

The Garlic Blessing

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Moderato ♩ = 84

SOPRANO
ALTO

TENOR
BASS

Piano

p

rit.

Ped.

5 *A tempo*
just slightly swung

mp Is it a food, or is it a spice? Some say it's nas - ty, but I say it's nice. It's in

mp *just slightly swung*

3 3 3

9 *rit.* *straight time*

tense, and sharp, and pun gent, and it leaves you feel - ing strong. Now lis - ten to our Bles - sing for this

straight time

A tempo, Andante

♩ = 76

Reverently

12 *short*
love - ly clove in song . *mp* May the breath of Gar - lic shine up - on your *poco espress.*
love - ly clove in song . *mf* *p*
Ped. Ped.

17
teeth. Bles - sing ev' ry - thing a - bove, and ev' - ry - thing be - neath.
Ped. pedal freely

22
May the Joy of *mf* Gar - lic in - vig - or - ate your days; *mp* for life just tastes much
mf *mp* *p*

Allegretto

♩ = 82

in tempo

27

rich - er with some gar - lic. *mp* My

poco rubato
 (start a tad under tempo) (poco accel.) (poco rit.) in tempo

32

love and I have a gar - lic pact; we both par - take or nee - ther for if you eat it by your - self, then

poco rit. *A tempo*

35

you're the "heav - y breath - er." The world's di - vid - ed in two camps, you don't like it or you do. You

poco rit..

A tempo

38

can't es - cape that a - ro - ma, so in which camp are you? *mf* You

(steady tempo)

mf *p*

41

love or hate the Stink - ing Rose, there is no in be - tween, but gar - lic kills bac - ter - i - a and

44

keeps your sys - tem clean. So nev - er mind your gar - lic salt, I like my gar - lic fresh. A

47 *(S1 opt. upper octave)* *(unis.)*

joy to veg - e - tar - i - ans, but al - so great with Flesh! *mf* Gar - lic, how I

mf

Ped.

51

love thee! Let me count the ways: In

mf

Ped.

54

soups, and sal - ads, stews, and sauc - es, and sizz - ling in sau -

mf

Ped.

57 *mf*

tés. Not just an in - gred - i - ent, it's a

mf

Ped.

60 *mp*

food group all its own. But an - y way you use it, we crave gar -

mp

mp

65

lic.

mf

I just peeled a doz - en cloves; I

p *mf* *mp*

68

mf Gosh, that does - n't look like much, let's peel a doz - en more! When
 don't find that a chore.

71

gar - lic hits hot ol - ive oil, then life is ver - y good. Toss with pas - ta, grate some cheese, now

74

that's what I call food! Dip some bread in gar - lic oil or

mf *mp*

77

roast me up some cloves, then Crush and smear on gar - lic toast and wolf it down in loaves!

80

(SI opt. top octave)

May - be not for break fast... *f* How much gar - lic is too much?

but on sec - ond thought, who knows?

83

poco rit. **Maestoso** ♩ = 66

mf Let's see which way the wind blows

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mf *f*

Ped. Ped.

p May the bloom of gar - lic

fum - i - gate your soul. Sav - or ev' - ry

taste you get and make your spi - rit whole

96 *mf* *mp*

An - y way you like it, gar - lic's good for you. So

mf *mp*

mf *mp*

Ped. Ped. 3 Ped.

poco meno mosso
♩ = 60

100

let us share our pun-gent love of gar - lic. *mp* Yes, let us bless the frag-rant gift of

106

S1 S2 A1

(A2) *p* A1

gar - lic Gar - lic, Shmar - lic, Gar - lic, Gar - lic

T1 T2

(B) (men may divide in 3)

Gar - lic - lic ("k")

(T1) Gar - lic

(B/T2) Gar - lic ("k")

freely, start faster, slow down

mp

Ped.

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