

Samson et Dalila.

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«Printemps qui commence..»

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(Born 1835.)Andante. ($\bullet = 84$)

Prin-temps qui com-men-ce, Por-tant l'es-pé - ran - ce Aux coeurs a-mou-
The Spring, with her dow-er Of bird and of flow-er, Brings hope in her

dolce

reux,
train; Ton souf - fle qui pas - se, De la terre ef-
Her scent - la-den pin - ions From Love's wide do-

fa - ce Les jours malheu - reux. Tout brû - le en notre
min - ions Drive sor - row and pain. Our hearts leap in

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â - me Et ta dou - ce flam - - - me Vient sé - cher nos
glad-ness, For Spring's mys - tic mad - - - ness Thrills_ thro' all the

pleurs; Tu rends a la ter - re, Par un doux mys - tè - - - re,
earth; She spreads o'er the mead-ows Warm rays, cool-ing shad - - - ows,

cresc.

Les fruits et les fleurs. En vain je suis bel - le! Mon cœur plein d'a -
Joy and gen - tle mirth. In vain I a - dorn me With blos - soms and

Red.

mour, Pleu - rant l'in - fi - déle At - tend son re - tour! Vi -
charms, My false love doth scorn me And flees from my arms! But

cresc.

dolce

vant d'es-pé- ran-ce, Mon cœur dé - so - lé Gar - de sou - ve-
hope still ca - ress - es My des - o - late heart, Past de-light yet

nan-ce Du bon-heur pas - sé!
bless-es, Love will not de - part.

À la nuit tom-ban-te Ji - rai, tris - te a-
When night comes star - la - den, A sad, lone - ly

man - te, Masseoir au tor - rent, L'attendre en pleu - rant! Chas-
maid - en I'll sit by the stream, And, weep-ing, I'll dream. My

cresc.

sant ma tristes - se, Sil revient un jour, À lui ma ten - dres -
heart I'll sur - ren - der, Should he come to - day, And still be as ten -

poco cresc.

accel. dim. rit.

se Et la douce i - vres - se Qu'un brû - lant a - mour Garde à
der As when love's first splen - dor Made me rich and gay: So I'll

pp

rit.

Un poco più lento. (♩=72) dolce

son_ re - tour, wait him al - way!

Chassant ma tris - tes - se,
My heart I'll sur - ren - der,

espr.

S'il re - vient un jour, Should he come to - day, À lui ma ten -

And still be as

dres - se! À lui ma ten - dres - se Et la dou - ee i -
ten - der, and still be as ten - der As when love's first

vres - se
splen-dor Qu'un brû - lant_ a - mour Garde à son_ re -
 Made me rich_ and gay: So I'll 'wait him al -

Piu lento.

tour!
way!

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f.

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