

Wistful Wind

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Poem by Adela Florence Nicolson (1865-1904)

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Instrumentation

SATB (a cappella)

Performance Time

approximately 3'00"

Wistful Wind

Just in the hush before dawn
A little wistful wind is born.
A little chilly errant breeze
Thrills the grasses, stirs the trees
As it wanders on its way.
While yet the night is cool and dark,
The first carol of the lark—
Its plaintive murmurs seem to say:
“I await the sorrows of the day.”

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Quickly, no slower than ♩ = 138

S. *pp* Shh*

A. *sempre p*
Just in the hush, in the hush, in the hush, in the hush be - fore—

T. *pp* Shh*

B. *pp* Shh*

*Create the dynamics by altering the vowel used to make the "shh" and by changing the shape of the lips.

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S. (shh)

A. Just in the hush, in the hush, in the hush, in the hush be - fore—

T. *p* Dawn.

B. (shh)

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(shh)

Just in the hush, in the hush, in the hush, in the hush be - fore—

8
Dawn.

p

Dawn.

10

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Thank you for your understanding.*

Dawn. in the hush be - fore

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f (start gliss on down beat)

dawn,

f

dawn,

f *p*

dawn, A lit - tle wind, lit - tle wind, lit - tle wind, lit - tle

f

dawn,

17 *p*

A lit - tle wist - ful wind is born.

p

A lit - tle wist - ful wind is born.

(*sempre p*)

8 wind, lit - tle wind, lit - tle wind, lit - tle wind, lit - tle wist - ful wind is born,

mp

Wind is born.

21 *p*

Lit - tle chil - ly err - ant breeze,

p

Lit - tle chil - ly err - ant breeze, lit - tle chil - ly err - ant breeze,

simile

8 wist - ful wind is born, wist - ful wind is born, wist - ful wind is born,

p

24

lit - tle chil - ly err - ant breeze, lit - tle chil - ly err - ant breeze,

lit - tle chil - ly err - ant breeze, lit - tle chil - ly err - ant breeze,

8 wist - ful wind is born, wist - ful wind is born,

mp

A lit - tle err - ant breeze,

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lit - tle chil - ly err - ant breeze, lit - tle chil - ly err - ant, err - ant

lit - tle chil - ly err - ant breeze, lit - tle chil - ly err - ant, err - ant

wist - ful wind is born, wist - ful wind, err - ant, err - ant

breeze, breeze!

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Perusal Copy

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p *(mf)*

As it wand - ers on its way, as it wand - ers on its way, on its

p *(mf)*

As it wand - ers on its way, on its way, on its way, as it

mf *(p)*

trees As it wand - ers, as it wand - ers on its way, as it wand - ers on its

mf *(p)*

trees As it wand - ers, as it wand - ers on its way, as it wand - ers on its

molto rit.

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cool, while yet the night is cool and dark, *lunga*

cool, while yet the night is cool and dark, *lunga*

cool, while yet the night is cool and dark, *lunga*

mp while yet the night is cool and dark, *lunga*

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The first car - ol of the lark of the lark—

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Thank you for your understanding.*

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mf plain - tive mur - murs, plain - tive mur -

mf murmurs seem to say, plain - tive mur - murmurs,

mf plain - tive mur - murmurs, plain - tive mur - murmurs, plain - tive

mf murmurs, murmurs seem to say,

63

murs seem to say: plain - tive mur - murs seem to say: mur - murs seem to say: plain - tive mur - murs seem to say,

Much quicker, ca. ♩ = 126

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mp Ahh Ooo Ahh
p legato Ahh Ooo Ahh Ooo
p legato Ahh Ooo Ahh *mf* "I a -
mp mur - murs seem to say, seem to say, seem to say, mur - murs seem to say, seem to

69

Ooo Ahh Ooo Ahh
 Ahh Ooo Ahh Ooo
 Ahh Ooo Ahh Ooo
 wait the sor - - - rows of the
 say, seem to say, mur - murs seem to say, seem to say, seem to say,

72 *mf poco cresc.*

"I a - wait, I

mf poco cresc.

"I a - wait, I a -

poco cresc.

8 day. I a - wait,

poco cresc.

mur-murs seem to say, seem to say, seem to say, mur-murs seem to say, seem to

75 *poco a poco diminuendo*

a - wait, I a - wait

poco a poco diminuendo

wait, I a - wait the

poco a poco diminuendo

8 I a - wait I a -

say, seem to say, mur-murs seem to say, seem to say, seem to say:

78 **molto rit.**

the sor - rows of the day." *lunga* 3'00"

sor - rows of the day, the day." *lunga*

wait the sor - rows of the day, the day." *lunga*

poco a poco diminuendo

"I a - wait the sor - rows of the day." *lunga* *eff Oct '08*