

# VILIA

from Act 2 of the operetta *The Merry Widow*

**Franz Lehár (1870 - 1948)**

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English words by Adrian Ross (1859 - 1933)

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**Allegretto** ♩ = 84

**SOLO** *mf*

Soprano 1

Soprano 2

Alto

Piano

*p* *sfz* *p* *mf* *pp*

1 There was a  
The wo - maid-en

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

S1

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 beauty up-on him was laid: He look'd and he  
cave; He never had known such a rapturous bliss, No maiden of

*mp* *p* *ped.*

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

long'd for the maiden. For a sudden tremor ran Right thro' the love be-wilder'd  
mor-tals so sweet. As be-fore her feet he lay, She van-ish'd in the wood a-

*p* *p div.* *pp*



24

rit. **mf** **p** **mp** **SOLO**

man And he sigh'd as a hap-less lo-ver can. Vi - lia, O Vi - lia! the  
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**mf** **p** **pp**

31

**mf** **mp** **p** **SOLO** **ALTRI**

Vi - lia, O Vi - lia, my love and my bride!"

elf of the wood. Would I die for you, dear, if I could! hm

hm **ppp** **p**

hm **ppp** **p**

hm **ppp** **p**

**p** **pp** **ppp**

rit. . . . . a tempo

TUTTI

41 *mp* Soft - ly and sad - ly he sigh'd *mf*

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

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*p* *mf*

50 *ppp* *mf*

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

*ppp* *mf*

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*ppp* *mf*

div. unis. die for you, dear, if I could! Vi - lia, O Vi - lia, my love and my bride!"

*ppp*



