

Violin II

Twenty-One Birds

for string quartet and digital acoustics

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Allegretto ♩ = 60

Musical notation for measures 1-2. The top staff is in treble clef with a 12/8 time signature. It features a melodic line starting with a forte (*ff*) dynamic, marked with an accent (>) and a slur. The bottom staff is in bass clef with a 12/8 time signature, showing a bass line with rests and notes. The bird names "Whooping Crane" and "Yellow Billed Cuckoo" are written below the staves.

Musical notation for measures 3-4. The top staff is in treble clef with a 12/8 time signature. It features a melodic line with a forte (*ff*) dynamic, marked with an accent (>) and a slur. The bottom staff is in bass clef with a 12/8 time signature, showing a bass line with rests and notes. The bird names "Yellow Crowned Night Heron" and "Short-Eared Owl" are written below the staves. Performance markings include *pizz.* and *arco*.

Musical notation for measures 5-6. The top staff is in treble clef with a 12/8 time signature. It features a melodic line with a piano (*ppp*) dynamic, marked with an accent (>) and a slur. The bottom staff is in bass clef with a 12/8 time signature, showing a bass line with rests and notes. The bird name "Lark Sparrow" is written below the staves. Performance markings include *pizz.* and *arco*.

Musical notation for measure 7. The top staff is in treble clef with a 12/8 time signature. It features a melodic line with a mezzo-piano (*mp*) dynamic, marked with an accent (>) and a slur. The bottom staff is in bass clef with a 12/8 time signature, showing a bass line with rests and notes. A box labeled "A" is placed above the first few notes. The dynamic *f* is written below the staff.

Musical notation for measure 8. The top staff is in treble clef with a 12/8 time signature. It features a melodic line with a piano (*p*) dynamic, marked with an accent (>) and a slur. The bottom staff is in bass clef with a 12/8 time signature, showing a bass line with rests and notes. The dynamics *mp* and *f* are written below the staff.

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10 *p* *f* *mp* *f* Dickcissel

14 **B** *pp* Cerulean Warbler

16 *f* *sfp*

18 *f* *mp* 3 3 Red Shouldered Hawk

20 *arco* *f* *ff* *pp* King Rail

22 **C** *pp* La Conte's Sparrow

23 *ff* *ppp* Whip-poor-will

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ppp *f* *ff* *ff* *pp* 3

Acadian Flycatcher

27

pp *ff* 3 3 3 3

Purple Martin

29

f *p* *pp*

31 **D**

mp *f*

Henslow Sparrow Lark Sparrow

32

p *f*

35 **E**

mp *f* 5

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mp *f* (B5) *f*

40

ff *f* **F** *f*

Kirtland Warbler

42

(E7) *f*

Loggerhead Shrike

44

G **H** *f*

(E6) *Greater Prairie Chicken*

49

Dawn Chorus

52

55

56

tr *tr* *tr*

58

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61 **I**

pp

Sharp-Tailed Grouse

63

ff

70 **J**

Birds Take Flight

72

73

75

ff

f

76

ff

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K

78 *trm* *trm* *ff*

80

81 *8va* *pp* (D#7)

83 *ff* *pizz.* *arco* *f > p* Yellow Crowned Night Heron

L *arco* *8va* *ppp*

(8) *Dickcissel*

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