

VEZZOSI AUGELLI

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The pretty birds among the green leafy boughs compete in practising their pleasing notes. The breeze is murmuring and makes the leaves and water rustle as it variously strikes them. When the birds are silent, it responds loudly. When the birds sing, it shakes more gently. Whether by chance or by design, the music of the breeze now accompanies, now alternates with their song.

Madrigali a 4, 1585 (1592 edition)

The pastoral scene was one that appealed strongly to Marenzio's generation of madrigalists, and this *tour de force* of four-part writing has almost the quality of a tone-poem, with its vivid word painting and rapid changes of texture. Bars 21-3 will need much practice, first without the tenor line and then with it; the tenor, too, must be especially quiet at bars 38-43 and 54-9, where the other voices are in a very low range, as suggested by the words.

The musical score consists of two staves of four-part music (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in common time. The key signature is F major (one sharp). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first section (measures 1-10) features the soprano and alto parts singing 'Vez zo - - si au - - gel - - -' in a rhythmic pattern of eighth and sixteenth notes. The tenor and bass parts are silent. The second section (measures 11-20) begins with a bass note followed by a soprano note, then continues with 'li in fra' and 'le ver di fron de,' in a similar rhythmic pattern. The tenor part joins in at the end of this section. The third section (measures 21-30) starts with a bass note, followed by a soprano note, then 'in fra le' and 'ver di fron de,' with the tenor part joining in. The fourth section (measures 31-40) continues with 'in fra le' and 'ver di fron de,' with the tenor part joining in. The fifth section (measures 41-50) starts with a bass note, followed by a soprano note, then 'in fra le' and 'ver di fron de,' with the tenor part joining in. The sixth section (measures 51-60) starts with a bass note, followed by a soprano note, then 'in fra le' and 'ver di fron de,' with the tenor part joining in. The seventh section (measures 61-70) starts with a bass note, followed by a soprano note, then 'in fra le' and 'ver di fron de,' with the tenor part joining in. The eighth section (measures 71-80) starts with a bass note, followed by a soprano note, then 'in fra le' and 'ver di fron de,' with the tenor part joining in. The ninth section (measures 81-90) starts with a bass note, followed by a soprano note, then 'in fra le' and 'ver di fron de,' with the tenor part joining in.

25

e fa, e fa le fo - - -

e fa, e fa le fo - - -

fa, e fa le fo - - -

e fa, e fa le fo - - -

30

- glie l'on - - - de, e l'on - de

- glie e l'on - - - de Ga -

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35

Ga - rir, ga - rir che va - ria - men - te el - la per -

Ga - rir, ga - rir che va - ria - men - te el - la per -

- rir, ga - rir che va - ria - men - te el - la per - co -

- rir, ga - rir che va - ria - men - te el - la per - co -

40

- co - te. Quan - do tac - cion gli au - gel - - -

- co - te. Quan - do tac - cion gli au - gel - - -

- te. Quan - do tac - cion gli au - gel - - -

- te. Quan - - - do tac - cion gli au - gel - - -

45

- li, al - to ris - pon - de, ris - pon -
 - li, al - to ris - pon - de, al - to ris -
 - li, al - to ris - pon - de, al - to ris - pon - de, al -
 - li, al - to ris - pon - de, ris - pon - de, ris -

50

- de, ris - pon - de, Quan - do, quan - do
 - pon - - - de, Quan - do, quan - do
 - to ris - pon - de, Quan - do, quan - do
 - pon - - dc, Quan - - do, quan - do

can - tan, can - tan, tan gli au -
 can - tan, can - tan, tan gli au -
 can - tan, can - tan, tan gli au -
 can - tan, can - tan, tan gli au -
 can - tan, can - tan, tan gli au -
 can - tan, can - tan, tan gli au -

55

- gei, più lie - ve sco -
 - gei, più lie - ve sco -
 - più lie - ve sco -

60

65

70

75

- ter - na i ver - - si lor, al - ter - na i ver - -
 ver - - si lor, al - ter - na i ver - - si,
 lor, al - ter - na i ver - - si lor, al - - ter -
 lor, al - ter - na i ver - - - - -

80

- - si lor la mu - si - ca,
 i ver - - si lor la mu - si -
 na j ver - - si lor la mu - si -
 - si lor la mu - si -

85

la mu - si - ca o - -
 - ca, la mu - si - ca o - -
 - ca, la mu - si - ca, la mu - si -
 - ca, la mu - si - ca o - -

90

ra.
 - - - - - ra.