

Disc 1

31 Piano accompaniment

32 Pronunciation guide

for Leila Tyrrell and the Oakwood Choir

The Owls

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Larghetto ♩ = 84

p

In the

5
moon - lit wood where the old tree stood With its trunk all hol - low and its

8
twist - ed limbs, A - lone I crept with the sky all swept By the

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a vocal line in the upper staff and a piano accompaniment in the lower two staves. The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and the time signature is 2/4. The tempo is marked 'Larghetto' with a quarter note equal to 84 beats per minute. The score is divided into three systems. The first system shows the vocal line starting with a rest, followed by the lyrics 'In the'. The piano accompaniment consists of a steady bass line in the left hand and chords in the right hand. The second system begins at measure 5 with the lyrics 'moon - lit wood where the old tree stood With its trunk all hol - low and its'. The third system begins at measure 8 with the lyrics 'twist - ed limbs, A - lone I crept with the sky all swept By the'. The piano accompaniment continues with a consistent rhythmic pattern throughout.

allarg. meno mosso

11

fly - ing clouds with their sil - ver rims; On vel - vet wings I saw him glide,

15

And with a haunt-ed voice he cried: To - whoo, _____ To -

Tempo I

18

- whoo, _____ To - whoo.

22

From a tree near - by with its arms in the sky As I looked for his mate in the

26

wood - y dark, Ti - ny squeaks from hun - gry beaks Be - tray'd the nest deep

30

allarg. **meno mosso**

in the bark. An ans - wer came from the leaf - y hide, As with a haunt-ed voice she

34

Tempo I

pp

cried: To - whoo, To - whoo, To-whoo.

pp *mf*

Ped. Ped.

38

mf

The mur - der - er foul, the

mp (*mp*)

42

hunt - ing owl, Then swoop'd and snatch'd his fur - ry prey; Rose in the air and

46

allarg. *meno mosso*
mp

flew to where His mate was still and sil - ver grey. The young were fed and the

50

pp

owls with pride Tri-um-phantly to-ge-ther cried: To - whoo, To -

rall. al fine

dim.

ppp

- whoo, To - whoo.