

The nightingale, the organ of delight

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Soprano I
The night-ing-_____ ale, the or-_____ gan of de-

Soprano II
The night-ing-_____ ale, the or - gan of

Tenor
8 The night-ing-_____ ale, the or-gan_

5
S light, the nim-ble, nim-ble, nim-ble nim-ble
de-light, the nim-ble, nim-ble, nim-ble, nim-ble

T
8 of de-light, the nim-ble, nim-ble, nim-ble, nim-ble lark,

10
S lark, the black-bird, the black - bird and the thrush, the thrush,
lark, the black-bird, the black - bird and the thrush,

T
8 the black - bird, the black - bird and the thrush, and

15
S and all the pret - ty quir - is - ters of flight, that
and all the pret-_____ ty quir-is-ters of _____ flight, that chant their

T
8 all the pret - ty quir - is-ters of flight, that chant their mu-sic

20

S chant their mu - sic notes in ev - 'ry bush, that chant their mu - sic

T mu - sic notes in ev - 'ry bush, that chant their mu - sic notes in

8 notes in ev - 'ry bush, that chant their mu - sic notes in e v-'ry bush: in

25

S notes in ev-'ry bush: Let them no more con-tend who shall ex-cel, the cuc-koo,

T ev-ry bush: Let them no more con-tend who shall ex-cel, the cuc -

8 ev-,ry bush, in ev-'ry bush, Let them no more con-tend who shall ex-cel, the

S cuc-koo, the cuc - koo, cuc-koo, cuc-koo, the cuc -

T koo, cuc - koo, the cuc-koo, cuc - koo, cuc koo, the

8 Cuc-koo, the cuc - koo is the bird, the cuc-koo

30

S koo, cuc-koo, cuc - koo, cuc-koo, cuc - koo, cuc-koo

T cuc-koo, cuc-koo, is the bird, cuc-koo, cuc-koo, cuc-koo,

8 is the bird, the cuc-koo is the bird

35

S is the bird that bears the bell. Let bell.

T is the bird that bears the bell. Let bell.

8 that bears the bell. Let bell.

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