

Czech Nursery Rhymes

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1. Big Eyes (Okáč)

Allegretto ♩=120

The first system of musical notation is for the piano accompaniment. It consists of a grand staff with a treble clef on the upper staff and a bass clef on the lower staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 2/4. The tempo is marked 'Allegretto' with a quarter note equal to 120 beats per minute. The dynamic is marked 'mf'. The melody in the treble clef starts with a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note G4, an eighth note A4, and a quarter note B4. The bass clef accompaniment consists of a quarter note G2, a quarter note A2, and a quarter note B2. There are three measures in this system, with a triplet of eighth notes in the third measure of the treble clef.

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The vocal line begins at measure 5. It is written on a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The dynamic is marked 'mf'. The melody consists of quarter notes G4, A4, B4, C5, D5, E5, F#5, G5, A5, B5, C6, D6, E6, F#6, G6, A6, B6, C7, D7, E7, F#7, G7, A7, B7, C8, D8, E8, F#8, G8, A8, B8, C9, D9, E9, F#9, G9, A9, B9, C10, D10, E10, F#10, G10, A10, B10, C11, D11, E11, F#11, G11, A11, B11, C12, D12, E12, F#12, G12, A12, B12, C13, D13, E13, F#13, G13, A13, B13, C14, D14, E14, F#14, G14, A14, B14, C15, D15, E15, F#15, G15, A15, B15, C16, D16, E16, F#16, G16, A16, B16, C17, D17, E17, F#17, G17, A17, B17, C18, D18, E18, F#18, G18, A18, B18, C19, D19, E19, F#19, G19, A19, B19, C20, D20, E20, F#20, G20, A20, B20, C21, D21, E21, F#21, G21, A21, B21, C22, D22, E22, F#22, G22, A22, B22, C23, D23, E23, F#23, G23, A23, B23, C24, D24, E24, F#24, G24, A24, B24, C25, D25, E25, F#25, G25, A25, B25, C26, D26, E26, F#26, G26, A26, B26, C27, D27, E27, F#27, G27, A27, B27, C28, D28, E28, F#28, G28, A28, B28, C29, D29, E29, F#29, G29, A29, B29, C30, D30, E30, F#30, G30, A30, B30, C31, D31, E31, F#31, G31, A31, B31, C32, D32, E32, 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f *mf* *D.S.*

When I wear it in the woods, — Pret - ty birds — I — do con - fuse.
But I do have lots of fun. —

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mf *p*

I'm as hap - py as — can be!

2. The Little Gooseherd (Husopaska)

Andante $\text{♩} = 80$

The first system of the musical score is for the introduction. It consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line begins with a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5, then a half note B4, and finally a half note A4. The piano accompaniment starts with a piano (*p*) dynamic, featuring a steady eighth-note bass line in the left hand and chords in the right hand. The tempo is marked 'Andante' with a quarter note equal to 80 beats per minute. The system concludes with a 'rit.' (ritardando) marking over a final half note G4.

Allegretto, quasi l'istesso tempo $\text{♩} = 80$

The second system of the musical score begins at measure 5. The tempo is marked 'Allegretto, quasi l'istesso tempo' with a quarter note equal to 80 beats per minute. The vocal line starts with a mezzo-piano (*mp*) dynamic and the lyrics: "Goose - y goose-y, pret - ty white goose - y! Goose-y,". The piano accompaniment continues with a similar eighth-note bass line and chords. The system ends with a fermata over the final note.

The third system of the musical score begins at measure 10. The vocal line continues with the lyrics: "goose - y, white as the snow! Last time to Coda". The piano accompaniment features a change in the bass line pattern. The system concludes with a fermata over the final note.

Andante (Tempo I°)

The fourth system of the musical score begins at measure 13. The tempo is marked 'Andante (Tempo I°)'. The vocal line starts with a mezzo-piano (*mp*) dynamic and the lyrics: "1. Now you must go a - way. You have to show the way. 2. You have to form a line. You lead,'cause you're so fine. 3. Now sum - mer time's at end. A fea - ther you will send." The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line and chords. The system ends with a fermata over the final note.

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1. Like it or not, you can - not stay, no, can - not stay.
 2. Soon oth - ers fol - low you, — when you give the sign.
 3. And I'll keep nice and warm — in a win - ter storm!

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Come sopra

mf

25

p Fare-well white goose - y, *mp* come back, please do!

p *mf* *mp*

3. May (Máj)

Happily ♩ = 120

4 *mf*

1. May, May, May!	Oh, what hap-py days!	All the birds are com-ing home-wards—
2. Hi, hi, hi!	Bright sun in the sky!	But - ter - flies be - gin vi - bra - ting.
3. Brum, brum, brum!	How the flies do hum!	That makes some folks plug their hear - ing,
4. Hear, hear, hear!	What's that noise so near?	Card' - nals come with tune - ful cheer - ing—

7 *poco rit.* *mp* *a tempo*

swal-lows, rob - ins, finch and blue-birds.	Sing - ing birds will stay!
Bees will buzz their cel - e - bra - ting.	Bee - tles will re - ply.
for the hum - ming's in - ter - fer - ing,	with good sounds that come.
twit - ters, tweets, we all are hear - ing.	Sing - ing birds bring cheer!