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NHCS 4th Grade Class

Classroom Cantatas

Neighborhood House Charter School

The Wonders of Nature

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THE WONDERS OF NATURE

A CANTATA
Written by the Fourth Grade
Neighborhood House Charter School
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Wrens and Robins

Lively

Bird sounds from chorus begin softly, grow louder and more active, continuing until vocal line

Soprano

Piano

\textit{f stacc.} (trill 2nd time)

6

Wrens and rob-ins in the hedge. Wrens and rob-ins here and there.

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Wrens and rob ins in the hedge. Wrens and rob-ins here and there; Build-ing, build ing.

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Sop. perch...ing, peck, peck, peck, peck, peck, peck, peck, peck.

Pno. p cresc. mf

Sop. pecking, flittering, flittering, Everywhere.

Pno. p pp

Sop. E-everywhere.

Pno. mf

Sop. slower

Pno. psub.

Sop. ev erywhere, Everywhere! Ev erywhere.

Pno. pp sf
All Day I Hear the Noise of Waters

Poem by James Joyce

Music by Nicholas DeLeon, Lee Fulford, Simeon Lloyd-Wingard
Jahnelle Reynolds and Brooke Rodney
Neighborhood House Charter School
with Sara Wyse-Wenger, Cantata Singers

Gloomy, (seasick) (d. = c. 72)

All day I hear the noise of waters making moan,

making moan. sad as the sea bird is when going forth alone, forth a-

lone. He hears the winds cry to the water's monotone, mon-o-tone
All Day I Hear the Noise of Waters

The gray winds, the cold winds are blowing Where I go, To and fro.

I hear the noise of many waters Far below, To and fro,

All day, all night I hear them flowing To and fro,

To and fro.
Summer Storm

Poem by Sara Teasdale

Music by Ellison Monteiro, Darius Fitzpatrick, Nicholas Kammer, Marc Theodule and Marissa Kennedy
Neighborhood House Charter School
with Joshua Taylor, Cantata Singers

Swiftly (M.M. $d = c. 100$)

The pan-ther wind Leaps out of the night,

The snake of light-ning is twist-ing and white,

The li - on of thun - der

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Roars—And we Sit still and content Under a tree—We have met fate

together And love— and pain,

Why should we fear The wrath of the rain!
The Frog

Poem by Hilaire Belloc

Music by Caroline Guilfoyle, John Jimenez, Chase Joyner, Jacqueline Nguyen and Jason Ortega
Neighborhood House Charter School
with Angelyne Hinson, Cantata Singers

Voices and Piano

Cheery

Be kind and tender to the Frog,

Slow

and do not call him names,

a tempo

"Slimy skin" or "Pol-ly-wog, Pol-ly wog" or like-wise "Ugly"

Slow

James"

Or "Gap-a-grin" or "Toad-gone-wrong" or

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"Bill Bandy knees": The Frog is justly sensitive. To epithets like these. No animal will more repay a treatment kind and fair; At least so lonely people say Who keep a frog (and, by the way, They are extremely rare).
Trees

Poem by Harry Behn

Music by Edward Brown, Max Larkin-Dunphy
Nyasia Lewis, Celia Quinn and Isaiah Wright
Neighborhood House Charter School
with Sara Wyse-Wenger, Cantata Singers

Trees are the kind-est things I

know, They do no harm, they simp-ly grow And spread a shade for sleep-y

cows, And gather birds a-mong their boughs. They give us fruit in

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trees
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leaves above, and wood to make our houses of.

And

leaves to burn on Halloween,

And in the spring new

buds of green.

They are the first when day's begun to

touch the beams of morning sun.

They are the last to
Trees

35
hold the light when evening changes into night,

And when a moon floats

40
on the sky they hum a drowsy lullaby Of sleepy children long ago.

45
Happy

Spoken:

Trees are the kind-est things I know.

Trees are the kind-est things I know.
The Vulture

Poem by Hilaire Belloc

Music by Hamilton Coiscou, Christian Jenkins
Jaianna Spears and Caroline Tevnan
Neighborhood House Charter School
with Jacque Wilson, Cantata Singers

Scary, creepy, with lots of rubato

Piano

Vulture eats between his meals,

and that's the reason why He

very, very, rarely feels as well as you and I
His eye is dull, His head is bald, His neck is growing thinner.

Oh! what a lesson for us all to only eat at dinner!
The Kind Moon

Poem by Sara Teasdale

Music by Kiara Caceda, Kristina Choukas, Allen Fleureny, Jahdejha Henderson and Jonathan Pace
Neighborhood House Charter School
with Jacque Wilson, Cantata Singers

I think the moon is very kind
To take such trouble just for me.
He came along with me from home
To keep me company.

He went as fast as I could run
I wonder how he crossed the sky
I'm sure he hasn't
The Kind Moon

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legs and feet
I'm sure he hasn't legs and feet
or any wings to fly

accel.
Yet here he is above their roof perhaps he

f \rightarrow p
thinks it isn't right
For me to go so far alone Tho' moth-er said I

sfz
might.
Twilight

Poem by Sara Teasdale

Music by Stephen Connor, Edward Davis, Cachelle Johnson-Lewis
Jasiah Marshall-Scott and Alexis Wright
Neighborhood House Charter School
with Joshua Taylor, Cantata Singers

Piano and Voices

Dreamy (\(\approx\) ca 60)

Dream-\(\text{i-ly}\) o-ver the roofs the
cold spring rain is fall-\(\text{ing}\).

\[\text{\textsc{J = ca 88}}\]

Out in the lone-\(\text{ly}\) tree a
bird is call-\(\text{ing}\).

\[\text{\textsc{J = ca 88}}\]

call-\(\text{ing}\) Slow-\(\text{ly}\) o-ver the earth, slow-\(\text{ly}\) o-\(\text{ver}\) the

\[\text{\textsc{J = ca 88}}\]

earth the wings of night are fall-\(\text{ing}\). My

\[\text{\textsc{J = ca 88}}\]

heart like the bird in the trees is call-\(\text{ing}\), call-\(\text{ing}\), call-\(\text{ing}\).
And My Heart Soars

Lyrics by Chief Dan George

Music by Felice Cabral, Wesley Eghan, Jenna Guilfoyle
Bruno Pires and Jakob Rodriguez
Neighborhood House Charter School
with Angelynne Hinson, Cantata Singers.

Freely, slowly (\( \text{j = ca 102} \))

The beauty of the trees, the softness of the air, The

fragrance of the grass speaks to me

ritardando

speaks to me, speaks to me, speaks to me, speaks to me,

The summit of the mountain, The thunder of the

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And My Heart Soars

Whispered
speaks to me, speaks to me, speaks to me, speaks to me,

sky, The rhythm of the sea speaks to

ritardando

speaks to me, speaks to me, speaks to me,

The faintness of the stars, The freshness of the

ritardando

speaks to me, speaks to me, speaks to me, speaks to me,

morning. The dewdrop on the flower speaks to me

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And My Heart Soars

speaks to me, speaks to me, speaks to me,

The strength of fire, The taste of salmon,
The trail of the sun, And the life that never goes away, They speak to me.

And my heart soars.
The Caterpillar

Moderately fast

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Neighborhood House Charter School
with Andy Vores
arranged by David Hoose

Soprano
Brown and furry caterpillar in a hurry.

Piano
p legato

Brown and furry, furry caterpillar in a hurry, hurry.

stacc.

Take your walk to the shady leaf or stalk, take your walk to the shady leaf or stalk.

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No toad spy you, no toad spy you, Hovering bird of prey pass by you; Spin and

Spin and die; Spin and die; To live again a butterfly.

To live again a butterfly.