

I Shall Wear Purple

Medium-High Voice with Piano

Performance time: c. 4:30

Text: "Warning" by Jenny Joseph

Music: Dale Jergenson

Con Moto ♩ = 72 (*poco rubato*)

The musical score is written for a voice and piano. It begins with a tempo marking of 'Con Moto' and a quarter note equal to 72 beats, with a 'poco rubato' instruction. The key signature has one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The piano accompaniment starts with a melody in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand, both featuring eighth-note patterns. The voice part enters at measure 5 with the lyrics: 'When I am an old wo-man I shall wear pur-ple'. The piano accompaniment continues with a steady eighth-note accompaniment. At measure 8, the tempo changes to 'poco rit.' and then 'a tempo'. The voice part continues with the lyrics: 'With a red hat which does-n't go, and does-n't suit me,'. The piano accompaniment follows the same rhythmic pattern.

mp

(pedal freely)

5

When I am an old wo-man I shall wear pur-ple

poco rit. *a tempo*

8

With a red hat which does-n't go, and does-n't suit me,

poco rit. *a tempo*

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11

And I shall spend my pen-sion on bran-dy and sum-mer

14

gloves And sa - tin san-dals, and say we've no mon - ey,

17

no mon - ey for but - ter. I shall sit down on the

20

poco rit. pave-ment when I'm tired And gob-ble up sam-ples in shops and press a-larm bells

slower-freely mp *tornando*

poco rit. *colla voce mp* *tornando*

23

a tempo

And run my stick a-long the pub-lic rail-ings _____ And make up for the so-bri-e - ty of my

26

youth. I shall go out in my slip-pers in the rain And pick the

29

mf

ritard

flow - ers _____ in oth-er people's gar-dens _____ And learn to

32

f ♩ = 144

spit.

36 *mp* *mf*

You can wear ter - ri - ble shirts and grow more

40 *mf*

fat And eat three pounds of sau - sa - ges

44 *legato*

at a go Or on - ly bread and pick - le for a week

48

And hoard pens and pen - cils and

52

beer - mats and things in box - es.

55

mf legato

But now we must have clothes that keep us

58

dry And pay our rent and not

61

swear in the street And set a good ex - am - ple

64

for the child - ren. We must have

67

friends to din - ner and read the

70

ritard pa - pers. $\text{♩} = 72$

ritard *mp*

73

mp But may - be I ought to prac - tise a lit - tle

76

now? So peo-ple who know me are not too

79

shocked and sur - prised When sud - den - ly

82

I am old and start

mp *poco a poco ritard*

85

to wear pur - ple.

(molto rit.)