

# GREEN FINCH AND LINNET BIRD

from *Sweeney Todd*

Music and Lyrics by  
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Allegretto, poco rubato (♩ = 112)

JOHANNA: *mp*

Green finch and lin-net bird,

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

night-in-gale, black-bird, How is it you sing? \_\_\_\_\_

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

How can you ju-bi-late, sit-ting in cag-es, Nev-er tak-ing wing? \_\_\_\_\_

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

*poco rit.*

Out - side the sky waits, beck - on - ing, beck - on - ing,

*L.H.* *mp* *poco rit.*

*a tempo* *poco accel. e cresc.*

Just be - yond the bars. \_\_\_\_\_ How can you re - main, star - ing

*a tempo* *poco accel. e cresc.*

*mf* *poco rit.*

at the rain, mad - dened by the stars?

*mf* *poco rit.*

*mp* *rit.*

How is it you sing \_\_\_\_\_ an - y - thing?

*simile* *dim.* *p* *rit.*

*a tempo*

How is it you sing? \_\_\_\_\_

Green finch and lin-net' bird,

*a tempo* *mp*

night-in-gale, black-bird, How is it you sing? \_\_\_\_\_

L.H.

*con poco moto*

Whence comes this mel-o-dy con-stant-ly flow-ing?

*simile*

*cresc. poco a poco*

Is it re-joic-ing or mere-ly hal-lo-ing?

*cresc. poco a poco*

*f*

Are you dis - cuss - ing or fuss - ing or sim - ply

*p* *poco rit.* *a tempo*

dream - ing? Are you crow - ing?

*p subito* *poco rit.* *a tempo*

*sempre p poco rit.* *a tempo*

Are you scream - ing?

*poco rit.* *a tempo, sempre rubato* *mp*

*mp*

Ring - dove and rob - in - et, is it for wag - es, Sing - ing to be sold?

*mf*

*mf*

Have you de - cid - ed it's saf - er in cag - es,

*f*

*Piu mosso*  
*mp*

Sing - ing when you're told? My cage has man - y rooms,

*mf*

*ten.*

dam - ask and dark. Noth - ing there sings, not e - ven my lark.

*ten.*

*p*

*poco rit.*

Larks nev - er will, you know, when they're cap - tive. Teach me to be

*poco rit.*

*p*

*poco rit.*

more a - dap - tive. Ah, *tr*

*poco rit.* *dim.*

Tranquillo

*a tempo*

Green finch and lin - net bird, night - in - gale, black - bird, Teach me how to sing

*mp* *a tempo*

R.H.

*poco rit.*

If I can - not fly, let me

*poco rit.* *p*

L.H.

*a tempo*

sing.

*a tempo* *rit.*