

Mixed Four Part
Unaccompanied Choir

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6 mins
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FROM WEST HILL - part 1

PRELUDE

Verse 1

$\text{♩} = 40$ $\text{♩} = 110$

The "Koo-ee"s represent the cries of the seagulls
They can be Harsh

Sopranos

Altos

Tenors

Basses

De- aaaaaah

De- aaaaaah

Koo - ee ko

Koo - - ee ko

mf

sfz

3 *mf* Koo - ee ko - ee koo - ee koo - ee

4 *f* down wind

Alta

Tnrs

Bass

Koo - ee ko - ee koo - ee - koo - ee

Down wind

Down wind

Down wind

Down wind

5 *mf* 6 7 *p*

Sops the salt mist gath - ers Ko ee ko ee

Alta the salt mist gath - ers a - bove the town

Tnrs the salt mist gath - ers a - bove the town

Bass the salt mist gath - ers a - bove the town

8 *mf* 9

Sops ko ee ko ee and the her - ing gulls make cir - cles

Alta and the her - ring gulls a - way

Tnrs and the her - ring gulls a - way

Bass and the her - ring gulls a - way

f *mf*

10 *sf* 11 12 *mp*

Sops in the air and cry Koo - ee -

Alta from the car - ri - on make cir - cles of noise

Tnrs from the car - ri - on make cir - cles of noise

Bass from the car - ri - on make cir - cles of noise

13 14

Sops *a* Ko ee ko ee ko ee ko ee *p*

Alta *mf* *Smoothly*

Trns *mf*

Bass *mf*

slant ing them selves with fea - ther - ing

15 16 17 18 19

Sops *mf* ko ee spray

Alta *mf* *mp* *mp* grace in the cur - rents of spray on ug - ly

Trns *mf* *mp* *mp* *f* *Frmly* grace in the cur - rents of spray Plump Pig - eons on ug - ly

Bass *mf* *mp* *mp* *f* grace in the cur - rents of spray Plump Pig - eons on ug - ly

grace in the cur - rents of spray Plump Pig - eons on ug - ly

20 21

Sops Ee koo ee koo ee

Alta pink feet Ee koo ee koo ee

Trns *mf* pink feet stamp qui - et - ly slant ways

Bass pink feet stamp qui - et - ly slant ways

22 23

Sops
koo ee Gulls

Alta
koo ee Gulls

Tnrs
a - cross the West Hill

Bass
a - cross the West Hill

24 25

Sops
slan - ting them - se _elves with feath - er - ing grace

Alta
slan - ting them - se _elves with feath - er - ing grace *mp* or scut - ter un - gain - i ly as

Tnrs
or scut - ter un - gain - i ly as

Bass
Gulls with some grace hea vy

26 27 28 *f*

Sops
plump pig - eons on ug - ly pink feet

Alta
if too hea - vy or may - be a lit - tle a - fraid

Tnrs
if too hea - vy or may - be a lit - tle a - fraid *mp* to trust them - selves

Bass
or may - be a lit - tle a - fraid *mp* to trust them - selves

29 30 31 *f*

Sops

Alta
Plump pig - eons on ug - ly pink feet

Tnrs
plump pig - eons

Bass
Plump pig - eons

mf as if too hea - vy or may - be a lit - tle a - fraid The

f in in *f*

32 33 34 35 rit 36 Segue to Verse 2 37

Sops
the nois - es gath - er - ing down wind a - bove the salt - ed town

Alta
the nois - es gath - er - ing down wind a - bove the salt - ed town *mp*

Tnrs
nois - es gath - er down wind a - bove the salt - ed town *mp*

Bass
nois - es gath - er down wind a - bove the salt - ed town

Verse 2 *A Tempo* =110 38 39 40 41 42 43 44

Sops

Alta

Tnrs
mp *mf* *p* *mf*
Down hill Down hill Down hill Down hill the old man mut - ters

Bass
mp *mf* *p* *mf*
Down hill Down hill Down hill Down hill Down hill Down hill

45 46 *mf* *mp* *f* 48

Sops
Alta
Tnrs
Bass

Down hill Koo ee
Down hill at the birds
Down hill He does not hate them
Down hill Down hill Down hill

49 50 51

Sops
Alta
Tnrs
Bass

Down hill
nor ev - en care weth - er the - y wheel or walk
Down hill
Down hill

52 53 54 *f* 55

Sops
Alta
Tnrs
Bass

make spir - als of noise
or stamp slant - ways
or no - tice his week - ly vis - it
Down hill Down hill Down hill

56 57 58 59 *mf* Plaitively

Sops to the sup - er - mark - et There he
mf Plaitively

Alta to the sup - er - mark - et There he

Tnrs to the sup - er - mark - et

Bass *f* Down hill Down hill *mf* Down hill

60 61 62 63 *ff*

Sops will ga - ther bits of dead birds and lambs and slic - es of pig

Alta *mp* DIMINISHED SCALE will ga - ther bits of dead birds and lambs and slic - es of pig

Tnrs

Bass Down hill Down hill Down hill

64 65 66

Sops All this with - out hate that word shat - ered his youth

Alta All this with - out hate that word shat - ered his youth

Tnrs Down hill Down hill Down hill

Bass Down hill Down hill Down hill

67 68 69 70 *mf* Strict tempo till $\text{♩} = 110$

Sops
and his plans and his plans Now with his por - tions
mf

Alta
and his plans and his plans Now with his por - tions
POINTED ACCENT

Tnrs
Down hill Down hill Now his por - tions
POINTED ACCENT

Bass
Down hill Down hill Now his por - tions
POINTED ACCENT

71 72 73 74

Sops
of dead an - i - mals and cann'd beans and rice pud - ding he moves slow - ly up the

Alta
of dead an - i - mals and cann'd beans and rice pud - ding he moves slow - ly up the

Tnrs
of dead creat - ures and cann'd beans and pud - ding He moves slow - ly up the
mp

Bass
of dead creat - ures and cann'd beans and pud - ding he moves slow - ly up the
mp

75 76 77 78

Sops
wet West Hill Not car - ing a - bout the gulls or the pig - eons to

Alta
wet West Hill Not car - ing a - bout the gulls or the pig - eons to

Tnrs
West Hill Car - ing not a - bout the gulls or pi -

Bass
West Hill Car - ing not a - bout the gulls or pig

Segue to Verse 3

79 *f* 80 81 82

Sops his dry house high in the slak - ed town

Alta his dry house high in the slak - ed town

Tnrs ge - ons High in the slak - ed town

Bass eons but his high warm house

Verse 3

83 $\text{♩} = 110$ 84

Sops

Alta *p* *f* *p* *f* *p* *f* *f* *p* *f*

Tnrs

Bass

The cap - ri - cios wind The cap - ri - cios wind The cap - ri - cios wind The

The 5/8 feel represents the building up and crashing down of the waves
 The fourth note "cios" can be sibilant

85 LEGATO *mp* 86

Sops turns back down the

Alta *Sim* cap - ri - cios wind The cap - ri - cios wind The cap ri cios wind The cap

Tnrs

Bass

87

Sops
hill

Alta
ri cios wind The cap ri cios wind

Tnrs

Bass

88

Sops
nudg - ing the tide

Alta
The cap ri cios wind The cap ri cios wind

Tnrs
The cap - ri - cios wind The cap - ri - cios wind

Bass

89

Sops
side - ways a - cross

Alta
The cap ri cios wind The cap ri cios wind

Tnrs
The cap - ri - cios wind The cap - ri - cios wind The

Bass

Legato

90

Sops
the town's face

Alta
The cap ri cios wind The cap ri cios wind The cap

Tnrs
cap - ri - cios wind The cap - ri - cios wind The cap - ri - cios wind

Bass

91

Stacato

92 93

Sops

tired with sea

Alta

ri cios wind The cap ri cios wind The cap ri cios wind The cap ri

Tnrs

The cap - ri - cios wind The cap - ri -

Bass

94 95

Sops

sweat

LEGATO

Alta

- cios wind The cap - ri - cios wind The cap - ri - cios wind

Tnrs

- cios wind The cap - ri - cios

Bass

96 97

Sops

The

STACCATO

Alta

The cap ri cios wind The cap ri cios wind

Tnrs

wind The cap - ri - cios wind The cap - ri - cios wind The cap - ri - cios wind

Bass

98 99

Sops
gulls swirl down to the un -

Alta
The cap ri cios wind The cap ri cios wind The cap ri cios wind

Tnrs
The

Bass
The cap ri cios wind The cap ri cios wind The cap ri cios wind The

100 101

Sops
- e - ven shore and with

Alta
The cap ri cios wind The cap ri cios wind

Tnrs
cap - ri - cios wind The cap - ri - cios wind and with

Bass
cap ri cios wind The cap ri cios wind The cap

Baritones

LEGATO

102 103

Sops
eas - y quiv - ers ad - just their

Alta
The cap ri cios wind The cap ri

Tnrs
eas - y quiv - ers ad - just

Bass
ri cios wind The cap ri cios wind

104 105 STACCATO

Sops wings The cap ri cios

Alta cios wind The cap ri cios wind The cap ri cios wind

Tnrs their wings then stab greed - i - ly

Bass LEGATO down wind then stab greed - i - ly

106 107 *f* LEGATO

Sops wind white bel - lies of the new dead fish

Alta The cap ri cios wind The cap ri cios wind The cap ri cios wind

Tnrs at the cloud white bel - lies

Bass at white bel - lies of the new dead fish

108 109 STACCATO

Sops The cap ri cios wind The cap ri cios wind

Alta The cap ri cios wind The STACCATO

Tnrs Down wind STACCATO LEGATO (Baritones) The

Bass The cap ri cios wind High

110 111

Sops The cap ri cios wind The cap ri cios wind

Alta cap ri cios wind Yes The cap ri cios wind

Tnrs cap - ri - cios wind The cap - ri - cios wind The cap - ri - cios wind The cap -

Bass in the town

112 General Crescendo

Sops Kee - ou - ee kee - ou - ee kee - ou - ee

Alta The cap ri cios wind The cap ri

Tnrs ri - cios wind The cap - ri - cios wind The cap - ri - cios wind

Bass LEGATO a sol - it - 'ry gull

114 115 N.B.-O.K.

Sops ke - wee ke - wee ke - wee a - cross

Alta cios wind The cap ri cios wind LEGATO a - cross

Tnrs The cap - ri - cios wind The cap - ri - cios wind The cap - ri - cios

Bass waves good - bye

116 117

Sops the hor - i - zon

Alta the hor - i - zon

Tnrs wind The cap - ri - cios wind The cap - ri - cios wind

Baritones

Bass The cap ri cios wind The cap ri cios wind

118 119 6/8

Sops The cap ri cios wind N.B. 6/8 Feel

Alta The

Tnrs The cap - ri - cios wind Now the cap - ri - cios wind

Bass The cap ri cios wind

120 5/8 121

Sops N.B. 6/8 Feel The cap ri cios wind The cap ri cios wind

Alta old man watch - es

Tnrs 5/8 Feel Now the cap - ri - cios wind The cap - ri - cios wind The cap - ri - cios wind

Bass The cap ri cios wind

122 123

Sops wait - ing for some - one an - y - one The

Alta The cap ri cios wind The cap ri cios wind The cap ri cios wind

Tnrs The cap - ri - cios wind The cap - ri - cios wind

Bass The cap ri cios wind

124 125

Sops cap ri cios wind To wave

Alta The cap ri cios wind The cap ri cios wind The cap

Tnrs The cap - ri - cios wind The cap - ri - cios wind

Bass to wave

126 127

Sops hal - lo Kee - ou

Alta ri cios wind The cap ri cios wind The cap ri cios wind

Tnrs to wave

Bass hal - lo The cap ri cios wind The cap ri

128 *ee* 129 as the smell of a roast ing

Alta The cap ri cios wind The cap ri cios

Tnrs hal - lo

Bass cios wind The cap ri cios wind

130 bird 131 ris - es from his kit chen

Alta wind The cap ri cios wind The cap ri cios wind The cap ri cios wind

Bass to wave

132 133 The cap ri cios wind The

Alta *mf* Kee - ou - ee *f* ke - ou - ee *mf* ke - ou - ee *f* ke - ou - ee

Tnrs The cap - ri - cios wind The cap - ri - cios wind

Bass hal - lo one to wave

134 135

Sops cap ri cios wind The cap ri cios wind The cap ri cios wind ris -

Alta

Tnrs ris es from his kit chen

Bass *mf* hal lo

136 137

Sops - es from his kit - chen

Alta ri cios wind The cap ri cios wind The cap ri

Tnrs

Bass hal lo The cap - ri - cios wind

138 139

Sops ris - es from the ki - tchen Wee - Ke Koo - oo Ke - Wee Koo Ke - Wee

Alta Divisi cious wind The cap ri cios wind The cap - ri - cious wind Ke - Wee Koo Ke - Wee

Tnrs ris - es from the kit - chen Wee - Ke Ke - Wee Koo Ke - Wee

Bass hal - lo Ke - Wee Koo Ke - Wee

ff *f* *f* *ff*

140 141 *mp*

Sops with the cir - cle - ing

Alta *mp* The cap ri cious wind

Tnrs The cap - ri - cious wind

Bass *mp* hal - lo

142 143

Sops nois - es down wind The cap - ri - cious wind The

Alta *p* The cap ri cious wind The cap ri cious wind

Tnrs *mf* with the cir - cle - ing noi - ses

Bass *mf* Some - one down wind

144 145

Sops cap - ri - cious wind The cap - ri - cious wind The cap - ri - cious wind The cap -

Alta the cir - cle - ing nois - es down wind

Tnrs down wind The cir - cle - ing noi - ses

Bass Some - one down wind the

146 147

Sops
- ri - cious wind The cap - ri - cious wind

Alta
The cap ri cious wind The cap ri

Tnrs
down wind

Bass
cir - cle - ing nois - es down wind

148 149

Sops
The cap ri cious wind The cap ri cious wind

Alta
cious wind The cap ri - cious

Tnrs
Down wind Hol - lo

Bass
Down wind Hol - lo

150 151

Sops

Alta
wind The cap - ri - cious wind The cap - ri - cious wind The cap - ri - cious wind

Tnrs
Down wind Hol - lo

Bass
Down wind Hol - lo

152 Gradual Diminuendo till 157 153

Sops
The cap - ri - cious wind The cap - ri - cious wind The cap - ri - cious wind The

Alta
The cap - ri - cious wind The cap - ri - cious wind The cap - ri - cious wind The

Tnrs
Down wind

Bass
Down wind

154 155

Sops
cap - ri - cious wind

Alta
cap - ri - cious wind The cap - ri - cious wind The cap - ri - cious wind The cap -

Tnrs
Hal lo The cap - ric - ious wind

Bass
Hal lo

156 157

Sops

Alta
- ri - cious wind The cap - ri - cious wind The cap - ri - cious wind The cap - ri -

Tnrs

Bass
Down wind

158 *ff* 159 160

Sops

Alta

Tnrs

Bass

pp *ff* *ff* *mf* *pp*

Hal - lo

- cious wind The cap - ri - cious wind The cap - ric ious wind

cap ri cious wind

The cap ri cious wind

The cap ri cious wind

The cap ri cious wind