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A Summer Night (medium voice or low voice and piano)

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Paul Laurence Dunbar (1872-1906)

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A sum-mah_ night, a sum - mah_

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night, a sum-mah night._

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Ri-vah whis'-pr'in" how-dy doo," ez it

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pass_ you by-- moon a-look'-in' down at you_, wink-in' on de sly._
Frogs a-croak' f'm de pon', sing-in' bass dey fill— an' you listen way be-yon'

ol' man whip-po'-will.

up, ho-ney, tek my han', mek yo' foot-steps light; some-p'm kin' o' hol's de lan'

on a sum-mah night. Some-p'n' dat you ne-vah sees an' you ne-vah hyeahs,
but you feels it in de breeze, some-p'n' nigh to teahs. A sum-mah-

night, a sum-mah__ night, a sum-mah__ night. A sum-mah

Some p'n' - nigh to teahs? dat's so; but hit's nigh to smiles.__

An' you feels it ez you go down de shi-nin'_ miles.
Tek my han', my lit-tle dove; hush an' come er-way—

sum-mah is de time fu' love, night-time_ beats de day._

A sum-mah_ night, a sum-mah_ night, a sum-mah_ night.

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A sum-mah night._

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circa 4'45"