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# The Optimist, The Pessimist, The Altruist

Ethel Watson Usher

*Composer*

Oliver Herford

*Lyricist*

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*The Optimist* } Words by Oliver Herford  
*The Pessimist* } Music by Ethel Watson Usher.  
*The Atrivist* }

(The "Lovers' Date")

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- The Optimist -

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First system of musical notation, featuring a treble staff and a piano accompaniment with two staves (treble and bass). The key signature is three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and the time signature is 6/8.

Second system of musical notation, including a vocal line and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Said a cheer-ful old bear at the zoo — I never have time to feel".

Third system of musical notation, including a vocal line and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "blue — As it bores me - you know - To - walk to and fro - I re-verse it and walk fro'ed".

Fourth system of musical notation, including a vocal line and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "to!".

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Said the con-dor in tones of des-

pair - - not ev-en the at-mos-phere's rare - since man took to fly-ing It's

real-ly too try-ing - The peo-ple one meets - in the air

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Said a cow - It has long been my

dream — a sort of u-to-pol-an scheme to

leave when I die - e-nough milk to sub-ply a-home for poor kit-tens with

cream.

*glissando from high to low*

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