

# The Hawk and the Nightingale

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♩ = 72

Nightingale

*mf*

Hawk

*ponticello*

*p* *tasto*

*natural cresc. poco a poco*

*poco rit. a tempo*  
*f*

A Nightingale, sitting atop an oak tree and singing beautifully, was seen by a Hawk who, being hungry, swooped down and grabbed her. The Nightingale begged the Hawk to let him go, saying that she was not big enough to satisfy the hunger of a Hawk who, if he wanted food, ought to pursue the larger, fatter birds. The Hawk, interrupting her, said: "I should indeed have lost my mind if I let go of food already in my hand to chase birds which are not yet even within sight."