



The two spirits

Ciro Pinsuti
(1829-1888)

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Andante mosso quasi allegretto

Soprano (S): There soar'd a mighty bird in heaven,
Alto (A): With rapid pinions,
Tenor (T): There soar'd a mighty bird in heaven,
Bass (B): With rapid pinions,
There soar'd a mighty bird in heaven,
With rapid pinions,

Soprano (S): strange - ly white; They flash'd thro' air like lightning driv - en
Alto (A): strange - ly white; They flash'd thro' air like lightning driv - en
Tenor (T): strange - ly white; They flash'd thro' air like lightning driv - en
Bass (B): strange - ly white; They flash'd thro' air like lightning driv - en
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S cross the star - less dome of night. It was the mes - sen - ger of
 A cross the star - less dome of night. It was the mes - sen - ger of
 T cross the star - less dome of night. It was the mes - sen - ger of
 B cross the star - less dome of night. It was the mes - sen - ger of

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S Fame, of Fame, O'er all the earth a spir - it fly - ing, To tell how one to
 A Fame, of Fame, O'er all the earth a spir - it fly - ing, To tell how one to
 T Fame, of Fame, O'er all the earth a spir - it fly - ing, To tell how one to
 B Fame, of Fame, O'er all the earth a spir - it fly - ing, To tell how one to

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S hon - ours came; How died, _____ and left a name un - dy - ing!
 A hon - ours came; How died, _____ and left a name un - dy - ing!
 T hon - ours came; How died, _____ and left a name un - dy - ing!
 B hon - ours came; How died, _____ and left a name un - dy - ing!

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più animato

S And thou - sands wak - en'd at the sto - ry; Their fer - vid hopes sped up like

A And thou - sands wak - en'd at the sto - ry; Their fer - vid hopes sped up like

T And thou - sands wak - en'd at the sto - ry; Their fer - vid hopes sped up like

B And thou - sands wak - en'd at the sto - ry; Their fer - vid hopes sped up like

And thou - sands wak - en'd at the sto - ry; Their fer - vid hopes sped up like

21 *f* fire; Some grasp'd the sword to con - quer glo - ry, Some

A fire; Some grasp'd the sword to con - quer glo - ry, Some

T fire; Some grasp'd the sword to con - quer glo - ry, Some

B fire; Some grasp'd the sword to con - quer glo - ry, Some

24 strove to wake the po - et's lyre! Some strove to wake the po - et's lyre!

A strove to wake the po - et's lyre! Some strove to wake the po - et's lyre!

T strove to wake the po - et's lyre! Some strove to wake the po - et's lyre!

B strove to wake the po - et's lyre! Some strove to wake the po - et's lyre!

molto rall.

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sotto voce

Soprano (S) *pp*
Alto (A) *pp*
Tenor (T) *pp*
Bass (B) *pp*

There sang a mer - ry, plum - ed chor - ist, With down - y feath - ers
sotto voce

There sang a mer - ry, plum - ed chor - ist, With down - y feath - ers
sotto voce

There sang a mer - ry, plum - ed chor - ist, With down - y feath - ers
sotto voce

There sang a mer - ry, plum - ed chor - ist, With down - y feath - ers

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Soprano (S) *pp*
Alto (A) *pp*
Tenor (T) *pp*
Bass (B) *pp*

home - ly gray; And sun - ny plain, and shad - y for - est, In

home - ly gray; And sun - ny plain, and shad - y for - est, In

home - ly gray; And sun - ny plain, and shad - y for - est, In

home - ly gray; And sun - ny plain, and shad - y for - est, In

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Soprano (S)
Alto (A)
Tenor (T)
Bass (B)

mu - sic ech - oed back his lay. It was the har - bin - ger of

mu - sic ech - oed back his lay. It was the har - bin - ger of

mu - sic ech - oed back his lay. It was the har - bin - ger of

mu - sic ech - oed back his lay. It was the har - bin - ger of

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S Peace, of Peace, Who told of hum - ble, so - cial bless - ing, Of pa - tient la - bours
A Peace, of Peace, Who told of hum - ble, so - cial bless - ing, Of pa - tient la - bours
T Peace, of Peace, Who told of hum - ble, so - cial bless - ing, Of pa - tient la - bours
B Peace, of Peace, Who told of hum - ble, so - cial bless - ing, Of pa - tient la - bours

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S sure in - crease; Of friend - ship's joys,____ of love's ca - ress - ing.
A sure in - crease; Of friend - ship's joys,____ of love's ca - ress - ing.
T sure in - crease; Of friend - ship's joys,____ of love's ca - ress - ing.
B sure in - crease; Of friend - ship's joys,____ of love's ca - ress - ing.

più animato

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S And thou - sands heard the song en - am - our'd, And flush'd with toil grew cheek and
A And thou - sands heard the song en - am - our'd, And flush'd with toil grew cheek and
T And thou - sands heard the song en - am - our'd, And flush'd with toil grew cheek and
B And thou - sands heard the song en - am - our'd, And flush'd with toil grew cheek and

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Soprano (S): brow, As tim - ber groan'd, and i - ron clam - our'd, And
 Alto (A): brow, As tim - ber groan'd, and i - ron clam - our'd, And
 Tenor (T): brow, As tim - ber groan'd, and i - ron clam - our'd, And
 Bass (B): brow, As tim - ber groan'd, and i - ron clam - our'd, And

Soprano (S): brave - ly sped the stur - dy plough, And brave - ly sped the stur - dy plough.
 Alto (A): brave - ly sped the stur - dy plough, And brave - ly sped the stur - dy plough.
 Tenor (T): brave - ly sped the stur - dy plough, And brave - ly sped the stur - dy plough.
 Bass (B): brave - ly sped the stur - dy plough, And brave - ly sped the stur - dy plough.

Novello, Ewer and Co.
 (1860-1885)

Ciro Ercole Pinsuti, il cavaliere, (1829-1888) was born in Sinalunga, Siena, Italy, and grounded in music and piano studies by his father. His public debut was at age ten and at eleven he was made honorary member of the Accademia Filharmonica. He then studied piano, composition and violin in England for five years. Returning to Italy, he entered the Conservatorio at Bologna and was a private pupil of Rossini. He moved back to England in 1848 and became a teacher of singing. In 1856 he was appointed a professor at the Academy of Music in London. He became well known as a composer with three operas, but was especially recognized for composing over 230 songs, 35 duets, 14 trios and 45 part-songs which were great favorites with the singing societies of England. In 1878, King Humbert created him a knight of the Italian crown. He died in Florence.

There soared a mighty bird in heaven,
With rapid pinions, strangely white;
They flashed through air like lightning driven
Across the starless dome of night.

It was the messenger of Fame,
O'er all the earth a spirit flying,
To tell how one to honours came;
How died, and left a name undying!

And thousands wakened at the story;
Their fervid hopes sped up like fire;
Some grasped the sword to conquer glory,
Some strove to wake the poet's lyre!

There sang a merry, plumed chorist,
With downy feathers homely gray;
And sunny plain, and shady forest,
In music echoed back his lay.

It was the harbinger of Peace,
Who told of humble, social blessing,
Of patient labours sure increase;
Of friendship's joys, of love's caressing.

And thousands heard the song enamoured,
And flushed with toil grew cheek and brow,
As timber groaned, and iron clamoured,
And bravely sped the sturdy plough.

William Duthie

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