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“The robin flew from his swinging spray of ivy on to the top of the wall and he opened his beak and sang a loud, lovely trill, merely to show off. Nothing in the world is quite as adorably lovely as a robin when he shows off - and they are nearly always doing it.”

Frances Hodgson Burnett, The Secret Garden

I heard a bird sing in the dark of December. A magical thing. And sweet to remember. We are nearer to Spring than we were in September. I heard a bird sing in the dark of December.

Oliver Herford

Duration: 3 minutes

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Dancing (♩=c152)

Viola

mf scherzando

6 *p sweetly* *sub. p*

12 *sub. p* *f*

18 *p* *p*

23 *f* *sub. p* *p* *p*

27 *f* *p*

30 *f* *p* *mp*

35 *f* *p*

39 *f* *mf* *f* *p*

43 *mf scherzando*

arco pizz. arco pizz. arco pizz. arco pizz. arco

48 pizz. arco pizz. arco pizz. arco

f sub. p *f sub. p* *mf*

53 pizz. arco pizz. arco

p

57 *f* *p*

60 *f* *p* *f*

63

65 *poco rit.*

ff *p*

68 *Meno mosso* *molto accel.* *pizz.* *arco*

p poco rubato *increase tremelando speed*

72 *molto rit.* *Slow* *A tempo*

gradually reduce (non trem.) *pizz.* *arco*

tremelando *p stealthily* *p scurrying*

76 *Slow* *pizz.*

f *p stealthily*

80 **A tempo**
arco
p scurrying *f*

83 **Slow** pizz. *p* arco *p* warmly **A tempo** pizz. *mf* **Slow** arco *sub. p* **A tempo** pizz.

88 **Slow** arco *p* **A tempo** pizz. *mf* **Slow** arco *sub p poco rubato*

92 **molto accel.** pizz. *p* *mf*

96 arco *f* **Tempo primo** (♩=c152) *ff* **molto rit.**

99 tap viola 3 arco (non trem.) *p* gradually reduce tremelando *pp* **Dancing** (♩=c152) *mf* warmly *p* pizz.

104 arco *mf* pizz. *f* arco pizz. arco pizz. arco pizz. arco pizz.

110 arco *mf* pizz. *p* arco *mf* pizz. *p* arco *mf*

115 pizz. *p* arco *mf* 3 3 3 3 pizz. *p* arco *mf* pizz. *p* arco *mf*

119 pizz. *p* arco *mf* 3 3 *f* pizz. *p*