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# Under the Willow Tree

from the opera "Vanessa"

Gian Carlo Menotti

Samuel Barber

In waltz - time ♩ = 112

Voice

Piano

*poco f* *p* *sf* *p*

*mf a tempo*

Un - der the wil - low tree two

*poco rall.* *p*

doves cry, two — doves cry, Un - der the wil - low tree two

*mp espr.*

*sim.*

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*mf*

doves cry, ah — oh! Where shall we sleep, my love, whith - er

*mf*

*p*

shall we fly? Where shall we sleep, my love, whith - er shall we fly? —

*p*

*Red.*

*mf*

— The wood has swal - lowed the moon, the fog has swal -

*mf*

\* *Red.* \* *Red.* *ped. sim.*

*p*

— lowed the shore, the green toad has - swal - lowed the key to my door.

*p* *p espr.*

*mf* *freely* 3 3 3

Give me your hand and I'll show you the

*mf* *sf*

*p* Slightly faster ♩ = 120 *mf* *p*

steps! Right foot first, back, then

*p* *mf* *p sub.*

*f*

left, for-ward, slide...

*mf* *sf*

*mf* *p* returning . . . . to . . .

one, two, three, re-verse, two, three.

*mf* *p*

Tempo I (♩ = 112)

*mp*

Un - der the wil - low tree

two doves cry,

two—

*pp very lightly*\* *ped.*

— doves cry,

Un - der the wil - low tree

two

*mp espr.**ped.*\* *ped.*

\*

doves cry,

ah — oh!

Ah —

*mf**mf espr.**ped.*\* *ped.**ped.*\* *ped.*

\*

*p*

Where shall we sleep, my love, whith - er shall we fly?

*p*

*Tea* \* *Tea* \* *Tea* \* *Tea* \* *Tea*

*mp*

The wood has swal - lowed the moon, the fog has swal -

*mp* *p*

\* *Tea* \* *Tea* \* *Tea* \*

*p*

— lowed the shore, the green toad has swal - lowed the key to my

*p espr.*

*Tea* \* *Tea* \* *Tea* \* *Tea*

*mf* door, the key \_\_\_\_\_ to my door, the key \_\_\_\_\_ *p sub.*

*p*

*8*

*ped.* \* *ped.* \* *ped.* \*

*pp* to my door. Ah ah *hurrying to the end cresc.*

*pp* *cresc. poco a poco*

*1 2* *1 2* *1 2*

*ped.* \* *ped.* *ped.* *ped.* *ped.*

ah *f* *pp*

*4* *2 1* *5 3* *1 2 3*

*f* *pp*

*2* *7*

*ped.* \* *senza ped.*

# At the Cry of the First Bird

Words from  
Ancient Irish Poetry\*

Music by  
David W. Guion

Slowly, with great dignity and feeling

Voice

Piano

The musical score is written for voice and piano. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The tempo/style marking is "Slowly, with great dignity and feeling".

**Voice Part:**

- The first system shows a whole rest for the voice.
- The second system contains the lyrics: "At the cry \_\_\_\_\_ of the first bird \_\_\_\_\_". The notes are: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (half), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (half).
- The third system contains the lyrics: "They be - gan to cru - ci - fy Thee, They be - gan to cru - ci -". The notes are: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (half).

**Piano Part:**

- The first system begins with a forte (*f*) dynamic. It features a complex texture with many beamed sixteenth and thirty-second notes in both hands, creating a shimmering effect. It ends with a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic.
- The second system begins with a mezzo-piano (*mp*) dynamic. It features a more melodic line in the right hand and a supporting bass line in the left hand.
- The third system begins with a piano (*p*) dynamic. It continues the melodic and harmonic development.

Rehearsal marks 8 and 8 are indicated at the beginning of the second and third piano systems, respectively.

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fy Thee, At the cry of the first bird.

The first system of a musical score. It consists of a vocal line on a single staff and a piano accompaniment on two staves (treble and bass clef). The key signature is D major (two sharps). The vocal line begins with a treble clef and a key signature of two sharps. The lyrics "fy Thee, At the cry of the first bird." are written below the vocal staff. The piano accompaniment features a series of chords in the right hand and a melodic line in the left hand. A fermata is placed over the final chord of the piano accompaniment.

O cheek like a swan!

The second system of the musical score. It continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The lyrics "O cheek like a swan!" are written below the vocal staff. The piano accompaniment continues with chords and a melodic line in the left hand. A fermata is placed over the final chord of the piano accompaniment.

O cheek like a swan!

The third system of the musical score. It continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The lyrics "O cheek like a swan!" are written below the vocal staff. The piano accompaniment continues with chords and a melodic line in the left hand. A fermata is placed over the final chord of the piano accompaniment.

It was not right — ev - er to cease la - ment - ing.

The first system of the musical score. The vocal line is in D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are "It was not right — ev - er to cease la - ment - ing." The piano accompaniment consists of a right hand with chords and moving lines, and a left hand with a steady bass line.

It was like the part - ing of day from

The second system of the musical score. The vocal line continues with the lyrics "It was like the part - ing of day from". The piano accompaniment continues with similar harmonic and rhythmic patterns.

night.

*mf* *f* *ff* *l.h.*

The third system of the musical score. The vocal line concludes with the word "night." The piano accompaniment features dynamic markings: *mf* (mezzo-forte), *f* (forte), and *ff* (fortissimo). The *l.h.* (left hand) marking is placed above the final chord. The system ends with a double bar line and repeat signs.

First system of piano accompaniment. The right hand (l.h.) features a melodic line with slurs and accents, marked *l.h.* and *retard*. The left hand (r.h.) provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving lines, marked *r.h.* and *f slower*. The key signature is two sharps (F# and C#).

Second system of piano accompaniment. The right hand (l.h.) has a melodic line with slurs and accents, marked *l.h.*, *mf*, and *mp*. The left hand (r.h.) has a harmonic accompaniment with slurs and accents, marked *r.h.*, *mf*, and *mp*. The key signature is two sharps (F# and C#).

Vocal entry: *p* Ah! though sore the

Piano accompaniment continues with a melodic line in the right hand (l.h.) and a harmonic accompaniment in the left hand (r.h.), marked *l.h.*, *mf*, *mp*, and *p*.

Third system of piano accompaniment. The right hand (l.h.) has a melodic line with slurs and accents, marked *l.h.*, *mf*, and *mp*. The left hand (r.h.) has a harmonic accompaniment with slurs and accents, marked *r.h.*, *mf*, and *mp*. The key signature is two sharps (F# and C#).

Vocal entry: *p* as at first

Vocal entry: *p* suf-fer-ing Put up-on the bod-y of Ma-ry's Son,

Piano accompaniment continues with a melodic line in the right hand (l.h.) and a harmonic accompaniment in the left hand (r.h.), marked *l.h.*, *mf*, *mp*, and *p*.

Sor - er to Him was the grief\_ That was up - on her for His sake.

At the cry\_ of the first bird\_ They be-gan to cru-ci-

At the cry\_ of the first bird\_ They be-gan to cru-ci-

fy Thee, They be-gan to cru-ci - fy Thee. O cheek like a swan!

8

O cheek like a swan!

8

ppp

8