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## The Walrus and the Carpenter

Poem by Lewis Carroll Footnote texts by MH

Soprano and Bass Soloists ("Footnotes"), Tenor (or Baritone) Minstrel, SSAATTBB Chorus and Lute (or Harpsichord)

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The Tenor and Bass singer/actors need props: each has a rolled-up umbrella and some sort of make-shift shield. A toy crow, suspended from a fishing rod, is needed at the very end (could be swung by one of the chorus-members).

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The Soprano and Bass soloists act as Erudite Footnotes - they can be set apart from the chorus and could wear academic dress. Their roles are to provide information not immediately obvious from the poem. The solo Minstrel could make an entrance singing; Alternative pages 31 and 32 [if Minstrel's part is sung by Baritone] are printed at the end of the score.























































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Molto rall, with much sobbing















Where a \* is indicated, the solo "Erudite Footnote" can enter slightly early in order to create more disruption when they disagree.





Neither Tum nor Twee have been soloists earlier in the work.

Tum and Twee start to vie with each other, brandishing their rolled-up umbrellas but never making contact.

Like fencers, first one backs away as the other approaches, then reverse. One of them can make "Ooo" hoots, but this must not sound like singing.

After a while, Tum's umbrella opens (preferably make it look as though an accident), Twee looks indignant and opens his.

They try to approach each other, but are scared to get too close.

They then take some time rolling up their umbrellas (with obvious difficulty).

Tum and Twee start fencing again, but are immediately scared by the sight of a toy crow (which is suspended from a fishing rod which is swayed towards them by one of the chorus). Tum and Twee scream as soon as they see the crow, and exit quickly, still screaming.

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