

# The Penitent

*music by Gerald Ginsburg*  
*words by Edna St. Vincent Millay*

Not too fast, with humor (like a Salvation Army Lassie  
with her tabourine, but tongue in cheek)

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Voice

Piano

*deliberately* *simile*

*f*

Ped. Ped. Ped.

I had a lit-tle sor - row, —  
A - las for pi-ous plan ning It

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Voice

Pno.

Ped. Ped.

Born of a lit - tle Sin, I found a room all damp with gloom And  
mat - tered not a with! As far as gloom went in that room, The

6

Voice

Pno.

Ped.

shut us all with - in; shut  
lamp might have been lit! lit!

8

Voice

And, "Lit - tle sor - row, weep," said I, "And,  
My lit - tle sor - row would not weep, My

Pno.

Ped. sf Ped. Ped.

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Voice

Lit - tle Sin, pray God to die, And I up - on the floor will lie And  
lit - tle sin would go to sleep To save my soul I could not keep My

Pno.

Ped. Ped. Ped.

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Voice

think I bad, I've been!  
grace - less mind on

Pno.

1. sf

14 2.

Voice *it!*

Pno. *sf sf*

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Voice *So up I got in an-ger, And*

Pno. *f p* *Ped. Ped. Ped.*

19

Voice *took a book a had, And put a rib - bon in my hair to*

Pno. *simile* *Ped. Ped.*

21

Voice: please a pas - sing lad,

Ped.

*sf*

23

Voice: *thoughtfully*  
And, "One thing there's no get - ting by I've

Ped.

*rit.*

*slower freely*

25

Voice: been a wick - ed girl," said I; "But if I can't be sor - ry, why, I

Ped.

*8va*

*no ped.*

*gradually*

27

Voice

might as well be

Pno.

Ped.

*ff a tempo (joyfully)*

29

Voice

glad!"

Pno.

Ped.

8va-|

8vb-|

Ped.