

Like Something
Newly Freed
SATB Chorus a cappella

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c o m p o s e r

LIKE SOMETHING NEWLY FREED

When you watch blackbirds flocking
in silhouette
against bare trees, against
a salmon sky, you wonder
at the sight, at the lift
you feel inside, the wings
and all that space.
As night begins,
you raise black wings
like leaves, like the lightness of a song.
As night hurries in,
you streak across the darkening sky
like something newly freed
and gaining, gaining on the sun.

Laura Foley

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PROGRAM NOTE

As Laura Foley's poem "Like Something Newly Freed" progresses, we shift from observing blackbirds at sunset to narrating from their perspective as we imagine ourselves among them. This setting of Foley's text attempts to capture this feeling of ever-increasing immersion and momentum in music, particularly in moments like "the lightness of a song" and "gaining on the sun."

PERFORMANCE NOTE

Elisions between long, held vowels ("oo," "oh," "ah") should be smooth, not sudden. For example, if the vowels are marked "Oh___oo," a singer should begin the transition to "oo" slightly before that vowel sound is marked in the score.

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for SATB chorus a cappella

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Gently; ♩ = ca. 80 or slightly slower *pp*

SOPRANO 1
SOPRANO 2
ALTO
Piano

Gently; ♩ = ca. 80 or slightly slower

5 *p* *mf*

S. 1
S. 2
A.
Pno.

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8 (Unis.)

S. oo, Oo

A. oo, Oo

T. *mp* When you watch black-birds flock-ing in sil-hou-ette, a - *p*

B. *mp* When you watch black-birds flock-ing in sil-hou-ette, a - *p*

Pno.

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S. ah, Oh, ah, you won - der, *mf*

A. ah, Oh, ah, you won - der at the *mf*

T. *mf* gainst bare trees, a - gainst a sal - mon sky, you won - der, *mf*

B. *mf* gainst bare trees, a - gainst a sal - mon sky, you won - der at the *mf*

Pno.

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S. Ah, the wings and

A. sight, at the lift you feel in - side, the wings

T. Ah, in - side, the wings and

B. sight, at the lift you feel in - side, the wings and

Pno.

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S. all that space. Ah oo, Ah oo.

A. Ah oo, Ah oo.

T. all that space. Oo ah oo.

B. all that Ah, Oo ah, Oo,

Pno.

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27 **poco rit.** **A little slower** *pp*

S. As night be - gins, you raise black wings like

A. *p* *pp* As night be - gins, you raise black wings like

T. *p* As night be - gins, As night be-gins, you raise black wings, you

B. *p* As night be - gins, As night be-gins, you raise black wings like

poco rit. **A little slower**

Pno.

32 *mf* **poco rit.** **Tempo 1**

S. leaves, raise black wings like leaves,

A. *mf* *p* leaves, raise black wings like leaves, like the light-ness,

T. *mf* *p* raise black wings like leaves, like the light - ness of a

B. *mf* leaves, you raise black wings like leaves,

poco rit. **Tempo 1**

Pno.

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47 *p*

S. Ah oh

A. *p* Ah, oh, Oh

T. *p* Ah oh, Oh

B.

Pno.

52 *poco rit.* *A little slower* *pp*

S. oo. As night hur - ries

A. *p* oo, As night hur - ries

T. *pp* oo. As night hur - ries in, As

B. *p* Oo, *pp* As night hur - ries in, As

Pno. *poco rit.* *A little slower*

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poco accel. **Tempo 1** **f**

S. 56
in, you streak a-cross a dark - en - ing sky

A. in, Ah, streak a-cross a dark - en - ing

T. 8
night hur-ries in, you streak a-cross a dark - en - ing sky

B. 3
night hur-ries in, you streak a-cross a dark - en - ing sky,

Pno. **poco accel.** **Tempo 1**

S. 59 **p**
like some - thing new - ly freed,

A. **p**
sky like some - thing, some - thing new - ly freed,

T. **p**
some - thing, Ah, some - thing new - ly

B.

Pno. **p**

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poco a poco accel. 9

72 *mp* *pp*

S. some - thing new - ly freed and gain - ing on the sun, the

A. some - thing new - ly freed and gain - ing on the sun, the

T. 8 some - thing new - ly freed and gain - ing on the sun, the

B. some - thing new - ly freed and gain - ing on the sun, the

Pno. *mp* *pp*

A tempo *molto rit. Very slow*

77 *f* *ff*

S. sun, on the sun, on the sun.

A. sun, gain - ing on the sun, on the sun.

T. 8 sun, Ah, gain - ing on the sun.

B. sun. on the sun, gain - ing on the sun.

Pno. *f* *ff*