

# Various, Aves De Noche

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FLORENCE:

I would have thought in the average affair  
That the first hint of trouble would be  
Oh so small; barely perceptible, easy to miss  
Why is ours on TV?

THE RUSSIAN:

Listen -- you know as I do  
Nothing's altered at all  
I have no intention --

FLORENCE:

Your personal life's  
The lead on the news!  
How do we ignore that?

THE RUSSIAN:

I do and I must because otherwise I say  
Goodbye to my hopes of retaining my title  
If I should succumb to emotional blackmail I'm  
done --

FLORENCE:

Looking after number one!

THE RUSSIAN:

What do you mean?

FLORENCE:

I mean it's always I this and I that  
What happened to us?

THE RUSSIAN:

All that I'm saying is I must make certain  
That nothing distracts me from chess  
When I've won  
Then I'll attend to the secondary things --

FLORENCE:

Things like me I suppose!

THE RUSSIAN:

No, no -- you're reacting  
Exactly the way that they want

FLORENCE:

It's the way I have to  
If I feel concerned I can't put it off  
And come back to it later

THE RUSSIAN:

Well if you're determined to jump when they tell  
you

Then maybe it's best that you do it alone  
Watch "TV, read the papers, have the  
miserable time of your life  
You could even call my wife!