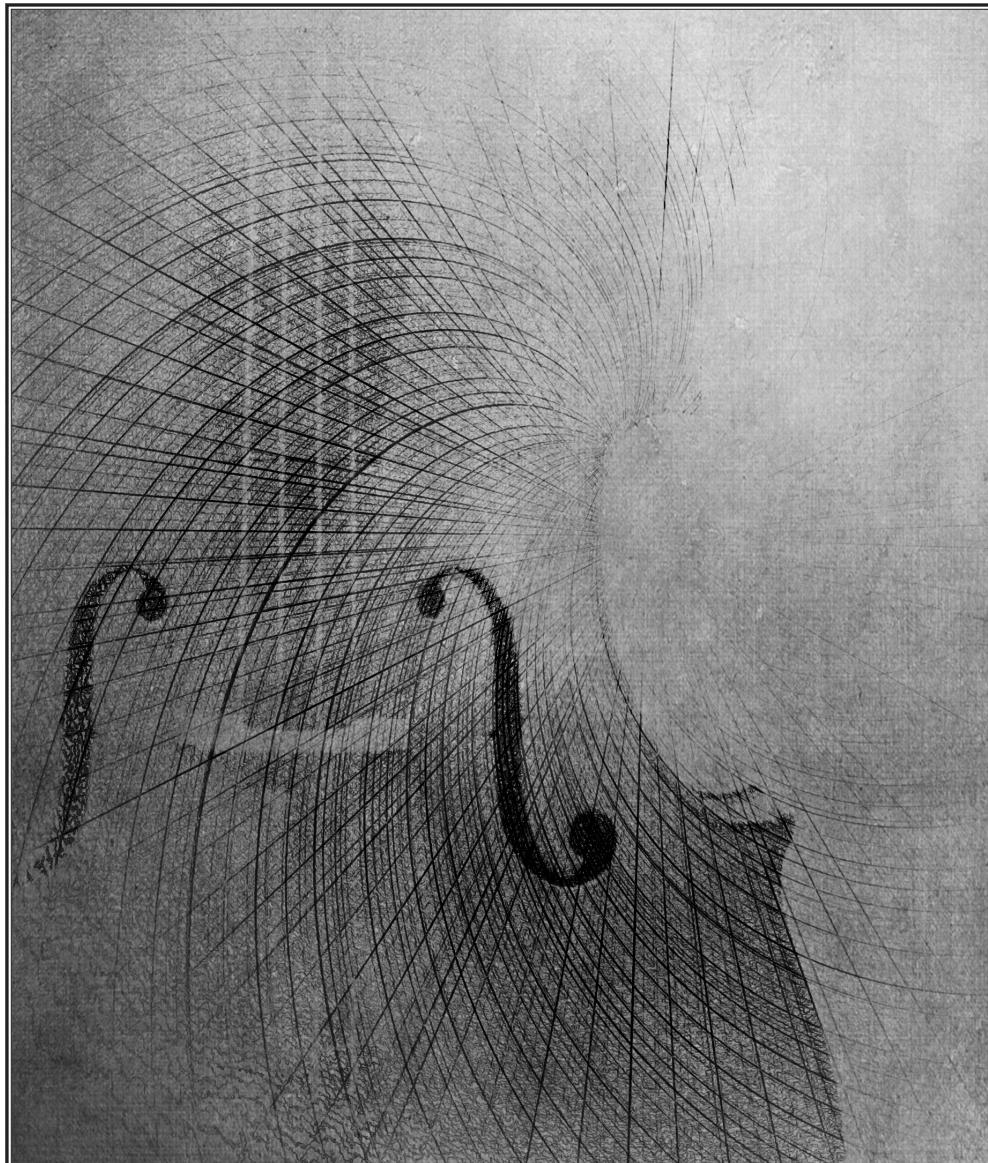


FULL SCORE

The Dove

and Other Songs of Peace

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Duration: 15 minutes

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Program Notes

The Dove is a set of five short pieces for string quartet, with the common theme of peace. The first four movements are based on traditional American folksongs and spirituals. The last movement is original.

I've Got Peace Like a River presents several verses, with interludes interspersed. The players start in unison with the theme. After expansion during the variations, the parts merge back to a peaceful closeness at the end.

The Dove, She Is a Pretty Bird is an English song (known alternatively as *The Cuckoo*) which has been adopted into the American folk repertoire. This new arrangement opens with “wings” motives in the violins. The melody is introduced in the cello, followed by the viola, while the “wings” float above. The final stanza, marked “plaintively,” is presented by the upper strings in a high register. The cello, perhaps a “trembling dove,” descends beneath. At the end, the dove flies away.

From the Hills I Gather Courage is based on the familiar American song *Peace, I Ask of Thee, O River*. A middle section, marked “flowing,” combines descending (river flowing) lines in the lower strings with “feathery light” (waves) touches in the upper strings. These countermotives frame the theme, with the final lightness fading out.

The viola is the lead voice in *Study War No More*. This movement is an arrangement of the spiritual *Down by the Riverside*. The introductory free section for viola may be heard to express the lyrics “Gonna lay down my burden.” The descending lines are emphatic! The other instruments join in this music, which is joyous and celebratory. Swing rhythm is featured. Near the end, the theme returns in “Grand March” style. The viola has a particularly triumphant cadenza near the end.

The last movement, *In the Spirit of Peace*, was inspired by the peace songs of the previous movements. Set in the “gentle, string-friendly” key of A major, the opening section may be heard as a quiet prayer. The music then grows in tempi and dynamics, leading to a strong and intense statement. Upward leaps of octaves are gestures of hope. The ending is once again serene.

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The Dove *and Other Songs of Peace* *for String Orchestra*

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1. I've Got Peace Like a River

Very peacefully $\text{♩} = 60$

*“I've got peace like a river . . .”

Violin I

Violin II

Viola

Violoncello

Contrabass

Musical score for strings (Vln. I, Vln. II, Vla., Vc., Cb.) showing measures 6 and A. The score consists of five staves. Measures 6 begin with eighth-note patterns in Vln. I and Vln. II. The Vla., Vc., and Cb. parts provide harmonic support with sustained notes and bass lines. Measure A features sustained notes with grace note-like figures above them, primarily in the lower voices.

*Lyrics from the original song are inserted to indicate their association with the musical phrase.

A version for string quartet is also available: 1.3542

11

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

16

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

poco accel.

B Slightly faster $\text{d} = 69$

rolled pizz.

p

mf

div.

p unis.

mf

mf

21

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

rolled pizz.

26

Vln. I arco **C**

Vln. II arco *mf*

Vla.

Vc.

Cb. *pizz.*

31

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

D

p

v

p

v

p

v

p

v

p

v

p

v

p

36

Vln. I *accel. poco a poco*

Vln. II *cresc. poco a poco*

Vla. > >

Vc.

Cb. *cresc. poco a poco*

arco

pizz.

cresc. poco a poco

arco

E

41 Faster $\text{d} = 80$

Vln. I *f boldly*

Vln. II *f boldly*

Vla. *f boldly*

Vc. *f boldly*

Cb. *f boldly*

p sub.

arco

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

p

f

p sub.

arco

F

51

Vln. I *p* *non cresc.*

Vln. II *p* *non cresc.*

Vla. *p* *non cresc.*

Vc. *p* *non cresc.* *div.*

Cb. *p sub.*

(p)

cresc. poco a poco

pizz.

arco

(p)

cresc. poco a poco

6

rit.

G Slower $\text{d} = 69$

Vln. I 56 (cresc.)

Vln. II (cresc.)

Vla. (cresc.)

Vc. (cresc.)

Cb. (cresc.)

64 (rit.)

peacefully

"Peace like a river in my soul."

Vln. I *mf* , *dim. poco a poco* , *p* *rolled pizz.*

Vln. II *mf* , *dim. poco a poco* , *p* *rolled pizz.*

Vla. *pizz.* , *mf dim. poco a poco* , *p* *rolled pizz.*

Vc. *mf* , *dim. poco a poco* , *p* *rolled pizz.*

Cb. *mf* , *dim. poco a poco* , *p* *pizz.*

2. The Dove, She Is a Pretty Bird

Freely, slowly, as an introduction
"wings" motive

arco

Violin I

p

Violin II

arco

p

Viola

Violoncello

Soli arco *V*

***"The dove, she is a pretty bird,**

mf semper

Contrabass

Gently flowing $\text{♩} = 120$

A

Vln. I

p

Vln. II

p

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

she sings as she flies,

she brings us glad

Vln. I

Vln. II

p

div., pizz.

Vla.

p

tid - ings and tells us no lies."

Vc.

Cb.

p

unis., arco *V*

mf

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Walker | 2. The Dove, She Is a Pretty Bird

B

20

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

27

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla. *unis.*

Vc.

Cb.

34

C

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

40

Vln. I (cresc.) arco **D** *mf*

Vln. II (cresc.) arco *mf* *div.*

Vla. (cresc.) *mf* *unis.*

Vc. (cresc.) *mf*

Cb. (cresc.) *mf*

46

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla. *mf*

Vc. *mf*

Cb. *mf*

52

Vln. I *mf*

Vln. II *mf*

Vla.

Vc. *mf*

Cb. *mf*

58 *accel.*

E With motion and intensity $\text{♩} = 132$

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla. *non div.*
mf cresc.

Vc. *cresc.*

Cb. *cresc.*

64

F

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

70

molto rit.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

G Slower, plaintively ♩ = 108

76

Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Cb.

(p)

82

Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Cb.

div.
div.
div.
non div.
non div.

[H]

88

rit. to end
unis.

Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Cb.

>
>
>
>
>

non div.
non div.
non div.

alternate passage
for Contrabass

3. From the Hills I Gather Courage

Moderate tempo ♩ = 88

*“Peace, I ask of thee, O river, peace, peace, peace. When I learn to live se -

Violin I
Violin II
Viola
Violoncello
Contrabass

6 rene - ly, cares will cease.” **A**

Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Cb.

11

Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Cb.

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Walker | 3. From the Hills I Gather Courage

poco rit.

15

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

B *a tempo* (♩ = 88)

mf

mf

mf

mf

mf

accel. poco a poco

19

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

Flowing ♩ = 120

24

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

C *feathery light*

p

p

div.

p

p

pizz.

p

28

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

feathery light

p

simile

simile

31

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

34

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

D

mf

mf

mf

pizz.

mf

37

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb. *arco*

41 *rit.*

Vln. I

Vln. II *unis.*

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

E Slower ♩ = 96

***f* with intensity**

45

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

50

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

54 F

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

58

rit.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

G *Tempo I* ♩ = 88

Vln. I Vln. II Vla. Vc. Cb.

f *f* *f* *f* *f*

accel. poco a poco

(accel.)

Vln. I Vln. II Vla. Vc. Cb.

p *cresc. poco a poco* *cresc. poco a poco* *cresc. poco a poco* *cresc. poco a poco*

cresc. poco a poco

cresc. poco a poco

cresc. poco a poco

cresc. poco a poco

*Faster with more accel.
(celebratory)*

molto rit.

H *Tempo I* ♩ = 88
(with increasing calmness)

Vln. I Vln. II Vla. Vc. Cb.

(cresc.) *(cresc.)* *(cresc.)* *(cresc.)* *(cresc.)*

f *f* *f* *f* *f*

Free measure

poco rit.

*freely, Solo
unmeasured*

74

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

3:15

4. Study War No More

Slowly, freely
as an introduction

Viola Solo *f*

Vla. 5 *tap body of Viola emphatically* *arco* *tap* *arco* *rit.* *pizz.* *p*

Joyfully $\text{♩} = 120$, swing eighths

Vln. I 9 *p*

Vln. II *p*

Vla. *Tutti, arco* *mf*

Vc. *p*

Cb. *p*

A [VERSE 1]

Vln. I 13 *pizz.* *mf*

Vln. II *pizz.* *mf*

Vla. *arco* *mf*

Vc. *pizz.* *mf*

Cb. *pizz.* *mf*

18

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

B

pizz.

pizz.

pizz.

arco

pizz.

arco

23

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

arco

arco

28

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

C [REFRAIN]

p

p

p

p

32

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

D

37

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

div., sul tasto

41

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

E

unis., ord.

46

Vln. I *lightly, tip of bow*
mf

Vln. II *lightly, tip of bow*
mf

Vla.

Vc. *pizz.*
p

Cb. *pizz.*
p

mf

VERSE 2

F Same tempo

50

Vln. I *pizz.*

Vln. II *mf*
pizz.
mf

Vla. *mf*
pizz.

Vc.

Cb. *mf*

arco *v*

arco *v*

arco *v*

54

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

58

G

Vln. I *pizz.*

Vln. II *pizz.*

Vla. *3* *3* *3* *3* *3* *3*

Vc. *pizz.*

Cb. *pizz.*

arco ↗

62

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla. *3* *3* *3* *3* *3*

Vc.

Cb.

66

H [REFRAIN]

Vln. I

Vln. II *p*

Vla. *p*

Vc. *p*

Cb. *p*

70

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

75 **I**

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

f

div., sul tasto

79

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

unis., ord.

83 **J** [INTERLUDE]

Vln. I *p sub.*

Vln. II *p sub.*

Vla. *p sub.*

Vc. *p sub.*
pizz.

Cb. *p sub.*

87

Vln. I *cresc. poco a poco*

Vln. II *cresc. poco a poco*

Vla. *cresc. poco a poco*

Vc. *cresc. poco a poco*
arco

Cb. *cresc. poco a poco*

91 **K**

Vln. I *f*

Vln. II *f*

Vla. *f*

Vc. *f*

Cb. *f*

95

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

This section consists of five staves of musical notation. The first three staves (Vln. I, Vln. II, Vla.) feature sixteenth-note patterns with grace notes. The Vc. and Cb. staves provide harmonic support with sustained notes and simple eighth-note patterns. Measure 95 concludes with a fermata over the strings.

rit.

VERSE 3

L Grandly, triumphantly $\text{♩} = 100$ ($\text{do} = 50$)

98

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

This section begins with a dynamic marking 'rit.' followed by 'VERSE 3'. The tempo is set at $\text{♩} = 100$ and $\text{do} = 50$. The instrumentation remains the same: Vln. I, Vln. II, Vla., Vc., and Cb. The music features sustained notes with grace notes and sixteenth-note patterns. Measures 98 through 100 show a transition where the bassoon (Cb.) begins to play sustained notes, providing harmonic support.

101

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

This section begins with a dynamic marking ' $\text{♩} = 100$ ' and continues with the instrumentation of Vln. I, Vln. II, Vla., Vc., and Cb. The music consists of sustained notes with grace notes and sixteenth-note patterns. The bassoon (Cb.) continues its sustained note pattern established in the previous section.

105

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

M

109

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

Suddenly quickly $\text{♩} = 132$
even eighths (no swing)

113

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

N [REFRAIN]

116

Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Cb.

This section consists of four measures of music. Measures 116 and 117 feature sixteenth-note patterns in common time. Measure 118 begins with a change to 3/4 time, indicated by a '3' below the staff. Measure 119 concludes with a return to common time.

119

Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Cb.

Measure 119 continues the sixteenth-note patterns. A dynamic instruction 'O' is placed above the first measure of this section. Measures 120 through 122 show the strings resting or playing eighth-note patterns. Measure 122 includes a dynamic 'v' under the notes.

122

rit.

freely, as a cadenza

Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Cb.

Measure 122 starts with a rest followed by eighth-note patterns. Measure 123 continues these patterns. Measure 124 begins a 'Solo' section for the Vla., indicated by a bracket and a 'Solo' label above the staff. The instruction 'gli altri' is placed below the staff. Measures 125 and 126 conclude the section with eighth-note patterns.

125

rit.

Tempo I ♩ = 120
(even eighths)

p cresc. to end

p cresc. to end

Tutti

p cresc. to end

p cresc. to end

p cresc. to end

p cresc. to end

128

(cresc.)

(cresc.)

(cresc.)

(cresc.)

ff

ff

ff

ff

ff

ff

ff

ff

*As an optional flourish, the Celli and Basses may twirl their instruments after the conclusion of the final chord.

4:15

5. In the Spirit of Peace (We Stand Together)

Serenely ♩ = 72

poco rit.

Violin I

Violin II

Viola

Violoncello

Contrabass

8

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

12

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

poco rit.

B *a tempo* ($\text{♩} = 72$)

mp

mf

mf

mf

mf

[mm. 15–16 may be omitted at the discretion of the conductor]

mf

16

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

pizz.

pizz.

pizz.

19

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

on the string

arco

arco

arco

22 *molto rit.*

[C] Faster ♩ = 108, with motion

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb. *pizz.*

26

rapidly, blurred

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

29

rapidly, blurred

mp

mp sub.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

32

Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Cb.

35 **D**

Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Cb.

38

Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Cb.

34

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

E With intensity (♩ = 108)

alternate passage for Contrabass

[mm. 43–52 may be omitted at the discretion of the conductor]

rit. poco a poco

44

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

8^a

Tempo I ♩ = 72

locو

48 (8va) (rit.)

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

53 **F** Very serenely

Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Cb.

56 *div.* *unis.*

Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Cb.

60 *rit. to end*
dim. to end

Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Cb.

