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Elementary Honor Choir, with the premiere performance on February 5, 2000

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Two-part Chorus,* Piano, Wind Chimes, and Recorder or C-Instrument**

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Ranges:



Thoughtfully, gently ♩ = 69-72

Wind Chimes *mp*

Recorder *mp*

mf *rall.* *rall.* *rall.*

mp a tempo *mp a tempo* (tacet to m. 40) **15** *mp*

I *a tempo* *mp* Lis - ten to the

II *a tempo* *mp* Lis - ten to the

mp a tempo

Duration: approx. 3:15

*Also available for Three-part Mixed (15/1532H).

**Recorder or C-Instrument part is on p. 11.

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(tacet until the last measure)

I
wind as it helps the trees to speak. Lis - ten to the

II
wind as it helps the trees to speak. Lis - ten

I
rus-ting leaves and brit-tle branch-es creak. They tell so man-y

II
to the leaves and brit-tle branch-es creak.

23

I
sto - ries — Of won - ders and of

II
of all the tree has seen; Of won - ders and of

I *mf rall.* *a tempo* *mp*
 mir-a-cles — which passed its leaves of green.

II *mf rall.* *a tempo* *mp*
 mir-a-cles — which passed its leaves of green.

mf rall. *a tempo* *mp*

I *cresc.* *mf*
 — Lis-ten! — Lis-ten! —

II *cresc.* *mf*
 — Lis-ten to the trees, to all

cresc. *mf*

I *rall.* *mp a tempo*
 — If on-ly you would lis-ten. —

II *rall.* *mp a tempo*
 they have seen. If on-ly you would lis-ten. —

rall. *mp a tempo*

Recorder

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mp *mf*

40

40

mf

rall. *rall.* *mp* *a tempo*

rall. *a tempo*

rall. *mp* *a tempo.*

48

mf

48

mf

Lis - ten to the whis - per - ing of the

mf
Lis - ten as it tells us all the
wind - aid - ed word.

se - crets it has heard. If on - ly you would lis - ten, then
If you would lis - ten,

rall. *a tempo*
rall. *a tempo*
you would fi - n'ly know the jour - ney of our
fi - n'ly you would know the jour - ney of our

7

rall. *a tempo*

rall. *a tempo*

I an - ces - tors as they trav - eled down life's road.

II an - ces - tors as they trav - eled down life's road.

rall. *a tempo*

65

I Lis - ten! Lis - ten!

II To the whis - pered words, to the

65

rall. *a tempo*

rall. *mp a tempo*

I If on - ly you would lis - ten.

II se - crets heard. If on - ly you would lis - ten.

rall. *mp a tempo*

8

mp *mf* [73]

I They tell of truth;

II they tell of

mp *mf*

cresc. *mf* *mf*

I in the mel - o - dies they share.

II life in the mel - o - dies they share.

cresc. *mf*

[81] *cresc.* *cresc.*

I Their mes - sage is de -

II For in the trees' soft sing - ing, their mes - sage is de -

[81] *cresc.*

I
II

liv-ered with great care. Lis-ten!

liv-ered with great care, great care. to the

87 *f* *f*

I
II

Lis-ten! You should take the

song of truth. to the song of life. Take the

91

I
II

time. You should take the time. Just take the

time. Take the time. Just take the

sub. mp *sub. mp* *mf rit.* *mf rit.*

sub. mp *mf rit.*

sub. mp *mf rit.*