

In the Bottoms

Prelude: Night

Robert Nathaniel Dett
(1882-1943)

$\text{♩} = 60$ **Più mosso**

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22 *8va*

Red.

cresc.

molto rit.

ben tenuto

Red. *

Robert Nathaniel Dett (1882-1943) was an educator, composer, keyboardist, and conductor who published piano pieces, choral and solo voice works, and an oratorio. He was the first Black American to earn the BM degree from Oberlin College Conservatory and received two honorary doctorates. Dett held numerous academic appointments and wrote extensively on the need to preserve Black American music.