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Little Fox

(2-part Chorus, Keyboard, Triangle, and Clarinet)

English Folk Song
Arr. by Shirley W. McRae

Giocoso ♩ = 100

1. *mf*

5. *Unison mf*
6. *detached*
7. *simile*
8. *mp*

1. Lit - tle fox went out on a chil - ly night, and he

9. prayed for the moon to give him light, for he'd man - y a mile to

12. go that night be - fore he reached the town - o, town - o,
13. *Triangle*
14.
15.

16. town - o. He'd man - y a mile to go that night be - fore he reached the

20. town - o.
21. *mf*
22.
23.

24. *Clarinet mp*
25. *mf*
26. 2. He ran till he came to the farm - er's pen; the

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27 ducks and the geese were kept there - in. "A cou-ple of you will

30 grease my chin be - fore I leave this town - o, town - o,

34 town - o. A cou-ple of you will grease my chin be-fore I leave this

38 town - o."

poco rit.

Part 1 *a tempo* *mf* 43

Part 2 *mp* 44

3. Well, he grabbed the grey goose by the neck, and he
grey goose by the neck and

a tempo *mp*

45 flung it up a - cross his back, and he did - n't mind the

46 flung up his back, quack, quack,

47

48 49 50

quack, quack, quack, and their legs all dang - ling down - o,

quack, quack, and their legs all dang - ling down - o,

51 52 53

down - o, down - o. And he did - n't mind the

down - o, down - o, quack, quack,

54 55 56

quack, quack, quack, and the legs all dang - ling down - o.

quack, quack, and their legs all dang - ling down - o.

Clarinet opt. through fermata in ms. 66

57 58 59 60 *mp*

Group 1 *mp*

(spoken dramatically) 4. Then

61 62 63

Group 2

Old Moth-er Gig-gle Gag-gle jumped out of bed; Out of the win-dow she

64 65 66 *rit.* *a tempo* *mf*

, All *rit.* *mf* (sung)

popped her head, cry-ing, "John, O John, the grey goose is gone, And the

rit. *a tempo*

67 68 69 70

fox is in the town - o, town - o, town - o." "Cry-ing,

71 72 73

"John, O John, the grey goose is gone, and the fox is in the

74 75 76 77

town - o."

78 79 80

5. Lit - tle fox ran to his den,
5. Lit - tle fox, he ran till he reached his den, and

82 83

six, sev'n, eight, nine, ten, "Dad - dy, bet - ter go
there were his lit - tle ones, eight, nine, ten. They said, "Dad - dy, you'd bet - ter go

84 85 86

back a - gain, it must be a ver - y fine town - o,
back a - gain 'cause it must be a ver - y fine town - o,

87 88 89

town - o, town - o. Dad - dy, bet - ter go
town - o, town - o." They said, "Dad - dy, you'd bet - ter go

90 91 92

back a - gain; it must be a ver - y fine town - o."
back a - gain 'cause it must be a ver - y fine town - o."

93 94 95 96 *mf* Unison

6. Then the

97 98 99 *mf*

fox and his wife, with - out an - y strife, cut up the goose with a

100 101 102

fork and knife. They nev - er had such a sup - per in their life, and the

103 104 105 106

lit - tle ones chewed on the bones - o, bones - o, bones - o. They

107 108 109

nev-er had such a sup-per in their life, and the lit-tle ones chewed on the

110 111 112 113 114

bones - o. CODA slower and legato

It's a

115 116 117 118

chil - ly night and the moon is bright, and the fox is in the town - o.

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B \flat Clarinet

1 6 7 17 24 25 26

mf

27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36

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37 38 39 43 46 59 60

piano

61 62 63 64 65

a tempo

66 67 68 69 70

71 72 73 74 75

76 77 78 79 16 95

piano

96 97 98 99 100

101 102 103 104 105

106 107 108 109 110

CODA slower and legato

111 114 115 116 117 118

rit. a tempo