

All Morning

All morning a wren has been building
a nest in my ear. I will shelter anyone

who needs it, it's always been
my problem, & who can resist small

birds? They cannot hurt you,
even their tail feathers

twitching like soft razor blades,
my friend, oh, my friend.

-Terry Stokes, b. 1945
(from CRIMES OF PASSION 1973)

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Piano

S
All morning a wren has been building a nest in my ear

T
All mor - ning All mor - ning

B
All mor - ning All mor - ning

Pno.

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S All mor-ning all morning all-morning all morning

T

B All morning all morning all mor -

Pno.

12

S all morning all morning All morn - - - ning

A All morn a wren build-ing nests in my

T All

B All mor-ning all mor-ning all

S ning all mor - - - ning all mor - - - ning all moring - - - All

all mor - - - ning mor-ning

A nest in my ear All mor-ning all mor-ning all mor-ning all mor-ning

T mor-ning all - mor-ning all mor-ning all mor-ning all mor-nig all mor-ning

B mor-ning all mor-ning all mor - ning all mor - ning all mor-ning

B mor - ning all mor-ning

24 *mf*

S I will shel-ter an - y one who needs it I will shel-ter

A I will shel-ter an - y one whoneeds it needs it

T I need it

B I will shel-ter I will shel-ter an - y one whoneeds it

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S an - y one whoneeds it who

A needs it an - y one who

T shel-ter an - y one whoneeds it shel-ter shel-ter shel - ter an - y one who

B needs it I will shel-ter shel-ter an - y shel - ter an - y

28

S needs it It has al - ways been my pro-blem small

A needs it Who can re - - - sist small

T needs it Who who can re - sist small

B needs it Who can re - - - sist small

30

S birds It has al-waysbeen my pro-blem it has al-waysbeen my pro - blem

A who can re - sist small birds birds

T birds small birds birds

B birds small birds birds

32 *p*

S They can - not hurt they can - not hurt they can - not hurt

A They can't hurt you they can't hurt you they can - not hurt you

T They can - not hurt you they can't hurt they can't hurt

34

S E - ven thier soft ra - zoe blades

A E - ven thier tail fea - thers like ra - zor blades

T E - ven thier tail fea - thers twit - chin like soft ra - zor blades

B E - ven ra - zor blades

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B E-ven thier tail fea-therstwitching like soft ra - zor blades

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S All morning all morning all morning all morning all morning all mor - - - ning a

T

B All morning all-morning all morn a wren has been build-ing a

All mor-ning All mor-nig

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S nest in my ear They can - not hurt you Who can re - sist

A All mor-ning all - mor-ning They can - not hurt you who can re - sist

T wrens buil-ding nests They can - not hurt you who can re - sist

B nest They can - not hurt you Who can re - sists

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S my friend oh my

A my friend oh my

T my friend oh my

B my friend oh my friend

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S All mor - ning all mor - ning all mor - ning all mor - ning all mor - ning

A All mor - ning all mor - ning all mor - ning all mor - ning all mor - ning

T All mor - ning all mor - ning all mor - ning all mor - ning all mor -

B All mor - ning

Pno.

56

S all mor ning all mor - ning All mor - ning all mor - ning all mor - ning all

A all mor a wren has been build - ing a nest in my ear

T ning mor - - - ning - - - mor - ning

B ning mor - - - - - ning a wren has been

Pno.

59

S mor - ning a wren has been build - ing a wren has been build - ing a wren has been

A nest in my ear All mor - ning all mor - ning all mor - ning all mor - ning all

T mor - - - ning mor - ning mor - ning
nest in my ear a nest in my ear a nest in my ear a

B build - ing a nest in my ear a nest in my ear a nest in my

Pno.

62

S build - ing a wren has been build - ing a wren has been build - ing a wren has been

A mor - ning all mor - ning all mor - ning all mor - ning all mor - ning all mor -

T mor - - - ning mor - ning mor - ning
nest in my ear Nest in my ear nest in my ear

B ear nest in my ear nest in my ear

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65

S building a nest in my An - y one who needs it a nest in my ear

A ning building a It has al - ways been my pro - blem build - ing a

T build - ing nests In my ear wren has been build - ing a

B building They can - not hurt you build - ing a nest

building a nest in who can re - sists it has al - ways been

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f *p*

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