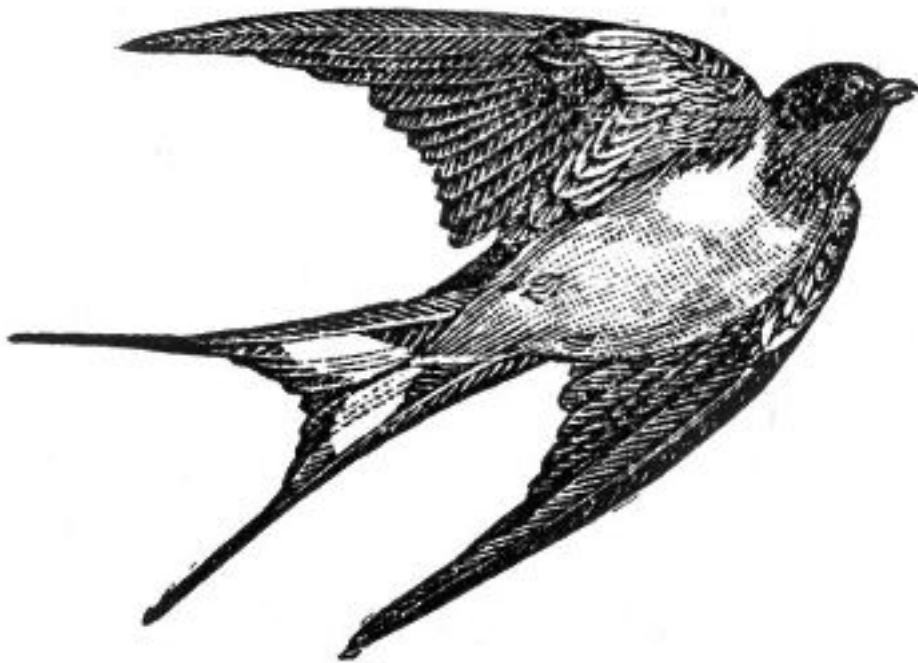


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PROGRAM NOTE

Like a Bird was commissioned by Kathleen Bassett and the Immaculata Academy. Designed to be a partner piece to Cherubini's *Like a Bird Up in the Sky*, the piece begins and ends with a canon. I'd like to thank Sophie Coran for her help with the text.

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DURATION

approx. 3 minutes

TEXT

I.

Like a bird up in the sky,
my dreams are wings that help me to fly.

Soar, soar,
Higher, higher,
Fly!

II.

Eyes closed, a flutter of wings, eyes closed.
Eyelids, a flutter of eyelids, eyes closed.

I dream...
Open, eyes.
Open, feathers.
Wings stretch wide.

III.

I dreamt of a bird flying high above,
without knowing how,
knowing when,
knowing why,
In dreams, one can fly so high.

IV.

Like a bird up in the sky,
my dreams are wings that help me to fly.

Soar, soar.
Wings are dreams.
I can fly!

Like a Bird

for Kate Bassett and the Immaculata Academy

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I. Joyful (♩ = 60)

mf unison

Tutti

Like a bird up in the sky, my dreams are wings that help me to fly.

Canon

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Like a bird up in the sky, my dreams are wings that help me to fly.

9

Soar, soar, High er, and high er, Fly!

II. Misterioso (♩ = 92)

12

S1

(Fly) *p* Eyes closed, eyes closed, a flutter of wings, eyes closed,

S2

p Eyes closed, eyes closed, a flutter of wings, eyes closed, eyes

A1

p Oh, *pp* (stagger breathe)

A2

p Oh, *pp* (stagger breathe)

A3

p Oh, *pp* (stagger breathe)

18

p

S1 Eye-lids, a flut-ter of eye-lids, eyes closed, Eye-lids, a flut-ter of

S2 closed, eyes closed, eyes closed, eyes closed, eyes closed, eyes

A1

A2

A3

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mp

S1 eye - lids, eyes closed, Eye - lids, Eye - lids, Eye - lids, *mp*

S2 closed, eyes closed, eyes closed, eyes closed, eyes closed, a

S3 *p* dream, ___ I dream, ___ *mp*

A1

A2

A3

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S1 a flut - ter of eye - lids, eyes closed, eyes closed.

S2 flut - ter of wings, eyes closed, eyes closed, eyes closed.

S3 I dream, I dream, Ah,

A1 Ah,

A2 Ah,

A3 Ah,

Broadly

mf

ritard.

f

S1 O - pen, eyes, o - pen, feath - ers, Wings stretch wide.

S2 o - pen, eyes, o - pen, feath - ers, wings stretch wide.

S3 O - pen, o - pen, wings stretch wide.

A1 O - pen, eyes, O - pen, feath - ers, wings stretch wide. Wings stretch wide.

A2 O - pen, eyes, o - pen, feath - ers, wings stretch wide. Wings stretch wide.

A3 O - pen, O - pen, Wings stretch wide. Wings stretch wide.

4 III. Andante (♩ = 60)

35 *mp* *p*

S1 I dreamt of a bird fly-ing high a-bove, High a - bove. With-

S2 *p* *mp* High a - bove.

A1 *p* *mp* Oh, High a - bove,

40 *mf* *p* *mf*

S1 out know-ing how, know-ing when, know-ing why, in dreams, (in dreams)

S2 *p* *mf* Oh, in dreams. (in dreams)

A1 *p* *mf* Oh, in dreams, (in dreams)

(♩ = 60)

44 *f* *f* *f*

S1 one can fly so high! (so high!)

S2 one can fly so high! (so high!)

A1 one can fly so high!

IV. Joyful (♩=60)

48 *f*

S1 Like a bird up in the sky, my dreams are wings that help me to fly.

S2 Like a bird up in the sky, my dreams are wings that help me to fly.

A1 Like a bird up in the sky, my dreams are wings that help me to

A2 Like a bird up in the sky, my dreams are wings that help

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S1 Like a bird up in the sky, my dreams are wings that help me to fly.

S2 Like a bird up in the sky, my dreams are wings that help me to fly.

A1 fly. Like a bird up in the sky, my dreams are wings that help me to

A2 me to fly. Like a bird up in the sky, my dreams are wings that help

56 *p* *mf*

S1 Soar, Like a bird, in the sky, my dreams are wings,

S2 Soar, Like a bird, in the sky, my dreams are wings that

A1 fly. Like a bird up in the sky, my dreams are wings that

A2 me to fly. Like a bird up in the sky, my dreams are wings that

60

S1 I can fly. *p* Soar, soar, *mp* soar, soar, *mf* soar, soar,

S2 help me to fly. *p* Soar, *mp* Soar, *mf* Soar,

A1 help me to fly. *p* Soar, *mp* Soar, *mf* Soar,

A2 help me to fly. *p* Soar, *mp* Soar, *mf* Soar,

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S1 Wings are dreams, I can fly! *ritard.*

S2 Soar, Dreams, I can fly! *f*

A1 Dreams, I can fly! *f*

A2 Dreams, I can fly! *f*

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