

# 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*

*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 bring to pa - ra - dise.

*rit.* . . . . .

\* These chords may be omitted.