

FULL SCORE

Air, We Need You
(#4 from **Midnight Sun Songs**)

for youth choir
and piano trio

words and melodies by
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music and arrangement by
Jeffrey Ryan

commissioned by
Northern Arts and Cultural Centre
and the Gryphon Trio

Programme Note:

For the 2014/15 season, the Gryphon Trio partnered with the Northern Arts and Cultural Centre for a far-reaching instalment of the Trio's *Listen Up!* project. Students in six communities throughout Canada's Northwest Territories wrote poetry around the theme of The Elements, then worked with composers Jeffrey Ryan and Carmen Braden to develop melodies for their poetry. These melodies became the source material for ***Midnight Sun Songs***, a collection of six songs for youth choir and piano trio composed and arranged by Jeffrey Ryan. ***Midnight Sun Songs*** received its world premiere in May 2015 at Yellowknife's Northern Arts and Cultural Centre, performed by a 70-voice youth choir comprised of students from the six participating communities, accompanied by the Gryphon Trio and conducted by Rob Kapilow.

Air, We Need You is the fourth song of the collection, and explores the idea of Air through our dependence on it for life but also through the sensations it gives us.

Performance Note:

Air, We Need You may be performed separately, or in combination with any or all of the other ***Midnight Sun Songs***.

AIR, WE NEED YOU

Air, we need you
So we can breathe and live
We are nothing without you
We all take what you give

Feel the wind in your hair
Hear the wind and I don't care
You see the wind and I say "Where?"
Taste the wind over there

Swoosh, swoosh, goes the wind
Through my air and on my skin
Touches the sky like a bird
With a comforting feeling on its wings

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Senza misura **A** *A tempo* ♩ = 120
f unpitched *pp*

Whoo - sh!

Vn *mf* *mp*

Vc *mf* *mp*

ff *mp*

→ hold pedal down to m. 10

(Sage Dimsdale/Fort Simpson)
mf

Air, we need you

Vn *tr*

Vc *tr*

tr

so we can breathe and

Vn *tr*

Vc *tr*

tr

B

10

live. We are no - thing

Vn

Vc

Detailed description: This block contains the musical score for section B, measures 10 through 12. The vocal line starts with the lyrics "live. We are no - thing". The violin and viola parts feature trills on the notes Bb and B. The piano accompaniment consists of a steady eighth-note pattern in both hands.



13

with - out you. We all

Vn

Vc

Detailed description: This block contains the musical score for section B, measures 13 through 15. The vocal line continues with the lyrics "with - out you. We all". The violin and viola parts continue with trills on Bb and B. The piano accompaniment remains a steady eighth-note pattern.



C

16

take what you give.

Vn

Vc

Detailed description: This block contains the musical score for section C, measures 16 through 18. The vocal line begins with the lyrics "take what you give.". The violin and viola parts feature trills on the notes Bb and B. The piano accompaniment continues with a steady eighth-note pattern.

19

Vn

Vc

19

tr *ff* *mf*

hold pedal down to m. 27

22

D *f* *pp*

Whoo-sh!

Vn

Vc

22

p sub.

(Leesha Setzer/Inuvik)

25 *mp*

Feel the wind in your hair.

Vn

Vc

25

E

28 *mp* Hear _____ the

Vn *mp* *sl.*

Vc *mp* *p*



31 wind _____ and I don't care. _____

Vn *mp*

Vc *mp*



34 **F** *mp* You see the wind _____ and _____

Vn *p*

Vc *p*

38

G

— I say "Where?" Taste the wind o -

Vn

Vc

p

38



42

H

ver there.

Vn

Vc

mf

42



46

Vn

Vc

p

46

50 **J** *f* *p* *f* *p*

Whoo-sh! Whoo-sh!

Vn

Vc

53 **K** airy whistle *p* gl. (o) (o)

Vn

Vc

mp
slightly detached, off the string

mp

53

mp

57 (Simone Hipfner/Yellowknife) *mf*

Swoosh, ___ swoosh, ___

Vn

Vc

57

mp

^ con ped. ad lib.

60

goes the wind,

Vn *gl.*

Vc

60



63

mf

through my hair and on my skin.

Vn *gl.*

Vc

63



66

L *mf*

Tou - ches the sky like a

Vn *gl.*

Vc

66

69

bird _____ with a com - fort - ing

Vn

Vc

69

poco rit. ----- *Meno mosso* ♩ = 96 **M** *Tempo primo* ♩ = 120

p

feel - ing on its wings.

Vn

Vc

8^{va}-----

mp *p* *p*

mp *p* *p*

72

72

(Ariah Thomas/Fort Simpson)

77 *mp*

Air, we need you so we can breathe

Vn

Vc

8^{va}-----

77

80 **N** *div.* live, live,

and live,

Vn

Vc

83 live.

Vn

Vc

83

unpitched air (exhale)

86 *mf* ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha *f* Whoo-sh! *pp*

Vn

Vc

86