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# Honeybees

from "A Joyful Noise"



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Speaker: You might think that being a bee is all honey... and flowers... and open meadows...

**Bee-autifully** ♩ = 116-120

Piano

...but really... it depends on who you are in the hive. (PAUSE) And some of us... have it better than others...

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11 *mf*

S Be - ing a bee is a joy

A Be - ing a bee is a

*mp* *mf*

15 rit. l'm

S

A

*mf*

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18 a tempo

S a queen

A l'm a wor - ker

a tempo

22

S I'll glad - ly ex - plain

A I'll glad - ly ex - plain

25

S be - ing a bee.

A be - ing a bee.

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S Up - on ri - sing I'm

A

32

S fed by my roy - al at - ten - dants

A

I'm

35

S

A up at dawn guard - ing the hive's nar - row en - trance

I'm

Then I take out the hive's mor - ning

39

S I'm bathed

A

I'm

Then I take out the hive's mor - ning

43

S I'm groomed

A trash Then I put in my time mak - ing

47

S The rest of my day is quite sim - ply set

A

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S forth

A Then I might col - lect nec - tar from the field three miles

55

S I'm loved and I'm lau - ded, I'm

A north,

59

S out - ranked by none

A I rack combs with pol - len, not my

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S I've laid e - nough eggs,

A i - dea of fun! Then

67

S

And so I re - tire,

© protection

71

S

A

cracks in the hive, Dread - ing the sight of a -

75

S

A

*poco a poco cresc.*

noth - er sun - rise, Won - der - ing why we don't all un - ion -

*poco a poco cresc.*

1356-9

a tempo

80

S

rit. rit.

A

ize.

rit. rit.

84

a tempo

*mf*

S

Tru - ly, a bee's is the best.

A

Tru - ly, a bee's is the

a tempo

*mf*



89

S  
best, best, it's the best

A  
worst, worst, it's the worst

95

S  
of all lives!

A  
of all lives!

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