

to Wendy and David

# The Blue Wrens and the Butcher-bird

Poem by Judith Wright

**Andantino** ♩ = 66

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The musical score is written for piano and voice. It begins with a piano introduction in 2/4 time, marked *mf*. The piano part features a rhythmic pattern of eighth notes in the right hand and chords in the left hand. The voice part enters at measure 4 with the lyrics "Sweet and small the blue wren". The tempo is marked *mp* and *a tempo*. The piano accompaniment includes a *poco rit.* section and a *tr* (trill) over the word "wren". The score continues with the lyrics "whistles to his gentle hen," at measure 11. The piano part features a *mf* dynamic and a *tr* over the word "hen". The score concludes with a final cadence in 2/4 time.

13 *mf*

"The creek is full, the

15

day is gold, the tale of love is

*tr*

17 *mf*

nev - er told. Fear not, my love, nor

*tr*

*mf*

19 *mp*

fly a - way, for safe, safe in the

*tr*

*mp*