

A Hamburger and an Order of Flies

(a Cantata d' Swata for Flies, Choir, Narrator, and Itching Soloist)

Two Equal Voices (ACV) and Piano*

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Slowly, with expression



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rubato mf

50's Fly Ballade Tempo ♩ = 72-76 (♩ = ♩)

Part I *mf*

Oo _____ Oo Oo Oo

Part II *mf*

Oo _____ Oo Oo Oo

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Duration: approx. 3:10

*Also available for Three-part Mixed (15/1259 H).

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I *mf* 5

1. We stopped at the drive-through for a bur - ger last Sat - ur-day night.
2. When school start - ed Mon - day, — I took books and my sack-ful of flies.

II *mf*

1. We stopped at the drive-through for a bur - ger last Sat - ur-day night.
2. When school start - ed Mon - day, — I took books and my sack-ful of flies.

I

I picked up my or - der, — I could tell some-thing was - n't just right. "Ex -
I walked in - to cho - ir, — and my teach - er ex - claimed with sur - prise: "In

II

I picked up my or - der, — I could tell some-thing was - n't just right. "Ex -
I walked in - to cho - ir, — and my teach - er ex - claimed with sur - prise: "In



I
cuse me," said A-lice, my cous - in, — "but that sack with your bur-ger is
class you must nev-er have snacks, now. — So, let's see what you have in that

II
cuse me," said A-lice, my cous - in, —
class you must nev-er have snacks, now. —

I
buzz - in'!" — They gave me a ham-bur-ger, — ham-bur-ger, —
sack, now!" — I gave her my (him)

II
Oh, ba - by, ham-bur-ger, — ham-bur-ger, —
Oh, ba - by,

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I
ham-bur-ger, — and an or-der of flies! Zz Zz Zz Zz Zz Zz

II
— ham-bur-ger, Zzz! Zz Zz Zz Zz Zz Zz

**poco pestissimo*

*While choir buzzes like flies, a few singers swat.
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(p. 4, m. 5)

I
Zz, Zz Zz Zz Zz Zz, Zz, Zz Zz Zz Zz Zz

II
Zz, Zz Zz Zz Zz Zz, Zz, Zz Zz Zz Zz Zz

(p. 4, m. 5)

Freely, with expression
Narrator: (holding big, green book)

f 18 *arioso buzzamosso*

I
Zz. (Spoken): All at once from the sack came this hor-ri-ble buz-zin! We

II
Zz. Parts I and II *f*

18 *f* *arioso buzzamosso*

caccia de fly f *arioso buzzamosso*

I
trem-bled as flies flut-tered out by the doz-en! They soared to the win-dow as

II
Zzz, Zzz,



**(Itching soloist itches and twitches)*

presto pesto

I if they would leave. Then they roared back a-gain right up Ir - ma Jean's sleeve! When I (Jim-my Bob's)

II *mp gliss. f*

Zzz!

presto pesto

(Narrator opens big, green book)

I o - pened my mu - sic book, flies start - ed div - ing, then land - ed po - lite - ly on

II *gliss. mp mf*

Zzz, Zzz.

I *sub. p* 24 page twen - ty five - ing. As soft - ly they buzzed, I stood per - fect - ly still - a, Then

II *sub. p*

Zzz, 24

sub. p

*Find one singer who's just itching for a solo. The itching soloist itches and twitches as if a dozen flies flew up his/her sleeve. Soloist vocally ad libs on a "wool" syllable.
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Slowly
(Narrator peeks inside the book at the imaginary smushed flies, then makes a disgusting face.)

rall. *f* *fff* //

slammed the book shut with the strength of God-zil-la! (*slams book shut*)

rall. *gliss.* *f* //

Zzz!

rall. *f* **Slowly**
mf smorzando de fly

(Narrator places book on piano, then returns to choir.)

a tempo [28] *mf*

So, now I'm a he - ro, — since I

a tempo *mf*

So, now I'm a he - ro, — since I

a tempo *mf* [28]



I
 caught all those pes - ky flies. Friends ask how I did it, — I just

II
 caught all those pes - ky flies. Friends ask how I did it, — I just

I
 o-pen my book and re-ply: "Catch-ing flies with a book's not that trick - y, — but,

II
 o-pen my book and re-ply: "Catch-ing flies with a book's not that trick - y," —

I
 wow, do those pag - es get stick - y!" — Don't or - der a

II
 Oh, ba - by,

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(Narrator goes to piano, picks up big, green book; cautiously opens it, and is shocked to see the flies still alive!)

35

I ham-bur-ger, — ham-bur-ger, — *rall.* ham-bur-ger, —

II ham-bur-ger, — ham-bur-ger, — ham-bur-ger,

35

***Flydenza:**

I *ff* Zzzzz! and an or - der of flies! *f a tempo* Zz Zz Zz Zz, *rit.* Zz Zz Zz

II *ff* Zzzzz! and an or - der of flies! *f a tempo* Zz Zz Zz Zz, *rit.* Zz Zz Zz

Flydenza:

sempre pesky f a tempo *rit.*

Slowly, with dramatic fervor

I Zzz!

II Zzz!

Slowly, with dramatic fervor

(straight eighths) *ff*

*Entire choir buzzes and swats at the imaginary who have miraculously been revived. At the conductor's cut-off, choir *immediately* freezes with a dead pan expression.
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