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One Piano, Two Sisters, Four Hands

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Twenty supple fingers move
hand over hand,
arm over arm—

lions prance
turtles walk
elephants plod
kangaroos leap
swans glide
over the keys

One grand Carnival—

for ladies in long black gowns
tuxedoed men in plush red chairs—

the magic of
one piano, two sisters, four hands
and Camille Saint-Saëns.