

Contrabass

# Prelude to a Fable

from Four Fables after stories of Hans Christian Andersen

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**Allegretto**

*energetic*  
*f*  
*mp*  
*mp*

*4*  
*3*  
*pizz.*  
*5*

*mf*  
*pizz.*  
*f*  
*rit.*

*A tempo*  
*rit.*  
*2*  
*Adagio*  
*arco*

*rit.*  
*A tempo*  
*Allegro*  
*2*  
*pizz.*  
*mp*

*3*  
*4*

*4*  
*5*

*4*  
*arco*  
*molto rit.*  
*3*

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83 **Adagio** DOG **Presto**

If dogs could speak, I'd sure - ly say: \_\_\_\_\_ I'd pizz.

88 **molto rit.** **A tempo** **rit.** **f** **A tempo**

**mf**

95 **molto rit.** **A tempo** **molto rit.** **Presto**

2 6 6

**f** **mp**

Fea - thers taste so

107 **molto rit.** **Presto** **rit.** **A tempo**

*espressivo*

stale. I'd ra - ther eat ta - ble - scraps a - ny old day.

**f** **mf**

113 **molto rit.** **Andante** **Presto**

arco 4 pizz.

**mp** **f**

123 **Allegretto** 13

arco

**ff**

141 **Allegretto** **rit.** **Andante con moto**

4 2 9

pizz.

**mp** **mp**

159 **Allegro** **molto rit.**

12 12

Bow - wow - wow! Wow - wow - wow! Bow - wow - wow! Wow! Oh, wow! \_\_\_\_\_

**mp**

arco

174 **Allegretto** rit. . . . . **Allegretto** **Andante**  
 STORYTELLER

And, yet once more, the south - ern call to

196 **Allegretto**

sup - per - time in blared.

pizz. arco pizz.

*mp* *mf*

204

211 rit. . . . . **Andante con moto**  
 arco

*mp*

220

*mp*

234 rit. . . . . **Adagio** **Allegretto** rit. . . . . **Adagietto**

*p* *mf*

252 rit. . . . . **A tempo** rit. . . . . **A tempo.**

*f*

259 **Meno mosso**

*mp*

264 **DOG**

circa 11'00"

Gr - r - r... Gr - r - r... Gr - r - r... —

*pp*