

FOUR POEMS OF JOHN CLARE

STEPHEN DODGSON

1. Trotty Wagtail

Scherzando $q = 120$

Voice

Guitar

5 *mp*

Lit - tle Trot - ty, Trot - ty Wag - tail, he went in the rain _____

Guit. *sf*

9

and tit - ter - ring, tot - ter - ring side -

Guit. *meno f*

12

ways he ne'er - got straight, got straight a - gain _____

Guit. *sf*

The musical score is written for voice and guitar in 4/4 time. The tempo is Scherzando with a quarter note equal to 120 beats per minute. The key signature has one sharp (F#). The score is divided into four systems. The first system shows the beginning of the piece with a guitar introduction. The second system starts at measure 5 with the lyrics 'Lit - tle Trot - ty, Trot - ty Wag - tail, he went in the rain'. The third system starts at measure 9 with the lyrics 'and tit - ter - ring, tot - ter - ring side -'. The fourth system starts at measure 12 with the lyrics 'ways he ne'er - got straight, got straight a - gain'. Performance markings include *f*, *mp*, *sf*, and *meno f*. A large diagonal watermark 'Preview File Only' is overlaid on the score.

15 *p : più legato*

Voice: He stoop'd to get a worm, and look'd

Guit. *p*

19 *p crescendo*

Voice: up to get a fly and

Guit. *p crescendo* *f dimin.* *p*

22

Voice: then he flew a - way be - fore his fea - thers. they were dry

Guit. *leggiere* *f subito*

25

Voice: [Silence]

Guit. *ff marcatisimo*

28

Voice: Lit - tle Trot - ty Trot - ty Wag - tail he wadd - led, wadd - led

Guit. *sf* *sf* *fp*

31

Voice

in the mud he left his lit - tle foot - marks tram - ple

Guit.

crescendo poco a poco

35

Voice

where he would, he wadd - led in the wa - ter -

Guit.

crescendo

f

37

Voice

pudge and wag - gle went his tail

Guit.

p *f*

39

Voice

and chir - rupt, chir - rupt, chir - rupt, chir - rupt, chir - rupt up his wings to dry up -

Guit.

fp *fp* *poco sfz*

42

Voice

on the gar - den rail

Guit.

p crescendo

ff marcatisimo

45

Voice

piu dolce : piu legato

Lit - tle Trot - ty, Trot - ty Wag - tail_ you nim - ble

Guit.

p subito

v

49

Voice

all a - bout and in the dimp - ling wat - er - pudge_ you wad - dle

Guit.

mp

pp crescendo

53

Voice

in and out, you wad - dle in and out, Your home is

Guit.

poco f

legato : sonore