

I - Their Lonely Betters

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Tempo: ♩ = 80

Dynamic: *mp*

Instrumentation: Soprano, Piano

Lyrics:

Soprano: "aah" "aah"

Piano: *mp* legato throughout

S: As I lis - tened from a beach chair in the shade

Pno. (measures 6-8):

S: to all the noi - ses that my gar - den made, it seemed to me on - ly pro - per that

Pno. (measures 9-11):

12

S

words should be with-held from veg-eta-bles and birds.

Pno.

15

S

"aah" "aah" A ro - bin with no Chris-tian name ran

Pno.

19

S

through the Ro - bin An - them which was all it knew, and

Pno.

22

S

rust - ling flow'rs for some third par - ty wai - ted to say which pairs, if a - ny, should get

Pno.

32

S

rhyme as - sumed re - spon - si - bi - li - ty for time.

Pno.

mf

36

S

mf

Pno.

40

S

Let them leave lan - guage to their lone - ly bet - ters who count some days and long for

Pno.

mp

43

S

cer-tain let - ters; We, too, make noi-ses when we laugh or weep,

Pno.

47

S

p

words are for those with pro-mi - ses to keep.

Pno.

pp

52

S

Pno.