

IV. The Crow and the Pitcher

The drought was severe. A dehydrated crow approached a pitcher of water on a table in a garden. He hopped onto the rim and stretched as far as possible; however, he could not reach the water. When he attempted to topple the pitcher over to spill its contents, he discovered it was too heavy to budge. The crow thought, "If I do not drink water soon I will surely die." An idea came to him. He dropped a pebble into the pitcher and watched keenly as the water level rose ever so slightly. He dropped

The musical score is divided into three systems. The first system shows the Violin and Cello parts in 4/4 time, marked *f* (forte) and $\text{♩} = 80$. Both instruments play a series of sixteenth-note runs, with a sixteenth rest (6) indicated in the second measure. The second system continues the sixteenth-note runs, with a triplet of eighth notes (3) in the first measure of both parts. The third system begins with a sixteenth rest (6) in the first measure, followed by a change to 4/4 time. The tempo and mood are marked *p* (piano) and *somber* (sombre). The Violin part features a melodic line with a triplet of eighth notes (3) in the final measure, while the Cello part provides a harmonic accompaniment.

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increasingly optimistic

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poco accel.-

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21

f

a tempo

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p

mp

mp

a tempo

p

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p

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poco accel.-

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