

Scamp

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Andante

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Ain't it nice to have a mam-my w'en you kin' o' tiah-ed out

10

molto rit. **A tempo**

Ain't it nice? Mm? Ain't it nice to wid a-play-in'

15

have a mam-my w'en you kin' o' tiah-ed out till hit's made you
in de med-dah an' a-run-nin' roun' a-bout

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mough - ty hon-gry, an' yo' nose hit gits to know_ what de smell means

23

dat's a - com-in' fom de o-pen ca-bin do'?_ She wash yo' face,_ an' mek yo' place, You's

28

molto rit.

hon-gry as_ a tramp;_ den hit's eat you sup-pah_ right a way, you_ sta'-vin' lit-tle scamp.

col canto

33

A tempo

Ain't_ it nice?_

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Ain't it nice?

43

A tempo

W'en you's full o' braid an' ba-con, an' dey ain't no
an' de las - ses dat's a-stick-in' on yo' face ta'se'

47

mo'to eat, kin' o' sweet, don' you t'ink hit's kin' o'plea-sin' fu' to have som' - bo-dy neah'

52

dat' - ll wipe yo' han's an' kiss you fo' dey lif' you f'om yo cheah? To smile so sweet, an'

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molto rit. . . .

57

wash yo' feet, an' leave 'em co'l an' damp; den hit's come let me un - dress you, now, you

A tempo

62

la-zy lit-tle scamp. Ain't it nice?

col canto

Meno mosso

più delicato

67

Don' yo' eyes git aw - ful hea-vy, an' yo' lip git aw - ful slack,
ain't dey som' - p'n kin' o' weak-nin' in de back - bone of yo' back?

71

Don' yo' knees feel kin' o' trim-bly, an' yo' head go bob-bin' roun',

75

w'en you says yo' "Now I lay me," an' is sno' - in on de "down"? She

79

kiss yo' nose, she kiss yo' toes, an' den tu'n out de lamp, den hit's

83

rit.

creep in - to yo' trun - nel baid, you sleep-y lit - tle scamp.

col canto *pp*

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Ain't it nice?

8va *niente*

circa 4' 15"