

Flute

Gwyneth Walker

Drawing Closer

for Flute, Clarinet and Cello

“Solace”

“Rendezvous”

“A Little Rhythm”

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for Flute, Clarinet and Violoncello

Flute

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1. Solace

**Slowly, pensively, sorrowfully,
as if drawing closer to offer comfort**

A ♩ = 72

B

C Slightly faster ♩ = 88, with motion

D

6 (Clar.)

Play

mf

Drawing Closer – Flute

3

35

E

4

>*p* (Clar.) 3 3 3 3

42

F

Play *f*

46

49

>*mf*
poco

53 **G**

4

(mf) 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3

59

f

H
rit. Original tempo ♩ = 72

63

p

67

72 **I**

rit. >

2. Rendezvous

$\text{♩} = 108$ with energy and joy

A

B

C

D

E (enjoying the rests)

(cresc.)

f

mf

p

cresc. poco a poco

Drawing Closer – Flute

5

40

43

46

49

F (*very playful*)

Play
(**p**) in the background

52

57

G

61

64

H

67

71

74

3. A Little Rhythm

Freely, as an introduction

A gentle tango $\text{♩} = 66$

The sheet music consists of five staves of musical notation for flute. The first staff begins with a tempo marking of $\text{♩} = 66$. The second staff starts with a dynamic *p* and includes a dynamic *mf* at measure 13. The third staff features a dynamic *p* followed by *mf*. The fourth staff includes a dynamic *p* and *mf*, and a tempo change to $\text{♩} = 3$. The fifth staff ends with a dynamic *f*.

Performance instructions include:

- Play**: At the beginning of the piece.
- A**: A bracketed section starting at measure 5.
- B**: A bracketed section starting at measure 13.
- C**: A bracketed section starting at measure 19.
- D**: A bracketed section starting at measure 30.
- E**: A bracketed section starting at measure 38.

Dynamic markings include *p*, *mf*, *f*, and $\text{♩} = 66$, $\text{♩} = 3$.

Drawing Closer – Flute

7

50

softly whisper "ta-ta" (not into instrument)
to maintain rhythmic pattern

55 **F**

p Ta Ta Ta Ta Ta ... cont. simile

59 Play **G** mf

63

67 f

71 **H** (f)

75

79 **I**

83

86

90 **J**

Vocalize "ta-ta"

rit. dim. to end

Play

95

Ta Ta Ta Ta Ta Ta Ta Ta p > > > > > > > >

Duration: 9' 45"

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Clarinet

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Clarinet (B♭ and A)

Gwyneth Walker

1. Solace

**Slowly, pensively, sorrowfully,
as if drawing closer to offer comfort**

$\text{♩} = 72$ **A**

B♭ Clarinet

p

The musical score consists of eight staves of music for B♭ Clarinet. Staff 1 (measures 1-5) starts with a dynamic 'p' and a tempo of $\text{♩} = 72$. Measure 1 has three quarter notes. Measures 2-4 have two quarter notes each. Measure 5 begins with a eighth note followed by a sixteenth-note pattern. Staff 2 (measures 6-10) shows a continuous eighth-note pattern. Staff 3 (measures 11-15) also shows a continuous eighth-note pattern. Staff 4 (measures 16-19) shows a continuous eighth-note pattern. Staff 5 (measures 20-23) shows a continuous eighth-note pattern. Staff 6 (measures 24-27) shows a continuous eighth-note pattern. Staff 7 (measures 28-31) shows a continuous eighth-note pattern. Staff 8 (measures 32-35) shows a continuous eighth-note pattern.

A

B

mp

C Slightly faster $\text{♩} = 88$, with motion

D

mf

>p

Drawing Closer – Clarinet

3

37 **E** 2

p

42 **F**

cresc. *f*

46 *(f)*

50 *poco*

53 **G**

mf ³

56

60 *f*

63 rit. , Original tempo ♩ = 72

67

72 **I** rit.

to Clarinet in A

[Clarinet may rest until m. 9 to allow sufficient time for the instrument change]

2. Rendezvous

$\text{♩} = 108$ with energy and joy

Clarinet in A

A

(Flute)

2

8

12

15

18

21

24

27

31

34

37

Play (mf)

p

mf

f

p

(p)

cresc. poco a poco

(cresc.)

f

mf

p

(enjoying the rests)

Drawing Closer – Clarinet

5

41

45

49 **F** (*very playful*)
Play
(Vlc.) **p** in the background

53

56 2 **G**

60

63

66 **H**

69

72

75 to B♭ Cl.

3. A Little Rhythm

Freely, as an introduction **A gentle tango** $\text{♩} = 66$

2 2 2 4

A

[Flute enters]

11 (Vlc.) **B** *Play B♭ Clarinet*

16 **C**

21 **D**

26

31

35

E *f*

45

49

Drawing Closer – Clarinet

7

53

*softly whisper “ta-ta” (not into instrument)
to maintain rhythmic pattern*

F

57

61 *Play* **G**

65 *mf*

69 *f*

73 **H**

(*f*)

77 **I**

82

85

89 **J**

dim. to end

94 *Vocalize “ta-ta”*

rit. **Play**

p

The sheet music consists of ten staves of musical notation for a clarinet. Measure 53 begins with a dynamic **p**. Measures 57 and 61 start with dynamic **F** and **Play** respectively. Measure 65 starts with dynamic **G** and *mf*. Measure 69 starts with dynamic **f**. Measure 73 starts with dynamic **H** and *f*. Measure 77 starts with dynamic **I**. Measure 82 follows. Measure 85 follows. Measure 89 starts with dynamic **J**. Measure 94 starts with *Vocalize “ta-ta”*. The music concludes with *rit.*, **Play**, and **p**.

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$\text{♩} = 72$

A

Play

C Slightly faster $\text{♩} = 88$, with motion

rolled pizz.

Drawing Closer – Violoncello

3

42

cresc.

45 **F**

f

48

51 *rolled pizz.* *arco* **G** *poco* *>mf*

55

58

f

rit.

62 , , **H**, *Original tempo ♩ = 72*

p

66

71 **I**

rit.

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A

B

C

D

E

(enjoying the rests)

Drawing Closer – Violoncello

5

41

f

44

47

F (*very playful*)

mf rhythmically

52

55

58 **G**

61

64 **H**

67

70

74

3. A Little Rhythm

Freely, as an introduction

con sord. *mf*

A gentle tango $\text{♩} = 66$

1

4

8

12

16

20

25 **C**

29

34

39 **E**

43

A *(p)*

mf

B

p

mf

D

mf

E

f

Drawing Closer – Violoncello

7

48

53 gently tap instrument *p*

57 [F] Play *mf jagged style*

62 [G] Tap Play

67 Tap Play

71 [H] *f* *(f)*

75

80 [I]

84

89 [J] dim. to end

94 Tap instrument rit. Play *p*

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