

Forficula

They must be care ful ly tend - ed Care ful ly tend - ed.

Scolopendra

Strings

tremolo

tremolo

tremolo

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Forficula

They must be end less ly trea - sured, watch ful ly mind ed, fierce ly pro tect ed Care ful ly, care ful ly tend ed

Scolopendra

They must be fierce ly pro tect

Str.

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tremolo

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Forficula

They must be watch ful ly min - - - ded, con-cealed and se- clu

Scolopendra

- ed, vi gi lant ly guard ed. Vi gi lant ly guard ed. They must be end-less-ly trea - sured._____

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She ventures out and comes across the earwig's unprotected nest, robs it of its eggs.

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ded. They must be crypt-ically hid - den They must be care-ful-ly ten- ded_ watch-ful-ly min ded__ safe and se-

They must be crypt-ic ally hid - - - den_____ They must be care-ful-ly ten- ded_ watch-ful-ly min ded__ safe and se-

she returns to find her eggs missing, almost immediately sets about laying another clutch.

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clud- ed_____ Crypt-ic-ally hid - den. They will grow Nou- rished, they will grow

clud- ed_____ Crypt-ic-ally hid - den. She feeds the earwig eggs to her children. Nou- rished, they will grow Nou rished,

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Nou - rished they will grow, they will grow They will be gi - ven what they

Scolopendra

they will grow Nou- rished, Nou-rished, they will grow they will grow

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need Nou-rished, they will grow Nou-rished, they will grow

Scolopendra

Nou-rished, they will grow Nou-rished, they will grow

Str.

Variouly, high and reedy, drifting slightly in pitch, ad lib: feed. need. greed. bleed. eeee.

need. need. greed. feed.

The new clutch begins to hatch and in tiny increments, disarticulate and devour their mother.

Forficula

They must be giv-en what they need

Scolopendra

will grow They must be giv-en what they need

Str.

need. feed. need. feed. greed. feed. need. eeee.

feed. feed. feed. feed. greed. need. eeee.

This block shows a vocal line with lyrics and performance markings. The lyrics are: "need. feed. need. feed. greed. feed. need. eeee." and "feed. feed. feed. feed. greed. need. eeee." There are various musical notations above the line, including slurs, accents, and dynamic markings like ϕ .

Forficula

Let them feed. Bleed

This block shows the musical staff for the character Forficula. The lyrics are "Let them feed." and "Bleed". The music is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#).

Scolopendra

what they need. Feed

This block shows the musical staff for the character Scolopendra. The lyrics are "what they need." and "Feed". The music is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#).

Str.

This block shows three staves for the string section (Str.). The music is in bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The top staff contains complex chordal textures, the middle staff contains block chords, and the bottom staff contains a simple bass line.

eeee. feed. greed. need. feed. eeee. need. feed. eeee.

Their mother sings up to and beyond the moment she is entirely devoured. The hatchlings disperse.

Forficula They must be gi-ven what they need

Scolopendra What they need They must be end-less-ly trea

Str. Str. Str.

Scolopendra

- sured, watch-ful-ly min - ded. They must be watch-ful-ly min - ded, end-less-ly trea sured, fierce-ly de - fen-ded.

Strings

Strings

Strings

tremolo

tremolo



Scolopendra

Care ful ly, care ful ly Care ful ly, care ful ly Care ful ly, care - ful - ly

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Scolopendra

care - ful - ly _____ care-ful - ly ten - ded _____

Str.

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