

Commissioned by Marymount Secondary School Choir for 2016 Béla Bartók International Choir Competition and Folklore Festival

Gods on the Magpie Bridge

鵲橋仙

For 8-part a cappella mixed chorus, S.S.A.A.T.T.B.B. (div.)

Lyrics by
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詞 | 秦觀

Music by
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曲 | 陳浩貽

Phantasmically (♩ = ca. 64)

Soprano 1

Soprano 2

Alto 1

Alto 2

Tenor 1

Tenor 2

Bass 1

Bass 2

Time (ca.)

Regular Time

Free Time Begins

Gods on the Magpie Bridge...

S. 1 (tacet) Ah

S. 2 Ah

A. 1 (tacet) *p* hold the note with staggered breath
仙 xiān

A. 2 *ad lib. p* repeat, unsynchronised with each other, getting denser gradually
sh

T. 1 *ad lib. pp* *poco cresc.* repeat, unsynchronised with each other
鹊 桥 què qiáo

T. 2 *p* hold the note with staggered breath *ad lib. p*
鹊 桥 què qiáo

B. 1 *p* hold the note with staggered breath

B. 2 *p* Ah

Free Time Begins

Time (ca.) 5" 4" 4" 4"

* Singers repeat freely singing the phrase "què qiáo" with the notated rhythm, like a group of magpies to "form" the bridge for the lovers.

Perusal Score
Not For Performance

12

S. 1 *ad.lib.* *mp* 鹊 桥 què qiáo *repeat, unsynchronised with each other* *ad.lib.* *mf* 仙 xiān

S. 2 *mp* *ad.lib.* *mf* 鹊 桥 què qiáo *repeat, unsynchronised with each other, getting denser gradually*

A. 1 *ad.lib.* *mf* 鹊 桥 què qiáo *repeat, unsynchronised with each other, getting denser gradually*

A. 2

T. 1 *mf* *getting denser gradually*

T. 2 *repeat, unsynchronised with each other, getting denser gradually* *mf* 仙 xiān

B. 1 *ad.lib.* *mp* 鹊 桥 què qiáo *repeat, unsynchronised with each other, getting denser gradually* *mf*

B. 2 *mp* *hold the note with staggered breath* *mf*

Time (ca.) 4" 4" 4" 5"

16

S. 1 *not too dense* *mp* (tacet)

S. 2 *mp* (tacet) *hold the note with staggered breath*
仙 xiān

A. 1 *mp* (tacet) *hold the note with staggered breath*
仙 xiān

A. 2 (tacet)

T. 1 *p* (tacet) 仙 xiān

T. 2 *hold the note with staggered breath* *pp*
Mm

B. 1 (tacet) 仙 xiān

B. 2 (tacet)

Time (ca.) 5" 11" 3"

Perusal Score Not For Performance

Phantasmically, Regular Time Resumes (♩ = ca. 64)

Fine wisps of cloud sport their craft,

(F# major suggested)

(D♭ major suggested)

22

pp

S. 1 織 xiān 雲 yún 弄 nòng *mp*

S. 2 織 xiān 雲 yún 弄 nòng

S. 3 織 xiān 雲 yún 弄 nòng

A. 1 Mm 織 xiān 雲 yún 弄 nòng

A. 2 Mm 織 xiān 雲 yún 弄 nòng

A. 3 Mm 織 xiān 雲 yún 弄 nòng

T. 1 雲 yún 弄 nòng

T. 2 雲 yún 弄 nòng *p*

B. 1

B. 2

Regular Time Resumes

Time (ca.)

* Try as much as possible to think in they keys suggested