

Ruby-Throated Moment

for Wendy Humphreys, Rae Crossman, and the Wolves

Rae Crossman

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very freely in all aspects, always taking into account the acoustic environment

unmeasured, ♩ = approx. 112

f *p* *p, cresc*

If on - - ly on - ly for one on - ly for one ru - - by

mp *p* *p, cresc.*

if on - ly for one ru - - - - - by ah —, ah —, if on - ly for one

mf *mp* *mf*

ru - - - - - by - throat - - - ted mom - - ent — your

tumbling forwards (to approx. ♩ = 132) *holding back* (♩ = 100) *a tempo* (♩ = 112) *but very freely*

piu f, poco decresc. *mp*

life could hov - er, ah —, ah —, life could hov - er, ah —, ah —, ah —

p *mf* *piu f* *mf*

—, ah —, ah —, ah —, ah —, ah —

mf *p* *tr (D)*

ah —, ah —, ah —, ah —, ah —

*Throughout this piece accidentals apply to the entire bar. However, reminder accidentals are used frequently.

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f *mf* *slower p*

ah____, If on - ly for one ru - by - throat - ed mom - ent ah____, ah____,

a tempo p mp mf f

if on - ly for one ru - by - throat - ed mom - ent your life could hov - er, could hov - er

(take time) piu f measured sub. p mp

rap - id, ra - di - ant, - rare_____, you would nev - er, nev - er let the

mf mp

quiv - er out of your blood - - - stream_____, seek al - ways the nec - tar you sensed was

unmeasured mf p mf

there__ if on - ly ah____, ah____, if on - ly for one ru - - - by -

p mf

throat - - - ed mo - - ment, ah, ah_____, ah_____, ah_____,

piu f p f

ah____, ah_____, ah____ ah____ ah ah ah____,

mf mp piu f f

ah, ah____, ah____, ah____, ah____, ah____, ah____, your heart could beat

mf *f*

ah, ah_____, ah_____, your heart could beat, a hun - dred thrill - ing times,

sub. *p* *f*

ah_____, a hun - dred thrill - ing times_____, a hun - dred ex - cla - ma - tions_____,

f (not triplet) *piu f*

a hun - dred ex - cla - ma - tions a hun - dred prayers_____

ff *mf* *p* *measured mp*

_____, you would nev - er, nev - er let the quiv - er out of your

mf *mp* *unmeasured p* *slower and very freely mf*

blood - - - stream_____ ah_____, if on - - - ly_____

piu f *mf* *f*

_____ you could drink from the chal - ice_____ of_____ the sun_____.