

Ye Little Birds That Sit and Sing

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Vivace.

$\text{♩} = 140$

p Ye

mf *dim.* *poco rit.* *a tempo*

5 *leggiero*

lit - tle birds that sit and sing A - midst the sha - dy val - leys, And

mf *dim.*

7 *cresc.* *e* *poco rit.* *a tempo*

see how Phil - lis sweet - ly walks With - in her gar - den al - leys;

cresc. *e* *poco rit.* *a tempo*

Go, pret - ty birds, a - bout her bower; Sing, pret - ty birds, she may not lower;

pp

11 *mf* *rit.* Ah me! Me-thinks I see her frown! — Ye

mf *rit. e dim.* *mf* *p*

15 *p* *dim. e rit.* pret - ty wan-tons, war - - - - ble.

dim. e rit. *mf* *a tempo*

18 *p* Go tell her through your chirp-ing bills, As

dim. *p*

21 *poco rit* *a tempo*

you by me are bid - den, To her is on - ly known my love, Which

poco rit *a tempo*

23 *dim.* *pp*

from the world is hid - den. Go, pret - ty birds, and tell her so,

dim. *pp*

25 *poco cresc.* *mf* *poco rit.*

See that your notes strain not too low, For still me - thinks I

poco cresc. *f* *p* *poco rit.*

28 *a tempo* *p* *rit.*

see her frown; Ye pret - ty wan - tons war -

a tempo *p* *rit.*

31 *dim.* *a tempo*

- ble. Go

34 *cresc.*

tune your voi - ces' har - mo - ny And sing, I am her lov - er; Strain

p *cresc.*

36 *p*

loud and sweet, that ev' - ry note With sweet con - tent may move her: And

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she that hath the sweet - est voice, Tell her I will not change my choice:

p *f*

40 *mf* *dim.* *rit.* *a tempo*

Yet still me - thinks I see her frown !

p rit. *a tempo*

43 *rit.* *a tempo*

Ye pret - ty wan - tons war - - - - - ble.

rit. *a tempo* *mf*

46 *pp Più mosso.* *p*

Oh fly ! Make haste ! See, See, She falls

vivace *dim.* *pp*

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In - to a pret - ty slum - ber ! Sing round a - bout her ro - sy bed That

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wak - ing she may won - der: *pp* Say to her, 'tis her lov - er true, That

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send - eth love to you, to you! *mf* And when you hear her *poco rit.*

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kind re - ply, *Meno Mosso.* *p* *rit.* *dim.* Re - turn with pleas - ant war - - -

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- - - - - blings.