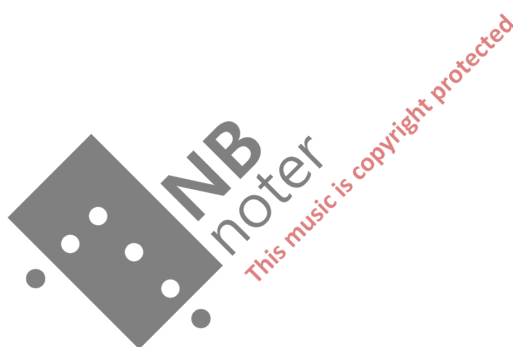


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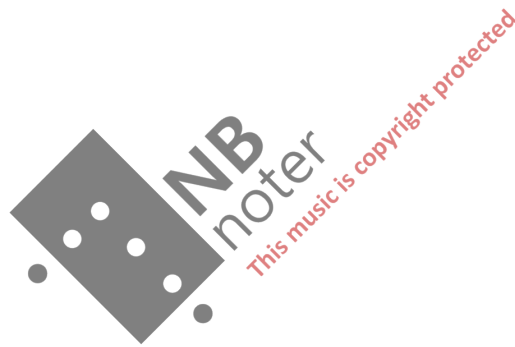




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WRITTEN FOR THE NORTHLANDS FESTIVAL 1999



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This commission from the Northlands Festival in Scotland had its first performance at a recital concert in Ackergill Tower 15th of September 1999. It was performed by the composer herself and flutist Rebecca Larsen. Then the music was included in the play during a tour with a London-based theatre company and director John Doyle which started with two performances at the Northlands Festival and continued through the north of Scotland from 16th to 25th of September 1999.

When performed in the play, the music was divided into four sections corresponding to the numbers in the score. If the music is performed as a concert piece, the "Interlude" (between the first and second part) is added.

Durata: 15-20 min.

Notes:

Vocalist

The music could be performed by a female singer, preferably a singer with background from contemporary music and/or jazz.



Whistling. Sounds an octave above the written pitch.



Whispering.



Vibrato. Non vibrato. Free use when not specified.



1/4-tone up.



Tremolo on one pitch. (Same technique as in laughing.)



Notes:

Flute

Multiphonics:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14

Fingerings: 1=thumb (B natural key), 3=G#-key, 5=1st trill key, 6=2nd trill key, 7=D#-key, 8=C#-key, 9=C-key.

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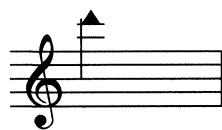
The lowest sounding pitch in multiphonic 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 and 8 is the most important. In multiphonic 7, 11 and 14, both pitches are. Feel free to choose personal substitutes for those that do not work on your flute.



Covering the mouthpiece entirely with the lips. Hold it between the teeth (without clenching them) as far inside the mouth as possible. The result will be a pitched blowing sound a major seventh below.



Tounge stroke/-ram. Sounds a major seventh below.



Whisper/whistle-tones caused by extremely low air pressure. Sounds one octave above the written pitch.



Key clicks. (Use the g-key to make the sound stronger.)



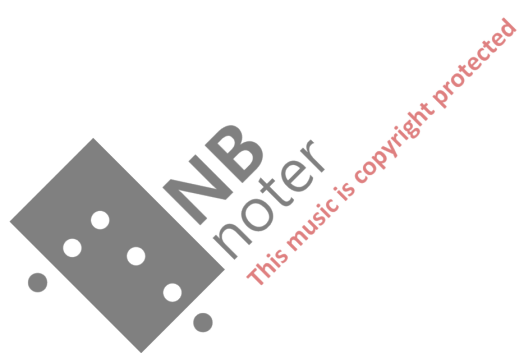
A very fast tremolo between harmonics.



Flutter-tongue.



1/4 -tone up.



Part I: Mrs. Alving's theme

To be performed before the first scene.

Female Vocalist

Flute

♩ = 60

tender
bocca chiusa

pppp

ppp

voc

flute

pppp

ppp

voc

flute

pp

pp

voc

flute

p

pp

pppp

21

voc

flute

p

mp

ppp

p

ppp

26

voc

flute

pppp

pppp

31

voc

flute

p

mp

ppp

p

pppp

36

voc

flute

mp

pp

pp

41

voc

flute

pppp

pppp

introvert, but expressive

joy
aah...(in concert version)
mp

46

voc

joy
aah...
mp

aah... *pp*

flute

p *ppp*

51

voc

p *mp*

flute

pppp *p*

56

voc

pppp

flute

pppp *pp*

61

voc

pp *p* *p*

flute

p *mp*

66

voc

ff

flute

ff

various pitched screams
improvise on the colour of the sound; timbre, vibrato etc.

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71

voc

flute

76

voc

flute

as long as possible

sub. *p*

81 *bocca chiusa*

voc

flute

pp

freely

1 2

1 3 4

14

1 4

14

p *pp* *mf* *p*

86

voc

flute

aah... *p*

1 2

1 3

1 6 8

p *mf*

91

voc

flute

ppp

11

ppp

very expressive

bocca chiusa

as long as possible

Interlude: The joy of living

(To be performed in concert version only.)

VOC

♩ = 100

1

joy
p

VOC

5

joy

VOC

9

joy

VOC

13

joy
f

VOC

17

aah...

VOC

21

bocca chiusa
ppp

VOC

25

aah...
p

VOC 29 joy *f*

VOC 33 aah.. *tr*

VOC 37 aah... *mp*

VOC 41 *bocca chiusa* *p*

VOC 45 *ppp*

VOC 49 joy *pp*

VOC 53 as quiet and tense as possible
of liv-ing aah...

VOC 57 can there be

VOC 61 a - ny sal - va - tion in that?

Part II: Oswald's theme/Ghosts' theme

To be performed during lunch in the play.

♩ = 60
freely

flute

flute

flute

flute

voc

flute

voc

flute

8va

voc

9

a - s *mp*

ppp

as count-less *pp*

as *p*

flute

f

ppp

pp

voc

13

s s s s *mf*

grains of sand

and we *p mf*

flute

p

pp

voc

17

we are *p*

all of us so

pi-ty-ful-ly a-fraid of the light

flute

Part III: Fire

To be performed when the orphanage is on fire.

♩ = 75

intense

voc

tktk...

fp

trr...

fp

(rolled "r")

ss...

f

tktk...

fp

flute

intense

fp

fp

f

fp

fp

fp

fp

voc

trr...

fp

trr...

fp

trr...

fp

trr...

fp

ss...

ff

trr...

ffp

flute

p

fp

fp

fp

fp

voc

tktk...

f

trr...

fp

trr...

fp

trr...

fp

ss...

fp

flute

f

fp

f

fp

10

voc

trr... *fp* trr... *fp* trr... *fp* trr... *fp* trr... *fp* trr... *fp* ss... *fp*

flute

fp *f* *fp* *fp* *fp* *fp*

13

voc

ss... *mp* tktk... *fp*

flute

p *fp* *fp*

16

voc

trr... *fp* trr... *fp* ss... *fp* trr... *fp*

flute

fp *fp* *f*

19

voc

trr... *fp* trr... *fp* trr... *fp* trr... *fp* ee... *ff* "Bulgarian-like"

flute

fp *fp* *fp* *fp*

22

voc

flute

fp fp f

25

voc

flute

fp fp fp fp p

tr

28

voc

flute

fp fp fp fp f fp

31

voc

flute

f fp fp f fp

34

voc

in this

flute

fp *fp* *fp* *p*

37

voc

house aa... house

flute

fp *fp* *fp* *fp*

40

voc

aa... house *fff*

flute

f

6

as fast as possible! ugly!

flute

1 5 6 8 1 3 1 5 9 8 10 1 2 1 3 1 5 8 12 13 1 5 6 9 8 10 12 13

Part IV: Mrs. Alving's theme/Reminiscence

To be performed after the last scene.

$\bullet = 75$
the singer leads freely

Female Vocalist

p
*following the singer
as close as possible*

Piccolo Flute

pp

5

voc

flute

gliss.

9

voc

flute

rit.

gliss. *as long as possible*

$\bullet = 60$
very freely
13 *bocca chiusa*

voc

pp

flute

muta in Flute

pp

17

voc *pp* *mp* *p*

flute

musical score for measures 17-20, featuring vocal and flute parts. The vocal line starts with a half note G4 (b), followed by a half note F#4 (b), a quarter note E4 (b), and a half note D4 (b). The flute line has a half note G3 (b), followed by a half note F#3 (b), a quarter note E3 (b), and a half note D3 (b). Dynamics are *pp*, *mp*, and *p*.

21

voc *pp* 3

flute 3

♩ = 52

musical score for measures 21-24, featuring vocal and flute parts. The vocal line starts with a half note G4 (b), followed by a half note F#4 (b), a quarter note E4 (b), and a half note D4 (b). The flute line has a half note G3 (b), followed by a half note F#3 (b), a quarter note E3 (b), and a half note D3 (b). Dynamics are *pp*. A tempo marking of 52 is shown.

25

voc *ppp* 8va if possible

flute 8va *ppp*

musical score for measures 25-28, featuring vocal and flute parts. The vocal line starts with a half note G4 (b), followed by a half note F#4 (b), a quarter note E4 (b), and a half note D4 (b). The flute line has a half note G3 (b), followed by a half note F#3 (b), a quarter note E3 (b), and a half note D3 (b). Dynamics are *ppp*. A tempo marking of 52 is shown.

29

voc

flute

musical score for measures 29-33, featuring vocal and flute parts. The vocal line starts with a half note G4 (b), followed by a half note F#4 (b), a quarter note E4 (b), and a half note D4 (b). The flute line has a half note G3 (b), followed by a half note F#3 (b), a quarter note E3 (b), and a half note D3 (b). Dynamics are *ppp*.

34

voc as long as possible

flute

musical score for measures 34-37, featuring vocal and flute parts. The vocal line starts with a half note G4 (b), followed by a half note F#4 (b), a quarter note E4 (b), and a half note D4 (b). The flute line has a half note G3 (b), followed by a half note F#3 (b), a quarter note E3 (b), and a half note D3 (b). Dynamics are *ppp*.

