

# THE DOUBTFUL GUEST

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**A**

**B1**

1) when they answered the bell on that wild winter night  
 2) it joined them at breakfast and presently ate  
 3) every sunday it brooded and lay on the floor  
 4) it would carry off objects of which it grew fond

there was no one expected and no one in sight  
 all the syrup and toast and a part of the plate  
 inconveniently close to the drawing room door  
 and protect them by dropping them into the pond

(20)

then they saw something standing\_\_\_\_ on top of an urn  
 it wrenched off the horn from the new gramophone\_\_\_\_  
 now and then it would vanish for hours from the scene  
 it came seventeen years ago\_\_\_\_ and to this day

whose peculiar appearance gave them quite a turn  
 and could not be persuaded to leave it alone  
 but alas be discovered inside\_\_\_\_ a tureen  
 it has shown no intention\_\_\_\_ of going away

(25)

go to CODA after 4x B1

**B2** (instrumental SOLO)

Musical score for measures 1-45. The score consists of three staves: Treble, Bass, and Bass (continuation). The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is common time. Measure 1 starts with a sixteenth-note pattern in the treble staff. Measures 2-45 show a continuous eighth-note pattern in the bass staves.

Musical score for measures 45-50. The score continues with the same three staves and key signature. Measure 45 begins with a sixteenth-note pattern in the treble staff. Measure 50 is marked with a circled '50' above the bass staff.

Musical score for measures 50-55. The score continues with the same three staves and key signature. Measure 50 is marked with a circled '50' above the bass staff. Measure 55 is marked with a circled '55' above the bass staff.

**B3**

1) all at once it leapt down and ran into the hall  
 2) it betrayed a great liking for peering up flues  
 3) it was subject to fits of bewildering wraths

Musical score for section B3. The score consists of three staves: Treble, Bass, and Bass (continuation). The key signature changes to two flats (B-flat and D-flat). The lyrics are aligned with the music. Measure 55 is marked with a circled '55' above the bass staff.

where it chose to remain with its nose to the wall  
 and for peeling the soles of its white canvas shoes  
 during which it would hide all the towels from the bath

Musical score for section B3 continued. The score consists of three staves: Treble, Bass, and Bass (continuation). The key signature changes to two flats (B-flat and D-flat). The lyrics are aligned with the music. Measure 60 is marked with a circled '60' above the bass staff.

it was seemingly deaf to whatever they said  
 at times it would tear out whole chapters from books  
 in the night through the house it would aimlessly creep

so at last they stopped screaming and went off to - bed  
 or put roomfuls of pictures askew on their hooks  
 in spite of the fact of its being asleep

repeat 4x - go to CODA after 4x B1

**CODA**

repeat ad.lib.