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*The Owl.*

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# BIRD SONGS.

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## THE WOODPIGEON.

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WHEN the harvest all was gathered  
In the sunny Autumn weather,  
To the greenwood, blithe and merry,  
We went nutting all together;  
And as the woods we wandered,  
So dim and dark and green,  
We heard a sweet voice calling  
Though no one could be seen:  
“ Two sticks across,  
And a little bit of moss ;  
It'll do, it'll do,—  
Coo, coo, coo.”

The wild things of the woodlands  
Scarce seemed of us afraid ;  
The blue jay flashed before us,  
And the squirrel near us played.  
We ate our nuts and rested  
On a fallen tree, moss-grown,  
And still a voice kept calling  
In softest, tend'rest tone :  
“ Two sticks across,  
And a little bit of moss ;  
It'll do, it'll do,—  
Coo, coo, coo.”

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## THE STARLING.

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ON her nest, with her young,  
Sat the starling in the steeple,  
While below the great bell swung  
To the church to call the people.  
“ Mother, mother,” cried the Starlings,  
“ What is that? oh mother, tell !”  
“ Don't be frightened, little darlings,  
'Tis the great church bell,  
Ringing out its solemn warning,  
That the people far and near  
All may know 'tis Sunday morning,  
And make haste to gather here.  
While the organ's sweetly playing  
Little birds need have no fear!  
While below the folk are praying  
You can sing your hymns up here.”

### THE YELLOWHAMMER.

---

ON a sultry Summer morning  
Down the dusty road we strayed,  
And pluck'd the wayside flowers,  
    And ran and laughed and played !  
There was not the slightest breeze,  
    And we wearied of our play,—  
    And then we heard the Yellowhammer say :  
“ A little bit of bread and no cheese !”

Once again we roamed the woodland,  
    When the years had fleeted by,  
And, poor as mice, we pledged  
    Our vows, my love and I ;  
We had kissed beneath the trees,  
    And then we heard again  
    The Yellowhammer say, quite plain :  
“ A little bit of bread and no cheese !”

### THE WREN.

---

A WREN just under my window  
Has suddenly, sweetly sung ;  
He woke me from my slumbers  
    With his shrill, sweet tongue.

It was so very early,  
    The dewdrops were not dry,  
And pearly cloudlets floated  
    Across the rosy sky.

His nest is in the ivy  
    Where his little wife sits all day  
And by her side he sings to her,  
    And never flies far away.

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### THE OWL

---

THREE little owlets  
    In a hollow tree,  
Cuddled up together  
    Close as could be.  
When the moon shone out,  
    And the dew lay wet,  
Mother flew about  
    To see what she could get.  
She caught a little mouse,  
    So velvety and soft,  
She caught a little sparrow,  
    And then she flew aloft  
To the three little owlets  
    In a hollow tree,  
Cuddled up together  
    Close as could be.  
“ Tu-whoo,” said the old owl,  
    “ Isn’t this good cheer ?”  
“ Tu-whit,” said the owlets,  
    “ Thank you, Mother dear,  
Tu-whit, tu-whit, tu-whit, tu-whit,  
    Tu-whoo !”

A. S.



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## The Woodpigeon.

Words by  
A.S.

Music by  
LIZA LEHMANN.

Allegretto.

**VOICE.**



**PIANO.**

*p*

*mf (breezily.)*

*Con Lied.*

*mf (fresh.)*

When the har - vest all was... gath - ered In the

sun - ny Au - tumn wea - ther,..... To the green wood, blithe and..

mer - ry, We went nut - ting all to - geth - er; v  
 And as the woods we wan - der'd, So  
 dim and dark and green, We heard a sweet voice  
 call - - ing Though no one could be seen: P  
8

The musical score consists of five systems of music. System 1 starts with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp, and common time. It contains lyrics: 'mer - ry, We went nut - ting all to - geth - er;'. System 2 starts with a bass clef, a key signature of one sharp, and common time. It contains lyrics: 'And as the woods we wan - der'd, So'. System 3 starts with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp, and common time. It contains lyrics: 'dim and dark and green, We heard a sweet voice'. System 4 starts with a bass clef, a key signature of one sharp, and common time. It contains lyrics: 'call - - ing Though no one could be seen:'. System 5 continues from System 4, maintaining the same clefs, key signature, and time signature. It features a dynamic marking 'P' above the staff.

The musical score consists of four systems of music, each with three staves: Treble, Bass, and Piano/Voice. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The tempo is indicated by a 'P' (Presto).
   
**System 1:** The vocal line begins with "Two sticks a - cross," followed by "And a lit - tle bit of moss;". The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support with eighth-note chords.
   
**System 2:** The vocal line continues with "It - 'll do,..... it - 'll do,..... it - 'll". The piano accompaniment features sustained notes and eighth-note chords.
   
**System 3:** The vocal line includes "do,-" and "Coo,.....". The piano accompaniment includes a section where the bass staff has eighth-note patterns and the treble staff has sixteenth-note patterns. Measure 10 is marked with a fermata over the bass staff.
   
**System 4:** The vocal line includes "coo," and "coo'". The piano accompaniment includes a dynamic marking 'oppure' above the vocal line, and 'pp' (pianissimo) below the piano staff. Measures 11 and 12 conclude the piece.

The... wild things of the...

wood - lands Scarce seemed of us a - fraid; The

blue Jay flash'd be - fore us, And the Squir - rel near us

played..... We

ate our nuts..... and rest - - ed On a

*p poco rall.*

fall - en tree, moss - grown, And still a voice kept

*poco rall.*

call - - ing In soft - est, tend - 'rest tone:

*pp a tempo*

"Two sticks a - cross, And a

*pp a tempo*

lit - tle bit of moss; It - 'll  
 do, it - 'll do, it - 'll do,

*Coo,* *coo,*  
*colla voce*

oppure *coo'*  
*ppp coo'*

*ppp*

# The Starling.

Words by  
A.S.

Music by  
LIZA LEHMANN.

Moderato sostenuto.

VOICE.

PIANO.

*Con Pianof. 8*

On her nest, with her young,

Sat the Starling in the steeple,

While be - low the great bell swung

To the church to call the peo - ple.

*Poco accel.*

"Mo - ther, mo - ther," cried the star - - - lings,

*Poco accel.*

"What is that? oh mo - ther,

tell!"

*a tempo*

"Don't be frightened, lit - tle dar - lings, 'Tis the great church

*a tempo*

bell Ring - ing out its so - lemn warn - ing,

That the peo - ple far and near All may know 'tis

*sempre cresc.*

Sun - day morn - ing, And make haste to ga - ther here.

*dolce cantabile.*

While the or-gan's sweetly play - ing Lit - tle birds need have no  
*cantabile.*

*pp*

fear! While be - low the folk are pray - ing,

You can sing your hymns..... up here!"

# The Yellowhammer.

Words by  
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Music by  
LIZA LEHMANN.

Tempo commodo.

VOICE.

PIANO.

*con Ped.*

sul - try Sum - mer morn - ing Down the dust - y road we stray'd,.... And

plucked the way - side flow - ers, And ran and laughed and played!

There was .

not the slight.est breeze, And we wear.i.ed of our play, And

then we heard the yel - low - ham - mer say:..... A

lit - tle bit of bread and no cheese!"

The musical score consists of six staves of music for voice and piano. The vocal part is in soprano range, and the piano part provides harmonic support. The score includes lyrics in capital letters, such as 'A' and 'cheese!', which likely represent specific notes or performance instructions. The piano part features several chords with accidentals, particularly sharps and flats, indicating a key signature of B-flat major.

Once a-

- gain we roamed the wood land, When the years had fleet ed by, And,

poco rall. a tempo p  
poor as mice, we pledged Our vows, my love and I.

poco rall. colla voce a tempo  
We had

cresc.

The musical score consists of six staves of music for voice and piano. The vocal line is in soprano clef, and the piano accompaniment is in bass clef. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats). The time signature varies between common time and 3/4. The score includes dynamic markings like 'mf', 'p', 'a tempo', 'poco rall.', 'colla voce', and 'cresc.'. The lyrics are integrated into the musical lines, with some words appearing above the staff (e.g., 'Once a-') or below the staff (e.g., 'We had'). The piano part features sustained notes and chords with rhythmic patterns indicated by '3' over arrows.

*poco rit.*

kiss'd beneath the trees;..... And then we heard a - gain..... The

*colla voce*

*a tempo*

yel - low - ham - mer say, quite plain:..... A

*pp*

lit - tle bit of bread and no cheese!".....

*pp*

The Yellowhammer.

# The Wren.

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Music by  
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Allegretto.

VOICE.

PIANO.

*Con Ten.*

*Piu mosso.*



Moderato.  
*p very simply.*

A wren just un - der my win - dow Has  
*rall.* *p*

sud - den - ly, sweet - ly sung; He woke me from my  
*L.H.*

slum - - bers With his sweet shrill

tongue. It was so ve - ry ear - - ly, The

dew - drops were not dry, ..... And pearl - y cloud - lets

float - - ed A - cross the ro - sy sky. ....

*Allegretto.**Più mosso ad lib.*

A musical score page featuring three staves (Treble, Bass, and a lower staff) in common time. The key signature changes from one sharp to two sharps. Measure 1 begins with a forte dynamic (f) and a melodic line. Measure 2 shows eighth-note patterns with slurs. Measure 3 includes a trill and eighth-note chords. Measure 4 concludes with a dynamic 'Ah'.

A continuation of the musical score. Measures 5-7 are mostly blank or have short rests. Measure 8 begins with a dynamic 'cresc.' followed by a melodic line.

A continuation of the musical score. Measures 9-10 show sustained notes and rests. Measure 11 features a melodic line with a dynamic 'f'. Measure 12 concludes with a melodic line.

\* Omit this passage if desired. If it is omitted here however, omit it also in symphony of song.

His

rall.

**p**

Moderato come prima.

(again most simply.)

nest is in ..... the i - vy Where his

8.

lit - tle wife sits all day,..... And

8.

8.

**p**

by her side..... he sings to her,.....

*L.H.*

8

**pp**

And

*L.H.*

(*very simply and without rall.*)

nev - er flies far a - way.....

*pp*

8

# The Owl.

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A.S.

Music by  
LIZA LEHMANN.

Un poco mosso.

VOICE.

PIANO.

*Con  $\ddot{\text{Z}}\text{ed}$ .*

*p (rather weirdly.)*

Three lit\_tle owl\_ets In a hol\_low tree, Cud\_dled up to\_geth\_er

Close as could be. When the moon shone out And the dew lay wet,

(slur up)

Mo\_ther flew a\_bout To see what she could get.....

She caught a lit\_tle mouse So

(slur up)

vel - ve - ty and soft,..... She

caught a lit \_ tle spar \_ row,..... And

cresc.

then she flew a - loft

cresc.

cresc.

dolce.

oppure.

To ..... the subito **p**

To the three lit - tle owl - ets In a hol - low tree,

**sf** subito.

**p**

**pp**

Cud - dled up to - geth - er Close as could be.

**pp**

*rall.*  
*f rather heavily.*

"Tu-whoo," said the old owl,

"Is - nt this good cheer?"

*colla voce.*

*a tempo.*  
*p lightly.*

"Tu-whit," said the owl - ets,

"Thank you mo - ther dear,

*p leggiero.*

\* *(slur up)*

Tu\_whit, tu\_whit, tu\_whit, tu\_whit, Tu\_whoo!".....

*colla voce.*



8

*stretto.*

*ff*

The Owl. \* Slur up slowly and leave the last note as soon as touched.

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