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# The Butterfly's Ball and the Grasshopper's Feast

*for SATB Chorus and Piano*

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Vivace  $\text{♩} = 69$

Soprano Alto

Tenor Bass

Piano

Vivace  $\text{♩} = 69$   
*fleggiero*

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Come take up your Hats, and a-way let us *unis.*

Come take up your Hats, and a-way let us

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S A      *unis.*      *unis.*

haste      To the *But-ter-fly's* Ball      and the *Grass-hop-per's* Feast.

T B      *unis.*

haste      To the *But-ter-fly's* Ball      and the *Grass-hop-per's* Feast.

9

S A      *unis.*      *unis.*

The      Trum-pet-er, *Gad-fly*, has sum-mon'd the Crew,

T B

11

S A      *unis.*      *unis.*

And the Rev-els are now on - ly wait-ing for you.      So said lit-tle Ro-bert, and

T B

And the Rev-els are now on - ly wait-ing for you.      So said lit-tle Ro-bert, and

13

S A *unis.*  
pac - ing a - long, His mer - ry Com - pan - ions came forth in a

T B *unis.*  
pac - ing a - long, His mer - ry Com - pan - ions came forth in a

15

S A *Throng.* And on the smooth Grass, by the

T B *Throng.* And on the smooth Grass, by the

17

S A *unis.* *unis.*  
side of a wood, Be -neath a broad Oak that for A -ges had stood, Saw the

T B side of a wood, Be -neath a broad Oak that for A -ges had stood, Saw the

21

T  
B

*unis. mp*

Who car-ried the *Em-met*, his  
And there came the *Bee-tle*, so blind and so black, Who car-ried the *Em-met*, his

*p*

*mp*

23      *unis. f*

S A      And there was the *Gnat* and the *Dragon-fly* too, With all their Re-lations, Green,  
 T      *f*  
 B      Friend, on his Back. And there was the *Gnat* and the *Dragon-fly* too, With all their Re-lations, Green,  
 B      Friend, on his Back.

25

S A

O-range, and Blue.

T

O-range, and Blue.

f

And there came the Moth, with his

mf

27

T

Plu-mage of Down,

B

f

And the Hor-net in Jack-et of Yel-low and Brown;

mf

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Soprano (S) vocal line.

Alto (A) vocal line.

Tenor (T) vocal line: "Who with him the *Wasp*, his Com - pan - ion, did bring,"

Bass (B) vocal line: "But they prom - is'd, that

Accompaniment: piano chords and bass line.

33

Soprano (S) vocal line: "E - vning, to lay by their Sting."

Alto (A) vocal line: "E - vning, to lay by their Sting."

Tenor (T) vocal line: "E - vning, to lay by their Sting."

Bass (B) vocal line: "E - vning, to lay by their Sting."

Accompaniment: piano chords and bass line, with dynamic marking *leggiero*.

35

*unis. mp*

S A And the sly lit-tle Dor-mouse crept out of his Hole, And brought to the Feast his blind Broth-er, the

T B

40

S A Mole.

T B *unis. f*

And the Snail,

T B

42

T B with his Horns peep-ing out of his Shell, Came from a great Dis-tance, the Length of an Ell.

44

S A

T B

unis. *mf*

A Mush - room their  
*mf*  
A Mush - room their

46

S A

T B

Ta - ble, and on it was laid A Wa - ter - dock Leaf, which a Ta - ble - cloth made.  
*unis.*

Ta - ble, and on it was laid A Wa - ter - dock Leaf, which a Ta - ble - cloth made.

48

S A

T B

The Vi - ands were var - i - ous, to each \_\_\_\_\_ of their Taste,

*mp*

*unis.*

*p*

\* Cue-size notes are optional.

50  
 S A      *unis.*  
 And the Bee brought her Hon-ey to crown the Re - past.

52  
 T B      *unis. f*  
 Then close on his

54  
 S A      *unis. f*  
 And the

T B      Haunch-es, so sol-emn and wise, The Frog from a Cor-ner, look'd up to the Skies.

56  
 S A      Squir-rel well pleas'd such Di-ver-sions to see, Mount-ed high o-ver Head, and look'd down from a

58

$\text{♩} = 69 (\text{♩} = \text{♩})$

S A Tree.

T B

Then out came the *Spi - der*, with Fin - ger so

$\text{♩} = 69 (\text{♩} = \text{♩})$

mp legato

61

S

A

T B

From one Branch his  
to an-oth - er, his

unis.

fine, To show his Dex - ter - i - ty on the tight line.

$\text{♩} = 69 (\text{♩} = \text{♩})$

64

S A Cob-webs he slung,

T B Then quick as an Ar-row he dart-ed a-long,

But just in the Mid-dle,

$\text{♩} = 69 (\text{♩} = \text{♩})$

67

S A      *ff* >      >      3      unis.      3      3

Oh!      shock - ing to tell,      From his Rope,      in an In - instant,

T B      -      -      -      *ff* 3      3      3

From his Rope,      in an In - instant.

{      *ff*      *f*

69

S A      poor Har - le - quin fell.      Yet he touch'd not the Ground,      but with

T B      -      -      *f* 3      3      3

{      3      *mf*      3

71

S A      3      *mp*      3      (mp)      12

Tal-ons out-spread, Hung sus - pend-ed in Air, at the End of a Thread.

T B      3      -      -      *mp*      12

Tal-ons out-spread, at the End of a Thread.

{      3      *mp*      12

74  

*f*leggiero

S A

Then the *Grass-hop-per* came with a Jerk and a Spring, Ve-ry long was his Leg, though but

T B

Then the *Grass-hop-per* came with a Jerk and a Spring, Ve-ry long was his Leg, though but

S A

short was his Wing, He took but three Leaps, and was soon out of sight, Then chirp'd his own

T B

short was his Wing, He took but three Leaps, and was soon out of sight, Then chirp'd his own

*unis.*

*unis.*



80

S A

T B

Prais-es the rest of the Night.

T B

Prais-es the rest of the Night.

Lento  $\text{♩} = 69$

83

T B

With Step so maj - jes - tie the Snail did ad - vance And

89

T B

prom - is'd the Ga - zers a Mi - nu - et to dance.

16

94  $\text{♩} = 69$   
S A *unis. f*  
T B  $\text{♩} = 69$   
But they all laugh'd so loud that he pull'd in his Head, And went in his own lit-tle Cham-ber to  
*unis. f*  
But they all laugh'd so loud that he pull'd in his Head, And went in his own lit-tle Cham-ber to

96  $\text{♩} = 69 (\text{♩} = \text{♩})$   
S A *pp sempre*  
T B Bed. Then, as E-v'ning gave Way to the Shad-ows of  
*pp sempre*  
Bed. Then, as E-v'ning gave Way to the Shad-ows of  
 $\text{♩} = 69 (\text{♩} = \text{♩})$   
*pp legato*

100 S A Night, Their Watch-man, — the Glow-worm, came out with a light,  
T B Night, the Glow-worm, came out with a light,

104  $\text{♩} = \text{♪} (\text{♩} = 138)$   
 $8^{\text{va}}$

*p*

*pp*  $\# \text{—}$   
*Ped.*  
*una corda*

*allargando*

107 **Tempo primo**  $\text{♩} = 69$   
*flezziero*

*p*

110  
*mf*

S A  
T B

112  
*f*

Then Home let us hast-en, while yet we can

*f*

Then Home let us hast-en, while yet we can

*f p*

114

S A see, For no Watch-man is wait - ing for you and for me.

T B see, For no Watch-man is wait - ing for you and for me.

116

S A So said lit - tle Rob - ert, and pac - ing a-long, His

T B His

118

S A mer - ry Com - pan - ions re-turned in a Throng.

T B mer - ry Com - pan - ions re-turned in a Throng.