

No. 6

GREEN FINCH AND LINNET BIRD  
(JOHANNA)

JOHANNA: (To Bird Seller) And how are they today? BIRD SELLER: Hungry as always, Miss Johanna.

Ad lib. (Electronically reproduced bird sounds continue, then fade)

A B C

*p* *tr* *tr* *tr*

*p*

*mp* *p* 3

D E

*mp*

He lifts the bird cages up to her.

Allegretto, poco rubato (♩ = 112)

*mp* *poco rit.* *a tempo* *poco rit.*

JOHANNA:

1 *mp*

Green finch and lin-net bird, night-in-gale, black-bird, How is it you sing? *tr*

*mp* *a tempo*

5  
J. How can you ju-bi-late, sit-ting in cag - es, Nev - er tak-ing wing?

9 *poco rit.* *a tempo*  
Out - side the sky waits, beck - on - ing, beck - on - ing, Just be - yond the bars.

12 *poco accel. e cresc.*  
How can you re-main, star - ing at the rain, mad-dened by the

15 *mf* *poco rit.*  
stars?

17 *mp* *rit.* *a tempo*

J. How is it you sing \_\_\_\_\_ an - y - thing? How is it you sing? \_\_\_\_\_

*p* *rit.* *a tempo*

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Green finch and lin-net bird, night-in-gale, black-bird, How is it you sing? \_\_\_\_\_

*mp* L.H.

25 *Con poco moto* *cresc. poco a poco*

Whence comes this mel-o-dy con-stant-ly flow-ing? Is it re-joic-ing or

*simile* *cresc. poco a poco*

28 *f*

mere-ly hal-lo-ing? Are you dis-cuss-ing or fuss-ing or sim-ply

31 *p* *poco rit.* *a tempo*

J. dream - ing? Are you crow - ing?

*p subito* *poco rit.* *a tempo*

34 *sempre p poco rit.* *a tempo*

Are you scream - ing?

*poco rit.* *a tempo, sempre rubato* *mp*

37 *mp*

Ring - dove and rob - in - et, is it for wag - es, Sing - ing to be sold?

*mf*

40 *mf*

Have you de - cid - ed it's saf - er in cag - es,

*f*

Anthony enters. Instantly he sees her and stands

43

J. Sing - ing when you're told?

transfixed by her beauty.

45 *Più mosso* *mp*

My cage has man - y rooms, dam - ask and dark. Noth - ing there sings, not *ten.*

48

e - ven my lark. Larks nev - er will, you know, when they're cap - tive.

51 *poco rit.*

Teach me to be more a - dap - tive.

53 *poco rit.*

J. Ah,

*tr*

*poco rit.* *dim.*

Tranquillo  
a tempo

55

Green finch and lin-net bird, night-in-gale, black-bird, Teach me how to sing.

*mp* *a tempo*

R.H.

58 *poco rit.*

If I can-not fly, let me

L.H.

*poco rit.* *p*

61 *a tempo*

She gazes disconsolately into the middle distance.

sing.

*a tempo*

Segue