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Alley Cat Love Song

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Straight ♩ = 76-80

Piano *p* *rubato, setting a sultry evening mood*

5 **Down and dirty swing** ♩ = 92 All Voices *mf*
Come

9 in - to the gar - den, Fred, — come in - to the gar - den, — Fred,

13 For the neigh - bor - hood tab - by is gone, come

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in - to the gar - den, Fred. —

S I have

A I have

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noth - ing — but my flea col - lar on, — And the

noth - ing — but my flea col - lar on, — And the

scent of cat - nip has gone to my head, I'll

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25

wait by the screen door till dawn, come in - to the gar - den,

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rit.

Fred.

rit.

Fred.

rit. dim.

Straight ♩'s
rubato and very sweetly ***p*** [32] $\text{♩} = 80$
legato

The fire - flies court in the sweet - gum tree.

p *legato*

The fire - flies court in the sweet - gum tree.

Straight ♩'s
rubato and very sweetly $\text{♩} = 80$
legato ***p***

The night - jar calls from the

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moving back into swing
accel. [38] ***f***

pine, And she seems to say in her rhap - so - dy, "Oh,

mf *accel.* ***f***

pine, And she seems to say in her rhap - so - dy, "Oh,

moving back into swing
accel. ***f***

$\text{♩} = 92$

mus - tard - brown Fred, be mine!" _____ The

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$\text{♩} = 92$

42

full moon___lights my whisk - ers a - fire, _____ And the

full moon___lights my whisk - ers a - fire, _____ And the

ff

46

fur goes_ e - rect on___ my spine. The cat-nip has gone to my

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f

head, come in - to the gar - den, Fred.

rit. Straight ♩'s even more rubato and very sweetly *p*

rit. *p*

mp rit. *dim.*

53 ♩ = 80 *legato*

hear the frogs in the mud - dy lake

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♩ = 80 *p legato*

Croak - ing from shore to shore. They've

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mf

mf

one swift sea-son to soothe their ache. In au-tumn they sing no

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molto rit.

molto rit.

molto rit.

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p *lunga*

p *more.* *lunga*

p *more.* *lunga*

slow roll

Swing ♩ = 92

"toy piano-ish"

and now honky-tonk

sub. sf

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hear my meow As I scratch, scratch, scratch, at the door..

hear my meow As I scratch, scratch, scratch, at the door..

The cat-nip has gone to my head, come

The cat-nip has gone to my head, come

