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Song of Summer (medium voice and piano)

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Paul Laurence Dunbar (1872-1906)
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D'ain't no wuk hit's right to do, no-thin's right but dream-in'.

Dream-in' by de ri-vah-side wif de wa-tah's glist-nin',

feel-in' good an' sa-tis-fied, ez you lay a-list-nin'
...a-list' nin' to de little naked boys splashin' in de wat'ah,
hol-lerin' fu' to spress deir joys jes' lak young'sters ought to.
Squir'l a-tip-pin on his toes, so's to hide an' view you;
whole flocks o' camp-meet'in' crows shout-in' ha-le-lu-yah.
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Peck-a-wood _ e-pron_ de tree
tap-pin' like a ham - mah;

Jay-bird chat-tin' wif a bee
try-in' to teach him gram - mah.

Breeze is_ blow'n wif per - fume, jes' e-nough to tease you;
hol-ly-hocks is all in bloom, smel-lin' fu' to please you.

...tease you. Go 'way, folks an' let me 'lone, times is get-tin' dear- ah-

sum-mah's set-tin' on de th'one, an' I'm a-lay-in' neah huh!

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an' I'm a-lay-in' neah huh!

circa 4' 35"