

Colette.

(COLETTE.)

(P. Barbier.)

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(Mezzo-Soprano, or Baritone.)

C. CHAMINADE.

Allegro.

Voice.

Piano.

mf *p*

A-pril calls a-loud, Pen-sive is Co-lette! She gives o'er the sports of
A-vril a par-lé, Co-let-te est rê-veu-se! El-lea dé-lais-sé les

mf

cresc. poco slarg.

ear-li-er days! But when flock-ing birds in love's rapt-ure so sweet-ly
jeux d'au-tre-fois! Mais quand des oi-seaux la troupe a-mou-reu-se

p *cresc. poco slarg.*

a tempo. *p*

Sing of glow-ing spring-time the mer - ry - lays, She each tune-ful dit - ty
Chan-te du printemps les di - vins ex - ploits, El - le é - cou-te, heu-reu - se,

a tempo. *p*

pp *mf* *p*

Hears in sweet a - maze. All things move her heart, rust-ling wood-land nois - es,
Au fond des grands bois! Tout par - le à son coeur, rumeurs bo - ca - gè - res,

mf *p*

Sooth-ing o - dors rare, rays from laugh-ing skies. Moon and dream-y star - that
Par-fums ca - res - sants ou ray - ons joy - eux! Vé - nus ou Phoe - bé, d'a -

mf *p*

cresc. poco larg. *a tempo.*

tell - of love's bliss - es, Seem to her like eyes that dwell on her eyes,
mour mes - sa - gè - re, Lui semblent des yeux fix - és sur ses yeux,

cresc. poco larg. *a tempo.*

p dolce. *pp*

And the whispring breez-es Like to heavn-ly sighs! —
 Les bri-ses lé - gè - res Un sou-pir des cieux! —

mf

Co-lin, pret-ty boy, from his na-tal hour — Sought her child-ish kiss-es
 Le gen-til Co-lin, de-puis sa nais-san-ce, A - vait ses bai-sers d'en -

più f

ev - er - y day; Noth-ing ei-ther knew of the won-drous pow-er
 fant cha-que jour; Tous deux i - gno-raient lé-tran-ge puis-san-ce

dim. *dolce.* *p*

Of a kiss that lip to lip doth re-pay! But Love's o-p'ning flow-er
 Dun bai-ser qu'on donne et prend tour à tour! Mais leur in-no-cen-ce

poco rit. *mf a tempo.*

Grew from child-ish play! Now one day at morn, yet an art-less lov - er,
 Leur ap - prit l'a-mour! Co - lin, un ma - tin, la vo - yant pa - raî - tre,

mf a tempo.

Co - lin on her brow his lips fain would press; Of fore-bod - ing love a ca -
 Lui vou - lut au front ses lè - vres po - ser, Elle eut un ca - price où l'a -

cresc. poco larg. *a tempo.* *p*

price did — move — her To pre - tend in play she took it a - miss;
 mour put — naî - tre Et se fit un jeu de s'y re - fu - ser,

cresc. poco larg. *a tempo.* *p*

p dolce. *poco rit.*

He might then dis - cov - er How to win a kiss! —
 Lors il put con - naî - tre Le prix d'un bai - ser. — *a tempo.*

p *pp*