

Folk Carols for Strings

for String Quartet

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1. Cherry Tree Carol

Moderate tempo, flowing ♩ = 108

Violin I *p*

Violin II *p*

Viola *mf cantabile*

Violoncello *mf*

7

Vln. I *(p)* *mf > p*

Vln. II *(p)* *mf > p*

Vla.

Vlc.

13

Vln. I *mf > p* *mf*

Vln. II *mf > p* *mf*

Vla.

Vlc.

Tune: CHERRY TREE CAROL, Traditional carol (PD).

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19 B

Vln. I *p* (gentle accomp.)

Vln. II *p* (gentle accomp.)

Vla. *p* (gentle accomp.)

Vlc. *legato*
(mf)

25

Vln. I *mf* > *p* *mf* > *p* *mf*

Vln. II *mf* > *p* *mf* > *p* *mf*

Vla. *mf*

Vlc. *mf*

31

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vlc.

37 C

Vln. I

Vln. II *mf*

Vla.

Vlc. *pizz.* *arco*
mf

2. Jesus, Jesus, Rest Your Head

At a peaceful tempo ♩ = 100
gently, "rest your head" motive

A *a tempo* (♩ = 100)

legato
p (a quiet accomp. to the Viola melody)

legato
p (a quiet accomp. to the Viola melody)

legato
mp gently

legato
p (a quiet accomp. to the Viola melody)

9

mp

mp

(mp)

mp

poco rit. **B** *Slightly faster* ♩ = 112
with rhythmic energy

16

(p)

(p)

p

mf

lightly

p

22

Vln. I *p* *mf*

Vln. II *mf* *p*

Vla. *mf*

Vcl. *mf*

27

Vln. I *mf* *sim.*

Vln. II *mf* *p* *mf* *sim.*

Vla. *mf* *sim.*

Vcl. *mf* *sim.*

C

32 *poco rit.* Original tempo ♩ = 100

Vln. I *p* *mf*

Vln. II *p* *mf*, *legato*

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

Vcl. *p* *mf*, *legato*

39 *rit.* **D** *a tempo* (♩ = 100)

Vln. I *mf* *p* (*p*) very delicately, tenderly
very gentle trem.
at the tip

Vln. II *p* *pp*
very gentle trem.
at the tip

Vla. *p* *pp*

Vcl. *p*

3. Go Tell It on the Mountain

Energetic tempo (♩ = 108)

Violin I
Violin II
Viola
Violoncello

5 **A**

Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vlc.

9

Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vlc.

mf

mf

mf

pizz.

arco

Tune: GO TELL IT, Traditional spiritual (PD).

13

Vln. I *p echo*

Vln. II *p echo*

Vla. *p echo*

Vcl. *p echo*

B Slower ♩ = 80
relaxed tempo, recitative style

17 *rit.* (strong break)

Vln. I (p) (p)

Vln. II (p) (p) *mf*

Vla. *mf* pizz. (*mf*)

Vcl. (p) (p)

22 *rit.* *a tempo* (♩ = 108)

Vln. I (p) *mf* *f*

Vln. II *f*

Vla. *f*

Vcl. (p) *arco* *mf* *f* *playfully* *p*

C

26

Vln. I *p* *f*

Vln. II *p* *f*

Vla. *p* *f*

Vcl. *f*

4. I Wonder as I Wander

Moderate tempo ♩ = 108
as a star in the night sky

A

pp gently

Violin I

Violin II

Viola

Violoncello

as a person out wandering beneath the starry night sky
legato, a simple melody

p gently

7

pp
as another star in the night sky

pp gently

pp

pp gently

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vlc.

14

pp

pp

pp

pp

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vlc.

20

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vcl.

pp

27

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vcl.

B

mf

33

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vcl.

39

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vcl.