

THE BIRDS

(To Helen Simmie)

Moderato

Hilaire Belloc

Music
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p < *mp*

When Je - sus Christ was four years

old, The an - gels brought him toys of gold, which

no man ev-er bought or sold, and yet with these he

would not play, he made him small fowl out of clay, and

rit. *a tempo*

cresc.

colle voce

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blessed them Till they flew a - wa - y tu

dim

dim.

ad lib.

cre - - asti do - mine. Je - sus Christ, thou

pp *colle voce*

child so wise bless mine hands and fill mine eyes, and

bring my soul to pa - ra - dise.

rit.

* These chords may be omitted.