Whip-Poor-Will and Katy-Did (mezzo-soprano and piano)

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Whip-Poor-Will and Katy-Did
from Lyrics of Love and Laughter (1903)

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hyeah dis cry in', 'deed hit's mo' den I kin stan'; sho' wid all our slip pin',

dey's e-nough of whip-pin' dout a bird a'-vi-sin' a-ny man,

In de noons o' sum-mah dey's an-

An' his th'oat's a swell-in' wid de

o-thah hum-mah, sings a-no-thah song in-stid;...sum-mah...
joy o tell-in', but he says dat "Ka-ty did."...sum-mah...
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...sum mah...
...sum mah...

feels on-suh-tain; won't you raise de cu'tain o-vah all de t'ings dat's hid?

W'ly dat fea-thered pi'sen goes er-bout a vi-sin' Whip-pin' Will w'en Ka-ty did?

Katy did!

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