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The Fly and the Humble Bee

**H. Walford Davies
(1869-1941)**

The Fly and the Humble Bee

H. Walford Davies

Presto ♩ = 160

f

S
Fid - dle de dee, fid - dle de dee The fly has mar - ried the hum - ble bee.

A
Fid - dle de dee, fid - dle de dee The fly has mar - ried the hum - ble bee.

T
Fid - dle de dee, fid - dle de dee The fly has mar - ried the hum - ble bee.

B
Fid - dle de dee, fid - dle de dee The fly has mar - ried the hum - ble bee.

Piano

f

Presto ♩ = 160

S
Fid - dle de dee, fid - dle de dee The fly has mar - ried the hum - ble bee. Says the *mf*

A
Fid - dle de dee, fid - dle de dee The fly has mar - ried the hum - ble bee.

T
Fid - dle de dee, fid - dle de dee The fly has mar - ried the hum - ble bee.

B
Fid - dle de dee, fid - dle de dee The fly has mar - ried the hum - ble bee.

Pno.

pp

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S fly, says he, "will you mar - ry me, And

A *pp* mar - ry me,

T *pp* mar - ry me,

B *pp* mar - ry me,

Pno. *mf* *L. H.* *(con pedale)*

7

S live with me, sweet hum - ble bee?"

A live with me,

T live with me,

B live with me,

Pno. *pp* *L. H.*

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S
Fid - dle de dee, fid - dle de dee The fly has mar - ried the hum - ble bee.

A
Fid - dle de dee, fid - dle de dee The fly has mar - ried the hum - ble bee.

T
Fid - dle de dee, fid - dle de dee The fly has mar - ried the hum - ble bee.

B
Fid - dle de dee, fid - dle de dee The fly has mar - ried the hum - ble bee.

Pno.
f

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S
pp Fid - dle de dee, fid - dle de dee The fly has mar - ried the hum - ble bee.

A
pp Fid - dle de dee, fid - dle de dee The fly has mar - ried the hum - ble bee. *mf* Says the

T
pp Fid - dle de dee, fid - dle de dee The fly has mar - ried the hum - ble bee.

B
pp Fid - dle de dee, fid - dle de dee The fly has mar - ried the hum - ble bee.

Pno.
pp

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S *pp* you'll nev - er

A bee, says she, "I'll live un - der your wing, — And you'll

T *pp* you'll nev - er

B *pp* you'll nev - er

Pno. *mf*

15

S know I sting."

A nev - er, nev - er know that I car - ry a sting."

T know I sting."

B know I sting."

Pno. *pp*

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17 *f*

S
Fid - dle de dee, fid - dle de dee The fly has mar - ried the hum - ble bee.

A
Fid - dle de dee, fid - dle de dee The fly has mar - ried the hum - ble bee.

T
Fid - dle de dee, fid - dle de dee The fly has mar - ried the hum - ble bee.

B
Fid - dle de dee, fid - dle de dee The fly has mar - ried the hum - ble bee.

Pno. *f*

19 *pp*

S
Fid - dle de dee, fid - dle de dee The fly has mar - ried the hum - ble bee. So *f*

A
Fid - dle de dee, fid - dle de dee The fly has mar - ried the hum - ble bee.

T
Fid - dle de dee, fid - dle de dee The fly has mar - ried the hum - ble bee. So *f*

B
Fid - dle de dee, fid - dle de dee The fly has mar - ried the hum - ble bee.

Pno. *pp*

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S when the par - son had joined the pair, They

A

T when the par - son had joined the pair, They

B

Pno. *f*

23

S both went out to take the air. *dim. e rit.*

A

T both went out to take the air. *dim. e rit.*

B

Pno. *dim. e rit.*

The Fly and the Humble Bee

a tempo

S
Fid - dle de dee, fid - dle de dee The fly has mar - ried the hum - ble bee.

A
Fid - dle de dee, fid - dle de dee The fly has mar - ried the hum - ble bee.

T
Fid - dle de dee, fid - dle de dee The fly has mar - ried the hum - ble bee.

B
Fid - dle de dee, fid - dle de dee The fly has mar - ried the hum - ble bee.

Pno.

pp

S
Fid - dle de dee, fid - dle de dee The fly has mar - ried the hum - ble bee.

A
Fid - dle de dee, fid - dle de dee The fly has mar - ried the hum - ble bee.

T
Fid - dle de dee, fid - dle de dee The fly has mar - ried the hum - ble bee.

B
Fid - dle de dee, fid - dle de dee The fly has mar - ried the hum - ble bee. And

Pno.

pp

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29 *col basso*

S

A *col basso ppp*
The hum - ble bee.

T *col basso ppp*
The hum - ble bee.

B *dim. a piacere ppp*
then to think that of all the flies, The hum - ble bee should take the prize.

Pno. *pp* *ppp*

33 *a tempo*

S

A *p* *cresc.* *3*
Fid - dle de dee, fid - dle de dee, fid - dle de dee, fid - dle de dee,

T *p* *cresc.* *3*
Fid - dle de dee, fid - dle de dee, fid - dle de dee, fid - dle de dee,

B *p* *cresc.*
Fid, _____

33 *a tempo*

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35 *ff*

S
Fid - dle de dee, fid - dle de dee The fly has mar - ried the hum - ble bee.

A
Fid - dle de dee, fid - dle de dee The fly has mar - ried the hum - ble bee.

T
Fid - dle de dee, fid - dle de dee The fly has mar - ried the hum - ble bee.

B
Fid - dle de, fid - dle de, fid - dle de, fid - dle de, fid - dle de, fid - dle de, fid - dle de, fid - dle de.

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f

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S
Fid - dle de dee, fid - dle de dee The fly has mar - ried the hum - ble bee.

A
Fid - dle de dee, fid - dle de dee The fly has mar - ried the hum - ble bee.

T
Fid - dle de dee, fid - dle de dee The fly has mar - ried the hum - ble bee.

B
Fid - dle de, fid - dle de, fid - dle de, fid - dle de, fid - dle de, fid - dle de, fid - dle de, fid - dle de.

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S
Fid - dle de, fid - dle de, fid - dle de, fid - dle de, fid - dle de, fid - dle de, fid - dle de dee.

A
Fid - dle de, fid - dle de, fid - dle de, fid - dle de, fid - dle de, fid - dle de, fid - dle de dee.

T
Fid - dle de, fid - dle de, fid - dle de, fid - dle de, fid - dle de, fid - dle de, fid - dle de dee.

B
Fid - dle de, fid - dle de, fid - dle de, fid - dle de, fid - dle de, fid - dle de, fid - dle de dee.

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S
ppp
Hum - - - - - ble bee.

A
ppp
Hum - - - - - ble bee.

T
ppp
Hum - - - - - ble bee.

B
ppp
Hum - - - - - ble bee.

Pno.

ppp

Sir Henry Walford Davies (1869-1941) was born in Oswestry on the England-Wales border. As a child, he learned to play many instruments in an informal band with his brothers, cousins and friends. He became a chorister at St. George's Chapel, Windsor; then entered the Royal College of Music, studying under Parry and Stanford. He taught at the Royal College of Music, Aberystwyth University, and Gresham College, with Leopold Stokowski among his notable students. He served as organist at numerous churches including St Anne's Church, Soho; Christ Church, Hampstead; and Temple Church. He became the first director of music to the Royal Air Force and organist at St. George's Chapel, Windsor. He was a well-known and popular radio personality through his broadcasts on classical music and held the title Master of the King's Musick from 1934 until his death.

Fiddle de dee, fiddle de dee
The fly has married the humble bee.

Says the fly, says he, "will you marry me,
And live with me, sweet humble bee?"

Says the bee, says she, "I'll live under your wing,
And you'll never, never know that I carry a sting."

So when the parson had joined the pair,
They both went out to take the air.

And then to think that of all the flies,
The humble bee should take the prize.

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