

# The Fox

Traditional, arr. John W. Ward

**Allegro** (M.M. ♩ = c. 132)

The musical score is written for Tenor (T) and Bass (B) voices. It consists of three systems of music. The first system shows the beginning of the piece, with the Tenor part starting on a whole note rest and the Bass part starting with a rhythmic pattern. The lyrics for the first system are: Tenor: "Fox went out,"; Bass: "Fox went out, oh the Fox went out, oh the Fox went out, oh the". The second system begins at measure 4 and continues the lyrics: Tenor: "Fox went out, Fox went out one night. Oh, the"; Bass: "Fox went out, oh the Fox went out one night, one night. Oh, the". The third system begins at measure 7 and continues the lyrics: Tenor: "fox went out on a chil-ly night, and he pray'd for the moon for to"; Bass: "fox went out on a chil - ly night and he pray'd the moon for to". The score includes a large, diagonal watermark that reads "Review Only No Duplication".

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T  
8

give him — light; — He had ma-ny a mile — to go that night be -

B  
8

give him — light; — He'd ma-ny a mile — to go that night be -

13

T  
8

fore he reach'd the town - o, — town - o, — town - o; — He had

B  
8

fore he reach'd the town - o, — the town - o, — the town - o; — He'd

17

T  
8

ma-ny a mile — to go that night be - fore he reach'd the town - o. —

B  
8

ma-ny a mile — to go that night be - fore he reach'd the town - o. — The

21

T  
8

Well, he ran 'til he came to a great big pen, — where the

B  
8

fox went out, — Well, he ran he came — to a great big pen, — where the

24  
T  
8  
ducks and the geese were put there - in; He said, "A cou-ple of you are gon-na  
B  
ducks and geese, they were put there - in "A cou-ple of you gon-na

27  
T  
8  
grease my chin be - fore I leave this town - o, town - o,  
B  
grease my chin be - fore I leave this town - o, this town - o, this

31  
T  
8  
town - o; He said, "A cou-ple of you are gon-na grease my chin be -  
"A cou-ple of you  
B  
town - o", "A cou-ple of you are gon-na grease my chin be -

34  
T  
8  
fore I leave this town - o. Grabb'd the gray goose by the neck, he  
B  
fore I leave this town - o. He grabb'd the gray goose by the neck, he

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38  
T  
8  
threw a duck a - cross his back, He did-n't mind their  
B  
threw a duck a - cross his back; Oh, and he did-n't mind their

41  
T  
8  
"quack, quack, quack" and their legs all dan-gl-ing down - o, down - o,  
B  
"quack, quack quack" and their legs all dan-gl-ing down - o, all down - o, all

45  
T  
8  
down - o, He did-n't mind their "quack, quack, quack" and their  
B  
down - o, He did-n't mind their "quack, quack, quack" and their

48  
T  
8  
legs all dan-gl-ing down - o. The fox went out,  
B  
legs all dan-gl-ing down - o. All down - oh. The fox went out, Oh, the

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52

T  
8  
fox went out, fox went out one night. Then

B  
fox went out, Oh, the fox went out one night. Then

55

T  
8  
old mo-ther Flip-per-flop-per jump'd out of bed; Out of the win - dow she

B  
old mo-ther Flip-per-flop-per jump'd out of bed, Out of the win - dow she

58

T  
8  
cock'd her head, Cry - ing "John, John, the gray  
"John, oh, John, the gray

B  
cock'd her head, Cry - ing "John, John, the gray

60

T  
8  
goose is gone, and the fox is on the town - o, town - o,

B  
goose is gone, and the fox is on the town - o, the town - o, the

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64

T  
8  
town - o." — Cry-ing "John, John, — the gray goose is gone, — and the

B  
town - o." — Cry-ing "John, John, — the gray goose is gone — and the

67

T  
8  
fox is on the town - o." — Ooo - - - wah, wah,

B  
fox is on the town - o." — So John, he ran — to the

70

T  
8  
ooo - - - wah, wah, ooo - ooo - wah, ooo. Wah, wah,

B  
top of the hill; — He blew his horn — both loud and shrill. —

73

T  
8  
ooo - - - wah, wah, ooo - - - wah, wah, ooo - wah,

B  
Fox, he said, — "I bet-ter flee with my kill, — or they'll soon be on my

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76

T trail - o, \_\_\_ trail - o, \_\_\_ trail - o, \_\_\_ wah - ooo, \_\_\_ wah, wah,

B trail - o, \_\_\_ my trail - o, \_\_\_ my trail - o." \_\_\_ Fox, he said, \_\_\_ "I bet-ter

80

T ooo - wah - ooo. \_\_\_ Ooo - wah, wah, ooo - ooo.

B flee with my kill, \_\_\_ or they'll soon be on my trail - o. \_\_\_

83

T Fox went out \_\_\_ one \_\_\_ night. He ran 'til he came to his

B fox went out one night. He ran he came \_\_\_ to his

86

T co - zy \_\_\_ den; \_\_\_ And there were the lit - tle ones eight, nine,

B co - zy, co - zy den; There the lit - tle ones eight, nine,

89

T ten Say-ing, "Dad-dy, — you bet-ter go back a - gain, — 'cuz it

B eight, nine, ten, Say-ing "Dad-dy, — you bet-ter go back a - gain, 'cuz it

92

T must be a migh-ty fine town - o, — town - o, — town - o." — Say-ing

B must be a migh-ty fine town - o, — the town - o, — the town - o." — Say-ing

96

T "Dad-dy, — you bet-ter go back a - gain, — 'cuz it must be a migh-ty fine

B "Dad-dy, — you bet-ter go back a - gain, 'cuz it must be a migh-ty fine

99

*Andante* (♩ = c. 96)

T town - o." — Then the fox and his wife, with - out a - ny strife,

B town - o." — *mp*



105 **Tempo primo plus a little**

T  
8 cut up the goose with a for - k and knife. *f* They ne - ver had such a

B  
They ne - ver had such a

110

T  
8 sup - per in their life, and the lit - tle ones chew'd on the bones - o, —

B  
sup - per in their life, and the lit - tle ones chew'd on the bones - o, — the

113

T  
8 bones - o, — bones - o; — No, They ne - ver had such a

B  
bones - o, — the bones - o, — No, they ne - ver had such a

116

T  
8 sup - per in their life, bones - o.

B  
sup - per in their life, and the lit - tle ones chew'd on the bones - o. —