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# Starling

from The Lost Words: A Spell Book

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**Sprightly** ♩ = 176 *mf*

S1  
S2  
A1  
A2  
Pno

*mf non legato*

Should green-as-moss be mixed with <sup>^</sup>steel be mixed with  
blue-of-steel be mixed with

7 gleam-of - gold \_\_\_\_\_ you'd still fall short by far, Should green - as - moss

12 with blue - of - steel be mixed with gleam-of - gold \_\_\_\_\_ you'd  
mixed with blue - of - steel be mixed with gleam-of - gold \_\_\_\_\_ you'd

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17 **T** *f*

S1  
S2 still fall short by far of the Tar - bright oil - slick sheen and

A1  
A2 still fall short by far of the Tar - bright oil - slick

Pno

22 **A**

S1  
S2 gloss, of the tar-bright oil-slick sheen of star - ling wing. 3-parts

A1  
A2 sheen and gloss, of bright oil-slick gloss of star-ling wing. And

Pno

27 **A** **Choir à 3**

Top *mf* and phone ring-tones,

Mid *mf* and car a - larms

Btm *m* *ato* *mp* you sam - pled sneak-er - squeaks, and

Pno *mp*

31

Top *mp* *mf* and if you sam - pled sneak-er - squeaks

Mid *mp* *mf* car a - larms and sneak-er - squeaks, and sneak-er - squeaks

Btm if you sam - pled phone ring - tones and car a - larms and sneak-er - squeaks

Pno

Choir à 4

35 *legato* *non legato* *legato* *R*

S1 you'd still come no-where near street-smart hip - hop, you'd still come

S2 you'd still come where near the roof - top rip - rap, you'd

A1 you'd be no-where near rip - rap street-smart, the

A2 d still come no-where near the roof - top hip - hop, the rip - rap

Pno *cresc. poco a poco*

40 *non legato*

S1  
no - where near the roof - top rip - rap street-smart hip - hop, roof - top rip - rap street-smart hip-hop

S2 *non legato*  
still come no - where near the roof - top rip - rap street-smart hip - ho

A1  
rip - rap street-smart, the roof - top rip - rap s' art hip - hop

A2  
street-smart hip - hop, the roof rip - rap street-smart hip - hop

Pno

45 *legato*

S1  
of star - ling

S2 *legato*  
of star song.

A1 *legato*  
- ling song.

A2  
of star - ling song.

Pno

3-parts

L Choir à 3

49

Top *f*  
Let shade clasp coal, let coal clasp pitch, let shade clasp coal clasp pitch clasp storm clasp

Mid *f*  
Let shade clasp coal, let coal clasp pitch al clasp pitch clasp storm clasp

Btm *f* *mf*  
Let shade clasp coal clasp pitch, let shade clasp pitch clasp storm, let

Pno *f* *mf*

54

Top *mf*  
witch, let storm clasp, let shade clasp coal clasp pitch clasp storm clasp witch, they'd still be

Mid *mf*  
witch, let clasp coal, let coal clasp pitch, let pitch clasp storm clasp witch, they'd still be

Btm  
coal clasp clasp storm clasp witch, let shade clasp coal clasp pitch clasp storm clasp witch, they'd still be

Pno

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59 I *mp but intense*

Top  
pale be-side the in the-dead-of-night - black, cave - black, head cocked, fight - back

Mid  
*mp*  
pale be-side the in-the-dead-of-night - black, head-cocked,

Btm  
*mp*  
pale be-side the ir d-of-night black, cave-black,

Pno  
*p* *mp*

63

Top  
*mf*  
gleam of star - ling eye.

Mid  
*mf*  
fight-back of star - ling eye.

Btm  
*mf*  
head-cock fight-back gleam of star-ling eye.

Pno  
*mf* *p*

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**N** Choir à 4

68 *p* *cresc. poco a poco*

S1 North-ern lights teach-ing shoal-ing fish, shoal-ing fish teach-ing

S2 North-ern lights teach-ing shoal-ing fish, shoal-ing fish

A1 North-ern lights teach-ing shoal-ing fish, shoal-ing fish

A2 North-ern lights teach-ing shoal-ing fish, shoal-ing fish

Pno *p* *cresc. poco a poco*

71 *mf*

S1 swarm-ing flies, swarm-ing flie teach-ing cloud-ing ink would

S2 swarm-ing flies, swarm-ing flie teach-ing cloud-ing ink

A1 teach-ing swarm-ing flies, m-ing flies teach-ing cloud-ing ink

A2 teach-ing swarm-ing flies, m-ing flies teach-ing cloud-ing ink

Pno *mf*

74 **G** *mf*

S1 nev - er learn the Ghost - ly swirl - ing

S2 nev - er learn the Ghost - ly swirl - ing

A1 would nev - er learn the Ghost - ly swirl - ing

A2 would nev - er, nev - er learn the Ghost - ly swirl - ing

Pno *mf*

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Choir à 3

78

Top  
surg - ing whirl - ing melt - ing mur - mur -

Mid  
surg - ing whirl - ing melt - ing mur - mur -

Btm  
surg - ing whirl - ing melt - ing mur - mur -

Pno

Choir à 4

82

S1  
*f*  
a - tion, mur - mur - a - tion

S2  
*f*  
a - - - - tion, mur - mur - a - tion

A1  
*f*  
a - - - - tion, mur - mur - a - tion

A2  
*f*  
tion, mur - mur - a - tion

Pno  
*fp*



86

Top *mf*  
of star - - - ling

Mid *mf*  
of star - - -

Btm *mf*  
of star - - - ling

Pno *mf*

90

Top *ff*  
flock.

Mid *ff*  
flock.

Btm *ff*  
flock.

Pno *ff* duration 3'00"