

Slow Learning

SATB unaccompanied

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With pathos ♩ = 62
rit.

Soprano
*Ah, _____ Ah, _____ Ah, _____

Alto
*Ah, _____ Ah, _____ Ah, _____

Tenor
* Ah, _____ Ah, _____

Baritone

p *<mf* *mp*

4

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.

12

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, _____

poco rit.

Slower ♩ = 56

15

S Ah, _____ Ah, _____

A Ah, _____ Ah, _____

T 8 val - ue of a-chiev - ing the pa - per, there re-mains one ob - sta - cle

B Ah, _____ Ah, _____

17

S Ah, _____

A Ah, _____

T 8 your tor - toi - se's in - trin - sic sloth. _____

B Ah, _____

mp *p*

$\text{♩} = 52$

20

Still slower $\text{♩} = 52$

S *pp* 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 8 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* *4*

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

p

For - - - -

p

8 For - give him, for - give _____ him, _____ for - give - him,

32

S

A

T

B

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

8 for - give - him, for - give _____ him, for - - - -

35

S

A

T

B

mp

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

mp

8 give him, for - - - give _____ him, for - give _____ him, for -

mp

For - - - - - give him, for - give _____ him.

38

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, -

41

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,

44

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 -