

The Lonely Bird

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It is said, that if a male nightingale be taken after his song has won
him a partner, he hardly ever survives in a cage. He dies broken hearted.

Moderato con espressione

The musical score is written for a vocal duet and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. The tempo and mood are indicated as 'Moderato con espressione'. The score is divided into three systems. The first system (measures 1-5) features a piano introduction with a melody in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand. The second system (measures 6-10) continues the piano introduction, marked with a 'cresc.' (crescendo) and ending with a 'f' (forte) dynamic. The third system (measures 11-15) introduces the vocal melody. The vocal parts are written for two voices, with lyrics provided below the notes. The piano accompaniment continues with a steady bass line. The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, accidentals, and dynamic markings.

p

cresc.

f

10

D A7(omit 3) D A7 D

Poor bird, thy mate is far a - way; I know it by thy song, That

p

15 D A7(omit3) D A7 D

faint - er grows from day to day, Less mu - si-cal and strong. I

19 D A7 Adim A G D A(omit5) A7

would the fair green fields were thine, The woods, the haw - thorn tree. Thy

23 D A7(omit3) D G D/A A7 D A7

cage a gild - ed pris-on, Is but not a home, a home for thee.

dim. rit. a tempo

colla voce sf

The musical score is for a song titled "The Lonely Bird". It is written for voice and piano. The key signature has two sharps (F# and C#), and the time signature is 4/4. The score is divided into three systems, each with a measure number (15, 19, 23) at the beginning. The first system (measures 15-18) features a vocal line with lyrics "faint - er grows from day to day, Less mu - si-cal and strong. I" and a piano accompaniment. The second system (measures 19-22) continues the vocal line with "would the fair green fields were thine, The woods, the haw - thorn tree. Thy" and includes piano accompaniment with some triplets. The third system (measures 23-26) concludes the vocal line with "cage a gild - ed pris-on, Is but not a home, a home for thee." and includes piano accompaniment with a forte (sf) section. Chord symbols are provided above the vocal line for each measure. Performance markings such as *dim.*, *rit.*, *a tempo*, *colla voce*, and *sf* are used to guide the performer.

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27 D 1st Voice A A E7

Thou would not seek the green-wood shade? Thou could not find her

31 A A A E7

now; Her low, sweet voice thou could not hear, Up - on the for - est

35 A D A

bough. _____ As much a home as those bright realms, From

38 D A Bm/D A/E

which, from which thy mate hath flown, These pris - on bars, if_ thou must seek their

42 E7 A (omit 5) Edim Bm Ddim A Bbdim7

si-lent glades a-lone, If thou must seek their si-lent glades Their

46 Bm Bdim A E7 A D A7(omit 3) D

calando *a tempo*

si-lent glades a-lone. 'Tis ev-er thus the hu-man heart is

50 A7 D D A7(omit 3) D

like that lone-ly bird. When on-ly ech-oes of the past a-

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54

A7 D D A dim A G/D D

mong its chords are stirred, It pines a - way, in si - lent grief, O'er

58

A (omit 5) A7 D A7 D G dim.

joys long past and flown, And then ne-glect-ed, breaks at last, It can-not

62

D/A A7 D (omit 5)

live, it can-not live a - lone.

rit.

a tempo

f

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. The score is divided into three systems, each with a measure number (54, 58, 62) at the beginning. The first system (measures 54-57) includes the lyrics 'mong its chords are stirred, It pines a - way, in si - lent grief, O'er'. The second system (measures 58-61) includes the lyrics 'joys long past and flown, And then ne-glect-ed, breaks at last, It can-not'. The third system (measures 62-65) includes the lyrics 'live, it can-not live a - lone.' and ends with a double bar line. The piano accompaniment includes various chords (A7, D, A, G/D) and dynamic markings (dim., f). The tempo marking 'a tempo' appears in the third system.

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67 2nd Voice

G C G D7 G

Poor lone - ly bird! Our world like thine, Hath man-y a wea - ry heart, Hath

72 G C G Bm F7 Bm

man-y a ru - ined shrine From which the shade will not de - part; I

76 E7 A E7 A

would not bid thee seek the woods, For now I feel like thee, With-

80 A A/C# D Bm A Bm A *cresc.* E E7 *f* C#

out a kin-dred heart to love, I could not hap-py be. With-

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84 A A/C# D Bm A Bm A/E *rall.* E7 A

out a kin-dred heart to love, I could not, I could not hap-py be

colla voce

88 *a tempo* D A7(omit 3) D A7 D

'Tis ev - er thus, the hu - man heart is like that lone - ly bird, When

p

93 D A7(omit 3) D A7 D D A7 A dim A

on - ly ech-oes of the past a - mong its chords are stirred, It pines a - way, in

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G D A C#dim D C#dim A7

si - lent grief, O'er joys long past and flown, And then ne-glect-ed,

102

D G dim. D/A A7 D A7(omit 5) *più lento*

breaks at last, — It can-not live a - lone, it can - not live, It can-not live a -

106

D A7 D *rall.*

lone, It can-not live a - lone. —

dim. it can - not live, *dim.* *colla voce* *f*