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**slower** *f* *pf* *f* kiss *p* half-valve *p* **faster** hv 3 3 3 3 *p* 3 3 3 3 *f* kiss

inhale  
hee

5 (hv) sing and play in unison *f* 6 6 6 6 6 *p* 6 cough **slower** whistle into mouthpiece *p*  
key sing click *f* 6 6 6 6 6 *p* 6 inhale *f* hee

9 hv **faster** *f* 6 6 6 *p* 6 as high as possible sing with flz *sfz*  
pucker up kiss *f* wa ga da wa ga da wa ga da wa ga da *sfz*  
*f* wa ga da wa ga da wa ga da wa ga da *sfz*

14 *mp* kiss *f* hv *f* sing *sfz* flz *p* 6 6 *p* 6 6 *f* 6 6 6

18 **slower** whistle *f* 6 6 *p* 6 **faster** *f* pucker/suck *f* kiss

23 hv 3 3 sing kiss flz *f* *p* 3 *f* *p* 3 *f* *p* 3













27 **slower** whistle *f* *f* >

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*The Thrush Nightingale* is a transcription of slowed birdsong for tuba duo. Distortion inherent to the task is valued.

slower ~ ♩ = 66

faster ~ ♩ = 92

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|---|---------|--|
|    | kiss    | kiss into mouthpiece   |
|    | hee     | inhale/gasp in a singing way, tuning mouth shape to project sound                    |
|    | hv      | half valve to gliss  |
|    | sing    | singing always in unison with playing, or at an octave if that's easier              |
|   | key     | key click  |
|  | whistle | whistle into mouthpiece  |
|  | pucker  | sustained puckering/sucking sound  |
|  |         | very short percussive staccato, to the point of de-emphasizing pitch                 |
|  |         | enunciating tonguing with syllables when given                                       |
|  | sing    | sing as high as possible, in unison with playing, with flutter-tongue, glissing down |
|  | flz     | flutter-tongue, breathy  |
|  | flz     | flutter-tongue, pitched  |