

# IV. THE BLADES OF GRASS

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*Andante* ♩ = 200

from POEMS ON CRANE

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"What did you do?" Then all save one be -  
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*D.C. rit. ad. lib.* *D.C.*

— A - - - - - shamed. A - shamed.  
dor A rose from his throne. "Oh, best lit - tle blade of grass!"

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\*troped on a Bach chorale  
but performed in a jaunty  
"folk-Renaissance" manner