Owls
(An Epitaph)

Words by Edward Elgar

Moderato

a tempo

SOPRANO

No - thing; The leaves must fall and fall - ing, rust - le;

poco cresc.

ALTO

No - thing; The leaves must fall, and fall - ing, rust - le;

poco cresc.

TENOR

What is that? The leaves must fall and fall - ing, rust - le;

pp

BASS

What is that? The leaves must fall, and fall - ing, rust - le;

What is that? The leaves must fall and fall - ing, rust - le;

That is all: They are dead. As they fall,

Dead at the foot of the tree;

That is all: They are dead. As they fall,

Dead at the foot of the tree;

That is all: They are dead. As they fall,

Dead, they are dead at the foot of the tree;

That is all; They are dead at the foot of the tree;

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All that can be is said. No-thing. No-thing; A

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All that can be is said. What is it? What is that? A

All that can be is said. What is ist? What is that? A

wild thing hurt but mourns in the night, And it cries In its dread, Till it lies dead, It lies dead, lies

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Dead at the foot of the tree; All that can be is said. No-thing. No-thing. A

Dead at the foot of the tree; All that can be is said. What is it? What is

Dead at the foot of the tree; All that can be is said. What is it? What is
Ah! A marching slow of unseen feet,
That is all; But a

A marching slow of unseen feet,
That is all; But a

That? A marching slow.

bier, spread With a pall, Is now at the foot of the tree;

bier, spread With a pall, Is now at the foot of the tree;

bier, spread With a pall, And a bier Is now at the foot of the tree;

And a bier Is now at the foot of the tree;

All that could be is said;

All that could be is said;

All that could be is said; Is it what?

Rome, Dec., 31, 1907