If I could but forget

song based on the poem by Paul Laurence Dunbar (1872-1906)

for

soprano, mezzo-soprano, and piano

by

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If I could but forget

Music: Justin Henry Rubin
Poem: Paul Laurence Dunbar

Luxurient; Very Slow; Gentle

Soprano:

Mezzo:

Piano:

If I could but forget...
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The

fullness of those first sweet days,
When you burst sun-like

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tho' the haze ...ance, on my sight, And

haze Of un - ac - quaint...

made the wet, gray day seem bright

made wet

While

allow to resonate

to see. And since, no day is

clouds them-selves grew fair

Tempo
gray wet  But all the scene  back to me,

gray or  scene comes

If I could but for - get.  If I could but for - get How your

dusk eyes look  in - to mine, And how I thrill'd as with strong
wine Be-neath while sped a-main the quick-en'd
wine Be-neath your touch, your touch;

S

Rit. poco

stream thro' ev'-ry vein;

M

Tempo

a gasp. When for a space our

How near my breath fell to

Pno.

allow to resonate
clasp, If I could but forget.

I could but forget The months of passion and of
pain, all that follow'd in their train... a-
pain, And train... Rebel- lious thoughts that would

Rit. poco

rise, Rebel- lious tears that dimmed mine eyes, that dimmed

Tempo

mine eyes, love's

The prayers that I might set