you do — come home." It was

Vn.1 *f* *mp*

Vn.2 *f* *mp*

Va. *pp* *gl.*

19 *mf*

up - ling scorn and down - ling scorn, — oh there — He met — three

Vn.1 *arco* *mf*

Vn.2 *arco* *mf*

Va. *gl.* *ff* *pp* *ff*

22

jol - ly jer - dins. Oh, there — He asked — the jol - ly jer - dins if

Vn.1

Vn.2

Va. *gl.* *pp* *ff* *pp* *ff*

25

they — would go play at ball. —

Vn.1

Vn.2

Va.

Vc.

f

fp

mp

pizz.

gl.

f

a little slower

29

mp

"Oh, we are lords' — and la - dies' — sons, — born — in bower or in

Vn.1

Vn.2

Va.

Vc.

mp

mp

gl.

mp

mp

34

hall, — and You are some poor — maid's — child, —

Vn.1

Vn.2

Va.

Vc.

gl.

gl.

38 *mf* *mf*

born'd in an ox - 's stall." "If

Ob. *pp*

Vn.1 *pp* arco

Vn.2 *pizz.*

Va. *pizz.*

Vc. arco *mf*

43

you — are lords' — and la - - - - dies' sons, born'd — in bower or in

Ob.

Vn.1

Vn.2 *cresc.*

Va. *cresc.*

Vc.

47 *cresc.*

hall, _____ then at the last I'll make it ap - pear that

Ob. *mf*

Vn.1 *mf*

Vn.2 *mf*

Va. *mf*

Vc. *mf*

50 *ff*

I am a - bove you all." Our

Ob. *ff*

Vn.1 *ff*

Vn.2 *ff*

Va. *ff*

Vc. *ff*

54

Sa - viour built — a bridge with the beams of the sun, — and o - ver it He

58

gone, — He gone He, — and af - ter fol - lowed the

63

three jol - ly jer - dins and drown - ded they were — all three.

67

Ob.

pp
pizz.

Vn.1

mf

Vn.2

72

Ob.

ff

It was

Vn.1

arco
p

ff

Vn.2

ff

Va.

ff

Vc.

ff

76

up - ling scorn— and down - ling scorn,— the moth - ers of them— did

Ob.

Vn.1

Vn.2

Va.

Vc.

79

whoop— and call, cry - ing out, "Ma - ry mild, call home your Child,— for

Ob.

Vn.1

Vn.2

Va.

Vc.

82

mp

ours— are drown - ded all."— Ma - ry mild, Ma - ry mild,

Ob.

p

Vn.1

p

Vn.2

p

Va.

p

Vc.

p

86

mf

called home her Child and laid our Sa-viour a - cross her knee, and with a

Ob.

Vn.1

Vn.2

Va.

Vc.

mf

mf

mf

mf

89

p

whole hand - ful of bit - ter with - y She gave him

Ob.

Vn.1

Vn.2

Va.

a little slower again

p but intense

93

slash - es three. Then He says to his moth - er, "Oh! the

Ob.

fp *fp* *fp* *fp* *sfp* *sf in p (sempre sim.)*

sul pont.
senza vib.

Vn.1

sf in p (sempre sim.)

sul pont.
senza vib.

Vn.2

sf in p (sempre sim.)

97

with - y, oh! the with - y, — the bit - ter with - y that cau - ses me to smart, to

Ob.

Vn.1

Vn.2

Va.

Vc.

sul pont.
senza vib.

sf in p (sempre sim.)

trb

p *sf*

4:3

101

smart. Oh! Oh! the with - y,

Ob.

Vn.1

Vn.2

Va.

Vc.

sul pont.
senza vib.

sf in p (sempre sim.)

106

f

it shall be the ve - ry first tree that pe - rish - es at the

Ob.

Vn.1

Vn.2

Va.

Vc.

109

heart."

con vib.

Vn.1

mp *p* pizz.

Vn.2

mp *p* *mf*

Va.

mp *p*

Vc.

mp *p*