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# Something Told the Wild Geese

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SATB and Piano\* with Optional Cello\*\*

Words by  
Rachel Field (1894-1942)

Music by  
Douglas E. Wagner

A diagram showing the vocal ranges for Soprano, Alto, Tenor, and Bass. Each voice part is represented by a staff with a treble or bass clef. A melodic line is written across the staves, starting on a middle C and moving up and then down, illustrating the range of the piece.

Reflectively, with freedom (♩ = ca. 80)

Piano accompaniment notation in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. The music is marked *mf* (mezzo-forte), *rit.* (ritardando), and *a tempo*. The right hand features chords and moving lines, while the left hand provides a steady accompaniment.

Vocal and piano accompaniment notation for the first line of the song. The vocal parts (Soprano and Alto, Tenor and Bass) enter with the lyrics "Some - thing told the wild geese". The piano accompaniment continues. Dynamics include *mf*. A large "PREVIEW" watermark is overlaid on the page.

Performance time: ca. 2:40

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\*\*Cello part is on page 8.

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it was time— to go. ————— Though the fields lay  
 time to go.  
 go. —————

11 *rit.* *p a tempo*  
 gold - en ————— some - thing ————— whis - pered: "snow."  
*rit.* *p a tempo*

14 *mp*  
 Ah —————

18

ah  
*mf*

Leaves were green and

21

stir - ring, ber - ries, lus - ter - glosed,

24

*mf* *rit.*

but be - neath warm feath - ers some-thing cau - tioned:

*mf* *rit.*

27 *p a tempo* *mp*

"frost." *p a tempo* All the sag - ging

*mp a tempo +Vc.*

30 *mp*

or - chards — steamed with am - ber spice,

All the or - chards

33 *rit.* *rit.* *rit.*

but each wild breast stiff - ened — at re - mem - bered

Slower (♩ = ca. 72) *mf*

36

ice. \_\_\_\_\_

Some - thing told the

Slower (♩ = ca. 72)

-Vc. *p*

*mf* +Vc.

39

wild geese it was time to

*mf*

Some - thing told the wild geese to

41

fly. \_\_\_\_\_

Sum - mer sun was

fly. \_\_\_\_\_

43

on their wings, win - ter in their

45

cry, win - ter, win - ter,

*mp*

*mp*

-Vc. *mp*

48

win - ter in their in their cry.

*rit.*

*rit.*

win - ter in their in their cry.

*rit.* +Vc.



Cello

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1-2 *rit.* *a tempo* 2 6 *rit.*

12 *a tempo* 7 5 *rit.*

13-19 20-24

27 *a tempo*  
*mp*

31

34 *rit.*

37 **Slower** (♩ = ca. 72)  
*mf*

41

45 *rit.*  
*mp*

46-47

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