When the Swallows Homeward Fly

(Agathe)

Voice and Piano

Franz Abt (1819-1885)

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When the swallows homeward fly,
When the roses scatter'd lie,
When from home south do the swans
white swan, why do you cry?

1. When the swallows homeward fly,
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2. When the white swan southward roves,
To seek at noon the orange groves,
When the sun is gone to rest,
Will then we meet, you and I?

3. My poor heart, why do you cry,
Once so you in peace will lie!
All things on this earth must die;
My heart asks with boding pain.

4. My poor heart, why do you cry,
My heart asks with boding pain.
When I thus thy image lose,
When I thus thy image lose.

5. Andantino

Chants the silv'ry night i-gale,
In these words my bleeding heart
neither hill nor dale,
Chants the silv'ry night i-gale,
In these words my bleeding heart,

6. dim.

Prove the sun is gone to rest,
In these words my bleeding heart,
red tints of the west,
Prove the sun is gone to rest,
In these words my bleeding heart,

7. cresc.

Will then we meet, you and I?
My heart asks with boding pain
on this earth must die;
Will then we meet, you and I?
My heart asks with boding pain

8. cresc. mf

In these words my bleeding heart,

9. cresc.

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Can I, ah! can I e’er know re-pose, 
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Can I, ah! can I e’er know re-pose, 
Can I, ah! can I e’er know re-pose.
Will faith join us once again? 
After today’s bitter parting pain.

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