

The King of Yellow Butterflies

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light but intense ♩ = 112

Soprano
Alto
Tenor
Bass
Piano (for rehearsal only)

pp (hum) *pp* The King of Yel - low But - ter - flies, *p* The

pp (hum) *pp* The King of Yel - low But - ter - flies,

pp (hum)

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S
A
T
B
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6 King of Yel - low But - ter - flies, *mp* now or - ders forth his

6 now or - ders forth his *mp*

8 The King of Yel - low But - ter - flies, *mp* *p* the

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10 *p*

S men, now

A men, now

T King of Yel - low But - ter - flies, the King of Yel - low But - ter - flies,

B The King of Yel - low But - ter - flies, the

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13 *mp*

S or - ders forth his men, now

A or - ders forth his men, now

T the King of Yel - low But - ter - flies, the King of Yel - low But - ter - flies,

B King of Yel - low But - ter - flies, the King of Yel - low But - ter - flies, the king of

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S or - ders forth his men, now *mf*

A or - ders forth his men, now *mf*

T the King of Yel - low But - ter flies, the King of Yel - low But - ter flies, the *mf*

B Yel - low But - ter flies, the King of Yel - low But - ter flies, the King, the King, the *mf*

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S or - ders forth his

A or - ders forth his

T King, the King, the King, the King, now or ders forth, now or - ders forth his

B King, the King, the King, the King, now or - ders forth, now or - ders forth his

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21 *f* *dim.*

S men. He

A men. He

T *f* *dim.* *pp*
but - ter - flies, yel - low but - ter - flies, yel - low butt - ter - flies, yel - low but - ter - flies, yel - low but - ter - flies.

B *f* *dim.*
yel - low but - ter - flies, yel - low but - ter - flies, yel - low but - ter - flies, yel - low but - ter - flies, yel - low but - ter - flies, yel - low

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24 *pp* *pp* *p* *pp* *p*

S says, "The time is al - most here, the time is al - most here, the time is al - most here when

A says, "The time is al - most here, the time is al - most here, the time is al - most here when

T He says, "The time is al - most here when

B but - ter - flies. "The time is al - most here when

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S *f* vi - o - lets *mf* bloom

A *f* vi - o - lets *mf* bloom

T *f* vi - o - lets *mf* bloom

B *f* vi - o - lets *mf* bloom."

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33

S *pp* a - gain." *p* ...goes flash - ing proud and bold,

A *pp* a - gain." *p* ...goes flash - ing proud and bold,

T *pp* a - gain." *mp* A -

B *p* A - down the road the fick - le rout, *mp* a -

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S *mp* goes flash - ing proud and bold, *mf* a - down the road the

A *mp* goes flash - ing proud and bold, *mf* a - down the road the

T *mf* down the road the fick - le rout, a - down the road, a - down the road the

B *mf* down the road the fick - le rout, a - down the road, a - down the road the

Pno.

40

S *f* fick - le, fick - le, fick - le rout goes flash - ing proud and bold, *dim.* and bold, and bold, and

A *f* fick - le, fick - le, fick - le rout goes flash - ing proud and bold, *dim.* and bold, and bold, and

T *f* fick - le, fick - le, fick - le rout goes flash, flash - ing proud and bold, *dim.* and bold, and bold, and

B *f* fick - le, fick - le, fick - le rout goes flash, flash - ing proud and bold, *dim.* and bold, and bold, and

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43 *p mf sub.* *mp*

S bold. They shiv-er by the shal - low pools, and

A bold. They shiv-er by the shal - low pools, and

T bold, and bold. They shiv-er by the shal - low pools, and

B bold, and bold. They shiv-er, and

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47 *p*

S whim - - - per of the cold. They

A whim - - - per of the cold. They

T whim - - - per of the cold. They

B whim - - - per of the cold. They

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S
drink and drink. A frail pre - tense! — They love — to pose — and preen. Each *mp*

A
drink and drink. A frail pre - tense! — They love — to pose — and preen. — *mp*

T
drink and drink. A frail pre - tense! — They love — to pose — and preen. — Each *mp*

B
drink and drink. A frail pre - tense! — They love — to pose — and preen. — *mp*

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55 (♩ = ♩)

S
pool is but a look - ing glass, — where their sweet wings are seen, — each *p*

A
Each pool is but a look - ing glass, where their sweet wings are seen, each *p*

T
pool is but a look - ing glass, — where their sweet wings are seen, *p*

B
Each pool is but a look - ing glass, where their sweet wings are seen, *p*

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S pool is but a look - ing glass, where their sweet wings are

A pool is but a look - ing glass, where their sweet wings are

T *p* each pool is but a look - ing glass, where their sweet wings are

B *p* each pool is but a look - ing glass, where their sweet wings are

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S *mf sub.* seen. *f mf* Ad - ven - tur - ers! *f mf* Gyp - sies, ev - er - y whit! They

A *mf sub.* seen. *f mf* Ad - ven - tur - ers! *f mf* Gyp - sies ev - 'ry whit!

T *mf sub.* seen. Gen - tle - men! *f mf* Gyp - sies ev - 'ry whit! They

B *p* seen. *f mf* Ah, Gyp - sies ev - 'ry whit!

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S live on what they steal. Their wings by briars are frayed a

A They live on what they steal. Their wings by briars are frayed, are

T live on what they steal. Their wings by briars are frayed, are

B They live on what they steal. Their wings by briars are frayed a

Pno.

71

S bit. Their loves are light.

A frayed a bit. Ah They have no

T frayed a bit. Their loves are light.

B bit. Ah

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76

S And if it rains to - day, they'll

A house. And if it rains to - day, they'll

T And if it rains to - day, they'll

B And if it rains to - day, and if it rains to - day,

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83 *mf*

S climb in - to your cat - tle - shed, they'll climb in - to your cat - tle - shed, they'll climb in -

A *mf* climb, they'll climb in - to your cat - tle - shed, they'll

T *mf* climb, they'll climb in - to your cat - tle - shed, they'll climb in - to your cat - tle - shed,

B *mf*

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S *mp* *dim. poco a poco*
to your cat-tle-shed, and hide them in the hay, and hide them in the

A *p* *mp* *dim. poco a poco*
climb in - to your cat - tle-shed, and hide them in the hay, and

T *p*

B *p*
they'll climb in - to your cat-tle-shed,

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88

S *pp*
hay, and hide them in the hay, yel - low but - ter - flies, yel - low but - ter - flies, yel - low

A *pp*
hide them in the hay, yel - low but - ter - flies, yel - low but - ter - flies, yel - low but - ter - flies,

T *pp*
(hum)

B

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S
but-ter-flies, yel - low but-ter-flies.

A
yel - low but-ter-flies, yel - low but-ter-flies, yel - low but-ter-flies, yel - low but-ter-flies, yel - low but-ter-flies,

T
ppp

B
pp (whisper)
yel - low but-ter-flies, yel - low but-ter-flies, yel - low but-ter-flies, yel - low but-ter-flies, yel - low

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S

A
pp (whisper)
yel - low but-ter-flies, yel - low but-ter-flies, yel - low but-ter-flies, yel - low but-ter-flies.

T

B
but-ter-flies, yel - low but-ter-flies, yel - low but-ter-flies, yel - low but-ter-flies, yel - low but-ter-flies.

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