

Mr Bleaney

Philip Larkin

Philip Thicknes

Andante ♩ = 100 *mf (con accento regionale.....)*

Soprano

'This was Mis-ter Blea-ney's room. He stayed The

Andante ♩ = 100

Piano

mf *mp*

5

S. whole time he was at the Bo-dies till They moved him.'

Pno.

9

S. Flow-ered cur-tains, thin and frayed, Fall to with-in five in-ches of the sill, Whose

Pno.

13

S. win-dow shows a strip of buil-ding land, Tus-sock-y, lit-tered.

Pno.

17 (*con accento regionale.....*)

S. 'Mis-ter Blea-ney took My bit of gar-den pro-per-ly in hand.'

Pno. *mf*

21 *mp*

S. Bed, up-right chair, six-ty watt bulb, no hook be-hind the door,

Pno. *p*

26 *rit.*

S. no room for books or bags - 'I'll take it.'

Pno. *rit.* *mf*

30 *mf*

S. So it hap-pens that I lie — Where Mis - ter Blea-ney lay, and stub my

Pno. *mp*

34

S. fags On the same sau-cer sou-ve-nir, and try Stuf-fing my ears with cot-ton

Pno.

38

S. wool, to drown The jab-ber-ing set he egged her on to buy.

Pno.

41

S. I know his ha-bits, what time he came down, His

Pno. *mf* *mp*

4

45

S.

Pno.

48

S.

Pno.

52

S.

Pno.

55

S.

Pno.

59

S. 5
 watched the fri - gid wind Tous-ling the clouds,

Pno.

63

S.
 lay on the fus - ty bed

Pno.

67

S.
 Tel-ling him-self that this was home, and grinned, And shiv-er'd, wit-hout

Pno.

72

S.
 sha-king off the dread That how we live mea-sures our own nat - ure,

Pno.

6 78

S.

Pno.

And at his age hav - ing no more to show Than

83 ♩ = ♩ = 92

S.

Pno.

one hired box should make him pret - ty sure He war - rant - ed no

88 *poco rit.*

S.

Pno.

bet - ter, I don't know.

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approx 3 minutes.