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For SATB Chorus
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Duration Approximately 14 minutes

Movements:

1. Rhubarb
2. Potatoes Potatoes Roast Potatoes
3. Asparagus
4. Milk
5. Single Fish

Texts

1. Rhubarb

Rhubarb is susan not susan not seat in bunch toys not wild and laughable not in little places not in neglect and vegetable not in fold coal age not please.

2. Potatoes Potatoes Roast Potatoes

Real potatoes cut in between. In the preparation of cheese, in the preparation of crackers, in the preparation of butter, in it. Roast potatoes for.

3. Asparagus

Asparagus in a lean in a lean to hot. This makes it art and it is wet wet weather wet weather wet.

4. Milk

Climb up in sight climb in the whole utter needles and a guess a whole guess is hanging. Hanging hanging.

5. Single Fish

Single fish single fish single fish egg-plant single fish sight.

A sweet win and not less noisy than saddle and more ploughing and nearly well painted by little things so.

Please shade it a play. It is necessary and beside the large sort is puff.

Every way oakly, please prune it near. It is so found.

It is not the same.

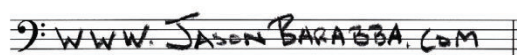
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A 10x14" Conductors score is available

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1. Rhubarb

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Relaxed Allegretto (Approx. ♩=92)

SOPRANO *mf legato*
Rhu-barb is Su-san not su-san not su-san not su-san not su-san not su-san Rhu-barb is Su-

ALTO *mf legato*
Rhu-barb is su-san not su-san

TENOR *mf legato*
Rhu-barb is Su-san not su-san not su-san not su-san not su-

BASS

* Performance Note: In this opening section the staccato "not" should stand out slightly from the legato, not quite accented...but definitely a percussive pop.

Piano
(Rehearsal Only,
Piano is never to be
used in performance)

4

san not su-san not su-san not su-san not su-san not su-san not su-san not su-san not su-san not su-san not su-san not su-san

not su-san not su-san not su-san not su-san Rhu-barb is Su-san not su-san not su-san not su-san not su-san not su-san

san not su-san Rhu-barb is Su-san not su-san not su-san not su-san not su-san not su-san not su-san not su-san not su-

f
Rhu - barb is Su -

16

f not su-san not su-san Rhu-barb is su-san not su-san not *mp* not wild and

san not su-san *f* Rhu-barb is su-san not su-san not *mp* not wild and laugh-a-ble

su-san not *f* Rhu-barb is su-san not su-san not

not su - san *mf* not seat in bunch toys

23

mf *f* *ff* Bubbling *f* laugh-a-ble not wild and laugh-a-ble not wild not laugh-a-ble laugh-a-ble laugh-a-ble laugh-a-ble

mf *f* *ff* *f* Bubbling not wild and laugh-a-ble not wild not laugh-a-ble laugh-a-ble laugh-a-ble

mp *mf* *f* *ff* *f* Bubbling not wild and laugh-a-ble not wild and laugh-a-ble not wild not laugh-a-ble laugh-a-ble

mf *f* *ff* *f* Bubbling not wild and laugh-a-ble not wild not laugh-a-ble

28

laugh-a-ble laugh-a-ble laugh-a-ble laugh-a-ble laugh-a-ble laugh-a-ble

laugh-a-ble laugh-a-ble laugh-a-ble laugh-a-ble laugh-a-ble laugh-a-ble laugh-a-ble laugh-a-ble laugh-a-ble laugh-a-ble

laugh-a-ble laugh-a-ble laugh-a-ble laugh-a-ble laugh-a-ble laugh-a-ble laugh-a-ble laugh-a-ble laugh-a-ble laugh-a-ble

laugh-a-ble laugh-a-ble laugh-a-ble laugh-a-ble laugh-a-ble

31

p not in li - tle pla-ces

p not in li - tle pla-ces *mp p* not in li-tle pla - ces not in

p laugh-a-ble not in li - tle pla ces *mp* not in li-tle pla - ces

p not in li-tle pla - ces not in li-tle pla ces not in li-tle pla

35

p *f* *mf*

not in ne - glect not in ne - glect

mp p *mp* *mf*

li - tle pla - ces not in li - tle pla - ces not in ne - glect not in ne - glect

p *mp p* *mp* *mf*

not in li - tle pla - ces not in li - tle pla - ces not in ne - glect not in ne - glect

mp p *mp p* *mp* *mf*

- ces not in li - tle pla - ces not in li - tle pla - ces not in ne - glect not in ne - glect

40

mp *f*

not seat in bunch toys not in ne - glect

p *mf* *p*

not in li - tle pla - ces and

f

Rhu - barb is Su - san not su - san not in ne - glect

f

not wild and laugh - a - ble not in ne - glect

47 *p* *mp* *mf*

and vege - ta - ble vege - ta - ble not in fold coal

mf *mp* *mf*

vege - ta - ble vege - ta - ble not in fold coal

p *mf* *mp* *mf*

and vege - ta - ble vege - ta - ble not in fold coal

p *mf* *mp* *mf*

and vege - ta - ble vege - ta - ble not in fold coal

52 *f* *mf* *mp* *p*

not in fold coal in fold coal age age age please.

f *mf* *mp* *p*

not in fold coal in fold coal age not not please.

f *mf* *mp* *p*

not in fold coal in fold coal age not not please.

f *mf* *mp* *p*

not in fold coal in fold coal age age age please.

2. Potatoes Potatoes Roast Potatoes

Moderato (Approx. ♩=100)

SOPRANO
Real po - ta-toes cut in be-tween

ALTO
Real po - ta-toes cut in be-tween

TENOR
Real po - ta-toes cut in be-tween

BASS
Real po - ta-toes

Piano

64
real po - ta-toes cut in be-tween in

real po - ta-toes cut in be-tween in

real po - ta-toes cut in be-tween in

cut in be-tween Real po - ta-toes Real po - ta-toes cut in be-tween in

Piano

72

mf

the prep - a - ra - tion in the prep - a - ra - tion

mp > pp mp > pp mf

the prep - a - ra - tion in the prep - a - ra - tion

mp mp > pp mp > pp mf

the prep - a - ra - tion of cheese in the prep - a - ra - tion

mp mp > pp mp > pp mf

the prep - a - ra - tion of cheese in the prep - a - ra - tion

83

mp mp > 3 f mp f

of cra - ckers in the pre - pa - ra - tion of but - ter in it

mp mp > 3 f mp f

of cra - ckers in the pre - pa - ra - tion of but - ter in it

mp mp > 3 f mp f mf

in the pre - pa - ra - tion of but - ter in it roast po -

mp mp > 3 f mp mf

in the pre - pa - ra - tion of but - ter in it roast po - ta - toes

93

roast po - ta - toes for roast po - ta - toes for
 roast po - ta - toes for roast po - ta - toes Real po - ta - toes cut in be - tween
 ta - toes for roast po - ta - toes for roast po - ta - toes for
 for roast po - ta - toes for roast po - ta - toes for

3. Asparagus

Allegro (Approx. ♩80)
Playful

SOPRANO
 ALTO *mp* *subito mf > mp*
 a a a a a a spar a gus a a a
 TENOR *mp*
 a a a a a a a a a a a a a a
 BASS *mp*
 a a a a a a a a a a a a a a a a
 Piano

112

mf a - spar-a-gus in a lean in a lean to hot_____

subito mf a a spar a gus *mf* a - spar-a-gus in a lean in a lean to hot_____

mf a a a a a a a a a a a a a a

mf a a a a

122

mf *f* *mp*
to hot to hot to hot hot this makes it art and

mf *f* *mp*
hot to hot to hot to hot this makes it art and

mf *f* *mp*
a a - spar-a-gus in a lean in a lean to hot_____ in a in a hot this makes it art and

mf *f* *mp*
a a a - spar-a-gus in a lean in a lean to hot_____ in a lean to hot this makes it art and

132

it is wet wet wet wea-ther wet wet wet wea-ther wet wet

it is wet

it is wet wet wet wea-ther wet wet wet wea-ther wet wet

it is wet wet wea-ther wet wet wet wea-ther wet wet

136

wet wet wet wet wea-ther wet wet wet wet wea-ther wet wet wet wea-ther

wet

wet wet wea-ther wet wet wet wea-ther wet wet wet wea-ther wet wet

wet wet wea-ther wet wet wet wea-ther wet wet wet wea-ther wet wet

139 *ff*

wet wet wet wet wea-ther wet wet wet wet wea-ther wet wet wet wet wea-ther wet wet

wea - ther wet wet wea-ther wet wet

wet wet wea-ther wet wet wet wet wea-ther wet wet wet wet wea-ther wet wet

wet wet wea-ther wet wet wet wet wea-ther wet wet

wet wet wea-ther wet wet wet wet wea-ther wet wet

4. Milk

Slow - Glassy (Approx. ♩=56)

senza vibrato
p

SOPRANO
Climb up in sight climb *mp*

senza vibrato
p

ALTO
Climb up Climb *mp*

senza vibrato
p

TENOR
up Climb *mp*

senza vibrato
p

BASS
climb up in sight climb *mp*

Piano

153

in sight climb in the whole ut - ter nee -
 up in whole
 up in whole
 in sight climb in whole

165

dles a
 ut - ter nee - dles guess a
 ut - ter nee - dles and a guess a
 ut - ter nee - dles and a guess a

176 *f* *light-to-moderate vibrato*

whole guess is hang - ing whole guess is hang - ing

whole guess is hang - ing whole guess is hang - ing

whole guess is hang - ing a whole guess is hang - ing

whole guess is hang - ing whole guess is hang - ing

184 *non-decresc.* *senza vibrato* *mp* *mf* *mp* *p* *subito pp*

Hang - ing hang - ing (ng)

non-decresc. *senza vibrato* *mp* *mf* *mp* *p* *subito pp*

Hang - ing hang - ing (ng)

non-decresc. *senza vibrato* *mp* *mf* *mp* *p* *subito pp*

Hang - ing hang - ing

non-decresc. *senza vibrato* *mp* *mf* *mp* *p* *subito pp*

Hang - ing hang - ing

subito

5. Single Fish

Allegretto (Approx. ♩=100)

Sprightly

SOPRANO

ALTO

TENOR

BASS

Piano

mf

mf

sin - gle fish sin - gle fish sin - gle fish sin - gle fish

sin - gle fish sin - gle fish sin - gle fish sin - gle fish sin - gle fish sin - gle fish sin - gle fish

196

f

f

sin - gle fish sin - gle fish sin - gle fish sin - gle fish

sin - gle fish sin - gle fish sin - gle fish sin - gle fish

sin - gle fish sin - gle fish sin - gle fish sin - gle fish sin - gle fish sin - gle fish sin - gle fish

sin - gle fish sin - gle fish sin - gle fish sin - gle fish sin - gle fish sin - gle fish sin - gle fish

205

f sin-gle fish sin-gle fish sin-gle fish sin-gle fish sin-gle fish sin-gle fish

f sin-gle fish sin-gle fish sin-gle fish sin-gle fish sin-gle fish sin-gle fish

sin-gle fish sin-gle fish sin-gle fish sin-gle fish sin-gle fish sin-gle fish sin-gle fish sin-gle fish

sin-gle fish sin-gle fish sin-gle fish sin-gle fish sin-gle fish sin-gle fish sin-gle fish sin-gle fish

208

mf sight A sweet win and not less nois-y and near-ly well paint-ed by

mf sight A sweet win and not less nois-y and near-ly well paint-ed by

sight sight sight sight sight than sa-dle and more plough-ing —

sight sight sight sight sight than sa-dle and more plough-ing —