

The Blackbird

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Moderato

Voice 1

Voice 2

Piano

molto legato

4 *mp*

O, have you heard the black - bird, Up - on the al - derspray?

mp

A -

mf He whistles high, he warbles low, -

cresc. *mf* -bove the waters clear and cool, Just like a boy let loose from school, He whistles high, he warbles low,

cresc. *mf*

p All in the morning gray. He sings of February floods, He sings of

p All in the morning gray. He sings of opening primrose buds, Of

p *molto legato* *cresc.*

13 *mf* *f*

mea-dows green in dai-sies drest, And fledg- lings in a mos-sy nest, Be - side the wood-land way, O gay!—

mf *f*

mea-dows green in dai-sies drest, And fledg - lings in a mos-sy nest, Be - side the wood - land

mf *f*

16 *dim.* *rit.* *a tempo*

— O gay! Be-side the wood-land way.

dim. *rit.* *a tempo*

way, Be-side the wood - land way.

a tempo

rit. *p* *molto legato*

mp

O, I have heard the black-bird, Up-

dim.

-on the al-derspray. He

mp *cresc.* *mf*

He told me where the cow-slips grow, And where the cuck-oo-flow'rs will blow; He

cresc.

p

whis-tled high, he war-bled low, All in the morn-ing gray: He bid me forth with mer-ry cheer,

p

whis-tled high, he war-bled low, All in the morn-ing gray: To

mf *p* *molto legato*

28

While yet the thorn was cold with rime, He sang, he
 meet and greet the youth - ful year, While yewt the thorn was cold with rime, He

mf
cresc.
mf
cresc.
mf

30

sang the songs of blos-som-time, Be - side the wood-land way, O gay! — O gay! Be-side the wood-land
 sang, the songs of blos-som-time, Be - side the wood - land way, Be-side the wood - land

f
dim.
rit.
f
dim.
rit.
f
dim.
rit.

p way. *mf* Come

p way.

molto legato *dim.*

out and hear the black - bird, Up - on the al - derspray!

mf The tar - dyspringshallsure - ly yet Be -

mf

40

mf *p*

Be-strew the wood with vi - o - let, And wind-flow'r white as day. The

cresc. *p*

-strew the wood with vi - o - let, Be-strew the wood with vi - o - let, And wind-flow'r white as day.

cresc. *p*

43

rust - ling boughs all green - ly drest And ev' - ry

cresc.

Shall rock a - round the black-bird's nest, And

multi legato *cresc.*

45

mf heart that loves, that loves the spring Shall leap for joy to hear him sing Be - side the wood-land way, O gay!...

mf ev - ry heart that loves the spring Shall leap for joy to hear him sing Be - side the wood - land

f

48

dim. *rit.* *p*
— O gay! Be-side the wood-land way,

dim. *rit.* *p* *p*
way, Be-side the wood - land way, O gay! Be-side the wood - land

dim. *rit.* *p* *molto legato*

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p *rall.* *pp*

O gay! O gay!

p *rall.* *pp*

way. Be-side the wood - land way.

dim. *rall.* *pp*

8

ped.