

# Nonsense Madrigals

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## III. The Alphabet

Lento (♩ = 56)

Musical score for measures 1-6. The score is for SATB choir with two baritone parts (Bar I and Bar II). Dynamics range from *pppp* to *ppp*. The lyrics are 'ci' and 'ci'.

Musical score for measures 7-12. The score is for SATB choir with two baritone parts (Bar I and Bar II). Dynamics range from *pp* to *ppp*. The lyrics are 'bi', 'bi', 'si', 'ci'.

Musical score for measures 13-18. The score is for SATB choir with two baritone parts (Bar I and Bar II). Dynamics range from *p* to *pp*. The lyrics are 'ci', 'di', 'ci', 'bi', 'di', 'si', 'si', 'di', 'bi', 'si', 'ci', 'di', 'ci'.

Musical score for measures 19-24. The score is for SATB choir with two baritone parts (Bar I and Bar II). Dynamics range from *ppp* to *p*. The lyrics are 'ci', 'i', 'ci', 'di', 'ci', 'si', 'di', 'si', 'ci', 'di', 'di', 'di'.



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A I *f sub. pp* *p* *mf* *p* *f* *ff* *fff*  
 (i) kju? (u) c -

A II *f sub. pp* *mf* *p* *f* *ff* *fff*  
 (i) kju? (u) a (a) (a) (a)

T *f sub. pp* *p* *espr.* *mf* *f* *ff* *fff*  
 (i) (i) a? (a) (a) e - s! ti! ju!.

Bar I *f sub. pp* *mf* *p* *p* *f* *ff* *fff*  
 pi (i) (i) a? (a)

Bar II *pp* *espr.* *p* *mf* *f* *ff* *fff*  
 pi a? (a) es! ti! ju!.

B *pp* *espr.* *p* *mf* *f* *ff* *fff*  
 a? (a) es! ti! ju!.

48

A I *fff* *fff* *fff*  
 - s! ti! ju!

A II *fff* *fff* *fff*  
 e - s! ti!

T *fff* *fff* *fff*  
 (u) ti! vi! (i)

Bar I *fff* *fff* *fff*  
 e - s! dAblju! vi! (i) e -

Bar II *fff* *fff* *fff*  
 dAblju! (u) e -

B *fff* *fff* *fff*  
 dAblju! vi e -

52

A I *ppp*  
 wai? wai?

A II *ppp*  
 wai? wai? (i)

T *sub. pp*  
 wai? wai? (i)

Bar I *sub. pp*  
 - ks! wai? wa - i? (i)

Bar II *sub. pp*  
 - ks! wa - i? wai? (i)

B *sub. pp*  
 - ks! wa - i?

57

A I *ppp* *dim.* *pppp* *morendo al niente*  
 ze(d)...

A II *ppp* *dim.* *pppp* *morendo al niente*  
 wa - ai? ze(d)...

T *ppp* *dim.* *pppp* *morendo al niente*  
 (i) ze(d)...

Bar I *ppp* *dim.* *pppp* *morendo al niente*  
 wai? (i) ze(d)...

Bar II *ppp* *dim.* *pppp* *morendo al niente*  
 (i) ze(d)...

B *ppp* *dim.* *pppp* *morendo al niente*  
 wai? (i) ze(d)...