

The Double Bass from *People of Note* (BBS Edition)

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Mournful (♩ = c. 54)

Bass

Double Bass

mp

The ones who have the saddest faces are those

who play the double basses. Though deep

in misery their cup they have to take it standing up. And

sawing on a clothes-line string they grunt and groan like

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an - y - thing.

(no dim.)

mf

The or - ches - tra's last - line de - fense They al - so see the au - di - ence

mf

Slightly Faster (♩ = c. 58)

accel. e cresc poco a poco al ♩ ...

And, spy - ing in the dis - tant off - ing, They spot

accel. e cresc poco a poco al ♩ ...

the man who does the coughing, The school girl in

ex - pec - tant dith - er, The wife who dragged her hus - band with her,

(♩ = c. 72) *f*

the Nov - ice grop - ing in a maze, The crit - ic

(♩ = c. 80) *ff* *mp* \oplus A Tempo (♩ = c. 54)

whittling out aphrase, And those who sleep,

cresc. molto *allarg.* *ff mp*

p

and those who snore. Which makes them

groan and grunt some more.

dim. al niente