

Poor Butterfly

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Red Nichols '28; Spike Hughes '30;
B. Hackett '38; Goodman Sextet '40;
c. 1916

light 4/4; plaintively

♩ = 110

Chord symbols: A^b E7 B^bm7 E^b7 A^bmaj7 C⁺ F⁹ B^b7 E^b9 A^b Fm B^b7 E^b9 A^b E7 B^bm7 E^b7 A^bmaj7 C⁺ F⁹ B^bm7 B^bm A^b A^bmaj7 A^bdim E^b7 A^b

(Poor butter-) Fly/// /neath the blossoms wait-/ing,/ /poor Butter-
Fly,/// /for she loved him so./// /The moments
Pass into hours,/ /the hours/ pass into years/ /and as she
Smiles through her tears/ /she murmurs low./// /The moon and

/// /know that he be faith-/ful,/ /I'm sure he'll
Come/// /to me bye and bye./// // But if
He don't come back,/ /then I never sigh or cry,/ /I just must
Die,/// /poor Butter- fly./// /|||

(Verse gives the story, from "Madam Butterfly"--Japanese girl falls in love with American sea person, who leaves swearing he'll return; she awaits, pining under the cherry blossoms.)