

VILIA

from Act 2 of the operetta *The Merry Widow*

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Allegretto ♩ = 84

SOLO *mf*

Soprano

Alto

Tenor

Bass

Piano

p *sfz* *p* *mf pp*

6 *rit.* *a tempo* *rit.*

S Vi - lia, An elf of the wood, A hun - ter be-held her a - lone as she
smiled and no an - swer she gave, But beck - on'd him in - to the shade of the

12 **a tempo** **rit.** **a tempo** **rit.**

stood. The spell of her bea - ty up - on him was laid: He look'd and he
cave; He ne - ver had known such a rap - tu-rous bliss, No maid - en of

mp *p* *Ped.*

18 **molto rit.** **a tempo**

TUTTI
p

S long'd for the mag - i-cal ma - For a sud - den tre - mor ran Right thro' the love be - wil - der'd
mor - tals so sweet - ly car - kiss. As be - fore her feet he lay, She van - ish'd in the wood a -

A For a sud - den tre - mor ran. Right thro' the love be - wil - der'd
As be - fore her feet he lay, She van - ish'd in the wood a -

T For a sud - den tre - mor ran. Right
As be - fore her feet he lay, She

B For a sud - den tre - mor ran. Right
As be - fore her feet he lay, She

pp

rit.

molto rit.

Meno mosso [♩ = 52]

SOLO

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man - way And he sigh'd as a hap-less lo-ver can. Vi - lia, O Vi - lia! the
 And he call'd vain-ly till his dy-ing day!)

thro' the love be - wil-der'd man, he sigh'd as a hap-less lo-ver can.
 van-ish'd in the wood a - way, he call'd vain-ly till his dy-ing day!)

thro' the love be - wil-der'd man, he sigh'd as a hap-less lo-ver can.
 van-ish'd in the wood a - way, he call'd vain-ly till his dy-ing day!)

mf p // mp

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elf of the wood. Would I die for you, dear, if I could! Vi - lia, O Vi - lia, my love and my bride!"

ppp p

hm ppp p

hm ppp p

hm

p > ppp

rit. a tempo

TUTTI

41 *mp* Soft - ly and sad - ly he sigh'd *mf* Vi - lia, O Vi - lia! the elf of the wood, Would I not

pp ah *mf* Vi - lia, O Vi - lia! the elf of the wood, Would I not

pp ah *mf* Vi - lia, O Vi - lia! the elf of the wood, Would I not

pp ah *mf* Vi - lia, O Vi - lia! the elf of the wood, Would I not

p *mf*

50 *p* die for you, dear, if I could! *ppp* Vi - lia, O Vi - lia, my love and my bride!" *mf*

die for you, dear, I could! *ppp* Vi - lia, O Vi - lia, my love and my bride!" *mf*

die for you, dear, if I could! *ppp* Vi - lia, O Vi - lia, my love and my bride!" *mf*

die for you, dear, if I could! *ppp* Vi - lia, O Vi - lia, my love and my bride!" *mf*

ppp

1. *pp* 2. *pp*

p Soft - ly and sad - ly he sigh'd. sigh'd. Sad - ly he

p Soft - ly and sad - ly he sigh'd. sigh'd. For

p Soft - ly and sad - ly he sigh'd. sigh'd. For

p div. *pp* unis.

Soft - ly and sad - ly he sigh'd. sigh'd. For

pp

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f *pp*

sigh'd, **SOLO** he a.

GLI ALTRI love he died.

love he died.

love he died.

love he died.

f *pp*

f *pp*

f *pp*

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