

If I could but forget

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

for

soprano, mezzo-soprano, and piano

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HARVEY MUSIC EDITIONS

If I could but forget

Music: Justin Henry Rubin

Poem: Paul Laurence Dunbar

Luxuriant; Very Slow; Gentle

Soprano

Mezzo

Piano

If I could but for-get... If I could but for - get The

S

M

Pno.

A

4

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

sun - like

6

S thro' the haze ...ance, on my sight, And

M haze Of un - ac - quaint...

Pno.

Rit. poco

8

S made the wet, gray day seem bright

M made wet

Pno. While

allow to resonate

Tempo

11

S to see. And since, no day is

M clouds them-selves grew fair

Pno.

Rit.

13

S
gray wet But all the scene back to me,

M
gray or scene comes

Pno.

Tempo

15

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

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

Pno.

sva

B

18

S
dusk eyes look in - to mine, And how I thrill'd as with strong

M
dusk eyes look in - to mine, And how I thrill'd as with strong

Pno.

20

S
wine Be - neath while sped a - main the quick - en'd

M
wine Be - neath your touch, your touch;

Pno.

Rit. poco

22

S
stream thro' ev - - - - - 'ry vein;

M

Pno.

Tempo

24

S
a gasp, When for a space our

M
How near my breath fell to

Pno.
allow to resonate

27 *Rit.*

S
fin - gers met in one ..lec - tric vi - brant

M
e - lec - tric

Pno.

29 *Tempo*

S
clasp, If I could but for - get. If

M
clasp, If I could but for - get. If

Pno.

8va

31 **C**

S
I could but for - get The months of pas - sion and of

M
I could but for - get The months of pas - sion and of

Pno.

33

S
pain, all that fol-low'd in their train... a -

M
pain, And train... Re - bel - lious thoughts that would

Pno.

35

S
rise, Re - bel - lious tears that dimmed mine eyes, that dimmed

M

Pno.

Rit. poco

37

S
mine eyes, love's

M
The prayers that I might set

Pno.

Tempo

40

S
fi - re A - flame with - in your bo... yet... The death at last

M
bo - som last of

Pno.

42 *Rit.* *Meno mosso*

S
that de - si - re... If I could but for - get If

M
de - si - re... *8va*

Pno.

45 *Drifting slower and slower*

S
I could but for - get, but for - get.

M

Pno.

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