

B♭ Clarinet

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Acquaintance with Nature

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Prologue

At a jaunty tempo ♩ = 126
as if setting out on a walk into the woods

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9 **A**

14 **B**

18

22

25 **C**

p

[NARRATOR - "or if it were sublime, to know it by experience,
and be able to give a true account of it in my next excursion."]

33 Cue: Piano last time:

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34 **D** *Play*
f

39 *ritard.*
p

Remember Thy Creator

$\text{♩} = 88$

7 **A** 5 **B** 4

Cue: S/A En -

19 **C** *Play*
p

joy the land, but own it not.

23 *mf*

I Seek Acquaintance With Nature

$\text{♩} = 88$ *accel.* $\text{♩} = 108$, *flowing*

5

Cue: Tenor where I shall

9 *Play*
p

hear on - ly the wind whis - per - ing a - mong the reeds.

13 **A**
mf (*mf*)

17 *p* *mf* *ritard.*

21 **B** Slower, quasi recitative *p* *mf* *a tempo* (♩ = 108)

25 *ritard.*

28 **C** Slower, quasi recitative *p* *a tempo* *ritard.*

I Perceive the Spring in the Softened Air

At a lively tempo ♩ = 132

ritard. **D** Slower

27 *ritard.* **E** Slowly *accel.* **F** *a tempo* (♩ = 132) **G** *ritard.*

Mornings

Quickly ♩ = 152

pp hushed

7

A

11

pp hushed

15

B

19

mp

24

C

p *p cresc.*

29

D

f *p*

33

f *p* *f* *p*

37

E *ritard.* *Slower, gently*

f *p*

47 *ritard.*
 Cue: S/A we who have the seeds of life in us. _____

51 **F** *a tempo* (♩ = 152)
 Play *f*

54 *p* *f* *p*
accel.

57 *f*

61 *As quickly as possible*
ff *attacca*

Dry, Hazy June Weather

long *Slowly, static* **12** Cue: Sop. al - read - y the sea - son of

16 small fruits has ar - rived the sea - son when ber - ries are

19 *Play* *mf* **3** **6**

FREE MEASURE (not conducted)

ad libitum, using these pitches, create patterns to depict berries falling.

27 [Piano enters first] *p* *continue into next song*

Dew on the Cobwebs

♩. = 72

8 **A** *mf*

14 *p*

19 *mf* **B** *p*

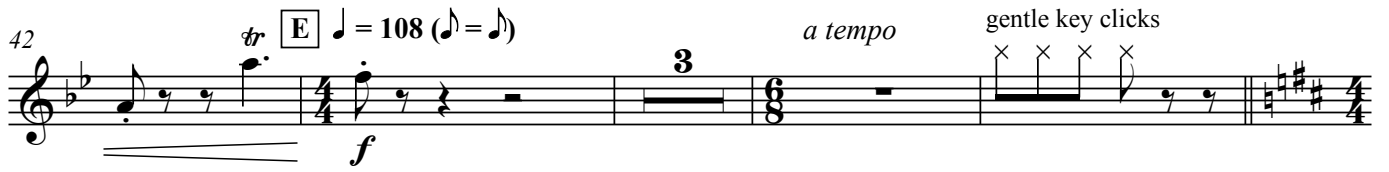
23 *f*

27 **C** *(f)*

30 *p* 8 8 8 8

33 *f* *p* *f* **D**

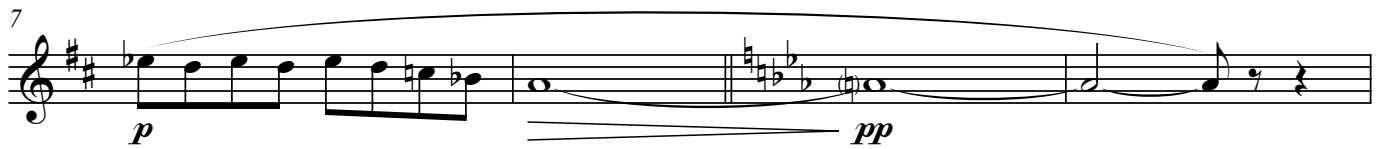
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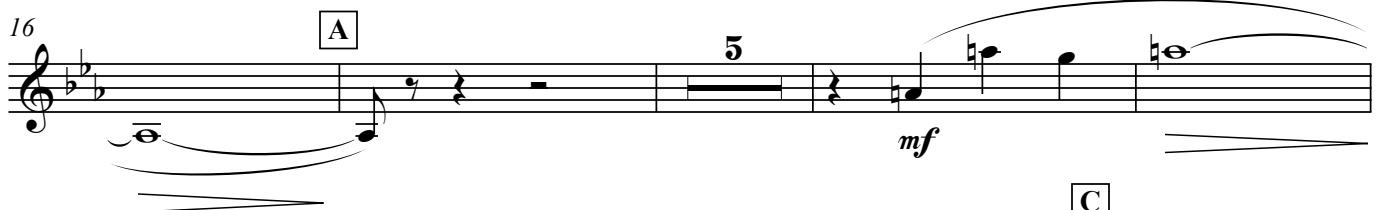
The First Star is Lit

Slowly and peacefully ♩ = 80

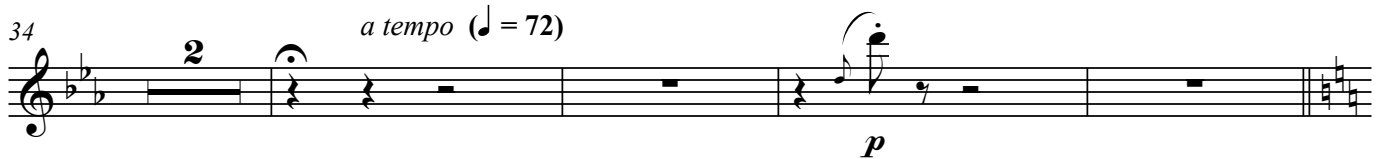
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40 **D** Quickly, Tempo primo ♩ = 126

f

ritard.

dim.

Epilogue

At a gentle pace ♩ = 108

p

A

cresc.

f

f

C

p

ritard.

pp