

Slow Learning

SATB unaccompanied

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With pathos ♩ = 62

Soprano
*Ah, Ah, Ah

Alto
*Ah, Ah, Ah

Tenor
*Ah, Ah

Baritone

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S
Ah, Ah

A
Ah, Ah

T
Ah, Ah

B

*Keep the vowel dark, in between "Ah" and "Aw".

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S Ah, _____ Ah, _____

A Ah, _____ Ah, _____

T Ah, _____ Ah, _____

B *Solo mf* If you have e-ver owned _____ a tor-toise, You _____ al-rea-dy know _____

poco

9

S Ah, _____ Ah, _____

A Ah, _____ Ah, _____

T Ah, _____ Ah, _____

B _____ how ter-rib-ly dif-fi-cult pa-per train-ing _____ can be _____ for some pets.

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S Ah, _____ Ah, _____

A Ah, _____ Ah, _____

T *Solo mf* E-ven if you get so far _____ as to in-still _____ in your tor-toise the

B *Tutti mp* Ah, _____ Ah, _____

Slower mp ♩ = 56

poco rit.

15

S Ah, _____ Ah, _____

A Ah, _____ Ah, _____

T val - ue of a-chiev - ing the pa - per, there re-mains one ob - sta - cle

B Ah, _____ Ah, _____

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S Ah, _____

A Ah, _____

T your tor - toi - se's in - trin - sic sloth.

B Ah, _____

mp *p*

$\text{♩} = 52$

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Still slower $\text{♩} = 52$

S Oo, _____ Oo, _____

A *Solo mp* *Tutti pp* E - ven a well-in-ten-tioned tor-toise may find him-self in his jour-neys to be

T Oo, _____ Oo, _____

B *pp* Oo, _____ Oo, _____

22 *p.* *Solo mp*

S Oo, Fail - ing, your

A *mf* *Tutti p*
pain - ful - ly far from the mark. Oh,

T *p*
Oo, Oh,

B *p*
Oo, Oh,

24 *p* *pp* *ppp*

S tor - toise may shy a - way for weeks with - in his shell, ut - ter - ly a - shamed, or

A *pp* *ppp*
Oh, Oh,

T *pp* *ppp*
Oh, Oh,

B (unis.) *pp* *ppp*
Oh, Oh,

26 *mp* *rit.* *poco* ♩ = 66

S look - ing up with ti - ny wet eyes might of - fer an ho - nest shrug.

A *p* *poco*
Oh,

T *p* *poco*
Oh,

B *p* *poco*
Oh,

28 *Gently* ♩ = 66

S

A

T

B

For - - - -

For - give him, for - give - - - - him, - - - - for - give - - - - him,

32

S

A

T

B

give him, for - give - - - - him, - - - - for - give - - - - him, for -

for - - - - give - - - - him, for - - - - give - - - - him, for - - - - - - - -

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S

A

T

B

give, for - give - - - - him, for - give - - - - him, for - - - - give - - - -

give him, for - - - - - - - - give - - - - him, for - - - - give - - - - him, for -

For - - - - - - - - give him, for - give - - - - - - - - him, - - - -

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S
A
T
B

him, for - give, — for - give, — for - give, for - give, — for-give, for give,
give, for - - - give, — for - give, for - - - give, —
For - give, — for-give, — for - give, — for - give, —

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S
A
T
B

For - - - give him, for -
for - - - give — him, for - - - give — him, for - give —
— for-give, — for-give - - - him, for - give, — him for -
— for - give — him, — for - give — him, for - - - give — him,

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S
A
T
B

give — him, — for - - - give, — for - give, for - give, —
— him, for - give — him, — for - give, — for - give, — for - give, —
give him, — for - give, —
for - give - him, for - give, — for - give, for - give, for - give for -