

A PUPPET'S DREAM

For SSAA Treble Voices (Divisi)

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ABOUT THE WORK

"I always sat and wondered if lifeless beings such as puppets actually had a mind of their own, and if they did, what their thoughts would be?"

A Puppet's Dream is inspired by another one of my imaginary fantasy worlds of magic where it speaks of the inner-most desires of a group of puppets and their dream of becoming human. The work brings you on their journey of confusion and mystery as they start hearing voices in their head, and suddenly find themselves engulfed the magical transformation as the puppets slowly turn into real people, only to discover in the end that it was all a dream.

In 2018, Puppet's Dream was presented as the featured "Discovery of the Month" Series by legendary composer, John Rutter.

ABOUT THE COMPOSER

Darius Lim is President of the Choral Directors' Association of Singapore, Music Director of VOCO Singapore Ladies Choir, and Founder & Artistic Director of the Voices of Asia International Choir Festival. The multi-award Singaporean Conductor-Composer has risen to prominence in the local and international scene with more than 40 top international and national awards to his name. Lim's choral works have been performed widely around the world. Between 2012 and 2014, "Light of the Night", "Puppet's Dream" and "5 Elemental Dances for Youth and Children's Choirs" received international acclaim, with subsequent performances of those works by more than 230 choirs from China, America, Hong Kong, Australia, Spain, South Korea, Finland, Malaysia, Taiwan, Russia, Singapore and the Philippines.

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$\text{♩} = 72$

Soprano 1 *f mf f mp*
Sha Sha! ah eh ah eh ah ah eh ah eh ah

Soprano 2 *f mf f mp p*
Sha Sha! Dance!

Soprano 3 *f mf f mp*
Sha Sha!

Soprano 4 *f mf f mp p*
Sha Sha! Dance!

Alto 1 *f mf f mp*
Sha Sha! a bright and shi-ning flo-wer the lit-tle fo-rest sho-wer the sun that shines and mar-vels the night that brings the o-wls

Alto 2 *f mf f mp p*
Sha Sha! Dance!

Alto 3 *f mf f mp*
Sha Sha! hun hun hun hun hun hun hun hun

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S.1 ah eh ah eh ah ah eh ah laugh - - - ter ah eh ah eh ah

S.2 laugh - - - ter dance!

S.3 *f* Dance in the woods makea me - rry laugh - - - ter oh dance in the woods

S.4 laugh - - - ter dance!

A.1 a bright and shi-ning flo-wer the lit-tle forest sho-wer the sun that shines and mar-vels the night that brings the o-wls a bright and shi-ning flo-wer

A.2 laugh - - - ter dance!

A.3 hun hun hun hun yo yo yo yo hun hun

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S.1 ah eh ah eh ah fas - - - - ter the light of the dawn has a

S.2 fas - - - - ter light of dawn has se - cret

S.3 dance a li - ttle fas - - - - ter the light of the dawn has a

S.4 fas - - - - ter light of dawn has se - cret

A.1 the lit - tle fo - rest sho - wer the sun that shines and mar - vels the night that brings the o - wls light of the dawn has a

A.2 fas - - - - ter light of the dawn has a

A.3 hun hun ahh ahh ahh ahh light

mp

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S.1 se - cret that ma - ny would not know that it hears where the night goes and where the star - ry sky hides the moon on high

S.2 that you would not know it hear the night and where the wind goes by and where the star - ry sky that hides the moon on high

S.3 se - cret that ma - ny would not know that it hears where the night goes and where the star - ry sky hides the moon on high

S.4 that you would not know it hear the night and where the wind goes by and where the star - ry sky that hides the moon on high

A.1 se - cret that you would not know that it hears where the night goes and where star - ry sky hides the moon on high on high

A.2 se - cret that you would not know that it hears where the night goes and where star - ry sky hides the moon on high

A.3 — hear the night sky moon high

f

"Voices of puppet dreams"

21 *mp*

S.1 Shi ning hills and streams and the show-ers in the sun-light Fa-ding stars at sight and the moon light

S.3 *mp*
Shi ning hills and streams and the show-ers in the sun-light Fa-ding stars at sight and the moon light still

A.1 *mp*
Shi ning hills and streams and the show-ers in the sun-light Fa-ding stars at sight and the moon light still in

A.3 *mp*
Shi ning hills and streams and the show-ers in the sun-light Fa-ding stars at sight and the moon light still in si - lence

25 *mp*

S.1 still in si - lence_ Shi ning hills and streams and the show-ers in the sun-light Fa-ding

S.2 *fp*
dance!_

S.3 *mp*
in si - lence_ Shi ning hills and streams and the show-ers in the sun-light Fa-ding stars at

S.4 *fp*
dance!_

A.1 *mp*
si - lence_ Shi ning hills and streams and the show-ers in the sun-light Fa-ding stars at sight

A.2 *fp*
dance!

A.3 *mp*
Shi ning hills and streams and the show-ers in the sun-light Fa-ding stars at sight and the

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S.1 stars at sight and the moon light still in si-lence Shi ning hills and streams and the show-ers in the sun-light Fa-ding

S.2 *mf* dance! *f* dance! _____

S.3 sight and the moon light still in si-lence Shi ning hills and streams and the show-ers in the sun-light Fa-ding stars at

S.4 *mf* dance! *f* dance! _____

A.1 and the moon light still in si-lence Shi ning hills and streams and the show-ers in the sun-light Fa-ding stars at sight

A.2 *mf* dance! *f* dance! _____

A.3 moon light still in si-lence Shi ning hills and streams and the show-ers in the sun-light Fa-ding stars at sight and the

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S.1 stars at sight and the moon-light Dance and stomp a lit-tle fas-ter Dance for joy dance for the laugh-ter

S.2 *f* Dance and stomp a lit-tle fas-ter Dance for joy dance for the laugh-ter

S.3 sight and the moon light still Dance and stomp a lit-tle fas-ter Dance for joy dance for the laugh-ter

S.4 *f* Dance and stomp a lit-tle fas-ter Dance for joy dance for the laugh-ter

A.1 and the moon light still in Dance and stomp a lit-tle fas-ter Dance for joy dance for the laugh-ter

A.2 *f* dance! Dance and stomp a lit-tle fas-ter Dance for joy dance for the laugh-ter

A.3 moon light still in si-lence Dance and stomp a lit-tle fas-ter Dance for joy dance for the laugh-ter

(foot stomp) (clap)

Choreo Suggestions:
All to drop hands and body
slightly into a puppet action

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S.1 *ff* ha! ha! ha! ha! Mmm...

S.2 *ff* ha! ha! ha! ha! Mmm...

S.3 *ff* ha! ha! Mmm...

S.4 *ff* ha! ha! Mmm...

A.1 *ff* ha! ha! Mmm...

A.2 *ff* ha! ha! Mmm...

A.3 *ff* ha! ha! Mmm...

Rattle Clap

Move Like Puppets:
(Transformation from
puppets to real people)

42 $\text{♩} = 120$

S.2 dance light - ly dance swift - ly dance in the woods sweet - ly dance light - ly

S.4 a - round we go

A.1 fa-ding stars at sight and still moon-light in the si-lence fa-ding stars at sight and

A.2 dance in the moon - light dance in the moon - light dance in the moon - light dance in the moon - light

A.3 dan dan dan dan dan

Rattle Clap $\text{♩} = 120$

Castanets

Triangle $\text{♩} = 120$

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S.2 dance swift - ly dance in the woods sweet - ly dance light - ly dance swift - ly

S.3 dance a dance a dance in the

S.4 as soft as snow the moon is shi-ning the star-light bea-ming a - roundwe go as soft as snow

A.1 still moon-light in the si-lence fa-ding stars at sight and still moon-light in the si-lence fa-ding stars at sight and still moon-light in the si-lence

A.2 dance in the moon - light dance in the moon - light dance in the moon - light dance in the moon - light dance in the moon - light

A.3 dan dan dan dan dan

Rattle Clap

Castanets

Triangle

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S.1 dance! dance! dance! dance! dance! dance! dance! dance!

S.2 dance in the woods sweet - ly dance light - ly dance swift - ly dance in the

S.3 woods a dance a dance in the woods a dance a dance in the woods a dance a

S.4 the moon is shi-ning the star-light bea-ming a - roundwe go as soft as snow the moon is shi-ning

A.1 fa-ding stars at sight and still moon-light in the si-lence fa-ding stars at sight and still moon-light in the si-lence fa-ding stars at sight and

A.2 dance in the moon - light dance in the moon - light dance in the moon - light dance in the moon - light dance in the moon - light

A.3 dan dan dan dan dan

Rattle Clap

Castanets

Triangle

57 $\text{♩} = 86 \text{ poco accel.}$

S.1 dance! dance! dance! dance! dance! dance! dance! dance dance! dance!

S.2 woods sweet - ly dance light - ly dance swift - ly dance in the woods sweet - ly

S.3 dance in the woods a dance a dance in the woods a dance a dance in the

S.4 the star-light bea-ming a - round we go as soft as snow the moon is shi ning the star-light bea-ming

A.1 still moon-light in the si - lence fa-ding stars at sight and still moon-light in the si-lence fa-ding stars at sight and still moon-light in the si - lence

A.2 dance in the moon - light dance in the moon - light dance in the moon - light dance in the moon - light dance in the moon - light

A.3 dan dan dan dan dan

Rattle Clap $\text{♩} = 86 \text{ poco accel.}$

Castanets

Triangle 57