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## THE MESSENGER OF THE DELIGHTFUL SPRING

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(♩ = 104)  
*p* *f*  
 Soprano The mes-sen-ger of the de-light-ful spring, The cuck-oo, cuck-oo, proud  
 Alto The mes-sen-ger of the de-light-ful spring, The cuck-oo, proud  
 Tenor The mes-sen-ger of the de-light-ful spring, The cuck-oo, proud  
 Bass *f*  
 The cuck-oo, proud

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 bird, mock-ing man, proud bird, mock-ing man. On loft-y  
 bird, mock-ing man, On loft-y oak and ev-'ry bud-ding thing, and  
 bird, mock-ing man, On loft-y oak and ev-'ry bud-ding thing, and  
 bird, mock-ing man. On

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 oak and ev-'ry bud-ding thing, To chant out cuck-oo  
 ev-'ry bud-ding thing, and ev-'ry bud-ding thing, and ev-'ry  
 ev-'ry bud-ding thing, and ev-'ry bud-ding thing, and ev-'ry bud-ding thing  
 loft-y oak and ev-'ry bud-ding thing, To

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cuck-oo scarce be - gan, to chant out cuck-oo, cuck-oo scarce be -  
 bud-ding thing, To chant out cuck-oo, cuck-oo scarce be - gan, to  
 bud-ding thing, To chant out cuck-oo, cuck-oo scarce be -  
 chant out cuck-oo, cuck-oo scarce be - gan, to

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gan, to chant out cuck-oo scarce be-gan, When young Me-nal-  
 chant out cuck-oo, cuck-oo scarce be - gan, When young Me-nal-  
 gan, to chant out cuck-oo scarce be - gan, When young Me-nal-  
 chant out cuck-oo, cuck-oo scarce be - gan, When young Me-nal-

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- cas, like the swan, when young Me-nal - cas, like the swan, like the swan,  
 - cas, like the swan, when young Me-nal - cas, like the swan, *legato*  
 - cas, like the swan, when young Me-nal - cas, like the swan, His win -  
 - cas, like the swan. His win - ter

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*legato* His win - ter cloak did fling,  
*legato* His win - ter cloak did fling, did fling his cloak, his  
 - ter cloak, his win - ter cloak did fling,  
 cloak did fling, his win - ter cloak did fling, his win - ter

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his win - ter cloak did fling, And

win - ter cloak did fling. And nim-bly, nim-bly, nim-bly

his win - ter cloak did fling, And

cloak, his win - ter cloak did fling.

*stacc.*

*staccato*

*stacc.*

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nim-bly, nim-bly spring, and nim - bly spring, and nim - bly spring, and

spring, and nim-bly, nim-bly spring, and nim - bly spring, and

nim-bly, nim-bly spring, and nim-bly, nim-bly spring, and

*staccato*

and nim - bly, nim-bly spring, and

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nim-bly, nim-bly spring, did spring, And as the cuck-oo, and as the cuck-oo,

nim-bly, nim-bly, nim-bly spring, And as the cuck-oo, and as the

nim-bly, nim-bly, nim - bly spring, And as the cuck-oo, and as the

nim-bly, nim-bly, nim - bly spring, And as the cuck-oo,

*p*

*p*

*p*

*p*

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and as the cuck-oo, and as the cuck-oo cuck did sing.

cuck-oo, and as the cuck-oo, the cuck-oo cuck did sing.

cuck-oo, cuck-oo cuck did sing, cuck-oo, cuck-oo cuck did sing.

and as the cuck-oo, and as the cuck-oo cuck did sing.

*f*

*f*

*f*

*f*

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*legatissimo  
cresc.*

The Shep - herd's down, down a down a down, down a

The Shep - herd's down a down a down, down a down a

The Shep - herd's down, down a down a down, down

The Shep - herd's down, down a down a down

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down a down, a down a down a down, down a down a down, The

down, down a down, down a down, down a down

down a down, down a down, down, down a down, down a

down a down a down, down down a down a down, The

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Shep - herd's down, down a down a down was far - ra did - die

down, The Shep - herd's down a down was far - ra did - die dan dan, was

down, down, The Shep - herd's down a down a down The Shep - herd's

Shep - herd's down a down a down was far - ra did - die dan.

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did - die dan, was far - ra did - die dan.

far - ra did - die dan, was far - ra did - die dan.

down a down a down was far - ra did - die did - die dan.