

THE SKY ABOVE THE ROOF

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from the French of Paul Verlaine

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Lento

Voice

p

The sky a - bove the

Piano

p

roof is calm and sweet: A tree a - bove the roof Bends

— in the heat. A

bell from out the blue Drow - si - ly rings: A

pp

bird from out the blue Plain - tive - ly sings.

mf *pù lento*

Ah God! a life is here, Sim - ple and fair,

mf

Mur - murs of strife are here Lost in the air.

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mf
Why dost thou weep, O

p *mf*

heart, Poured out in tears? What hast thou

f *pp*
done, O heart, With thy spent years?

f *colla voce* *pp*

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Piu lento
pp *ppp*

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