Music by

Francis Poulenc

THE BESTIARY

1. The Dromedary

With his four dromedaries, Don Pedro wandered abroad to see the world. If I had four dromedaries, that is what I should like to do.

2. The Goat

Goat, your fleece prize not, nor the fleece of gold that Jason captured. Far dearer to me are the locks of my own true love.

3. The Grasshopper

Grasshopper, merry little fellow, food of the holy St. John. Would that, like you, my little verses all might have a charm of their own.

4. The Dolphin

Dolphin, as you dance in the sea, don't you notice how false it be? Even so, in brief hours of gladness, I forget life and all its sadness.

5. The Crayfish

Oh earthly joys, unsure are you. Like the crayfish on the seashore, so you and I walk backwards, too.

6. The Carp

Within your tranquil pools, carp, what a long life is yours. Can it be that death passed you by, oh carp with melancholy eye?

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