

Carol Of The Birds

Traditional Irish carol
new music by Jilly Jarman

Lyrical and mysterious

The musical score is written in 4/4 time and consists of three systems. The key signature has one flat (Bb). The first system (measures 1-4) features a vocal line starting with a rest, followed by the lyrics "Full ma-ny a bird did wake and cry 'Cu - roo cu - roo cu -". The piano accompaniment begins with a rest and then provides harmonic support. Chords Gm, F/G, Gm, Dm, and C are indicated above the vocal line. The second system (measures 5-8) starts with measure 5. The vocal line continues with "roo.' Full ma-ny a bird did wake and cry To the man - ger bed with a". The piano accompaniment continues. Chords Dm, Gm, F, C, G, and Eb are indicated above the vocal line. The third system (measures 9-12) starts with measure 9. The vocal line continues with "wan-der-ing cry On Christ-mas Day in the morn - ing 'Cu - roo, cu-roo, cu -". The piano accompaniment concludes. Chords D, Gm, F/G, Gm, Dm, and C are indicated above the vocal line. Dynamics include *p* (piano) and *mp* (mezzo-piano).

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D Gm D F/G C G

- roo On Christ-mas Day in the morn - ing The

mf

16

B^b F C B^b G

birds did sing 'Cu - roo, cu - roo_ 'Cu - roo!' The

VERSE 2

The lark, the dove, the red bird came
 Curoo, curoo, curoo
 The lark, the dove, the red bird came
 And they did sing in sweet Jesus' name

REFRAIN

On Christmas day in the morning
 Curoo, curoo, curoo
 On Christmas Day in the morning
 The birds did sing: 'Curoo, curoo, curoo!'

VERSE 3

The owl was there with eyes so wide
 Curoo, curoo, curoo
 The owl was there with eyes so wide
 And he did sit at sweet Mary's side

REFRAIN

On Christmas day in the morning
 Curoo, curoo, curoo
 On Christmas Day in the morning
 The birds did sing: 'Curoo, curoo, curoo!'

VERSE 4

The shepherds knelt upon the hay
 Curoo, curoo, curoo
 The shepherds knelt upon the hay
 And angels sang the night away

REFRAIN

On Christmas day in the morning
 Curoo, curoo, curoo
 On Christmas Day in the morning
 The birds did sing: 'Curoo, curoo, curoo!'