

"The Owl and the Pussycat" op 17c

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to my dearest wife Wendy.

words: Edward Lear
duration: three minutes

music: alun grafton

The musical score consists of four staves of music for Soprano and Piano. The Soprano part includes lyrics for the entire piece. The Piano part provides harmonic support and accompaniment. Measure numbers 1, 4, 7, and 10 are indicated at the start of each section. The key signature is A major (three sharps) throughout. The time signature changes from common time (indicated by 'C') to 6/8 for the first section, and back to common time for the subsequent sections. The vocal line is melodic, with some eighth-note patterns and sustained notes. The piano accompaniment features chords and rhythmic patterns that provide harmonic context. The lyrics are as follows:

The Owl and the Puss-y cat
Went to sea in a beau - ti - ful pea green boat, _____ they
Took some hon - ey and plen - ty of mon - ey wrapped in a five pound
Note, _____ The Owl looked up to the stars a - bove, and

13 **p** molto espressivo (The Owl)

Soprano sang to a small guitar, O love - ly, —

Piano //

16 **mf**

S Puss - y my love. what a beau - ti - ful puss - y you are, you are what a

Pn **p** **p** **mf** **p** **p** **p**

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19 **mf** **mf** **mf** (Narrator)

S beau - ti - ful puss - y you are, — Puss - y

Pn **mf**

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22 (Pussy)

S said to the Owl, you e - le - gant fowl! How charm - ing - ly sweet you

Pn

25

Soprano

Piano

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28

f

Soprano (S)

Piano (Pn)

mf (Narrator)

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31

f

Soprano (S)

Piano (Pn)

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34

Soprano (S)

Piano (Pn)

37

Soprano

nose, his nose with a ring at the end of his nose, _____

Piano

f *f* *f* *mf*

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40

S

mf (The Owl)

Dear pig, are you will - ing to sell for a shill - ing your

Pn

mf

//

43

S

mf (Narrator) (Pig) *mf* (Narrator)

ring? said the pig - gy I will so they took it a - way and were

Pn

//

46

S

mf

marr - ied next day by the tur - key who liv'd on the hill, _____ they

Pn

49

Soprano dined on mince and sli - ces of quince which they ate with a run - ci - ble

Piano *f*

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52 *mf* spoon, _____ and hand in hand on the edge of the sand, they

S Pn *mf* *p*

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55 *mf* danced by the light of the moon, the moon, they danced by the light of the

S Pn *p* *poco rall.*.....

poco rall......

58 moon, *a tempo*

S

Pn *mf* *a tempo* *f*

62

Soprano

Piano

p

they were marr - ied, _____

p *pp*

This musical score consists of two staves. The top staff is for the Soprano, starting with a rest, followed by a melodic line with lyrics: "they were marr - ied, _____". The bottom staff is for the Piano, featuring harmonic support with sustained notes and rhythmic patterns. Measure numbers 62 are indicated at the top left. Dynamics are marked with *p* (piano) and *pp* (pianissimo).