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# The Correct Pronunciation of Bach

for the Hong Kong Children's Choir – Senior A

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**A** **Moderato** (♩ = c. 90)

Soprano 1 *mp* The cor-rect pro-nun-ci-a - tion of... The cor-rect pro-nun-ci-a - tion

Soprano 2 *mp* The cor-rect pro-nun-ci-a - tion of... The cor-rect pro-nun-ci-a - tion

Alto *mp* The cor-rect pro-nun-ci-a - tion of... The cor-rect pro-nun-ci-a - tion

Piano *mp*

4 *cresc.*

S 1 of B A C H

S 2 of B A C H

A of B A C H

Piano *8va*

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8 *a solo voice* **Freely** *Sopranos* 3

S 1 Batch? Beck? Burb? **f** What is it

S 2 NO! NO! NO! *feeling annoyed* **f** What is it

A NO! NO! NO! *feeling annoyed* **f** What is it

Piano

**B** **Meno Mosso** ♩ = 82

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S 1 then? It's Ba Ba Ba Ba Ba Ba Ba Ba Bach!

S 2 *dolce* then? It's Ba Ba Ba Ba Ba Ba Ba Ba Bach!

A then? **mf** Ba Ba Ba Bach Bach Bach!

Piano **mf** *legato*

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S 1  
Ba Ba Ba Ba Ba Ba Ba Bach Ba Ba Ba Ba Ba Ba Ba

S 2  
Ba Ba Ba Ba Ba Ba Ba Bach Ba Ba Ba Ba Ba Ba Ba

A  
Ba Ba Ba Bach! Ba Ba Ba Ba Ba Ba Bach!

Piano

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S 1  
Bach Ba Ba Ba Ba Ba Ba — Ba Ba Ba Ba Ba Ba Ba — Ba Ba Bach!

S 2  
Bach Ba Ba Ba Ba Ba Ba — Ba Ba Ba Ba Ba Ba Ba — Ba Ba Bach!

A  
Ba Ba Ba Ba Ba Ba Ba — Ba Ba Ba Ba Ba Ba Ba — Ba Ba Ba Bach!

Piano

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25 **Allegretto** (♩ = 120)

S 1  
J. S. Bach \_\_\_\_\_ Jo-hann Se-bas-tian Bach.

S 2  
J. S. Bach J. S. Bach

A  
J. S. Bach J. S. Bach

**Allegretto** (♩ = 120)

Piano

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S 1  
\_\_\_\_\_ J. S. Bach

S 2  
J. S. Bach J. S. Bach Bach Bach Bach J. S. Bach

A  
J. S. Bach J. S. Bach Bach Bach Bach J. S. Bach

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S 1

S 2

A

Piano

is ve - ry smart. is ve - ry —

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is ve - ry smart. is ve - ry —

The piano accompaniment features a complex texture with many beamed sixteenth notes and rests, some marked with 'x' and 'v'.

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S 1

S 2

A

Piano

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smart. Jo - hann Se - bas - ti - an Bach.

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The piano accompaniment continues with similar complex textures, including beamed sixteenth notes and rests, with 'x' and 'v' markings.