

BIRDS

NOTE: Prepare in rhythmic speech first. Once that is solid, then proceed to singing.

Text: From "An Exaltation of Larks" by James Lipton

JOHN BIGGS
ascap

Declamando (♩ = 120)

SOPRANO I
p O - ver the years — men have used a number of spe-cial terms

SOPRANO II
p O - ver the years — men have used a number of spe-cial terms

ALTO
p O - ver the years — men have used a number of spe-cial terms

TENOR
mf To des-

BASS I
mf To des-

BASS II
mf To des-

PIANO
for rehearsal only
p *mf*

And here are some that sur-
 And here are some that sur-
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 crite birds in va-ri-ous group-ings. And here are some
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 crite birds in va-ri-ous group-ings. And here are some

ritard.
 vive in the English lan-guage.
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 vive in the English lan-guage. *p a tempo*
 that survive in the English lan-guage. *ritard.* *p* A siege of herons or bitterns *f* A
 that survive in the English lan-guage. *f* A
 that survive in the English lan-guage. *p* A plump of wild fowl *f* A
a tempo
ritard. *p* *f*

cresc. . . .

p A bade-lyng, a bade-lyng, a

p A bade-lyng, a bade-lyng, a

p A bade-lyng, a bade-lyng, a

gag-gle, a gag-gle, a gag-gle, a gag-gle, a gag-gle, a gag-gle of geese.

gag-gle, a gag-gle, a gag-gle, a gag-gle, a gag-gle, a gag-gle of geese.

gag-gle, a gag-gle, a gag-gle, a gag-gle, a gag-gle, a gag-gle of geese.

p *cresc. . . .*

bade - lyng of ducks. A sord of mal - lards, a spring of teal, a

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f

spring of teal. *mf*

spring of teal, a spring of teal. A cast of hawks, a be-vy of quail,

spring of teal.

p A cast of hawks, a be-vy of quail, a

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p A cast of hawks, a be-vy of quail, a

p *mf*

p A mus-ter of pea-cocks, a

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* co - vey of par - trid-ges, a mus-ter of pea - cocks,

co - vey of par - trid-ges, a mus-ter of pea - cocks,

co - vey of par - trid-ges, a mus-ter of pea - cocks,

p

nye_ of phea-sants.

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nye_ of phea-sants.

ritard.

p A nye_ of pheasants, a co-vert, a co-vert of coots.

p A nye_ of pheasants, a co-vert, a co-vert of coots.

p A nye_ of pheasants, a co-vert, a co-vert of coots.

p

ritard.

a tempo (with a solemn face)

ff A con - gre - ga - tion of plo - vers.

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ff A con - gre - ga - tion of plo - vers.

a tempo

ff A con - gre - ga - tion of plo - vers. *pp* A

ff A con - gre - ga - tion of plo - vers. *pp* A

A con - gre - ga - tion of plo - vers. *pp* A

a tempo

ff

pp

(no ritard.)

cresc.

pp A wisp of snipe, a ba-zaar of murras, a mur-mur-a-tion of

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cresc.

de-sert of lap-wings, a ba - zaar of murras, a flight of doves, an

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pp *cresc.*

star - lings, a watch of nightin - gales. A chattering, chattering, chattering, chattering, chattering, chatter-

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f

ex-al-tation of larks, a building of rooks.

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f

ring *of choughs.

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ben articolato *p* A siege, a siege, a plump, a plump, a

p A siege, a siege, a plump,

p A siege, a plump, a plump, a

p *cresc.*

ben articolato *p* A badelyng, abadelyng, a sord, a sord, a

p A badelyng, abadelyng, a sord,

p A bade - - lyng, a sord, a sord, a

gag - gle, agaggle, agaggle, a gaggle of geese.

agaggle, agaggle, a gaggle of geese.

gaggle, agaggle, agaggle, a gaggle of geese.

p *cresc.*

spring a spring a nye a covert, a
 a spring a spring a be-vy a co-vy a muster a nye a
 spring a spring a cast- a be-vy a spring a
 A be-vy a co-vey a nye a co-vert,
 A spring, a muster, a nye,
 A cast, a be-vy, a spring,

con-gre-ga-tion, a con-gre-ga-tion a congregation of plovers.
 con-gre-ga-tion, a con-gre-ga-tion a congregation of plovers.
 con-gre-ga-tion, a con-gre-ga-tion a congregation of plovers.
 A congregation, a con-gre-ga-tion a congregation of
 A congregation, a con-gre-ga-tion a congregation of
 A congregation, a con-gre-ga-tion a congregation of

come eco

p plo-vers, *p* plo-vers, plo-vers. *f* A

p plo-vers, *p* plo-vers, plo-vers. *f* A

p plo-vers, *p* plo-vers, plo-vers. *f* A

plovers, plovers, plovers, *ff* plovers, plovers, *mf* plo-vers, plo-vers, plovers, plovers,

plovers, plovers, plovers, *ff* plovers, plovers, *mf* plo-vers, plo-vers, plovers, plovers,

plovers, plovers, plovers, *ff* plovers, plovers, *mf* plo-vers, plo-vers, plovers, plovers,

p *ff* *p* *mf* *f*

desert of lapwings, lapwings *f* A ba - zaar — of murres, *p* a

desert of lapwings, lapwings *f* A ba - zaar — of murres, *p* a

desert of lapwings, lapwings *f* A ba - zaar — of murres, *p* a

f A wisp of snipe of snipe, *f* a ba - zaar — of murres,

f A wisp of snipe of snipe, *f* a ba - zaar — of murres,

f A wisp of snipe of snipe, *f* a ba - zaar — of murres,

f *f* *f* *p*

flight of doves, *f* a mur - mur-a-tion, an ex - al -

flight of doves, *f* a mur - mur-a-tion, an ex - al -

flight of doves, *f* a mur - mur-a-tion, an ex - al -

f a flight of doves, A mur - mur-a-tion, an

f a flight of doves, A mur - mur-a-tion, an

f a flight of doves, A mur - mur-a-tion, an

b^b *p* *f* *f*

ta - tion, *p* a watch of night-in-gales, a build - ing,

ta - tion, *p* a watch of night-in-gales, a build - ing,

ta - tion, *p* a watch of night-in-gales, a build - ing,

ex - al - ta - tion, *mf* a watch of nightin - gales, a build -

ex - al - ta - tion, *mf* a watch of nightin - gales, a build -

ex - al - ta - tion, *mf* a watch of nightin - gales, a build -

p *mf*

stringendo poco a poco al fine - - - - -

chattering, chattering, *f* A cha cha cha cha cha chattering, A
 chattering, chattering, chattering, A cha cha cha cha cha chattering, A cha cha cha
 chattering, *f* A cha cha cha cha cha chattering, A cha cha cha cha cha
 A cha cha cha chattering, chattering, A cha cha cha chattering, chattering,
 A cha cha cha chattering, chattering, A
 cha cha cha chattering, chattering, A cha cha cha chattering, chattering, a cha cha cha

cha cha cha cha cha chattering, chat-ter-ing, chat-ter-ing of choughs.
 cha cha cha cha cha, A chat-ter-ing, chat-ter-ing of choughs.
 chattering A chat-ter-ing, chat-ter-ing, chat-ter-ing of choughs.
 A cha cha cha chattering, chat-ter-ing, chat-ter-ing of choughs.
 cha cha cha cha cha chattering, chat-ter-ing, chattering of choughs.
 cha cha cha cha cha chattering, chat-ter-ing, chat-ter-ing of choughs.