

Commissioned by Shelly Schaeufele for her treble choir

The Arrow and the Song

for Erik Hoefler

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Andante (♩ = 80)

Piano

mp *rit.*

The piano introduction consists of two staves. The right hand plays a melody in treble clef, and the left hand plays a bass line in bass clef. The key signature is three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and the time signature is 4/4. The tempo is marked 'Andante' with a quarter note equal to 80 beats per minute. The dynamics are marked 'mp' (mezzo-piano) and 'rit.' (ritardando).

5 SA unis. *mp* *no breath 2x*

I shot an ar - row in - to the air, _____
It fell to earth, _____ I knew not where; _____

The vocal part is for Soprano and Alto (SA unis) and is marked 'mp'. The piano accompaniment continues with the same bass line as the introduction. The lyrics are: "I shot an ar - row in - to the air, _____ It fell to earth, _____ I knew not where; _____". The instruction "no breath 2x" is written above the final measure of the vocal line.

9 *Poco più mosso* *mf* 12

For, so swift-ly it flew, _____ the sight _____ Could not fol-low it

Poco più mosso

The second verse begins at measure 9. The tempo is marked 'Poco più mosso' and the dynamics are 'mf'. The vocal part has triplets and a fermata. The piano accompaniment features a triplet in the right hand and a steady bass line. The lyrics are: "For, so swift-ly it flew, _____ the sight _____ Could not fol-low it".

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15

rit.

in its flight.

rit.

rit.

18

mf

mf I breathed a song in - to the air, I knew not where;

mf It fell to earth, I knew not where;

mf

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22

mf

mf For who has sight so keen and

mf

rit. until measure 29

26

mf strong. That it can fol - low

mf

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31 **Maestoso** (♩ = 88) -----
sub. f unis.

Long af - ter - ward, _____ in an

Maestoso (♩ = 88)
sub. f

sim.

35

oak _____ I found the ar - row,

(8^{va})

39

still un - broke; _____ And the

(8^{va})

song, from be-gin-ning to end,

(8th)

43 I found a - gain in the heart of a

rit.

rit.

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47 friend,

Tempo primo

mp

(8th)

51 rit. al fine p in the heart of a friend,

rit.

rit. al fine