



There was an Old Man with a beard,
 Who said, "It is just as I feared! —
 Two Owls and a Hen, four Larks and a Wren,
 Have all built their nests in my beard."

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Explosively. (about $\text{♩} = 160$) *mf*

There

once was a Man with a beard, Who

Led. *

ritard.

said, "It is just as I feared! Two Owls

f *a tempo*

ritard.

f *a tempo*

Leg. * *Leg.*

and a Hen, four

sfz

mf *f* *mf*

* *Leg.* *

Larks and a Wren,

sfz *f* *mf* *f*

Leg. * *Leg.*

With anguish.

f *sfz*

Have all built their nests in my beard; — Have

f *trem.* *sfz*

Red. *

cresc.

all built their nests in my beard; —

cresc.

Red. * Red.

(♩ = ♩.) *f*

Have all — built their nests in my

f

* Red. *

ritard. *Very fast.*

beard, in my beard!

ritard. *sfz sfz ff Very fast.*

Red. *