

OR JUNE THAT BREATHES
LIFE OUT FOR BUTTERFLIES?

for solo piano

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In loving memory of my mother,

Dórey Dóranna Þórarinsdóttir.

*A wound gives off its own light
surgeons say.
If all the lamps in the house were turned out
you could dress this wound
by what shines from it.*

- ANNE CARSON

The Beauty of the Husband, p. 5

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The title is from **John Keates'** poem, *To the Ladies Who Saw Me Crown'd*," line 10.

PERFORMANCE NOTES

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Everything in the music should be executed plainly and in a non-exaggerated manner.

Una corda and without a sustain pedal throughout.

Memory arpeggio



An upward arpeggio (non rubato). Each entry should slightly vary in expression, depending on the music, by differentiating the pacing between arpeggios, in order to avoid the impression of a repetition, [but with each arpeggio maintaining an even internal tempo.]

Straight arpeggio



An upward arpeggio that is identical every entry, creating a sense of repetition.

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♩ = 63 M.M.
with care

3/4 * (1) *Memory arpeggio*
* (2) *Let vibrate* *sempre*

mf

6

11

16

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* (2) *Let vibrate throughout* - *una corda* and without a sustain pedal.

* (3) *Straight arpeggio* - an upward arpeggio that is identical every entry, creating a sense of repetition.

21

2/4 3/4 4/4 2/4

Pno.

(Let ring out)

26

2/4 3/4 2/4 3/4 2/4

Pno.

31

2/4 3/4 4/4

Pno.

(Let ring out)

36

(3) Straight arpeggio (echo) sempre

2/4 (1) Memory arpeggio 3/4 sempre 2/4 3/8

Pno.

(Let ring out)

41

3/8 2/4 3/4 2/4

Pno.

46 $\frac{2}{4}$ $\frac{4}{4}$ $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{2}{4}$ $\frac{3}{4}$

Pno.

(Let ring out)

51 $\frac{2}{4}$ $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{2}{4}$

Pno.

56 $\frac{4}{4}$ $\frac{2}{4}$

Pno.

(Let ring out)

(Let ring out)

** (s) Straight arpeggio (echo) sempre*

** (t) Memory arpeggio*

61 *sempre* $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{2}{4}$ $\frac{3}{8}$

Pno.

66 $\frac{3}{8}$ $\frac{2}{4}$ $\frac{4}{4}$ $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{2}{4}$ $\frac{3}{4}$

Pno.

(Let ring out)

71 $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{2}{4}$ $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{2}{4}$ $\frac{3}{4}$

Pno.

76 $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{2}{4}$ $\frac{4}{4}$ $\frac{4}{4}$

Pno.

(Let ring out)

81 $\frac{4}{4}$ $\frac{3}{8}$ $\frac{4}{4}$ $\frac{3}{8}$ $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{2}{4}$

Pno.

** (3) Straight arpeggio (echo) sempre*

86 $\frac{2}{4}$ $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{3}{8}$ $\frac{2}{4}$ $\frac{3}{8}$ $\frac{3}{4}$

Pno.

91 $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{3}{8}$ $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{4}{4}$

Pno.

(Let ring out)