

and the wind blows
L3-

Matthew Compton
3, 4, 5, 6, or 7 octaves handbells
and optional 3, 4, 5, 6, or 7 octaves handchimes

CGB1410



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Composer's Notes

When I was approached to compose ***and the wind blows***, I took to the project with as much sensitivity as I could. The piece was commissioned in memory of a beloved ringer of First Lutheran Church in Colorado Springs, Colorado (my home congregation) who had sadly passed away very suddenly, and at an unexpected time of life. Deana Sherman was a joyful person and very much loved amongst the church. Her death was such a surprise for everyone.

I was left with a very small request regarding the work: please have an emphasis on the use of bass chimes, and if possible an emphasis on CD4, her favorite position. Beyond that, the piece was left to me to compose.

I spent a lot of time considering the challenges and emotions that come with a loved one or friend passing away, especially unexpectedly. As I talked to Joan Kuehn, the Director of Music Ministries at First Lutheran, I noticed some common trends in the way she talked about this. First comes the initial pure sadness and heartbreak of the situation. Then, there is grieving; a state of almost unrest and tension. There's a buildup of unanswered questions – why? Why now? Why her? There's almost a sense of anger and frustration in not knowing why and so we cry out to God asking “why?”

But death is not an end for all. There is hope. Light. Peace. We find it in the memories and loved ones still here who can talk about Deana or our own lost friends and family. We can find joy in knowing they are in a better place – the tension is relieved and an almost heavenly sound comes. We can eventually find peace and rest and know that, even if we don't understand, all will be well and we can find solace in this.

The title and the wind blows was inspired by John 3:8 (The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.) and Ecclesiastes 11:5 (As you do not know the path of the wind, or how the body is formed in a mother's womb, so you cannot understand the work of God, the Maker of all things.). These two verses speak to the knowledge that even though we do not understand God and his ways, if we take refuge in knowing he will provide, we can find peace through him.

It is my hope that while you play and the wind blows you consider your own friends and family and the impact you have on their lives, and theirs on you.

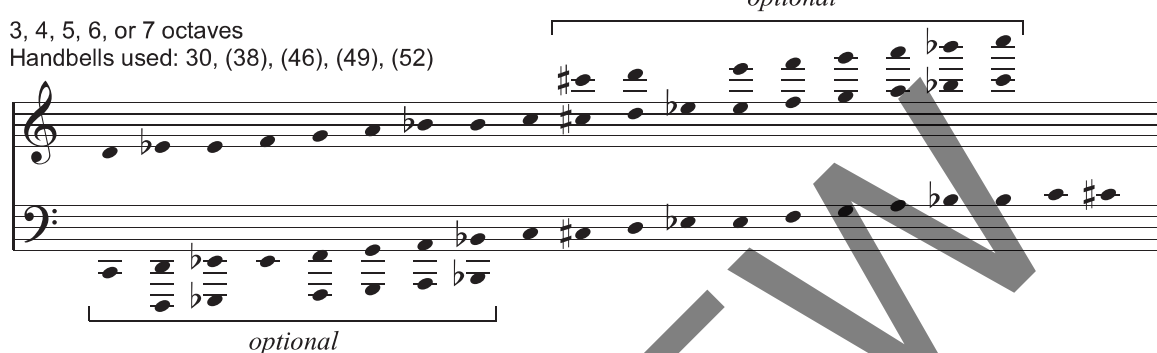
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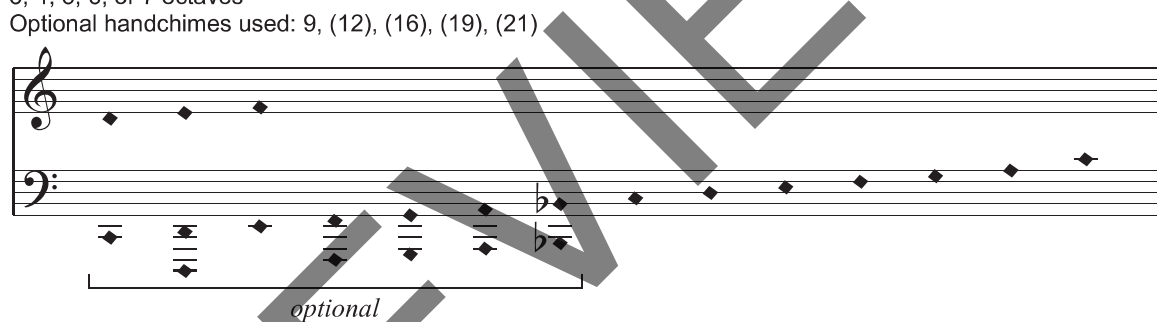
3, 4, 5, 6, or 7 octaves
Handbells used: 30, (38), (46), (49), (52)

optional



3, 4, 5, 6, or 7 octaves
Optional handchimes used: 9, (12), (16), (19), (21)

optional

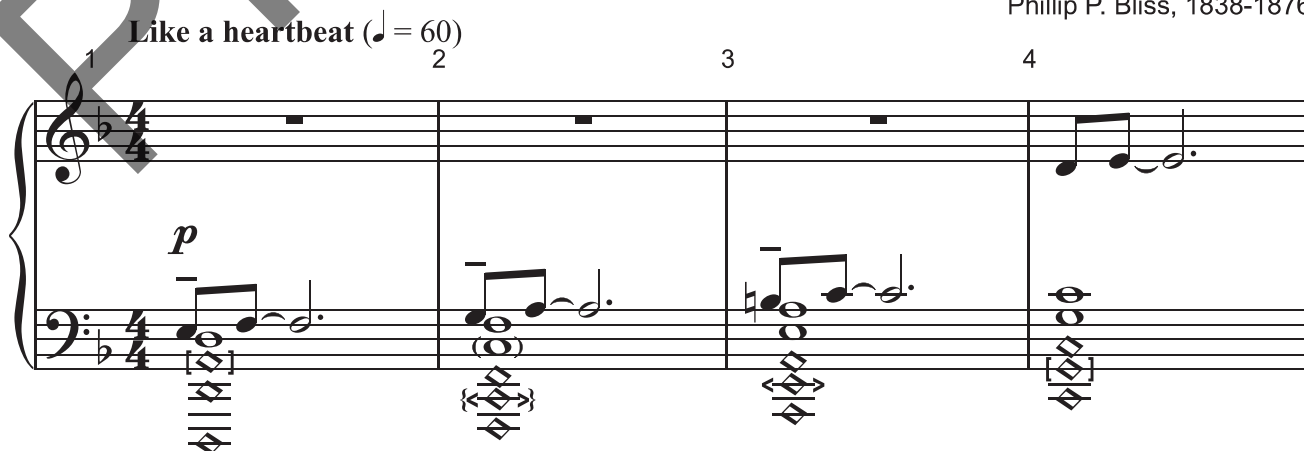


3 octave choirs omit notes in ().
4 octave choirs omit notes in [].
5 octave choirs omit notes in < > .
6 octave choirs omit notes in { } .
Mallets are required for handbells C6 through A7.

Matthew Compton
incorporating *VILLE DU HAVRE*
Phillip P. Bliss, 1838-1876

Like a heartbeat (♩ = 60)

1 2 3 4



5 6 7 8

mp *f*

9 $\text{♩} = 72$ 10 11 12

mf LV R

13 14 15 16

17 18 19 20

rit.

Detailed description: This is a musical score for piano, spanning measures 5 to 20. The score is written for two staves, treble and bass. Measures 5-8 are marked with a mezzo-piano (*mp*) dynamic, while measures 9-12 are marked mezzo-forte (*mf*). Measures 13-16 continue with the *mf* dynamic. Measures 17-20 are marked with a ritardando (*rit.*) dynamic. The score includes various musical notations such as eighth notes, quarter notes, and half notes, as well as rests and accidentals. A large, diagonal watermark reading 'PREVIEW' is overlaid across the center of the page.

37 38 39 40

mf

This system contains measures 37 through 40. The treble clef staff features a melodic line starting with a dotted quarter note on G4, followed by eighth notes A4, B4, C5, and D5. Measures 38 and 39 continue this melody. Measure 40 features a half note D5, with a crescendo hairpin and the dynamic marking *mf* (mezzo-forte) indicated. The bass clef staff has whole rests in measures 37, 38, and 39, and then plays a series of quarter notes: F3, G3, A3, B3, and C4 in measure 40.

41 42 43 44

This system contains measures 41 through 44. The treble clef staff continues the melodic line from the previous system. Measure 41 starts with a dotted quarter note on G4. Measures 42 and 43 continue the eighth-note sequence. Measure 44 features a half note D5. The bass clef staff plays a steady accompaniment of quarter notes: F3, G3, A3, B3, and C4.

45 46 47 48

This system contains measures 45 through 48. The treble clef staff continues the melodic line. Measure 45 starts with a dotted quarter note on G4. Measures 46 and 47 continue the eighth-note sequence. Measure 48 features a half note D5, with a crescendo hairpin and the dynamic marking *mf* (mezzo-forte) indicated. The bass clef staff plays a steady accompaniment of quarter notes: F3, G3, A3, B3, and C4.

49 50 51 52

This system contains measures 49 through 52. The treble clef staff continues the melodic line. Measure 49 starts with a dotted quarter note on G4. Measures 50 and 51 continue the eighth-note sequence. Measure 52 features a half note D5. The bass clef staff plays a steady accompaniment of quarter notes: F3, G3, A3, B3, and C4.

53 54 55 56

57 58 59

60 61 62

63 64 65

mf

f

ff

This musical score is for a piano piece, spanning measures 53 to 65. The notation is in treble and bass staves. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The score includes dynamic markings: *mf* (mezzo-forte) at measure 57, *f* (forte) at measure 55, and *ff* (fortissimo) at measure 63. The music features a variety of note values, including eighth and sixteenth notes, and rests. A large, diagonal watermark reading 'PREVIEW' is overlaid across the center of the page.

78 79 80

p

81 82 83 84

molto rit.

LV (through m. 84)

mp

85 86 87

= LV

R

rit.

f a tempo

LV

88 LV

89 LV

90 LV

91 LV

92 LV

93 LV

94 LV

95 LV

rit.

ff

rit.

The musical score is for a piano piece, measures 88 through 95. It is written for a grand piano with a treble and bass staff. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). Measure 88 starts with a treble staff marked 'LV' and a bass staff with a complex chordal texture. Measure 89 continues the texture. Measure 90 features a treble staff marked 'LV' and a bass staff with a rhythmic pattern. Measure 91 has a treble staff marked 'LV' and a bass staff with a 'rit.' (ritardando) marking. Measure 92 has a treble staff marked 'LV' and a bass staff with a 'ff' (fortissimo) marking. Measure 93 has a treble staff marked 'LV' and a bass staff with a 'rit.' marking. Measure 94 has a treble staff marked 'LV' and a bass staff with a 'rit.' marking. Measure 95 has a treble staff marked 'LV' and a bass staff with a 'rit.' marking. A large 'PREVIEW' watermark is overlaid diagonally across the page.

96 LV 97 R 98

mp

99 100 *mf* 101

102 103 104

The musical score is for a piano piece, measures 96 through 104. It is written in G major and 4/4 time. The notation is in grand staff (treble and bass clefs). Measures 96-98: Measure 96 has a melodic line in the right hand (RH) and a bass line in the left hand (LH). Measure 97 has a sustained chord in the RH and a melodic line in the LH. Measure 98 has a sustained chord in the RH and a melodic line in the LH. Measures 99-101: Measure 99 has a sustained chord in the RH and a melodic line in the LH. Measure 100 has a sustained chord in the RH and a melodic line in the LH. Measure 101 has a sustained chord in the RH and a melodic line in the LH. Measures 102-104: Measure 102 has a sustained chord in the RH and a melodic line in the LH. Measure 103 has a sustained chord in the RH and a melodic line in the LH. Measure 104 has a sustained chord in the RH and a melodic line in the LH. The score includes dynamic markings (*mp*, *mf*) and articulation marks (accents, slurs). A large 'PREVIEW' watermark is overlaid on the score.

114 *mf* LV C5 to DE5 ringer to end

115

116

117

118

119

120

121

122

123 124 125

126 127 128

129 130 131

LV +

pp

p

rit.

The musical score is for a piano piece, measures 123 through 131. It is written for two staves, treble and bass. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and dynamic markings. A large, diagonal watermark reading 'PREVIEW' is overlaid across the center of the page. The score is divided into three systems. The first system (measures 123-125) features a melodic line in the treble staff with a long slur over measures 124 and 125, and a bass line with chords and eighth notes. The second system (measures 126-128) includes dynamic markings *pp* and *p*, and a *rit.* marking. The third system (measures 129-131) shows a melodic line with a long slur over measures 130 and 131, and a bass line with chords and eighth notes.



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