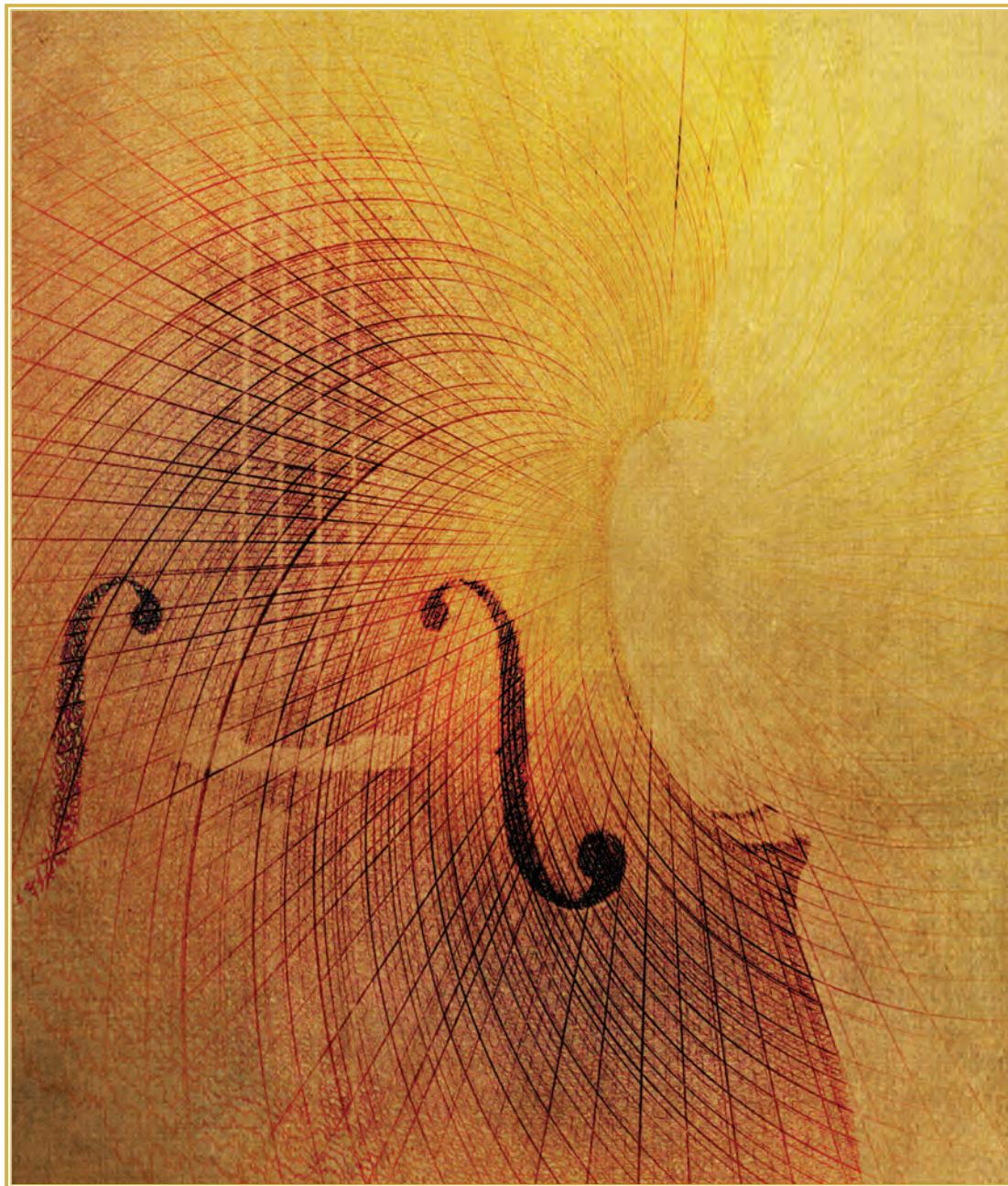


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FULL SCORE

Shady Grove
and Other Songs from the Appalachian Mountains
for String Orchestra
Gwyneth Walker



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These short pieces for string orchestra are based on folksongs from the Appalachian Mountains and were originally written for piano solo [ECS No. 1.3436]. This music originated in the British Isles as unaccompanied ballads. The tunes were brought to the United States. As time passed, instruments were added—zither, banjo, and eventually guitar. The guitar versions have become well-known “standards” of the American folk repertoire. Common traits of these songs are the modal/diatonic harmonies. The “refinement” of European chromaticism is absent. Root position chords and consonant sonorities are prevalent. A special challenge in creating string arrangements has been to inject occasional “appropriate” dissonances to enliven the harmonies. In addition, the strophic, ballad style of the songs, which relies upon storytelling to maintain the dramatic interest, must now be replaced by musical variation and development. The intent has been to create new string repertoire within the “folk spirit”—rough-hewn, straightforward, energetic, and beautiful.

Shady Grove is a popular 18th-century American folksong with many versions of the lyrics. The title may refer to a beloved woman, or to a place where the speaker is traveling. [“Going to Shade Grove...”] However, the energetic music itself is well defined and memorable. This new interpretation includes an introduction before the arrival of the theme, and a contrasting, ascending interlude section. The third verse is presented forcefully, followed by solo passages. The lively theme then returns, ending with strumming strings (rolled pizzicato) in Appalachian zither-playing style.

Tiny Swallow (“Come All Ye Fair and Tender Ladies”) is a woman’s lament for her lost lover. To escape her sorrow, she sings, “I wish I were a tiny swallow, and I had wings, and I could fly.” Thus, the swallow becomes a central image in this song. The listener may hear the fluttering of wings in the accompaniment motives. Near the end, a tremolo section features bird call patterns “calling from afar” above a rippling undercurrent. The song ends with a final bird in flight.

Three Ravens tells the story of a slain knight lying in a field. Three ravens, watching from their perch in a tree, plan to devour the knight. But he is protected by his loyal hounds. There is kindness and honor in this ballad. However, the focus of this new musical depiction is on the ravens, rather than on the knight. With the three ravens in mind, the music shifts to a triple meter (3/8). Chord clusters of three notes introduce the music and return throughout. Staccato notes represent the ravens “chattering” among themselves. A special interlude, the “Ravens’ Dance,” is inserted between verses of the song. One might picture the ravens daintily performing a minuet on their tree limb while nodding to one another! Three knocks of the players on their instruments (pecks on the tree) end the song.

A brief, newly-composed **Interlude** has been inserted into the suite. This music speaks in the composer’s own voice—in a language derived from the American folk idiom. The intent of this movement is to provide the listener with a peaceful break between the lively surrounding songs.

House Carpenter is a song of betrayal and tragedy. A young woman, married to a house carpenter, is lured away from her husband and baby by her former suitor, now a wealthy sailor. A life of adventure and romance is promised. The lovers run off together and drown at sea. The string orchestra interpretation is influenced by the traditional guitar accompaniment often associated with this ballad. Grace notes approximate the “hammered” effect. Rapid arpeggios simulate guitar picking. The texture is fairly sparse. The rhythmic energy drives through this music to the deep (sunken) ending.

GWYNETH WALKER (b. 1947)

Widely performed throughout the country, the music of American composer **Gwyneth Walker** is beloved by performers and audiences alike for its energy, beauty, reverence, drama, and humor. Dr. Gwyneth Walker (b. 1947) is a graduate of Brown University and the Hartt School of Music. She holds B.A., M.M., and D.M.A. degrees in Music Composition. A former faculty member of the Oberlin College Conservatory, she resigned from academic employment in 1982 in order to pursue a career as a full-time composer. For nearly 30 years, she lived on a dairy farm in Braintree, Vermont. She now divides her time between her childhood hometown of New Canaan, Connecticut, and the musical communities of Sarasota, Florida and Randolph, Vermont.

Gwyneth Walker has been a proud resident of Vermont for many years. She is the recipient of the Year 2000 “Lifetime Achievement Award” from the Vermont Arts Council as well as the 2008 “Athenaeum Award for Achievement in the Arts and Humanities” from the St. Johnsbury (VT) Athenaeum. In 2012, she was elected as a Fellow of the Vermont Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Walker’s catalog includes over 300 commissioned works for orchestra, chamber ensembles, chorus, and solo voice. A special interest has been dramatic works that combine music with readings, acting, and movement. The music of Gwyneth Walker is published by E. C. Schirmer (choral and vocal music) and Lauren Keiser Music (orchestral and instrumental music).

Further information concerning Gwyneth Walker and her works is available at: www.gwynethwalker.com

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1. Shady Grove

Lively tempo $\text{♩} = 120$

Violin I

Violin II

Viola

Violoncello

Contrabass

pizz.

p

pizz.

p

pizz.

p

pizz.

p

pizz.

p

pizz.

p

5 **A**

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vlc.

Cb.

arco

mf

unis.

(p)

div.

(p)

div.

(p)

div.

(p)

div.

(p)

9

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vlc.

Cb.

13 **B**

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vlc.

Cb.

17

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vlc.

Cb.

21 **C**

Vln. I **p**

Vln. II **p**

Vla. **p**

Vlc. **p**
*
Cb. **p**

25

Vln. I *cresc. poco a poco*

Vln. II *cresc. poco a poco*

Vla. *cresc. poco a poco*

Vlc. *cresc. poco a poco*

Cb. *cresc. poco a poco*

29 **D**

Vln. I **f**

Vln. II **f**

Vla. **f**

Vlc. **f**

Cb. **f**

Vln. I **p**

Vln. II **p**

Vla. **p**

Vlc. **p**

Cb. **p**

Vln. I **f**

Vln. II **f**

Vla. **f**

Vlc. **f**

Cb. **f**

Vln. I **p**

Vln. II **p**

Vla. **p**

Vlc. **p**

Cb. **p**

Vln. I *pizz.*

Vln. II *pizz.*

Vla. *arco*

Vlc. *pizz.*

*Play an octave higher if necessary.

33

Vln. I *f* *p*

Vln. II *f* *p*

Vla. *f* *p*

Vlc. *f* *p*

Cb. *f* *p*

(*p*) (*p*) (*p*) *pizz.* *arco*

arco (*p*) *pizz.* (*p*) *arco*

36

Vln. I Solo

Vln. I *f*

Vln. II *f*

Vla. *f*

Vlc. *f*

Cb. *f*

E Vln. I Solo (*arco*) *mf*

rolled pizz.

p rolled pizz.

p rolled pizz.

p rolled pizz.

p *pizz.*

p

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40

Vln. I Solo

Vln. I

Vln. II Solo

Vln. II

Vla. Solo

Vla.

Vlc.

Cb.

F
rejoin Tutti (pizz.)

(p)

Vln. II Solo, arco

mf

(p)

Vla. Solo, arco

mf

(p)

(p)

43

Tutti

Vln. I

Vln. II Solo

Vln. II

Vla. Solo

Vla.

Vlc.

Cb.

G

46

Vln. I (p) *Tutti*

Vln. II (p) *Tutti*

Vla. (p)

Vlc. Solo *Vlc. Solo, arco* *mf*

Vlc. (p)

Cb. (p)

H

49

Vln. I (p)

Vln. II (p)

Vla. (p)

Vlc. Solo *rejoin Tutti (pizz.)*

Vlc. (p)

Cb. *Solo, arco* *mf*

52

Vln. I arco, div.

Vln. II arco

Vla. arco, div.

Vlc.

Cb. *Tutti*

I *unis.* > > > > >

f > > > > >

f > > > > >

f > > > > >

f > > > > >

f > > > > >

56

Vln. I -

Vln. II Solo *p*

Vla. Solo *p*

Vlc. Solo *p*

Cb. -

Tutti > > > > >

f > > > > >

Tutti > > > > >

f > > > > >

Tutti > > > > >

f > > > > >

f > > > > >

f > > > > >

59

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vlc.

Cb.

J delicately, yet with energy

p

p

p

p

62

Vln. I

Vln. II *f*

Vla. *p* *f*

Vlc. *f* *p*

Cb.

65 *accel.*

Vln. I *p* *f*

Vln. II *p* *f*

Vla. *p* *f*

Vlc. *f* *p*

Cb. *f* *p*

K Faster ♩ = 132

68

Vln. I *mp* *cresc.*

Vln. II *p* *cresc.*

Vla. *cresc.*

Vlc. *cresc.*

Cb. *cresc.*

f *div.*

2:20

*Play an octave higher if necessary.

2. Tiny Swallow
("Come All Ye Fair and Tender Ladies")

Slowly ♩ = 66

unis. v

Vln. I *p mournfully*

Vln. II *p mournfully*

Vla. *p mournfully*

Vlc. *p mournfully*

Cb. -

Vln. I *v* *legato*

Vln. II *v* *legato*

Vla. *v* *legato*

Vlc. *v* *pizz.*

Cb. -

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Vln. I *v* *legato*

Vln. II *v* *legato*

Vla. *v* *legato*

Vlc. *v* *pizz.*

Cb. -

8

Vln. I *v* *mp*

Vln. II *v* *mp*

Vla. *v* *mp*

Vlc. *v* *arco*

Cb. -

A

Vln. I *mp*

Vln. II *mp*

Vla. *mp*

Vlc. *pizz.*

Cb. *pizz.*

11

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vlc.

Cb.

14

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vlc.

Cb.

arco

17

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vlc.

Cb.

poco accel.

B Slightly faster $\text{♩} = 72$
with more energy

mf

mf

mf

pizz.

arcō

mf

20

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vlc.

Cb.

This section consists of three staves. Vln. I has eighth-note pairs. Vln. II has eighth-note pairs. Vla. has sixteenth-note pairs. Vlc. has eighth-note pairs. Cb. has eighth-note pairs.

23

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vlc.

Cb.

This section consists of three staves. Vln. I has eighth-note pairs. Vln. II has eighth-note pairs. Vla. has eighth-note pairs. Vlc. has eighth-note pairs. Cb. has eighth-note pairs.

C many bird calls fill the air

26

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vlc.

Cb.

This section consists of three staves. Vln. I has eighth-note pairs. Vln. II has eighth-note pairs. Vla. has eighth-note pairs. Vlc. has eighth-note pairs. Cb. has eighth-note pairs.

12

30

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vlc. *rolled pizz.*

Cb. *pizz.*

arco 6 6 6 6

33

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vlc. *cresc.*

Cb. *cresc.*

cresc. 6 6 6 6

cresc.

cresc.

D With intensity ♩ = 80

36

Vln. I *unis.* V *f*

Vln. II *unis.* V *f*

Vla. V *f*

Vlc. > *pizz.* *arco*

Cb. > *f* *pizz.* *arco*

40

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vlc.

Cb.

rit. to end

pizz. *arco*

pizz. *arco*

(*rit.*)

44 Solo, as a single tiny swallow

Vln. I Solo

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vlc.

Cb.

mf

p

p

p

p

pp

2:50

FOR PERUSAL ONLY

3. Three Ravens

Moderate tempo $\text{♩} = 100$ *as an introduction*

[Three soli to depict the Three Ravens]

Vln. I Solo

p

Vln. II Solo

p

Vla. Solo

p

5 Lively $\text{♩.} = 66$

Tutti **A**

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vlc.

Cb.

pizz.

13

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

arco

Vlc.

Cb.

pizz.

B

Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vlc.
Cb.

29

Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vlc.
Cb.

C "The Ravens' Dance"

a few players V
p pp very daintily
a few players V
p pp very daintily
pizz.
p **pp** very daintily
***Tap** **x**
p **pp** very daintily
***Tap** **x**
p **pp** very daintily

Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vlc.
Cb.

*Tap lightly on the body of the instrument, as if enjoying the Ravens' Dance.

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43

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vlc.

Cb.

D

p

Tutti

mp

Tutti

mp

pizz.

mp

pizz.

mp

pizz.

mp

50

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vlc.

Cb.

mf

arco

mf

arco

mf

arco

mf

mf

57

rit.

Slower

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vlc.

Cb.

p

(p)

p

p

p

p

p

a tempo $\text{d} = 66$

mf gruffly

*Tap lightly on the body of the instrument, as if enjoying the Ravens' Dance.

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[Violins and Viola are “clusters of ravens”]

64

Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vlc.
Cb.

71

Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vlc.
Cb.

78

Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vlc.
Cb.

F

G

rolled pizz.

pizz.

(mf)

pizz.

(mf)

85

Vln. I arco p pizz.

Vln. II V p mf pizz.

Vla. V p mf

Vlc. - - mf

Cb. - - -

92

Vln. I arco H

Vln. II arco -

Vla. - -

Vlc. arco -

Cb. arco -

I "The Ravens' Dance" (once again)
a few players

99 ["Raven clusters"]
div. ^ v ^ v ^ v

Vln. I pp very daintily
a few players
V -

Vln. II v v v v v v

Vla. ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ ^

Vlc. short, high gliss., ad lib.
/ / / / / / *Tap x

Cb. short, high gliss., ad lib.
/ / / / / / *Tap x

105

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vlc.

Cb.

p

*Tap 

pizz.

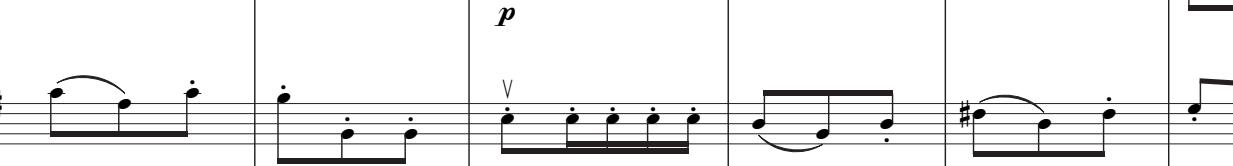
pizz.

Tutti

mp

Tutti

mp



III

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vlc.

Cb.

pizz.

mp

mf

arco

mf

arco

mf

arco

mf

117

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vlc.

Cb.

123

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vlc.

Cb.

rit.

f

f

f

f

K

129 Very quickly ♩ = 120, mischievously

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vlc.

Cb.

pizz.

p

pizz.

p

pizz.

p

pizz.

p

pizz.

p

[as a bird pecking

a tree]

*Tap

133

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vlc.

Cb.

arco

cresc.

arco

cresc.

arco

cresc.

arco

cresc.

arco

cresc.

div.

div.

div.

div.

f

*Tap

f

*Tap

f

*Tap

f

*Tap

f

*Tap knuckles on instrument.

4. Interlude

Slowly, freely

Vln. I *rolled pizz.* *p* *rolled pizz.* *arco* *div.* **A** **Flowing** $\text{♩} = 108$

Vln. II *rolled pizz.* *p* *rolled pizz.* *arco* *arco* *mf legato, espr.*

Vla. *p* *mf legato, espr.*

Vlc. *div.* *p gently* *p* *mf* *mf* *mf* *mf*

Cb. *p gently* *p* *p* *p* *p* *p* *p*

6

Vln. I *pizz.* *pizz.* *pizz.*

Vln. II *pizz.* *pizz.* *pizz.*

Vla. *pizz.* *pizz.* *pizz.*

Vlc. *pizz.* *pizz.* *pizz.*

Cb. *pizz.* *pizz.* *pizz.*

12

B

Vln. I *a few or Soli players*

Vln. II *a few or Soli players*

Vla. *a few or Soli players*

Vlc. *a few or Soli players*

Cb.

17

Vln. I *Tutti* *mf*

Vln. II *Tutti* *mf*

Vla. *Tutti* *mf*

Vlc. *Tutti* *mf*

Cb. *mf*

a few or Soli players *p*

a few or Soli players *p*

a few or Soli players *p*

Tutti *mf*

22

Tutti

C

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vlc.

Cb.

pizz.

28

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vlc.

Cb.

33

D

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vlc.

Cb.

(p) cresc. poco a poco (to m. 42)

38

E

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vlc.

Cb.

(cresc.)

(cresc.)

(cresc.)

(cresc.)

(cresc.)

div.

f

f

f

f

unis.

43

Vln. I Solo *p* *f*
Vln. II Solo *p* *f*
Vla.
Vlc. Solo 2 players *div.* *Soli* *(f)* *div.* *p* *f* 1 player *Solo*
Vlc. *pizz.* Player 2 *rejoin Tutti* *unis.*
Cb. *p* *f*

48 Solo *F* Tutti *accel.*
Vln. I *p* (*p*) *cresc. poco a poco*
Vln. II Solo *p* (*p*) *cresc. poco a poco*
Vla. - (*p*) *cresc. poco a poco*
Vlc. Solo *p* *pizz.* *arco* *rejoin Tutti*
Vlc. *p* *cresc. poco a poco*
Cb. *p* *cresc. poco a poco*

53 (accel.)

Vln. I (cresc.)

Vln. II (cresc.)

Vla. (cresc.)

Tutti

Vlc. (cresc.)

Cb. (cresc.)

Slightly faster ♩ = 120

f

f

f

v

v

f

58 div.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vlc.

Cb.

G unis.

3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3

3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3

3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3

3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3

3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3

62

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vlc.

Cb.

3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3

3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3

3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3

3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3

3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3

H

div.

66

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vlc.

Cb.

(f)

(f)

70

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vlc.

Cb.

p

div.

p

p

div.

(p)

pizz.

(p)

(p)

75

rit.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vlc.

Cb.

2 Soli

pp

2 Soli

pp

pp

pp

pp

pp

arco

pp

5. House Carpenter

Slowly, freely, as an introduction

Vln. I *Tutti* *f boldly*

Vln. II *Tutti* *f boldly*

Vla. *f boldly*

Vlc. *div.* *f boldly*

Cb. *div.* *f boldly*

rit. **A** Lively $\text{♩} = 120$

Vln. I *unis.* *div.* *(f)*

Vln. II *div.* *unis.* *div.* *(f)*

Vla. *+* *(f)*

Vlc. *(f)*

Cb. *(f)*

7

Vln. I *unis.* *div.* *unis.* *unis.*

Vln. II *unis.* *div.* *div.* *div.*

Vla. *arco* *v*

Vlc. *pizz.* *mf* *pizz.*

Cb. *mf*

B

11

Vln. I *(mf)*

Vln. II *(mf)*

Vla. *v*

Vlc.

Cb.

FOR PUPILS ONLY

15 C

Vln. I - - *v*

Vln. II - - *v*

Vla. *v*

Vlc. *arco*

Cb. *arco*

D

19

Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vlc.
Cb.

23

Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vlc.
Cb.

27 [E]

Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vlc.
Cb.

pizz.

31

Vln. I arco div.

Vln. II arco

Vla.

Vlc. arco

Cb. arco

35 [F] unis. div. unis. div. unis. div.

Vln. I p

Vln. II p

Vla.

Vlc. p
rolled pizz.

Cb. p
pizz.

38 unis. div. unis. div. unis. div.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vlc. arco

Cb. arco

cresc. poco a poco

41 *unis.* \checkmark *div.*

Vln. I (cresc.) \checkmark

Vln. II (cresc.) \checkmark

Vla. (cresc.) \checkmark

Vlc. (cresc.) \checkmark

Cb. (cresc.) \checkmark

G *unis.* f

44

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vlc.

Cb.

H

48

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vlc.

Cb.

52

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vlc.

Cb.

I

55

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vlc.

Cb.

rolled pizz.

rolled pizz.

arco

58

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vlc.

Cb.

arco

rit.

div.

Solo

f (f)

f

f

f

f

J Slowly, freely, as a cadenza

(Solo)

61

Vln. I Solo

pizz.

Vln. I (f)

pizz.

Vln. II (f)

pizz.

Vla. (f)

pizz.

Vlc. (f)

pizz.

Cb. (f)

rit.

p

Very slowly

K a tempo ($\text{♩} = 120$)

64

Vln. I

Tutti (pizz.)

arco

Vln. II

(pizz.)

arco

Vla. (p)

arco div. V V

Vlc. (p)

arco div. V V

Cb. (p)

pizz.

unis.

67 *unis.* V *div.*

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vlc. *rolled pizz.*
 (*p*)
 (*pizz.*)

Cb. (*p*)

70 *unis.* V *div.* *unis.* V *div.* *unis.* V *div.*

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vlc. *cresc. poco a poco*
 cresc. poco a poco
 cresc. poco a poco
 cresc. poco a poco

Cb. *arco*
 arco
 cresc. poco a poco

73 *unis.* V L

Vln. I (*cresc.*)

Vln. II (*cresc.*)

Vla. (*cresc.*)

Vlc. (*cresc.*)

Cb. (*cresc.*)

f ***boldly***

f ***boldly***

f ***boldly***

div.

f ***boldly***

f ***boldly***

76

Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vlc.
Cb.

unis. *div.* *3*

79

Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vlc.
Cb.

div. *unis.* *div.* *unis.* **M** maintain tempo through the end

p sub. *p sub.* *p sub.* *p sub.* *p sub.*

82

Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vlc.
Cb.

cresc. *div.* *ff* *div.* *ff* *div.* *ff* *div.* *ff* *ff*

cresc. *cresc.* *cresc.* *unis.* *cresc.* *cresc.*

3:00

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