

Ye elves

for mixed ensemble

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Flute, Voice, Cello

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Based on The Tempest
Act V – Scene 1

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Prospero:

Ye elves of hills, brooks, standing lakes and groves,
And ye that on the sands with printless foot
Do chase the ebbing Neptune and do fly him
When he comes back; you demi-puppets that
By moonshine do the green sour ringlets make,
Whereof the ewe not bites, and you whose pastime
Is to make midnight mushrooms, that rejoice

I have bedimm'd
The noontide sun, call'd forth the mutinous winds,
And 'twixt the green sea and the azured vault
Set roaring war: to the dread rattling thunder
Have I given fire and rifted Jove's stout oak
With his own bolt; the strong-based promontory
Have I made shake and by the spurs pluck'd up
The pine and cedar: graves at my command
Have waked their sleepers, oped, and let 'em forth
By my so potent art.
But this rough magic I here abjure,

and, when I have required
Some heavenly music, which even now I do,
To work mine end upon their senses that
This airy charm is for, I'll break my staff,
Bury it certain fathoms in the earth,
And deeper than did ever plummet sound
I'll drown my book.

PERFORMANCE NOTES

Courtesy accidentals are provided in some cases; however, as a rule, each new measure always cancels all accidentals before it.

The guitar sounds an octave lower than written.

Please contact the composer for audio track.

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This work was written in Vancouver BC, situated on the ancestral and unceded territories of the Coast Salish peoples, including the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and səl̓ílwətaʔɬ (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.

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B

Fl (3 o : 4 o) 39 3 40 3 41 3
 Vox *mp < = simile* (3 o : 4 o) 3 3 3 3
 Vlc Ye elves Ye elves Ye elves Ye elves Ye elves Ye
mp < = simile

Fl 42 3 43 3 44 3 45 3
 Vox elves of hills brooks I here ab - jure I here ab - jure
 Vlc

C 4 51 12 63 65 66
D 4 12
E

Fl 4 51 12 63 65 66
 Vox 4 12
 Vlc 4 12 *mf* > > > > > > > >

F 67 68 70 71 72 73
 Fl *mp ad lib phoneme* 3 3 3 3 3 3
 Vox 3 3 3 3 3 3
 Vlc 3 3 3 3 3 3
(continue changing rhythms ad lib) simile
(on the strings) simile

74 75 76 77 78 80 81 82 83
 Fl *(continue changing rhythms ad lib)* simile
 Vox
 Vlc

G

84

Fl Vox Vlc

H

96

Fl Vox Vlc

I

106

Fl Vox Vlc

J

113

Fl Vox Vlc

ff

114

115

116

117

Detailed description: The musical score consists of four systems of three staves each.
 - System 1 (measures 84-95): Flute (F1), Voice (Vox), and Violoncello (Vlc). Measures 84-90 show sustained notes. Measure 91 has a dynamic change. Measures 92-95 show sustained notes.
 - System 2 (measures 96-105): Flute (F1), Voice (Vox), and Violoncello (Vlc). Measures 96-100 show sustained notes. Measures 101-105 show a melodic line for the Violoncello with sixteenth-note patterns. Measure 101 has a dynamic change.
 - System 3 (measures 106-112): Flute (F1), Voice (Vox), and Violoncello (Vlc). Measures 106-108 show sustained notes. Measures 109-112 show a rhythmic pattern for the Violoncello with sixteenth-note groups. Measure 109 has a dynamic change.
 - System 4 (measures 113-117): Flute (F1), Voice (Vox), and Violoncello (Vlc). Measures 113-117 show sustained notes. Dynamic markings 'ff' are present in all three staves.