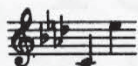


Be the best of whatever you are

Poem by
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Music by
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Allegro giocoso

Voice

Piano

mf

If you can't be a pine on the top of the hill, Be a

cresc.

scrub in the val-ley, but be ——— The best lit-tle scrub by the side of the

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rill; Be a bush if you can't be a tree. — If you can't be a bush be a

f

Red. * *Red.* * *Red.* *

bit of the grass, And some high-way hap-pi-er make; — If you can't be a

Red. *

musk - ie, then just be a bass, But the live - li - est bass in the lake! —

cresc.

Red. * *Red.* *

We

f *dim.* *mf*

Red. * *Red.* * *Red.* *

can't all be cap-tains, we've got to be crew, There's some-thing for

The first system of music features a vocal line in the upper staff and a piano accompaniment in the lower two staves. The vocal line consists of a series of eighth and quarter notes. The piano accompaniment includes chords and single notes, with some notes marked with a wavy line indicating a tremolo effect.

all of us here; ————— There's big work to do, and there's

The second system continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The vocal line has a long horizontal line under the word 'here;' followed by a new phrase. The piano accompaniment features a prominent bass line with a wavy line under the first measure and a 'Ped.' marking under the second measure. An asterisk is placed below the piano part in the third measure.

less-er to do, And the task we must do is the near. ————— If you

The third system concludes the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The vocal line includes the words 'less-er to do, And the task we must do is the near.' followed by a long horizontal line and the word 'If you'. The piano accompaniment includes a 'cresc.' marking above the vocal line and another 'cresc.' marking above the piano part. The system ends with a 'Ped.' marking and an asterisk below the piano part.

can't be a high-way then just be a trail, If you can't be the

f

sun, be a star; _____ It is - nt by size that you

Red. * *Red.* *

win or you fail, Be the best of what - ev - er you are. _____

ff rit.
rit.
ff
Red. * *Red.* * *Red.* *