

11. La plume de ma Tante

From 'Cousin Cissie's Baby Book Of Swans'

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Molto moderato (♩ = 84)

Soprano
or
Tenor

Piano

con brio

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pensieroso

There _____ is a mist of many a col-oured fea - ther,

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a thick-'ning cloud of down be - sets the air. The gar-den's coa-ted deep

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allarg.

as sno - wy wea - ther, and yet it is a sum - mer

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poco rit.

a tempo

eve - ning fair.

loco

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Why does this smothering down-pour linger so? a myriad cock-a-toos in

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poco rit.

a tempo

moulting flight, migrating to their Southern archipelago,

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Quasi Recitativo

have shower'd them on my garden in despite. The orange-halves that on the beds re-

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pose are hid-den thick - ly and the slugs they'd catch,

26 *Maestoso (ma l'istesso tempo)*

no long - er meet be-neath their lives to lose but wan-der at their will in

29 *poco rit.*

a tempo

this new thatch I hear the eid - ered owl com-plain a - top the

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tree, tell-ing the quail, and bee, in am - ple voice, it is some
cresc. poco a poco

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ff

swans, swans swans' hi - la - ri - ty

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quite plain to see and that their hum-our falls out -

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side his choice. And what's more right?— I can - not say for

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all my swans are out, out at play.

8⁷ loco

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They're repor-ting with a tal-is-man to - day; An - y-thing! An - y-thing!

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But let the dears _____ be mad - ly mad - ly

49

rit.
gay! Mad - ly gay! _____

loco