

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. 13 March 2019
**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 A. 1 *mp* 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

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

Sopranos may join Altos here to end if desired.

A

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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

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S. 1 & 2
(ing) (ing) (ing)

A. 1 & 2
Optional S.
(ing) (ing) (ing)

T. 1 & 2
(ing) (ing)

Bar.
(ing) (ing)

B.
(ing) (ing) sing

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S. 1 & 2
a - mong and sing (ing

A. 1 & 2
Optional S.
a - mong and (ing

T. 1 & 2
a and (ing

Bar.
(mong sing (ing

B.
mf and sing (ing

C

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S. 1 & 2
 (ing (ing (ing (ing

A. 1 & 2
 Optional S.
 (ing (ing (ing

T. 1 & 2
 (ing (ing

Bar.
 (ing (ing

B.
 (ing (ing (ing sing

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rit. *mp*

S. 1 & 2
 a - mong a - mong the branch - es. *mp*

A. 1 & 2
 Optional S.
 a - mong (mong the branch - es. *mp*

T. 1 & 2
 a mong the branch - es. *mp*

Bar.
 (mong the branch - es. *mp*

B.
 (mong branch - es. *mp*