

First Part

I. The Leper

Lento e grazioso ($\text{d} = 108$)
(con sentimento di freschezza)

p dolce

sf sf

poco cresc.

dim.

18:

sf sf

SOPRANO I (CHORUS)

dolce (con sentimento di freschezza)

Ye shep-herds all, dance on the lawn, Fair April calls to

mirth and laugh - ter! Sil - vern the olive-trees gleam after The kiss of dawn!

Blithe and gay the lark carols soar - ing Un - seen on high, In flaming

rinf.

sky, Yet _____ shrill and clear His note we hear Out-pour -

ing! Green blades a - new shoot out their sprays And safe nestle there

moss and crick - et, And light - - ly the grass - es brush the

(60)

Friar Leon dolce, molto express.

L. - - - - - *poco rit.* *a tempo* o good Fri-ar
stem of the thick-et That sways!
a tempo
tranquillo

(60) *dolce express.*

poco rit.

L. Fran - cis, great joy is mine! For the Spring drones a note di -

L. *f.* *b.* vine, Vi - brant hum her - alds A-pril

L. *m.* *b.* *poco cresc.*

(61) L. *f.* morn - - - ing, — Tho' not yet the ripe fruit can

L. *m.* *b.* fall, — The gly - cine doth en-rich my

L. *m.* *dim.*

L. *f.* wall, — My cell - door with its bloom a-dorn - ing! —

L. *m.d.*

(62)

dolciss

L. Ros - y chil - dren tray and pannier bring

dolciss.

L. On this gold-en morn of the spring, And load them with

animando

animando

L. blos - som and ber - ry; There's no

un poco

un poco

L. heart so hard - ened, I vow, But can

L. feel some tender-ness now,

(63)

L. *a tempo
(tranquillo)* Birds _____ u - nite with bees making

L. *cresc.*
mer - ry! Earth de - lights with her charm, in

L. glo - ry trees appear, All a - wakes!

Francis

F. *f* *p* *p*
L. *p*
broth - - -
All a - wakes!
p

F. *b>.* *cresc.*
er! Thanks to God,
L. *p*
dim.

F. *poco rit.* ⑥④ *a tempo*
— thanks to God, thanks, that spring is here!
L. *pp* *o*

F. *poco rit.* ⑥④ *a tempo*
dolce espress.
L. *p*

R.

L. Spring, thou art cloth - ed in glad - ness!

(65)

Friar Leon (66)

L. Hith - er a man,

espress. (poco marcato)

L.P. *p* veil - ing his eyes, Cometh near in pit - eous guise, In

un poco rinf.

L.P. *p* garb of affliction and sadness! Bowed down with

*rinf. *p**

L.P. *p* weight of misery, That his leaden feet

cresc.

L.P. *p* scarce can carry! What ails him?

(87) *senza ritardare*

L.

sempre cresc.

L.

f cresc.

O hor - ror! O hor - ror! A - way, Nor

cresc.

tar - - ry! Has - ten a - way! He is a

(68)

L. - per! _____

SOPRANO *ff* Le-per!

ALTO *ff* Le-per!

TENOR *ff* Le-per!

BASS *ff* Le-per!

(68)

ff

pp

Le-per! Le-per! *p (marcato)*

pp

Le-per! Le-per! *p (marcato)*

p

cresc.

is this le - per de - fil - ed, From his eyes the

cresc.

is this le - per de - fil - ed, From his eyes the

(69) *ff*

Death! Death! Death to him!

scales run with blood!

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(69)

mf

Ah! He chokes! How he fights for his breath! Let him die, un -

mf

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mf

8th

(70) *ff*

Death! Death! Death to him!

clean and de-fil-ed! Let him die! Lethim die! Outcast and revil-ed!

Death! Death! Death to him!

clean and de-fil-ed! Lethim die! Lethim die! Outcast and revil-ed!

ff

(70)

ff

Ah! He chokes! How he fights for his breath! _____

A - rise! Let him be stoned to death! _____

Ah! He chokes! How he fights for his breath! _____

A - rise! Let him be stoned to death! _____

s

ff

Let him die, all un-clean and de-fil - - ed!

The wheel! Man - gle and rend each limb! _____

Let him die, all un-clean and de-fil - - ed!

The wheel! Man - gle and rend each limb! _____

Death! Death! Death! Death! Let him
 Death! Death! Death! Death! Death!
 Death! Death! Death! Death! Let him
 Death! Death! Death! Death! Death!

This section contains five staves of music. The top four staves are in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats). The music consists of eighth-note patterns with various slurs and grace notes. The lyrics 'Death!' and 'Let him' are repeated in a staggered fashion across the staves.

(71)

die! Death!
 Death! Death!
 die! Death!
 Death! Death!

This section contains four staves of music. The top two staves are in treble clef and the bottom two are in bass clef. The key signature changes to B-flat major (two flats) for the first two staves and then to A major (no sharps or flats) for the last two staves. The lyrics 'die!', 'Death!', and 'strepitoso' are present. Measure 71 ends with a fermata over the bass staff.

(71)

strepitoso

This section contains three staves of music. The top two staves are in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. The key signature changes to A major (no sharps or flats). The dynamic instruction 'strepitoso' is written above the treble clef staff. The music consists of eighth-note patterns with grace notes and slurs.

sempre con moto ed agitato

Francis

f.

Ah! Fly not so!

mf (marcato)

Here fain would I stay thee! —

(b) —

O broth - er! to whom this earth is as hell,

(b) —

senza rigore

Let the peace of heav'n now re - pay thee, Which thy suffering earns thee

rit.

colla voce

sf

poco f

72

72 Tempo I (*ma sempre con moto*)

F. well! —

Lp. *The Leper* *f* Go! Keep thee far from me! — Ere the

(72) Tempo I (*ma sempre con moto*) *p sostenuto* *p*

Lp. pangs of this hell — o'er-take thee! I warned thee, my

Lp. rat - tle counselled all to take flight! Prudent was thy friend to forsake thee,

dim.

L. Francis *p molto rit.* Nay, friend, thy warning stayed me!

Lp. Thou, too, shoudst have fled from my sight!

sf *dim.*

(73) *a tempo (agitato)*

Soprano *ff*
Wretched man! Fly! And leave us!

Alto *ff*
Wretched man! Fly! And leave us!

Tenor *ff*
Wretched man! Fly! And leave us!

Bass *ff*
Wretched man! Fly! And leave us!

(73) *a tempo (agitato)*
The Leper

Lp. *mf*
Know - est not, we are held ac - curst? To ex - ile

mf marcato

Lp. *f*
doomed, not e - ven the church will re - ceive us,

Lp.

The world cast - eth us out,
nor may we slake our

(74)

Lp.

thirst, A - las,
SOPRANO
ALTO
TENOR
BASS
Go on thy
Go on thy
Go on thy
Go on thy
Go on thy

(74)

way, and seek the moun - tain! Go!

The Leper

75

*(con agitazione sempre)**mf*

Lp. See these hands, these lips and these eyes, This bod-y, that wasting
(con agitazione sempre)

p cresc.

Lp. mor - ti-fies With dis-ease, re - lent - less, ap-pall - ing!

string.

Lp. Mark these scars and these wounds all fes - tering and gall -

sf string. *sf*

75

Lp. - - - - - ing!

ff

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76 Francis

F. Nay, I love thee, thou shalt love me! *a tempo*

F. Thy hand laid on mine binds each other, My kiss on thy *calmo*

F. lips greets my brother— Come, rest in mine arms, come, one are

(76) F. The we! The Leper Is it thou, brother, turnest from me?

Lp. In thine arms? *dolce*

Lp. Who then art thou, thou, at whose voice Weeping eyes grow dim? who canst thou

Francis

F. G clef, 2 flats, common time.

L.p. Bass clef, 2 flats, common time.

(77) God's low - ly ser - vant!
(sempre la stessa battuta)

L.p. be? _____ Thy name?

(77) (d = d.) dolciss. ed express.

F. Francis.

L.p. That same Francis famous in sto - ry, Who worketh mir - acles di -

L.p. vine, In whose bright eyes the stars do - shine, And whose speech doth fore - tell God's

poco sf

L.p. glo - ry? What mocker-y is this? Ah! 'tis some jest of thine!

ad lib.

col canto

(78) pp

Francis

Tempo I (*ma molto tranquillo*)

F.
 Broth - er, I am Fran-cis, one of God's lit-tle poor'!—

The Leper

p molto express.

Lp.
 I was vile, crawl-ing ver - min, despis - ed and low - ly,

Lp.
 Yet this night shall lay me down to sleep, Se-ure

Lp.
 in my faith strong and deep, Aflame with hope radiant and

(79)

L.P. ho - - - ly! The fe - ver that did rack my tem - ples

oresc. poco a poco

L.P. Now hath bro - ken its cru - el chain, Now eased are my limbs of their pain,

cresc. poco a poco

(80)

L.P. And my wounds are cooled of their burn-ing. I, ac-curst,— and foul in men's

*dim.**dim.*

L.P. eyes,— Now go, to my la-zar-house re - turn - - - ing, Like

Lp. 2 *poco rit.* 81 *a tempo*

man re - deemed to Par - a - dise!

poco rit. *a tempo*

espress.

Francis 82 *dolce*

O Fri - ar Le-per, sim-ple in faith art

dolce

pp

thou, — No - ble in grief, pa-tient in woe; I kneel to thee, —

sf *p*

F. — and ask thee now To ab-solve — and bless me ere thou go! —

(83) Tempo I. (*Lento e grazioso*)

F. —

A few Sopranos

Tempo I. (*Lento e grazioso*)

Ye shep-herds all, — dance on the
dolciss.

lawn, Fair A-pril calls to mirth and laugh - ter!

(*perdendosi*)

a tempo

Sil - ver-tipped ol-ive-trees gleam af-ter The kiss of dawn! —

II. Saint Clare

Andante ($\text{d} = 56$)

pp dolciss. espress.

Bell

(84)

dolciss. espress.

poco

dolce

Sis-ter Clare, — whith- er a - way? — The wear - y day is

F. (85) end - ing, Shad - ows fall one by one, on hill and slope de -

F. *pp sempre*

F. descend - ing, The dis-tant woods faint-ly are seen, An - ge-lus bell,

F. — its li-quid note with twi-light blend - ing, Hath reached Saint Damian's walls, so

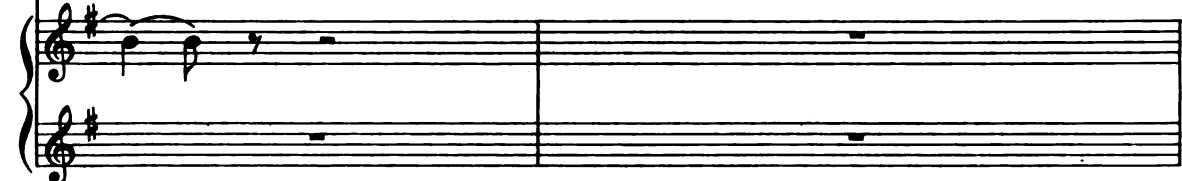
F. white in bow'r of green!

espress.

St. Clare

cl. 

With my sis - ter am I come From wood-man Co-sa's moun-tain home;

cl. 

Crushed and bruised by a log he lies stricken and dead, His orphaned chil-dren fam-ish for

cl. 

bread!

(86)

cl. 

Now the first star of eve glows

cl. 

(87)

C. faint-ly, The crimson sky grows grey and dim, We hasten on!

un poco animato

Francis*un poco rinf.**rinf.*

F. Sis-ter Clare, mer - ci-ful, kind and saint - ly,

poco

Clare*dolce espress.*

C. Wor-thy art thou to toil for Him! Good

(88)

a tempo

C. fa - ther, thou art my guide, all my thoughts wait on thine,

a tempo

dolciss. espress.

C1. Well I re - call that hour di -

C1. vine, — A child was I when in the church thy voice pro - claimed

(89) C1. molto express. cresc.

— Its mes-sage of faith and of love, — Round San Gior - gio's aisles

il basso sost. express.

C1. soaring a - bove, — As on the wing a might-y bird;

poco cresc.

cl. And with tears that message I heard, Full of won -

(90)

cl. *sempre cresc.*

cl. - ders new and truths ap - peal - - - ing,

cl. Mine own self to me there re - veal - - - ing!

cl. Then from the e - vil world far a-way I sped in flight,

C1. And to God swift my foot-steps

(91) dolce

bore me! Se-rene and

p express.

calm, night lay be - fore me,

Palm Sun - day night!

dolciss. express.

Cl. I do re-mem - ber!

(92) Cl. So fit-ful the ze - phyr's ca -
(mormorante)

Cl. ress And so faint the gleam from the well, The

Cl. path way so white, the smell Of the brack-en,

(93)

Cl. per-fumed bit-ter - ness!

The moon ere long a-rose on
espress.

Cl. high, Moon whose thin cres-cent lights us to-night from her

Cl. heav-en! And the wind kissed my robe
dolciss.

Cl. with an el - o-quent sigh! I do re -
P.

C. mem - - ber!

espress.

Francis

F. I saw thee yes - ter - e - ven, Sister Clare, From my

gar - den mus - ing in prayer, A - far I saw thee, Sis - ter Clare:

94 **Clare**

F. C. Thou wast gath - er-ing po - sies! Yes, I was tend-ing my ros - es,

3

C1. *s*

Eve-ning had come so peaceful-ly, And from my home, as thine, my gaze fell on

C1.

thee: In thy hands a book I could see;—

espress.

C1.

Bright was the night and clear, me - seemed thou wert quite near.

a voce bassa

Late grows the hour— Fare-well! No more may I stay, Broth - er.

Ci. 95
 The An - ge-lus bell dies a - way.

dolciss. espress.

Francis (alone)

dolce e con fervore

poco cresc.

All praise to Thee, O Lord, for Sister Clare, for Thou hast made her constant and zealous,

poco cresc.

and thro' her Thy marvelous light il - lu-mines our hearts!

espress.

III. The Birds

Andante con moto ($\text{♩} = 52$)

Friar Leon

(96)

L. Ah! Fierce the re-

Musical score for Friar Leon, starting at measure 96. It includes a vocal line and piano accompaniment. The vocal line starts with a rest, followed by "Ah!" and "Fierce the re-". The piano accompaniment features eighth-note patterns.

L. 

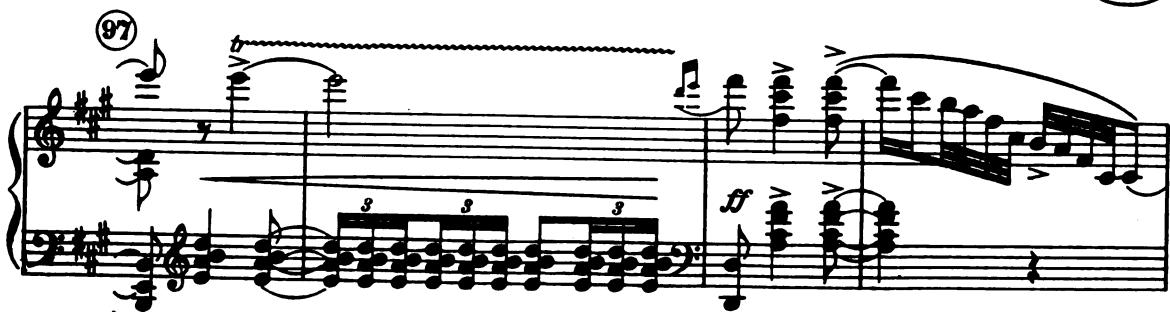
lent - less sun beats down, cru-el, un - spar - ing!

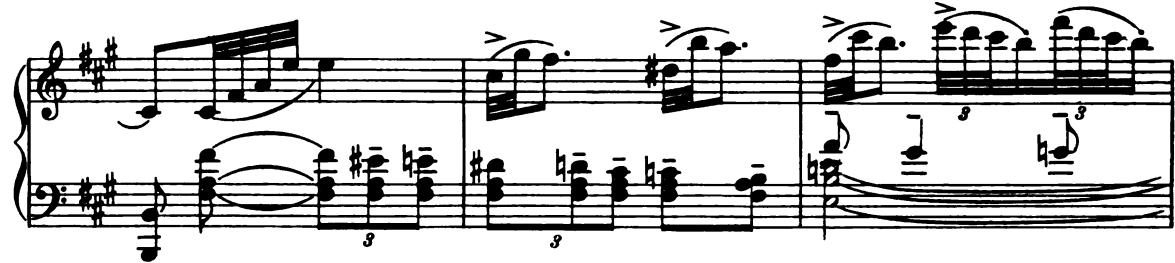
L. 

Hot dust chokes me, and faint am I — With pain and

L. 

tor - ment o - ver bear - - - ing!

(97) 



(98)

poco a poco rall.

dim. poco a poco

L. Lento ($\text{♩} = 80$)
99 Friar Leon
dolce

Dost thou see where Pe-ru - gia lies there, On the crest of yon-der moun - tain?

dolciss. e molto legato

L. Here at the foot are elms and turf and hil-lock and foun - tain;

F. Francis

(100)

L. Friar Leon

Do as thou wilt,
Let me rest in this shel - ter fair!

F. — and nurse thy fol - ly till e - ven!

F. There, in the field, to count-less birds I will re -

(101)

F. hearse in cho-sen words, Preach-ing them the gos-pel of Heav-en!

legg.

F.
— Friar Leon
L.

A ser - mon? O, tru-ly hast thou set For these poor birds a cun-nig
net! And thou of late didst rail at fol - ly!

L.

By my faith,pri-thee un-der- stand, That ere thou move a foot or hand,They will

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Francis

F.

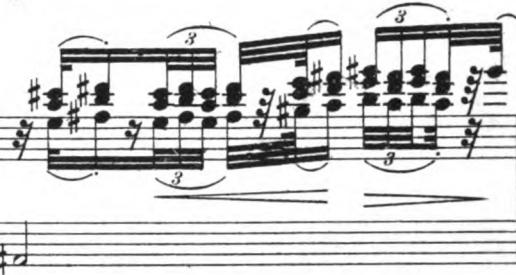
Friar Leon

Not

fly from thee far a - way!

Francis

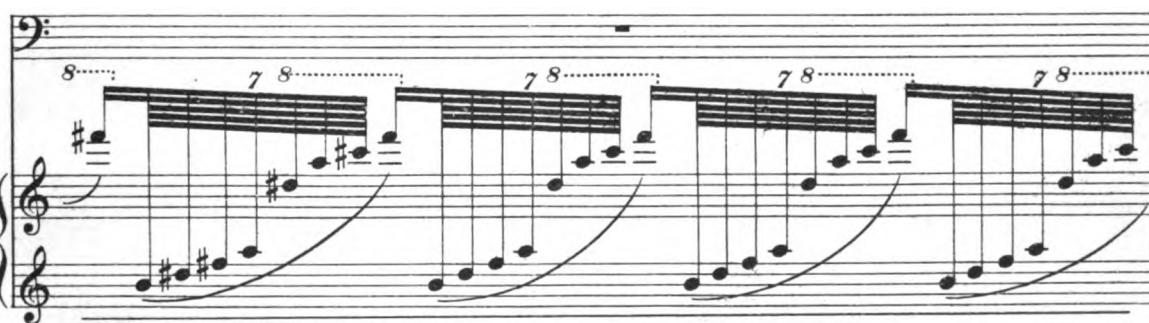
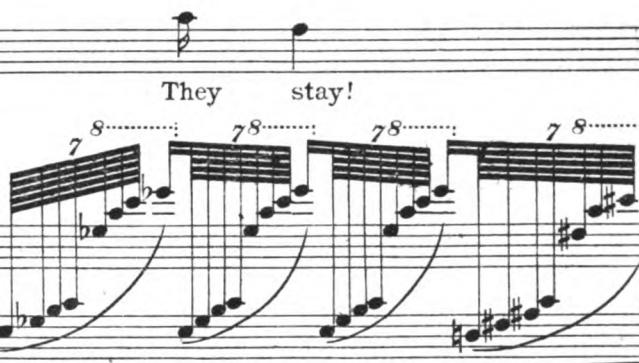
so! Be - hold, on - ward I go.

**Francis**

Look, do they flee?

Friar Leon

They stay!

**Friar Leon**

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mf
A-maz-ing!

L. To thy voice they do lis - ten, de - light - ed rushing to and fro!

L. Ah! Be-hold, round thee now de-scend - ing,

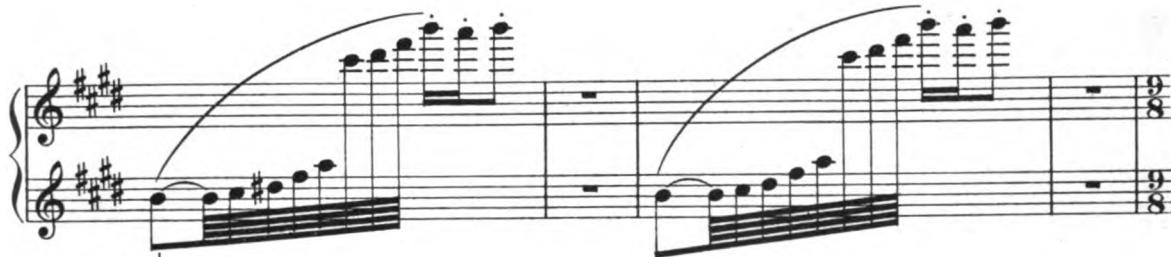
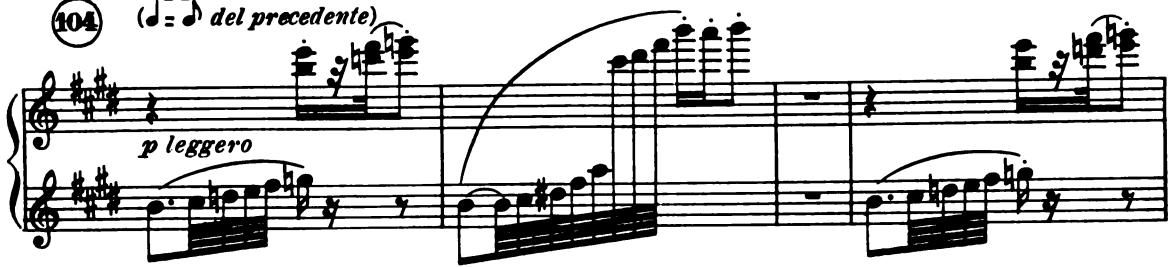
L. They seek the earth and pause in their whirl, And flut-ter-ing wings slow-ly

L. furl, Their heads to thee in hom-age bend - ing!

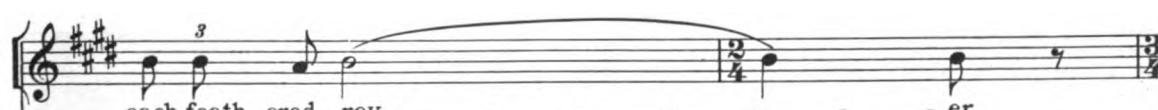
Doppio movimento

(♩ = ♩ del precedente)

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105 (♩ = 66)

The Birds
dolce

While o'er thy head we do hov - er;

Flut-ter - ing band, clus-ter - ing throng, Each

bird hides in its nar - row breast

106

One frail heart throb-bing tim - id - ly; A-

bove, be-neath, from East and West,

Swift on the wing come we,

107

The Thrush

The Birds *poco rit.* *a tempo*

Lit - tie chil - dren of God!

poco rit. *a tempo*

The Redbreast

Thrush am I, the mer- ry Thros-tle! And I, the Red-breast!

The Sparrow

And I, the

8.

The Lark

I the Lark in som-bre hab - it! Like thy grey hab - it!

The Chaffinch

The

Spar - row!

The Linnet

I, the Lin-net!

8.....

Finch am I, dar-ling of an - gels!

(108) The Warbler

I, the black-hood-ed

The Nightingale

And I, the Night-in-gale!

War-blér!

The Tomtit

I, the Tom-tit!

The Wagtail

With the work-er from morn to eve,— so shril-ly pip-ing do I

8.....

go, ____ to cheer his toil: A mer-ry Wag - tai!

p

f

109 The Birds

1st Group

O Fran-cis, we would lis - ten to thee, would lis - ten to

f

6

31

1st Group

thee, ____ to thee! O Fran - cis, we would lis - ten to

2nd Group

to thee! ____ O Fran - cis, we would lis - ten to

f

6

31

The Wren

The Wren am I, wilt thou take me, The small-est bird of all!

thee! _____

thee! _____

8.

Let me not be de - nied! _____ Here am I a -

8.

espress.

flut-ter and coy,- In the leaves crouch-ing by thy side, _____ Lest

8.

rinf.

cru-el foes drive me a - way! Broth - er, tho' my heart is so

espress. un poco

gay,- Yet my poor trem-bl ing tongue scarce can sing for ver-y

poco rit.

(110) *(d = d)*
a tempo

espress.

dim.

pp

(111) Un poco più tranquillo ($\text{♩} = 50$)

Francis

(senza rigor del tempo)

F.

Breth-ren Birds, who sit with fold-ed wing, Call me your

F.

friend and greet me with ac-cord, — Know ye now that God is the Lord, In praises to

F.

Him should ye sing! For He hath cloth-ed you — with plum-age fair,

F.

(112)

And for your flight fash-ioned the air,

F.

(senza rigor del tempo)

And of old He pre-serv-ed your kind, And shel-ter for

F. *s*

you in the Ark did he find! And tho' ye la-bour not, God's
espress.

F. *ma dolce*

bless-ing giv- eth ease, Your food is the grain and the foun-tain, Your do-main the

F. *s*

hill and the moun-tain, And your home the nest in the trees! 113
espress.
poco marcato

F. *s*

Lest light-ning and tem-pest dis-may you, His ten-der care gathers them in,

F. *s*

With lov-ing thought He doth ar-ray you, Who weak and frail, toil not nor

110 (114) Tempo I (♩ = 80)

F.

spin!

rinf.

Brethren Birds, be

mind-ful of His grace, — With thank-ful hearts His love re-ward, In -

grat-i-tude is vile and base, — Let man a - lone for-get his

115 (♩ = 66)

Lord!

The Birds
dolce

Light is our wing, gay our song,

Wel - come thou

each feath - ered rov - er,

While o'er thy head we do hov - er,

Flutter - ing band, clus-ter - ing throng; Each

This musical score consists of eight staves of music for voice and piano. The vocal part is in soprano clef, and the piano part is in treble clef. The music is set in common time, with various time signatures indicated by changes in the bottom right corner of each staff. The vocal line features melodic patterns with eighth and sixteenth notes, often accompanied by eighth-note chords on the piano. The piano part provides harmonic support with sustained notes and rhythmic patterns. The lyrics are integrated into the musical structure, appearing below the vocal line.

bird hides in its nar - row breast _____

116 *pp*

One frail heart throb - bing tim - id - ly; A-

bove, be-neath, from East and West, _____

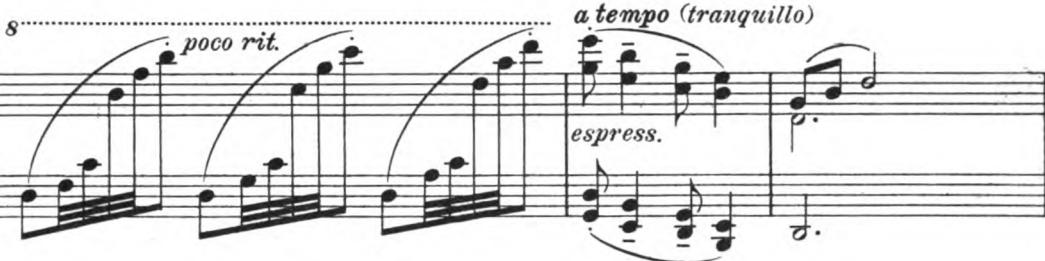
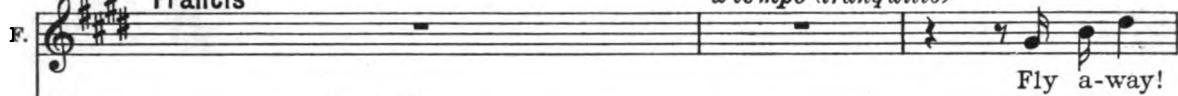
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Swift on the wing come we,

117

a tempo (tranquillo)

Francis



F.

first of you, West-ward go ye forth,— Others, find ye the

F.

South; and to the East a throng; Let all the rest go—seek the

(118)

F.

North! — Praise God, Sing a-loud your sweet, heav-en - ly
espress.

F.

song, Pure and ho - ly mes-sage forth-tell!

dolciss.

119

F.

Fare-well, broth-ers!

Fare - well!

The Birds, flying round Francis in four groups

1st Group

ppp

2nd Group

Fare -
ppp

3rd Group

Fare -
ppp

4th Group

Fare -
ppp

Fare - well! — Fare -

well! —

well! —

well! —

well! —

8.

perdendosi