

My Wife Is a Most Knowing Woman

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Vivace

6 E^b

1. My wife is a most know - ing
 2. She would have been hung up for
 3. Not of - ten I go out to
 4. She knows me much bet - ter than
 5. Yes, I must give all of my

10 E^b E^b A^b/E^b E^b

wo - man. She al - ways is find - ing me out. _____ She
 witch - craft If she had lived soon - er, I know. _____ There's
 din - ner And come home a lit - tle "so so," _____ I
 I do. Her eyes are like those of a lynx. _____ Though
 friends up If I would live hap - py and quiet. _____ One

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13 $E\flat$ $E\flat$ $F7/C$

nev - er will hear ex - pla - na - tions, But — in - stant - ly puts me to
 no hid - ing an - y - thing from her, She — knows what I do - where I
 try to creep up through the hall - way, As — still as a mouse, on tip -
 how she dis - cov - ers my se - crets Is a rid - dle would puz - zle a
 might as well be 'neath a tomb - stone As live in con - fu - sion and ri -

16 $B\flat$ $B\flat7$ $E\flat$

rou - t. — There's no use to try to de - ceive her. If
 go. — And if I come in af - ter mid - night, And
 toe. — She's sure to be wait - ing up for me And
 sphynx. — On fair days, when we go out walk - ing, If
 16 ot. — This life we all know is a short one, While

19 $E\flat$ $F7$ $B\flat$ $B\flat7/D$ $B\flat7$

out with my friends, night or day. — In the most in - con - ceiv - a - ble
 say "I have been to the lodge," — Oh, she says while she flies in a
 then comes a nice lit - tle scene. — "What, you tell me you're so - ber, you
 la - dies look at me a - skance, — In the most harm - less way, I as -
 19 some tongues are long, hea - ven knows, — And a mis - er - 'ble life is a

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22 E^b E^b/B^b B^b7/D E^b

man - ner, She tells where I've been right a - way. She
 fu - ry "Now don't think to play such a dodge! It's
 wretch you, Now don't think that I am so green! My
 sure you, My wife gives me, oh! such a glance, And
 hus - bands, Who num - bers his wife with his foes. I'll

25 E^b E^b A^b $B^b7(\text{omit } 5)$

says that I'm "mean" and "in - hu - man". Oh! my wife is a most know - ing
 all ver - y fine, but won't do, man." Oh, my wife is a most know - ing
 life is quite worn out with you, man." Oh, my wife is a most know - ing
 says, "all these in - sults you'll rue, man." Oh, my wife is a most know - ing
 stay at home now like a true man, For my wife is a most know - ing

28 E^b

wo - man.
 wo - man.
 wo - man.
 wo - man.
 wo - man. *8va*

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(8^{va})

