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Written for my wife Jess Hobbs while at the Chalk Hill Artist Residency in Healdsburg, California.

Mark Growden is a composer, singer, composer, multi-instrumentalist, visual artist, and the founder and artistic director of The Calling All Choir. He is currently is mentored by Vance George and Michael Caulkin. He has also studied with Remy Charlip, Doug Goodkin, and Loren Pickford. Mark received his Orff Schulwerck music education certificate from Mills College. He has released several critically acclaimed albums and has toured the US extensively, performing throughout the country. Mark has composed original musical scores for dozens of dance and theater companies and scored several films. Mark has devoted his life to making music for other people and to helping other people make music for themselves.

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**Slow and Freely (Rubato)** *mf*  $\frac{3}{4}$

Soprano Solo

Tenor Solo

SOPRANO

ALTO

TENOR

BASS

S. Solo

T. Solo

S.

A.

T.

B.

Li-ttle bird told me\_

Li-ttle bird told me\_ li-ttle bird told

Doo\_\_\_\_\_ Doo\_\_\_\_\_

Doo\_\_\_\_\_ Doo\_\_\_\_\_

Doo\_\_\_\_\_ Doo\_\_\_\_\_

Doo\_\_\_\_\_ Doo\_\_\_\_\_

li-ttle bird told you\_ Three li-ttle words, three li-ttle bird words

you. Three li-ttle words, three li-ttle bird words be -

Doo\_\_\_\_\_

Doo\_\_\_\_\_

Doo Doo

Doo Doo

2

S. Solo

T. Solo

S.

A.

T.

B.

11

S. Solo

T. Solo

S.

A.

T.

B.

14

S. Solo      rit.

T. Solo

S.      *mf*

A.      *mf*

T.      *mf*

B.      *mf*

pre - tty li - ttle word I'm sa - vin' 'til it's true.  
 pre - tty li - ttle word I'm sa - vin' 'til it's true.  
 — Sa - vin' 'til it's true.  
 — Sa - vin' 'til it's true.  
 Doo Sa - vin' 'til it's true.  
 — Sa - vin' 'til it's true.

Swing ( $\text{♩}=138$ )

**18**

S.      *mp*

A.      *mp*

T.      *mp*

B.      *mp*

Li - ttle bird - told me,  
 Li - ttle bird told me,  
 Li - ttle bird told me,  
 Oh yes a Li - ttle bird told me,

20

S. Li - tle bird - told you, Three li - ttle words, three

A. Li - tle bird told you, Three li - ttle words, three

T. 8 Li - tle bird told you, Three li - ttle words, three

B. Li - tle bird told you, Three li - ttle words, three

23

S. li - tle bird words be - fore the bir - dy flew, First word - was

A. li - tle bird words be - fore the bir - dy flew, First word was

T. 8 li - tle bird words be - fore the bir - dy flew, First word was

B. li - tle bird words be - fore the bir - dy flew, First word was

27

S. I, Third word - was you, The mi - dle word is a

A. I, Third word was you, The mi - dle word is a

T. 8 I, Third word was you, The mi - dle word is a

B. I, Third word was you, The mi - dle word is a

## To Coda 5

31

S. pre - tty li - ttle word I'm sa - vin' 'til it's true,

A. pre - tty li - ttle word I'm sa - vin' 'til it's true,

T. 8 pre - tty li - ttle word I'm sa - vin' 'til it's true,

B. pre - tty li - ttle word I'm sa - vin' 'til it's true,

34 *mp*

S. Fly, fly Tell your sto - ry to the sky,

A. *mp* Fly, fly Tell your sto - ry to the sky,

T. *f* Fly, fly Tell your sto - ry to the sky,

B. *mp* Fly, Fly, fly sto - ry to the sky,

37

S. — A song to sing on the tip of your wings, a

A. — A song to sing on the tip of your wings, a

T. 8 — A song to sing on the tip of your wings, a

B. — You got a song to sing on the tip of your wings, a

40

S. spar - kle in your eye\_\_\_\_ Love,\_\_\_\_\_ love\_

A. spar - kle in your eye\_\_\_\_ Love,\_\_\_\_\_ love\_

T. spar - kle in your eye\_\_\_\_ Love, love, love\_

B. spar - kle in your eye\_\_\_\_ Love,\_\_\_\_\_ love\_

43

S. — whis - tle of a dove,\_\_\_\_ Fly, fly, fly\_

A. — on the whis - tle of a dove,\_\_\_\_ Oh fly, fly, fly\_

T. — on the whis - tle of a dove,\_\_\_\_ Oh fly, fly, fly\_

B. — on the whis - tle of a dove,\_\_\_\_ Fly, fly, fly\_

**D.S. al Coda**

47

S. — on back to me\_\_\_\_ -

A. — on back to me\_\_\_\_ -

T. — on ba - ck to me\_\_\_\_ -

B. — on back to me\_\_\_\_ *mf* Oh yes a

50

*p*

A. Li - ttle bird,  
li - ttle bird,  
li - ttle bird,

T. Li - ttle bird,  
li - ttle bird,  
li - ttle bird,

B. *p*  
Li - ttle bird,  
li - ttle bird,  
li - ttle bird,

52

A. li - ttle bird,  
li - ttle bird,  
li - ttle bird,

T. li - ttle bird,  
li - ttle bird,  
li - ttle bird,

B. li - ttle bird,  
li - ttle bird,  
li - ttle bird,

54

A. li - ttle bird,  
li - ttle bird,  
li - ttle bird,

T. li - ttle bird,  
li - ttle bird,  
li - ttle bird,

B. li - ttle bird,  
li - ttle bird,  
li - ttle bird,

56

A. li - ttle bird,  
li - ttle bird,  
li - ttle bird,

T. li - ttle bird,  
li - ttle bird,  
li - ttle bird,

B. li - ttle bird,  
li - ttle bird,  
li - ttle bird,

58

A.

T.

B.

60

A.

T.

B.

62

A.

T.

B.

64

A.

T.

B.

67

A. bird, li - ttle bird, li - ttle bird, li - ttle bird.

T. 8 bird, li - ttle bird, li - ttle bird, li - ttle bird.

B. li - ttle bird, li - ttle bird, li - ttle bird, li - ttle bird.

70 ***mf*** 1st x lower part only, 2nd x Divisi

S. Li - ttle bird, oh li - ttle bird.

A. Li ttle bird, li-ttle bird, li-ttle bird, li-ttle bird, li-ttle

T. 8 Li ttle bird, li-ttle bird, li-ttle bird, li-ttle bird, li-ttle

B. Li ttle bird, li-ttle bird, li-ttle bird, li-ttle

***Tenor solo 2nd x only***

73 Improvise with the words "Little Bird" - Take it to church!

T. Solo -

S. Li - ttle bird, oh

A. bird, li - ttle bird, li - ttle bird, li - ttle bird, li - ttle bird,

T. 8 bird, li - ttle bird, li - ttle bird, li - ttle bird, li - ttle bird,

B. li - ttle bird, li - ttle bird, li - ttle bird, li - ttle bird, li - ttle bird,

10

76

Improvise with the words "Little Bird"

T. Solo

S.

A.

T.

B.

li - ttle bird. Li - ttle

li-ttle bird, li-ttle bird, li-ttle bird, li-ttle bird, li-ttle

li-ttle bird, li-ttle bird, li-ttle bird, li-ttle bird, li-ttle

li-ttle bird, li-ttle bird, li-ttle bird, li-ttle bird, li-ttle

79

Improvise with the words "Little Bird"

T. Solo

S.

A.

T.

B.

bird, oh li - ttle bird.

bird, li-ttle bird, li-ttle bird, li-ttle bird, li-ttle

bird, li-ttle bird, Li-ttle bird, li-ttle bird, li-ttle

bird, li-ttle bird, li-ttle bird, li-ttle bird, li-ttle

82

S. Fly, fly, fly, — on back to me...

A. li - ttle bird, li - ttle bird, li - ttle bird,

T. li - ttle bird, li - ttle bird, li - ttle bird,

B. li - ttle bird, li - ttle bird, li - ttle bird,

84 Improvise with the words "Fly, Fly, Fly"

T. Solo 8

S. — Fly, fly, fly,

A. li - ttle bird, li - ttle bird, li - ttle bird, li - ttle bird, li - ttle

T. li - ttle bird, li - ttle bird, li - ttle bird, li - ttle bird, li - ttle

B. li - ttle bird, li - ttle bird, li - ttle bird, li - ttle bird,

87

T. Solo \*  
S. on back to me.  
A. bird, li - tle bird, li - tle bird, li - tle bird.  
T. bird, li - tle bird, li - tle bird, li - tle bird.  
B. li - tle bird, li - tle bird, li - tle bird, li - tle bird.

\*2x Only

**molto rit.**

90

S. Solo Improvise with the word "Little" Improvise with the word "Bird"  
T. Solo Improvise with the word "Little" Improvise with the word "Bird"  
S. Li - ttle, bird.  
A. Li - ttle, bird.  
T. Li - ttle, bird.  
B. Li - ttle, bird.

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