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Andantino espressivo

mp

poco rall.

léger et anime

Oh, de weath-ah it is balm - y, an' de breeze is sigh - in' low, Li'l

léger et anime

quasi rubato

Gal, Li'l Gal; An' de mock-in'-bird is

Tempo prima *quasi rubato* *a tempo*

ten.

sing-in' in de lo-cust by de do; Li'l Gal, Li'l

ten.

quasi rubato *a tempo* *quasi rubato*

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Gal; *appassionato*
 Dere's a hum - min' an' a

a tempo *mp appassion.*

poco meno abassamento di voce
 bum-min' in' de lan' f'om eas' to wes'; I's a - sigh - in' fo' you

poco meno

poco rall. *ff* *poco a poco agitato*
 hon - ey an' I nev - er knows no res'; Fo' dey's lots o' trou - ble

poco rall. *ff* *poco a poco agitato*

rall. e dim. *sotto voce. mp*
 stew - in' an' a - brew - in' in my breas'; Li'l Gal,

rall. e dim. *mp sotto voce.* *poco rall.*

portamento di voce *Tempo I*
molto sentimento

Li'l Gal, _____ Li'l Gal, _____ Li'l

L.H. *L.H.* *L.H.* *L.H.*

pp *colla voce* *Tempo I* (*steady swing like cradle song*) *rallent.*

* simile

Gal. _____ Don't you let no dah - key

L.H. *L.H.*

tando e diminuendo *pp* *léger et animé*

fool you, 'cause de clo'es he waihs is fine, Li'l Gal, _____ Li'l

quasi rub. *a tempo* *quasi rub.*

Gal, _____ Dey's an' hon - es' heat_ a - beat - in' un - der -

a tempo *ten.*

neaf dese rags_ o' mine, Li'l Gal, _____ Li'l

quasi rub. _____ *a tempo* _____ *quasi rub.* _____

Gal; _____ 'Cose dey ain't no use_ in mock-in' what_ de

appassionato

a tempo _____ *mp appass.* _____

birds an' weath - ah do, But Is sor - ry I_ cain't 'spress it when_ I

meno mosso (quasi recitativo)

_____ *meno mosso* *colla voce* _____

poco rall. **ff** *poco a poco agitato*

knows I loves you true; Dat's de rea-son I's a - sigh - in' an' a -

poco rall. **ff** *poco a poco agitato*

rall. e dim. *sotto voce. mp* *port^o divorce.* *Tempo I.*
molto sentimento

sing - in' now_ fo' you, Li'l Gal, _____ Li'l Gal, _____

rall. e dim. *mpp* *sotto voce.* *poco rall.* *pp* *colla voce. pp* *(steady swing like cradle song)* *L.H.*

pp *sotto voce*

— Li'l Gal, _____ Li'l Gal. _____

L.H. *L.H.* *L.H.* *L.H.* *L.H.* *R.H.* *R.H.*

rallentando e diminuendo *L.H. pp* *L.H. ppp*

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