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Quite Regularly Gay

"A sound, a whole sound is not separation, a whole sound is in an order."
- Gertrude Stein

Gertrude Stein (1874-1946)

Joan Szymko (b.1957)

In strict time ♩=78
leggiero, but with buoyant vitality

S

mf They were re-gu-lar-ly gay. They were gay ev-ery day. They end-ed ev-ery day in the

Piano

In strict time ♩=78

mp

5

same way, at the same time, and they had been ev-ery day re-gu-lar-ly gay. They were

simile

mp

N.B.

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8 **A** *simile*

S re-gu-lar-ly gay. They were gay ev ery day. They end-ed ev-ery day in the same way, at the same time,

A *legato e sost mf*
To be re - gu - lar - ly gay was to

T *mp*
in the same way at the same time,

B *legato e sost mf*
To be re - gu - lar - ly gay was to

8 **A**

12

S1 *div.*
and they had been ev-ery day re-gu-lar-ly gay. They were re-gu-lar - ly gay. They were gay ev - ery

S2 *mp*
and they had been ev-ery day re-gu-lar-ly gay. They were re-gu-lar - ly gay. They were

A
do ev-ery day the gay thing that they did ev - ery

T *mp*
re-gu-lar-ly gay. They were re - gu-lar - ly

B
do ev-ery day the gay thing that they did ev - ery

12

S1 day. They end-ed ev-ery day in the same way, at the same time, and they had

S2 gay ev-ery day. They end-ed ev-ery day in the same way, at the same time, a

A day. To be re-gu-lar-ly gay was to end every day at the

T gay. in the same way, at the same time, and

B day. To be re-gu-lar-ly gay was to end ev-ery day at the

17

cresc.

mf

21

mf been ev-ery day re-regularly They were

mp dolce e legato

they had been ev-ery day re-gu-lar-ly re-gu-lar-ly gay. They were

f same time af-ter they had been re-gu-lar-ly gay. They were

mf they had been ev-ery day re-gu-lar-ly gay. Tenor / Bass tacet until M29

f same time af-ter they had been re-gu-lar-ly gay.

21

f

mf

25 **B**

S re-gu lar in be - ing gay, they learned lit-tle things that are

A re-gu lar in be - ing gay, they learned lit-tle things that are

25 **B** *leggiero*

mp *mf*

28 *mp* *mf*

S things in be - ing gay, they learned ma- lit- things that are things in be - ing

A things in be - ing gay, they learned ma- lit- things that are things in be - ing

28 *mf*

32 *f*, *p* **C** *mp* *mf*

S gay, they were ev - ery day, they were re-gu-lar, they were gay, they were gay the same

A gay, they were gay ev - ery day, they were re-gu-lar, they were gay, they were gay the same

T *p* *mp* *mf*

8 they were gay ev - ery day, they were re-gu-lar, they were gay, they were gay the same

B *mf*

they were gay, they were gay the same

32 **C** *f* *subp* *mp* *mf*

8va

38 *f* *formal, "proper"* *mf* *pp*

S1 length of time ev-ery day, re-gu-lar-ly gay.

S2 length of time ev-ery day, re-gu-lar-ly gay.

A length of time ev-ery day, they were quite re-gu-lar-ly They were

T length of time ev-ery day, they were quite re-gu-lar-ly gay.

B length of time ev-ery day, ar-ly gay.

38 *f* *mf*

42 **D** Solo *f* *with arcing legs*

Solo She came to us - ing ma - ny ways in be - ing

Sop tacet to M51

A re-gu-lar-ly ly. They were gay ev - ery day. They end-ed ev-ery day in the same way, at the

T *mp* They were re-gu-lar - ly gay. They were gay ev-ery day. They end-ed ev-ery day in the

B *mp* They were re-gu-lar - ly gay. They were gay ev - ery day. They end-ed ev-ery day in the same way,

42 **D** *mp*

46

Solo *cresc.*
 gay, she came to use ev - ery way in be - ing

A *mf*
 same time, and they had been ev - ery day re - gu - lar - ly gay. they were

T
 same way, at the same time, and they had been ev - ery re - gu - lar - ly

B
 at the same time, and they had been ev - ery day re - gu - lar - ly gay.

46

50 *f* **E**
 Solo gay. She went on liv - ing where

S *purposefully, with confidence* *f*
 She went on liv - ing where ma - ny were

A
 re - gu - lar - ly gay. They were gay ev - ery day. They end - ed ev - ery day in the same way, at the

T *mf*
 gay. They were re - gu - lar - ly gay. They were gay ev - ery day. They end - ed ev - ery day in the

B *mf*
 They were re - gu - lar - ly gay. They were gay ev - ery day. They end - ed ev - ery day in the same way,

50 **E**

Solo

ma - ny _____ were cul - ti - vat - ing some - thing, She went on liv - ing where

S

cul - ti - vat ing some - thing and she was gay She went on liv - ing where

A

same time, and they had been ev - ery day re - gu - lar - ly gay.

T

same way, at the same time, and they had been ev - ery day

B

54 at the same time, and they had been ev - ery day re - gu - lar - ly

ma - ny were cul - ti - vat - ing some - thing, cul - ti - vat - ing some thing She had *mf*

ma - ny were cul - ti - vat - ing some - thing and she was gay She had *mf*

They were re - gu - lar - ly gay. They were gay ev - ery day. They ended ev - ery day in the same way, at the *mp*

re - gu - lar - ly gay. They were re - gu - lar - ly gay. They were gay ev - ery day. They ended ev - ery day in the

gay. They were re - gu - lar - ly gay. They were gay ev - ery day. They ended ev - ery day in the same way,

57

61 **F** *mp* *mf* *f* end solo 9

Solo *mp* *mf* *f*

used ev-ery way to be gay she had used ev-ery way to be gay she had used ev-ery way to be gay.

S *mp* *mf* *f* *mp*

used ev-ery way to be gay she had used ev-ery way to be gay she had used ev-ery way to be gay. They were

A *p* *f*

same time, and they had been ev-ery day re-gu-lar-ly gay.

T *mp* *p* *f*

same way, at the same time, and they had been ev-ery day re gu ly ga

B *mp* *p* *f*

at the same time, and they had been ev-ery day re gu lar-ly.

61 **F**

65 **G**

S1 *mp*

re - gu-lar - ly gay. They were gay ev-ery day. They end-ed ev-ery day in the same way, at the

S2 *mp*

They were re - gu-lar - ly gay. They were gay ev - ery day. They end-ed ev ery day in the same way,

A *mp*

They were re-gu-lar - ly gay. They were gay ev - ery day. They end ed ev ery day in the same way,

T

They were re - gu - lar - ly gay. They were gay ev ery day. They end ed ev ery day in the same

B *mp*

They were re - gu - lar - ly gay. They were gay ev ery day. They end-ed ev-ery day in the

65 **G**

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S1 same time, and they had been ev-ery day re-gu-lar-ly gay. They were

S2 at the same time, and they had been ev-ery day re-gu-lar-ly gay.

A at the same time, and they had been ev-ery day re-gu-lar-ly gay.

T way, at the same time, and they had been ev-ery day re-gu-lar-ly gay.

B same way, at the same time, and they had been ev-ery day re-gu-lar-ly

69

re-gu-lar-ly gay. They were gay ev-ery day. They ended ev-ery day in the same way, at the

mf They were re-gu-lar-ly gay. They were gay ev-ery day. They ended ev-ery day in the same way,

mf They were re-gu-lar-ly gay. They were gay ev-ery day. They ended ev-ery day in the same way,

m They were re-gu-lar-ly gay. They were gay ev-ery day. They ended ev-ery day in the same way,

mf gay. They were re-gu-lar-ly gay. They were gay ev-ery day. They ended ev-ery day in the

73

same time, and they had been ev-ery day re-gu lar-ly gay. They were
cresc. at the same time, and they had been ev-ery day re-gu-lar-ly gay.
cresc. at the same time, and they had been ev-ery day re-gu-lar-ly gay.
cresc. way, at the same time, and they had been ev-ery day re-gu-lar-ly gay.—
 same way, at the same time, and they had been ev-ery day re-gu lar - ly

77

81 **H**
 re - gu-lar - ly gay. They were ev - ery day. They end-ed ev-ery day in the same way, at the
 They were re - gu - lar - ly gay. They were gay ev - ery day. They end-ed ev ery day in the same way,
mp They were re - gu-lar - ly gay. They were gay ev - ery day. They end ed ev ery day in the same way,
mp They were re - gu - lar - ly gay. They were gay ev ery day. They end ed ev ery day in the same
 gay. They were re - gu - lar - ly gay. They were gay ev-ery day. They end-ed ev ery day in the

81 **H**
mp

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same time, and they had been every day re - gu - lar - ly

at the same time, and they had been every day re - gu -

at the same time, and they had been every day

way, at the same time, and they had been every day

same way, at the same time, and they had been every

85

re - gu - lar - ly re - gu - lar - ly gay.

lar - ly re - gu - lar - ly gay.

re - gu - lar - ly gay.

re - gu - lar - ly gay.

re - gu - lar - ly gay,

day re - gu - lar - ly gay,

88

re - gu - lar - ly re - gu - lar - ly gay.

lar - ly re - gu - lar - ly gay.

re - gu - lar - ly gay.

re - gu - lar - ly gay.

re - gu - lar - ly gay,

day re - gu - lar - ly gay,

88

re - gu - lar - ly gay.

re - gu - lar - ly gay.

re - gu - lar - ly gay.

re - gu - lar - ly gay.

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