

# The Nightingale, the organ of delight

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Soprano  
The Night-in- gale, the or-

Alto  
The Night-in - gale, the

Baritone  
The Night-in-

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S.  
gan of de - light: The

A.  
or - gan of de - light: The

Bar.  
gale, the or - gan of de - light: The nim - ble nim - ble nim - ble nim - ble

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S.  
nim - ble nim - ble nim - ble nim - ble lark, the black - bird,

A.  
nim - ble nim - ble nim - ble nim - ble lark, the black - bird,

Bar.  
lark, the black - bird, the

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S.  
the black - bird and the thrush, the thrush,

A.  
the black - bird and the thrush,

Bar.  
black - bird and the thrush, And

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S. And all the pret - ty chor - is - ters of

A. And all the pret - ty chor - is - ters of flight,

Bar. all the pret - ty chor - is - ters of flight, That

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S. flight, That chant their mu - sic notes in ev - 'ry

A. That chant their mu - sic notes in ev - 'ry

Bar. chant their mu - sic notes in ev - 'ry bush, That

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

A. bush, That chant their mu - sic notes in ev - 'ry

Bar. chant their mu - sic notes in ev - 'ry bush in ev - 'ry bush in ev - 'ry

S. bush: Let them no more con - tend who

A. bush: Let them no more con - tend who

Bar. bush: Let them no more con - tend who

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S. shall ex - cel, The cuc - koo cuc - koo, the

A. shall ex - cel, The cuc - koo, cuc - koo,

Bar. shall ex - cel, The cuc - koo, the cuc -

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S. cuc - koo, cuc - koo, cuc - koo, The cuc - koo, cuc - koo, cuc -

A. the cuc - koo, cuc - koo, cuc - koo, the cuc - koo, cuc - koo

Bar. koo is the bird, the cuc - koo is the bird, the

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S. koo, cuc - koo, cuc - koo, cuc - koo is the bird that

A. is the bird, cuc - koo, cuc - koo, cuc - koo is the bird that

Bar. cuc - koo is the bird that bears

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S. 1. bears the bell. 2. bears the bell.

A. bears the bell. bears the bell.

Bar. the bell. the bell.