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THE OAK TREE BOUGH

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The Oak Tree Bough.

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Allegretto scherzando $\text{♩} = \text{about } 104.$ *p*

VOICE. *p*
There was a weasel lived in the sun With
all his family, Till a keep-er shot him — with his gun
And hung him up on a tree, Where he swings in the

PIANO. *p* *cresc.* *f*

wind and rain, In the sun and in the snow, With-out plea-sure,

with-out pain, On the dead oak tree bough.

dim.

dim.

There was a crow who

p

was no sleeper, But a thief and a murderer Till a ve-ry late hour;

cresc.

f

p

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cresc. *f*

and this keeper Made him one of the things that were, To hang and

sf *p* *cresc.* *f*

flap in rain and wind In the sun and in the snow.

dim.

There are no more sins to be sinned On the dead oak tree bough.

dim.

p

There

p

was a mag-pie, too, Had a long tongue and a - long tail;

tr

He could both talk and do— But what did that a - vail?—

cresc.

f p *f p cresc.*

He, too, flaps in the wind and rain A-long-side

f *f*

wea - sel and crow, With - out pleas - ure, with - out pain,

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dim.

On the dead oak tree bough.

dim.

dim.

pp

And

p

pp

ma-ny o - ther beasts And birds, skin, bone, and feather,

cresc. molto

f

Have been ta - ken from their feasts And hung up there to - ge - ther. To

cresc. molto

ff

swing ————— and have end-less lei-sure In the sun and

f

dim. *p*

in the snow, With-out pain, with-out pleasure, On the dead

dim. *p*

oak tree bough.

dim. *sempre*

pp *senza rit.* *ppp*

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