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The Feast That Went Off With A Bang

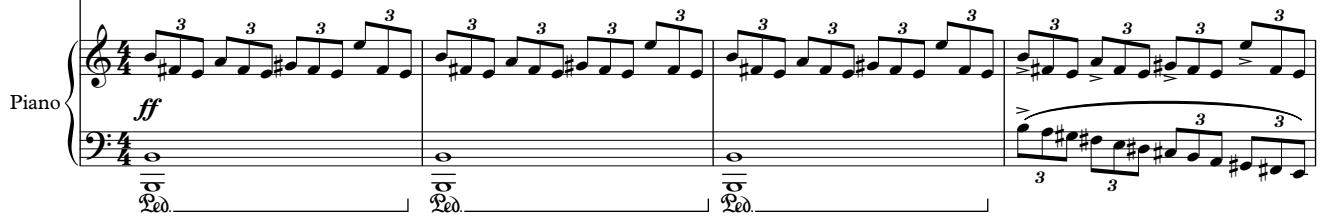
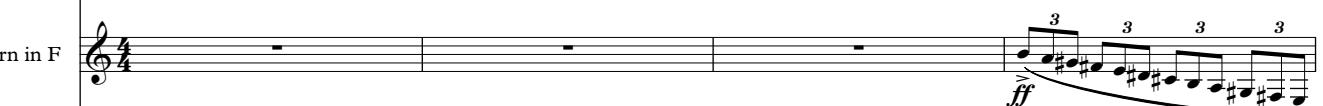
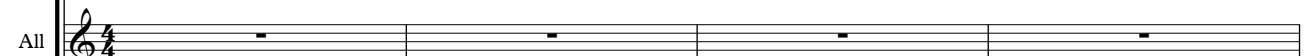
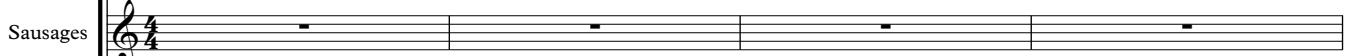
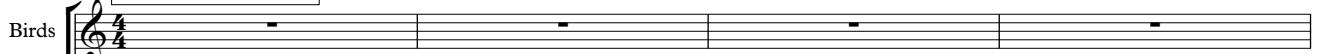
Based on the Grimm Brothers' tale The Mouse, the Bird and the Sausage

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ED HUGHES (Music)

$\text{♩} = 116$

1. The Feast is announced.



Version 09.

All. 10 We want each mouth-ful to taste good.

Cl. *mf* — *f*

Hn. *p* — *f* *ff* — *p*

Pno.

14

A

Saus.

Cl.

Hn.

Pno.

We sau-sa-ges will cook, We sau-sa-ges will cook, We sau-sa-ges will

p

p *mf* *p* *mf* *p* *mf*

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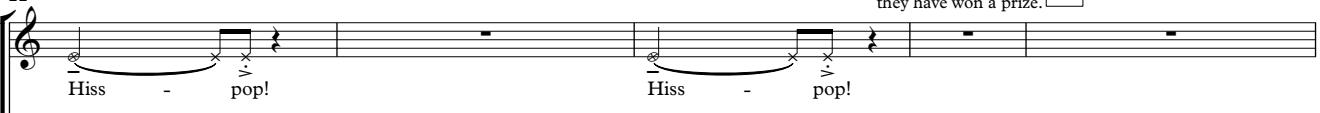
N *N* *N*

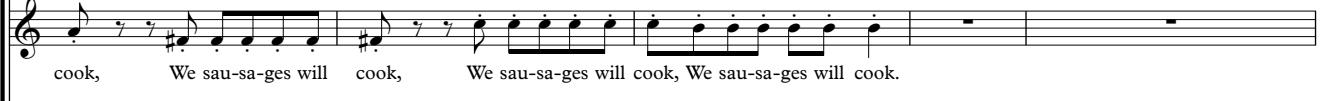
Led. *Led.* *Led.*

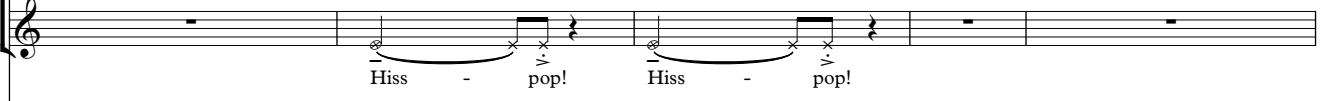
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All the saus. react
ecstatically to this
announcement, as if
they have won a prize. **B**

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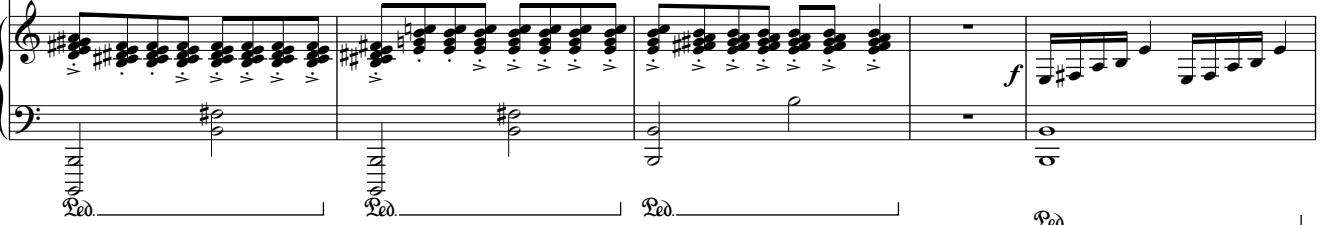
Birds. 

Saus. 

Mice. 

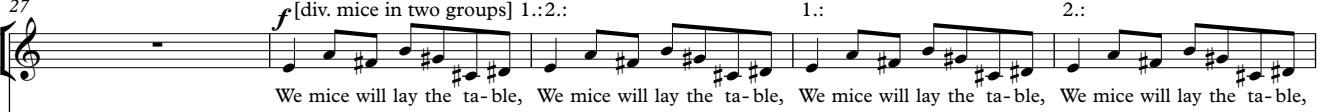
Cl. 

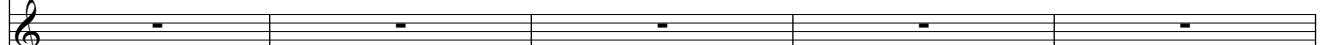
Hn. 

Pno. 



27

Mice. 

Cl. 

Hn. 

Pno. 

32 1.: 2.: 1.: 2.:

Mice. We mice will lay the ta - ble, We mice will lay the ta - ble, We mice will lay the ta - ble, We mice will lay the ta - ble,

Cl.

Hn.

Pno. ♫ Ped. ♫ Ped. ♫ Ped. ♫ Ped.

C

36 **f** [With Knives and Forks - sounds]

Birds. ♫ Clat-ter ♫ Clat-ter ♫ Clat-ter ♫ Cla-tter ♫ Clat-ter ♫ Clat-ter ♫ Clat-ter ♫ Clat-ter

Saus. **f** [With Knives and Forks - sounds] ♫ Clat-ter ♫ Clat-ter ♫ Clat-ter ♫ Cla-tter ♫ Clat-ter ♫ Clat-ter ♫ Clat-ter ♫ Clat-ter

Mice. **ff** 1.: 2.: 1.: 2.: We mice will lay the ta - ble, We mice will lay the ta - ble, We mice will lay the ta - ble, We mice will lay the ta - ble,

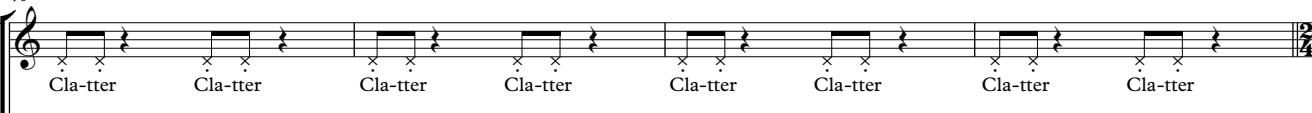
All. **f** [Optionally, mice 3.:] We mice will lay the ta - ble,

Cl. ♫ p ♫ mp nat.

Hn. ♫ mp ♫ mf ♫ mp

Pno. ♫ Ped. ♫ Ped. ♫ Ped. ♫ Ped.

40

Birds. 

Saus. 

Mice. 

All. 

Cl. 

Hn. 

Pno. 



The mice all politely murmur that
laying the table is an agreeable task.

44 D $\text{♩} = 76$

Birds. 

Cl. 

Hn. 

Pno. 

7

57

Birds. *birds co - llect the wood, We_ birds co - llect the wood, we*

Saus. *Wah! Wah! Wah! Wah! Wah! Wah!*

Mice. *f Mice double Saus. if easier Wah! Wah! Wah! Wah! Wah! Wah! Wah!*

Cl. *f ff*

Hn. *mute (stopped horn) f ff*

Pno. *ff*

Led. Led. Led. Led. Led. Led. Led. Led. Led. Led.

The birds all grumble
with dissatisfaction

79

Saus.

wri-ggle and wi-ggle to sea-son the pot. Sau-sa-ges must, more - of-ten than not, wri-ggle and wi-ggle to sea-son the pot.

Cl.

Hn. nat.

Pno.

85

Mice.

G

Mice are nice and twice as a-ble As sau-sa ges_ at lay-ing a ta-ble, Mice are nice and twice as a-ble As sau-sa ges_ at

Cl.

Hn.

Pno.

Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped.

92

Birds. **H** *f*
We're in a huff, we'll break our beaks Co - llect - ing wood to fire the feast. We're a- afraid we'll

Mice. *p*
lay-ing the ta-ble,

Cl. *f*

Hn.

Pno. *p* *f* *ff*
Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped.



98

Birds. **I** *j = 168*
break our beaks Co - llect - ing wood to fire_ the feast.

Cl.

Hn.

Pno. *f*
Ped. Ped. Ped.

104

Saus. *f*
There'll be no food for bird or beast with-out the wood to fire the feast.

Mice. *f*
We must have food to fill our dish-es with

Cl. *ff*

Hn.

Pno. *f*

111

Birds. *f* **J**
But we're not ha-py no we're not. We'd rather lay di-shes or sea-son the pot.

Saus. *ff*
There'll

Mice. (ossia)
soup, bread, lamb, beans, clams and fish-es. *ff*
We

Cl.

Hn. *mf*

Pno.

K
The war is a ritual dance.
Mice and Sausages team up to
vanquish the Birds.

Birds. 117 **ff** We're not ha-ppy No we're not We'd ra-ther lay dish-es or sea-son the pot.

Saus. be no food for bird or beast with - out the wood to fire the feast.

Mice. must have food to fill our dish-es withsoup, bread, lamb, beans, clams and fish- es.

Cl. *f*

Hn. *f* *ff*

Pno. *ff* *fff*

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123

Cl. *ff*

Hn.

Pno.

The birds fly off[?] = 72

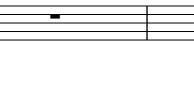
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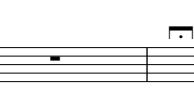
M 4. The Mice and the Sausages are Alone and Hungry

Mice and the Sun and Hungry

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M 4. The Mice and the Sausages
are Alone and Hungry

Birds. 

Saus. 

Mice. 

All. 

Cl. 

Hn. 

Pno. 

143

Saus. *p*
When oh when will the birds re - turn? With-out the wood the stove won't burn.

Cl. *pp*

Hn.

Pno.
Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped.

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152 **N** *p*
Mice. With-out a trace of a ny food A sau-sage would taste ve-ry good.

Cl.

Hn. *p* *f* *ff*

Pno.
Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped.

$\text{♩} = 108$

14

O

The mice pick up
large knives and approach
the sausages

Birds.

Saus.

Cl.

Hn.

Pno.

Li-ttle mice, Li-ttle mice, put down your knives, if you go-bble us up then you'll lose your lives.

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Saus.

Cl.

Hn.

Pno.

You've heard that sau-sa - ges go bang? There's rea-ly no-thing lou-der be-cause we're filled to the brim With pre-mi-um gun

f ff

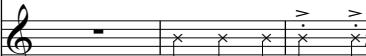
f ff

P The mice eat all of the sausages
and go to sleep.

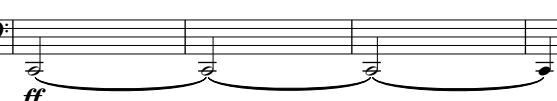
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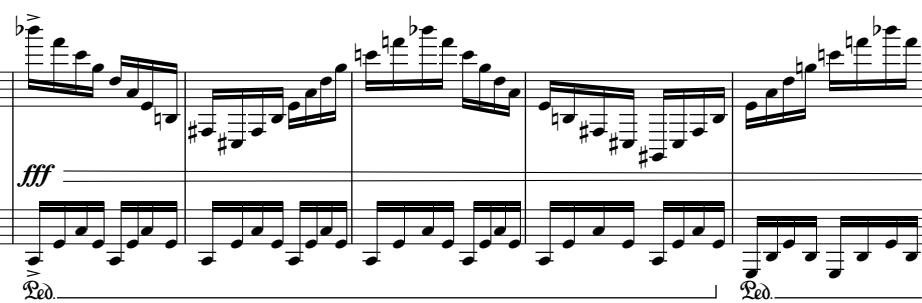
Birds. -

Saus. > 
pow-der!

Mice. - 
Gun-pow-der? Non sense!

Cl. > 

Hn. - 

Pno. > 

Q

5 The Birds Return

The birds return, laden with firewood,
exhausted after three days of toil.

Li-ttle mice, li-ttle mice how

Musical score for orchestra and piano, measures 1-10:

- Saus.** Treble clef, no key signature, rests throughout.
- Mice.** Treble clef, no key signature, rests throughout.
- All.** Treble clef, no key signature, rests throughout.
- Cl.** Treble clef, no key signature, rests throughout.
- Hn.** Bass clef, no key signature, rests throughout.
- Pno.** Treble and Bass staves. The Treble staff has a dynamic of **p**, followed by a crescendo to **f**, then a decrescendo back to **p**. The Bass staff has a dynamic of **pp**, followed by a crescendo to **p**.

196

Birds. bad it looks To find you've ea-ten all the cooks. We toiled for days, we broke our beaks. Co - llec-ting wood to

Cl.

Hn. *p* *f* — *p*

Pno.

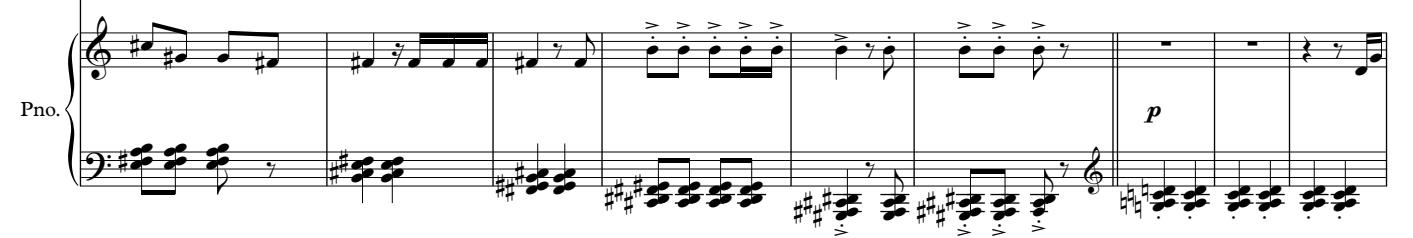
R The birds tie napkins around¹⁷
their necks and approach the mice.

204

Birds. 

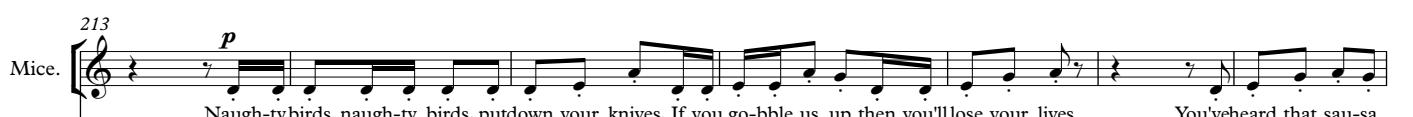
Cl. 

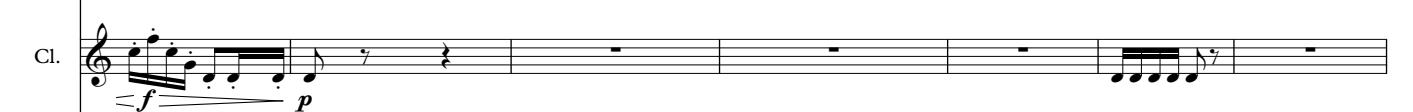
Hn. 

Pno. 

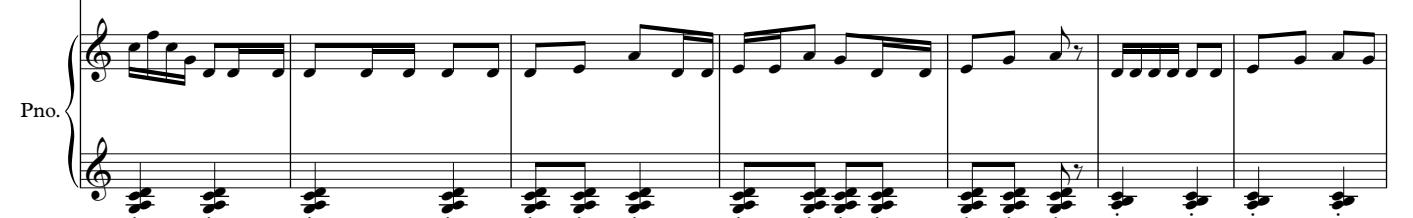
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Mice. 

Cl. 

Hn. 

Pno. 

220

Birds. - Gun-pow- der?

Mice. ges go bang. There's really no-thing lou- der, And now we're filled to the brim With pre-mi-um gun pow- der.

Cl. f ff

Hn. f p

Pno. f ff

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229

The birds eat all
of the mice and
go to sleep

Birds. Non-sense!

Cl. ff p ff

Hn. ff p ff

Pno. fff ff

Led.

= 120

S 6. Epilogue: Mouse,
Bird, Sausage

Birds. *p*
We se-ttle down and go to

Cl. *pp* *p*

Hn. *pp*

Pno. *ppp* *pp* *p*

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Birds. *f* *p*
sleep ex - haus-tered from our gree-dy feast.

All. *f*
We did not heed the sau-sa-ges ad - vice We mice filled with sau-sa-ges and

Cl. *f* *p*

Hn.

Pno. *pp* *p* *f*

258

All. *birds filled with mice.* Birds filled with mice filled with sau-sa-ges filled with pre - mi - um gun-pow-der!

Cl.

Hn. *p*

Pno. *p* *f*



269 **T**

Saus. *Hiss - - pop! Hiss - - - pop! Hiss - - - - pop!*

Mice. *Cla - tter-cla-tter! Cla - tter-cla - tter!*

Cl. *f fp fp fp*
Hn. *f* *fp*
Pno. *f pp fp*
Ped. *Ped.* *Ped.* *Ped.* *Ped.*

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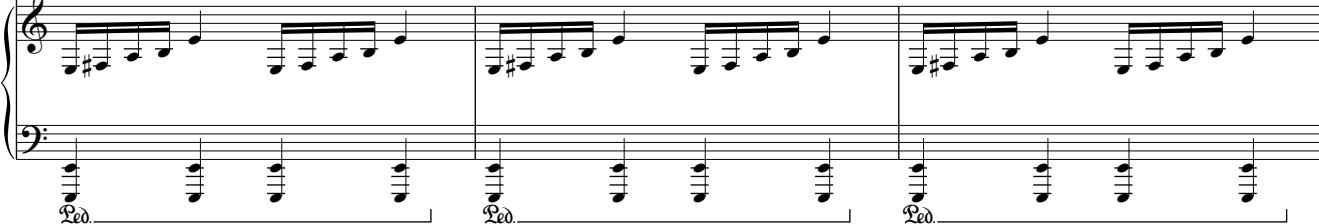
Birds. - Wah! Wah! Wah! Wah!

Saus. Hiss - - pop! Hiss - - pop! Hiss - - pop!

Mice. Cla - tter - cla - tter! Cla - tter - cla - tter!

Cl. *fp* *fp* *fp*

Hn. *fp* *fp* *fp*

Pno.  *ped.* *ped.* *ped.*

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The birds explode with a tremendous noise and a shower of feathers.

277

Birds. Wah! Wah! Wah! Wah! BANG! *fff*

Saus. Hiss - - - pop! Hiss - - - pop! BANG! *fff*

Mice. Cla - tter - cla - tter! BANG! *fff*

Cl. *fp* *fp* *fp* nat. *fff*

Hn. *fp*  *fff*

Pno.  *ped.* *ped.* *ped.*