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Impossible Birds
SSAA acappella choir

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SSAA acappella choir and percussion

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$\text{♩} = 128$
mf cresc. (all parts: add wild trills between the pitches) *sffp* *mf cresc.*

S.1
Do do do do Ah Do do do do

S.2
Do do do do Ah Do do do do

A.1
Do do do do Ah Do do do do

A.2
Do do do do Ah Do do do do

(wild trills between the pitches) **A** lighter / playful *mf* *sfp*

5
S.1
Ah Do do do do do

S.2
Ah Do do do do do

A.
Ah Do do do

A.
Ah Do do do do do

B

10

S. 1
Ah

S. 2
Ah

A.
Ah *f* Do do do do *gliss.* do do do do *mf* do do do do

A.
do do do do do do do do do do do do do do

(*random vocal sounds in rhythm - crazy)

f * *

14

S. 1
mf Ah *gliss.*

S. 2
* * * * Ah A *f*

A.
do do do do do do do do do do do do do do Ah A *f*

A.
do do do do do do do do do do do do do do Ah A *f*

C

18

S. 1
f King fish-er burst out a - bove me, A King fish-er burst out a - bove me

S. 2
King fish-er burst out a - bove me, A King fish-er burst out a - bove me

A.
King fish-er burst out a - bove me, A King fish-er burst out a - bove me

A.
King fish-er burst out a - bove me, A King fish-er burst out a - bove me

22

S. 1
Twist ing, Twist-ing drop-ping down, Twist ing, Twist-ing drop-ping down___ to the swell

S. 2
Twist ing, Twist-ing down,___ Twist ing, Twist-ing drop- down___ to the swell

A.
Twist_ ing, Twist-ing down,___ Twist_ ing, Twist-ing drop-ping down___ to the swell

A.
Twist_ ing, Twist-ing down,___ Twist_ ing, Twist-ing drop-ping down___ to the swell

26

S. 1
to the swell of___ for - est can - o - py; of___ for - est can - o - py.

S. 2
to the swell of___ for - est can - o - py; for - est can - o - py.

A.
of the for - est can - o - py; of___ for - est can - o - py.

A.
of the for - est can - o - py; for - est can - o - py.

29 **D** *mf*

S. 1
grrr Ooo___ ah grrr Ooo___ ah *mp*

S. 2
mf coo - coo -ka grrr coo - coo -ka grrr___

A.
mf ka ke ke koo *mf* Do

A.
f ke s s s s s s s s s ke s s s s s s s s

32 *mp*

S. 1 Ah Ah *mp*

S. 2 Ah Ah *mp*

A. ka ke ke koo Do ke ke do

A. s * s s s s s s s s s * s s s s s s s s s s

36 *mp* *mp* *mf*

S. 1 grrr e - o grrr - e - o coo a - o

S. 2 *mf* coo-coo-ke grrr coo-coo-ke grrr grrr

A. ka ke ke koo a o ka ke ke koo

A. * s s s s s s s s s * s s s s s s s s s * s s

40 *mf* **E** *mf*

S. 1 coo - a - o Ah Ah *mf*

S. 2 grrr coo - ka Ah Ah *mf*

A. Do e o do Do

A. s s s s s s s s * s s s s s s s s s * s s s s s s s s s s

44

S. 1
Ah

S. 2
Ah

A.
do do ka ke ke koo Do do do ka ke ke koo

A.
* s s s s s s s s s s s s s s s s s

49

S. 1
Ah A King Fish-er burst out a -

S. 2
Ah A King Fish-er burst out a -

A.
Do do do do Do Ah A King Fish-er burst out a -

A.
s s s s s s s Do Ah A King Fish-er burst out a -

F

pp

53

S. 1
bove me, A King Fish-er burst out a - bove me Twist ing, Twist-ing

S. 2
bove me, A King Fish-er burst out a - bove me Twist ing, Twist-ing

A.
bove me, A King Fish-er burst out a - bove me Twist ing, Twist-ing

A.
bove me, A King Fish-er burst out a - bove me Twist ing, Twist-ing

57

S. 1 drop-ping down, Twist ing, Twist-ing drop-ping down___ to the swell to the swell of___

S. 2 down,___ Twist ing, Twist-ing drop- down___ to the swell to the swell of___

A. down,___ Twist ing, Twist-ing drop-ping down___ to the swell of the

A. down,___ Twist ing, Twist-ing drop-ping down___ to the swell of the

G Crazy birds *(oscilate freely in nasal sound)*
 ♩ = 128 *f*

61

S. 1 for-est can - o - py; of___ for-est can - o - py. Do Do do do do Ah___

S. 2 for-est can - o - py; for-est can - o - py. eee. *mf (oscilate freely in nasal sound)*

A. for-est can - o - py; of___ for-est can - o - py. Do do do do do do do *f*

A. for-est can - o - py; for-est can - o - py; Do di do do do do Do *f*

65

S. 1 Do do do Do Ah do

S. 2 do do do d * * * Ah do do * * * do do do * * * * *

A. do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do * do di

A. di do di do Do di do do di do do di

69 **H** (nasal sound) *(8va on repeat only)*

S. 1
Ah Ah Ah Ah

S. 2
do do di * * * * do do do * * * do

A.
do di do do * do do do do do di do

A.
do do di do do do do do do do do do

72

S. 1
Ah Ah Ah Ah

S. 2
do do * * * do do do do do do do do do do do do

A.
do do do do di do do do di do do do do do do do

A.
do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do

76

S. 1
Ah

S. 2
do do do do do do do do do do do do do do

A.
do do do do do do do do do do do do do do

A.
do do do do do do do do do do do do do do

79

(clap) **ff** **f** **I**

S. 1 do do do do da da da da A King Fish - er burst out a -

S. 2 Ah A King Fish - er burst out a -

A. do do do do da da da da da A King Fish - er burst out a -

A. do Ah A King Fish - er burst out a -

82

S. 1 bove me, A King Fish - er burst out a - bove me

S. 2 bove me, A King Fish - er burst out a - bove me

A. bove me, A King Fish - er burst out a - bove me

A. bove me, A King Fish - er burst out a - bove me

85

S. 1 Twist - ing, Twist-ing drop - ping down, Twist - ing, Twist-ing drop - ping down

S. 2 Twist - ing, Twist-ing down, Twist - ing, Twist-ing drop - ping down

A. Twist ing, Twist-ing down, Twist ing, Twist-ing drop - ping down

A. Twist ing, Twist-ing down, Twist ing, Twist-ing drop - ping down

88

S. 1
to the swell to the swell of for-est can - o - py; of for-est can - o - py.

S. 2
to the swell to the swell of for-est can - o - py; for-est can - o - py.

A.
to the swell of the for-est can - o - py; of for-est can - o - py.

A.
to the swell of the for-est can - o - py; for-est can - o - py;

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(free random individual strange bird calls amongst the pitch)

fp *fff*
(clap and shout)

S. 1
Ah Ah

S. 2
Ah Ah

A.
Ah Ah

A.
Ah Ah