

# 2. My Boy-Girl

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Music by Steve Milloy

**slow ragtime, in 4  $\text{♩}=87$**  **rit.**

Pno. *mp*

**ebb & flow, follow soloist** *Ped.*

5 **5** (*Aunt Pauline*) *mp*

Narr. 2

I ne-ver thought that it wouldhap-pen for me:— a child of my own.—

Pno. *p*

9

Narr. 2

I al-ways thought I'd live my life— child-less and a-lone. Then Pau-li came in

Pno. *mf*

14

Narr. 2

to my life, a joy from the start:— vex-ing at times and real-ly stub-born to boot,

Pno. *p*

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19 rit. . . . . 21 *mf* slightly faster & steady ♩=106

Narr. 2 *mf* that's what stole my heart. — This girl...this boy has en-tered my life; my boy-girl. this

Choir *mp* loo loo loo loo loo loo This child di -

Pno. rit. . . . . *mf*

24

Narr. 2 child di-vine. Will you grow to be\_ who you're des-tined to be?\_ Will they let you shine?

Choir vine. Oh, Will they let you shine?

Pno.

28 29

Narr. 2

Choir

*mf* Smart as a whip and al-ways a-ware, — such a joy to see. — So

*mf* Smart and a - ware,

Pno.

33

Narr. 2

Choir

Fun-ny, they named her for me.

wit-ty, yet thought-ful, and cu-ri-ous too: — Just like a top that

Pno.

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Narr. 2

Run-ning and jump-ing and

Choir

ne-ver stops, she will not be con-fined.---

Pno.

42

Narr. 2

fly - ing a - bout;\_ she can ne - ver be\_\_\_ de - fined.

rit. . . . .

Choir

This girl... this

mp

Pno.

rit. . . . .

45 **A tempo** *mf*

Choir  
 boy has en-tered my life; this boy - girl, my child di - vine. Will

Pno. *mf*

49

Choir  
 you grow to be\_\_ who you're des-tined to be?\_\_ Will they let you shine?\_\_

Pno.

AUNT P: But this world won't see the intelligent, headstrong person I see. They'll see Pauli in their own narrow view: calling Pauli a "mannish, uppity, colored gal".

53 **poco accel.** *p*

Pno.

faster, heavy but moving forward ♩=112

Opt. vamp

57 (57) *last x only f*

Narr. 2

I fear they'll con-tain\_ her. They'll try to con-trol\_ her

Choir

Sup-press her! Re-strain her!

Pno.

*R. H. detached*

*cresc. last x mf* *f*

61

Narr. 2

Don't hold her back!\_ Let her live free... *rit.* 3

Choir

Stop her! Hold her! Let her live, let her go! Let her

Pno.

*R. H. smooth* *rit.*

65 *with assurance...*  
*mf*

Choir  
be who she'll be. This girl... this  
*mf*

Pno.  
*p* *mf*

68 **A tempo 2** *with assurance...*  
*f*

Narr. 2  
This pre-cious child, my boy - girl Pau - li.

Choir  
boy has en-tered my life; this boy - girl, my child di - vine. Will  
*f*

Pno.  
*f*

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72 *rit.*

Narr. 2 *Pau-li, boy-girl*

Choir *you grow to be\_\_ who you're des-tined to be?\_ Will they let you shine?\_*

Pno. *rit.* *mp*

77 *77* *like the beginning ♩=94* *molto rall.*

Narr. 2 *mine.* *like the beginning ♩=94* *molto rall.*

Pno. *77* *pp* *8<sup>va</sup>* *Ped.*