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To Waken an Old Lady

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poem: William Carlos Williams

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Delicate  $\frac{1}{8} = \frac{72}{60}$

Soprano

Alto Flute (transposed)

Harpsichord

Old age is a flight
a flight of small, small-cheeping birds

skimming bare trees
above a snow glaze

and falling they are buffeted by a dark wind
Ah, but what

(sub ff)

ff

A Tempo 1

on harsh

harsh weed stalks

the
flock has rested

A Tempo 1 \( \cdot \) = 72

is covered with broken seed husks
and the wind temp-erd by a

shriII

pi- ping of plen- ty

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Madison, WI