

Commissioned in 2016 by the Savridi Singers of Calgary and their artistic director, Erica Phare-Bergh,
for the occasion of the choir's 30th anniversary

The Arrow and the Song

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow
(1807–82)

LAURA HAWLEY

Before the notes begin, start with c.15–20 seconds of some voices imitating the sounds of wind, gentle breezes, the subtle whistle of an arrow, and occasional bird calls. Continue the wind and birds (or wind only) until the text begins in b. 13. Choirs should feel free to experiment with placement of singers, textural variety, and character and 'pitch' of the wind and bird sounds according to their own artistic expressive nuance.

Freely, thoughtfully, as though walking ♩ = 48

unis. mp

SOPRANO
1 & 2

hoo _____ *hoo* _____

mp

ALTO

doon doon doon doon doon doon doon doon doon doon doon doon*

mp

TENOR

oo _____

BASS

for rehearsal only †

Freely, thoughtfully, as though walking ♩ = 48

mp

* straight to the 'n' of 'doon'

† The piano reduction includes the rhythmic accompanying parts throughout; for reason of playability, melodic lines are sometimes omitted.

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Duration: 4 mins

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Gently rhythmic ♩ = 96

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S. *doon doon du*doon doon doon du doon doon doon du doon doon doon doon doon du doon doon*

A. *doon doon doon doon doon*

T. *dn dn dn dn dn dn dn dn dn dn dn*

Gently rhythmic ♩ = 96

8

S. *doon doon du doon doon doon doon du doon doon doon du doon doon doon doon du doon doon doon*

A. *doon doon doon doon doon*

T. *dn dn dn dn dn dn dn dn dn dn dn*

* 'du' should sound like 'doo'

11 **ALTO SOLO or SOLI** *mf*

A. SOLO

I shot an ar - row in - to the

S.

doon doon du doon doon doon doon du doon doon doon doon du doon

A.

doon doon doon doon doon

T.

8 dn dn dn dn dn dn dn dn dn dn dn dn

14

air, It fell to earth, I knew_ not where; For, so

S.

doon doon du doon doon doon doon doon du doon doon doon doon_ du doon doon

A.

doon doon doon doon doon

T.

8 dn dn dn dn dn dn dn dn dn dn dn dn

17

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

doon doon du doon doon doon du doon doon doon du doon doon doon doon doon du doon doon

doon doon doon doon doon doon

dn dn dn dn dn dn dn dn dn dn dn

20

A. SOLO

fol - low in__ its flight.

doon doon du doon doon doon doon du doon doon doon du doon doon doon

doon doon doon doon doon doon

dn dn dn doon doon du doon doon doon du doon doon doon du doon doon doon

BASS *mp*

dn dn dn dn dn dn dn dn dn dn