

Commissioned by Cappella Clausura, Amelia Leclair, Director,
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BIRDS OF THE PSALMS*

4. Psalm 104 (Birds of the Air)

*Beside your springs the birds of the air make their nests
and sing among the branches.*

*Adapted from The Psalter,
The Book of Common Prayer*

Music by Patricia Van Ness (1951)
Score rev. 19 February 2018
**From Music for the Psalms,
dedicated in its entirety to Peter Sykes*

Note on Text: Please follow underlay carefully to avoid sibilants.

$\text{♩} = 62$ *mf with delicacy*

Soprano 1 & 2
Be - side (ide (ide your spring (pring

Alto 1 & 2
Optional Soprano
mf with delicacy *mp* A. 1 A. 2 A. 1
Be - (ide (ide spring

Tenor 1 & 2
mf with delicacy
(Be *mf with delicacy* spring

Baritone
mf with delicacy
(ide your
mf with delicacy

Bass
mf with delicacy
(ide your

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S. 1 & 2

A. 1 & 2

Optional S.

T. 1 & 2

Bar.

B.

your springs the

(pring (pring (pring birds bird

(pring (pring bird

(pring birds

(pring the birds

mf *mf* *mp* *A. 1* *A.1&2 mf*

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S. 1 & 2

A. 1 & 2

Optional S.

T. 1 & 2

Bar.

B.

bird bird of the air air

bird of the air air

bird the air air air

bird of the air air

of the air air

A

mp *mf* *mp*

Sopranos may join Altos here to end if desired.

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S. 1 & 2
air _____ make_ nests _____ (ne _____

A. 1 & 2
Optional S.
_____ the air _____ make_ their _____ (ne _____ (ne _____

T. 1 & 2
air _____ (ne _____ (ne _____

Bar.
air _____ air _____ nests _____

B.
air _____ make their _____ (ne _____

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S. 1 & 2
_____ (ne _____ and _____ sing _____ (ing _____ (ing _____

A. 1 & 2
Optional S.
(ne _____ and _____ (ing _____

T. 1 & 2
and _____ (ing _____

Bar.
(ne _____ sing _____ (ing _____

B.
and _____ sing _____ (ing _____ (ing _____

B

