

# THE SKIES CAN'T KEEP THEIR SECRET

for 2-part voices and piano  
with optional flute\*

Words based on the poem by  
**EMILY DICKINSON** (1830-1886)

Music and additional Words by  
**MARY DONNELLY and GEORGE L. O. STRID**

Thoughtfully (♩ = ca. 108-112)

FLUTE

PIANO

4 PART I *mf* 5

The skies can't keep their se - cret! They

PART II *mf*

The skies can't keep their se - cret! They

(flute part continues)

\* Flute part is on page 8.

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tell it to the hills. The hills just tell the  
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10

or - chards and they, the daf - fo - dils! *cresc.* *f* A  
 or - chards and they, the daf - fo - dils! *cresc.* *f* A

13

bird by chance that goes that way soft o - ver-hears the *mp*  
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16 *mf*

whole. If I should bribe the lit - tle bird, who

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*mf*

19 *poco rit.* *a tempo*

knows but — she would tell?

knows but — she would tell?

*poco rit.* *a tempo*

22 24

*mp*

The spring - time rains a -

*mp*

25

*mp*

then flow - ers start to bloom.

The

wak - en the hills

The

28

lit - tle birds come out to play in the scent of the sweet per -

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31

*cresc.*

fume.

*cresc.*

fume.

*mf*

33

*mf*

I will not ask the

I will not ask the

*cresc.**mf*

lit - tle bird; it's fin - er not to know. I'd

lit - tle bird; it's fin - er not to know. I'd

rath - er be de - light - ed when win - ter brings the

rath - er be de - light - ed when win - ter brings the

*cresc.*

*cresc.*

*cresc.*

snow. When the sun shines bright, when the soft wind blows, when the

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*f*

*mp*

*f*

*mp*

*f*

*mp*

43 *cresc.* *mf*

rain be - gins to fall, the skies can't keep their

*cresc.* *mf*

rain be - gins to fall, the skies can't keep their

*cresc.* *mf*

46

se - cret! They tell it to one and all. Oo. \_\_\_\_\_

se - cret! They tell it to one and all. \_\_\_\_\_

49 *rit. e decresc.* *mp*

They tell it to one and all. \_\_\_\_\_

*decresc.* *mp*

They tell it to one and all. \_\_\_\_\_

*rit. e decresc.* *mp*

8<sup>vb</sup>

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12 13

17 13

22 24

33 33

38 41

42 42

48 48

*mf*

*f*

*mp*

*mf*

*poco rit.*

*a tempo*

*mp cresc.*

*f*

*mp*

*mf*

*rit. e decresc.*

*mp*