

# The Best Time of the Day

For Voice and Piano

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from *Ultramarine*

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**Tango espressivo**  $\text{d} = 54$

*mp sempre legatissimo*

**Voice**  - - - - -  - - - - -  - - - - -  - - - - -

**Piano**                

con pedale

Cool summer nights. — — — — —

— — — — — Windows open. — — — — — Lamps burning. — — — — — Fruit in the

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bowl. — — — — — And your head on my shoulder. — — — — —

10

*ten.* *ten.* *3* *mf*

*mf*



*p*

These \_\_\_\_\_ the hap - pi - est mo - ments \_\_\_\_\_ in the day. *moving ahead*

14

*p*

*slightly faster*

Next to the ear - ly mor - ning hours, of course. And the time just be - fore lunch. And the

*slightly faster*

19

*f*

*poco rit.*

*ritard. poco a poco*

af - ter - noon, and ear - ly eve - ning hours. But I do love

*ritard. poco a poco*

23

*mp*

*molto allarg.*

*pp a tempo*

These sum - mer nights. E - ven more, I think, than those

*a tempo*

27 3 3

*pp*

oth - er times. The work fin - ished for the day. And no

*mp*

*sempre pp*

one who can reach us now. Or ev - er.

*sempre pp*

Ev - er. Ev - er.

*40*