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Paul Laurence Dunbar (1872-1906)

I been t'ink-in' 'bout de preach-ah; whut he said de oth-ah night, 'bout hit be-in' peo-ple's doo-ty, fu' to keep dey fa-ces bright; how one ought to live so plea-sant dat ou-ah tem-pah ne-ver riles, meet-in' ev-a-h bo-dy roun' us wid ou-ah

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very nic-est smiles. Philosophy! Philosophy...

Dat's all right, I ain't as-pu-tin' not a

t'ing dat soun's lak fac', but you don't ketch folks a-grin-nin' wid a

mis-ery in de back; an' you don't fin' dem a-smi-lin' w'en dey's
hongry ez kin be, least-ways, dat's how human natur' al-lus

seems to 'pear to me. Phil-o-so-phy! Phil-o-so-phy...

We is mos' all put-ty like-ly fu' to

have our lit-tle cares, an' I think we'se do-in' fus' rate w'en we
jes' go long and bears, wid-out break'in' ou-ah fa-ces in a

sick'ly so't of grin, w'en we knows dat in ou'ah innards we is

p'int ly mad ez sin. Phi-lo-so-phy... Phi-lo-so-phy...

ritardando a piacere

Oh dey's
times fu' be-in' pleasant an' fu' go-in' smilin' roun', 'cause I

don't believe in people al-lus to-tin' roun a frown, but it's

easy 'nough to tit-tter w'en de stew is smokin' hot, but hit's

might y ha'd to giggle w'en dey's nuf-fin' in de pot. Phi-
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lo - so - phy! Phar - so - phy...

Oh, phi - lo - so - phy...

ritardando a piacere

lo - so - phy... Phi - lo - so - phy...