

Epigraph for a Banned Book

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Merrily (♩. = 52)

Soprano *mf*
Dear read - er, _____ O

Alto *mf*
Dear read - er, _____ O

Tenor *mf*
Dear read - er, _____ O

Bass *mf*
Dear read - er, _____ O

Piano *mf*

7 *poco cresc.*
S lo - ver ___ of verse, cau - tious ___ and na - ive, _____

A *poco cresc.*
lo - ver ___ of verse, cau - tious ___ and na - ive, _____

T *poco cresc.*
lo - ver ___ of verse, cau - tious ___ and na - ive, _____

B *poco cresc.*
lo - ver ___ of verse, cau - tious ___ and na - ive, _____

Pno.

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Soloist interrupts, passionately:
 "Throw down this vile book, as
 depraved as it is degrading!"

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S *mf* Dear read - er, _____ un -

A *mf* Dear read - er, _____ un -

T *mf* Dear read - er, _____ un -

B *mf* Dear read - er, _____ un -

Pno. (start on the soloist's final syllable, as if to cut him off) *mf* Dear read - er, _____ un -

Soloist interrupts, comically:
 "He's a DEVIL
 of a teacher!"

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S less you went _____ to Sa-tan's own school, (singers glare, sigh feign exasperation) You

A less you went _____ to Sa-tan's own school, You

T less you went _____ to Sa-tan's own school, You

B less you went _____ to Sa-tan's own school, You

Pno. less you went _____ to Sa-tan's own school, You

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S will not un - der - stand. And think me one more
dull, no vibrato

A will not un - der - stand. And think me one more
dull, no vibrato

T will not un - der - stand. And think me one more
dull, no vibrato

B will not un - der - stand. And think me one more
dull, no vibrato

Pno.

Giggle, dance,
act silly, etc.

32 *ff* (cackling gliss) (spoken)
rav - - - ing fool.

A *ff* (cackling gliss) (spoken)
rav - - - ing fool.

T *ff* (cackling gliss) (spoken)
rav - - - ing fool.

B *ff* (cackling gliss) (spoken)
rav - - - ing fool.

Pno.

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Pno.

Silliness ends abruptly on ct. 2

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S

A

T

B

Pno.

But if your

But if your

But if your

But if your

But if your

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S
sto - ic eye can tol - er - ate, can tol - er - ate, can

A
sto - ic eye can tol - er - ate, can tol - er - ate, can

T
sto - ic eye can tol - er - ate, can tol - er - ate, can

B
sto - ic eye can tol - er - ate, can tol - er - ate, can

Pno.

51

S
tol - er - ate, can tol - er - ate, the dark a - - - by - - sss,

A
tol - er - ate, can tol - er - ate, the dark a - - - by - - sss,

T
tol - er - ate, can tol - er - ate, the dark a - - - by - - sss,

B
tol - er - ate, can tol - er - ate, the dark a - - - by - - sss,

Pno.

Spoken in deep, throaty register **rall.**

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a tempo

57 *f*

S Read on, _____ my friend! _____ You'll

A Read on, _____ my friend! _____ You'll

T Read on, read on, _____ my friend! _____ You'll

B Read on, read on, _____ my friend! _____ You'll

Pno. *p*

rit.

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S come to love, _____ love, love me. _____

A come to love, _____ love, love me. _____

T come _____ to love, love, _____ love me. _____

B come _____ to _____ love, love, _____ love me. _____

Soloist:
"And if not ..."

Soloist:
"... the hell
with you!"

71 *p* *f*

Pno.