If Love Is What The Rose Is

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A Little Faster

Tempo Primo

leaf.    leaf.    leaf.    leaf.

A Little Faster

mf Blown fields or flow-er-ful clos-es Green plea-sure or gray grief; If

p love is what the rose is, And I were like a

mp you were life, my dar-ling, And I your love were death, We'd
move tempo

shine and snow together

slower

daffodil and starling

faster

hours of fruitful breath

March made sweet

For Perusal Only
hours of fruitful breath; \[ff\] If you were life my darling, And

\[\text{Tempo Primo}\]

\[\text{Molto Rit.}\]

\[\text{Lunga}\] \( \text{j = 66} \)

\[p\] If

\[\text{Short}\]

\[\text{Rall.}\]

\[\text{A Tempo}\]

\[\text{Rit.}\]

double sound and single De-light our lips would min-gle, With
A Little Faster

kisses glad as birds are That get sweet rain at noon; With

Still Faster

kisses glad as birds are That get sweet rain at noon;

Slow (\( \dot{J} = 60 \))

If I were what the words are, And

Very Slow

love were like the tune.