

A PUPPET'S DREAM

For SATB 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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Singapore Youth Festival Central Judging of Choirs 2011 (Secondary School Choirs)
(Also Available for 7-part treble voices)*

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$\text{♩} = 72$

Soprano 1
Sha Sha! ah eh ah eh ah ah eh ah ah eh ah eh ah laugh - - - ter

Soprano 2
Sha Sha! Dance! laugh - - - ter

Soprano 3
Sha Sha! Dance in the woods make a me - rry laugh - - - ter oh

Soprano 4
Sha Sha! Dance! laugh - - - ter

Alto 1
Sha Sha! a bright and shi-ning flower the lit-tle fo-rest sho-der the sun that shines and mar-vels the night that brings the o-wls a bright and shi-ning flower the lit-tle fo-rest sho-der the sun that shines and mar-vels the night that brings the o-wls

Alto 2
Sha Sha! Dance! laugh - - - ter

Tenor 1
Sha Sha! hun hun hun hun hun hun hun hun yo yo yo yo

Tenor 2
Sha Sha! the sun that shines the night that brings a bright and shin-ing the lit-tle fo-rest laugh - - - ter

Bass 1
Sha Sha! Dance! laugh - - - ter

Bass 2
Sha Sha! hun hun hun hun hun hun hun hun yo yo yo yo

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S.1 ah eh ah eh ah ah eh ah fas - - - ter the light of the dawn has a se - cret that many would not know that it hears where the night goes and where the star - ry sky hides the moon on high

S.2 dance! fas - - - ter light of dawn has secret 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 dance in the woods dance a li - ttle fas - - - ter the light of the dawn has a se - cret that many would not know that it hears where the night goes and where the star - ry sky hides the moon on high

S.4 dance! fas - - - ter light of dawn has secret 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 abright and shi-ning flo-wer the lit-tle fo rest ho-wer the sun that shines and mar-vels the night that brings the o-wls light of the dawn has a 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 dance! fas - - - ter light of the dawn has a se - cret that you would not know that it hears where the night goes and where star - ry sky hides the moon on high

T. hun hun hun hun ahh ahh ahh ahh light hear the night sky moon high

T. abright and shin-ing the lit-tle fo rest fas - - - ter light of the dawn has a se - cret that you would not know that it hears where the night goes and where star - ry sky hides the moon on high

B. dance! fas - - - ter light of dawn has secret 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

B. hun hun hun hun ahh ahh ahh ahh light hear the night sky moon high

Alto 2 splits to Alto 2 & 3

"Voices of the puppets' dreams"

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mp

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

S.2 *fp* dance! _____

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

S.4 *fp* dance! _____

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

A.2 *fp* dance! _____

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

T. *p* (In the distance) In a dream you can't deny Glow-ing like the dia-ond sky Moon-light fa-ding in your eyes

T. *pp* Still *mf* Si - lence is still Moon - light is _____

B. *pp* Still *mp* Make a me - rry laugh - ter *mf* Dance a li - ttle fas - ter *mp* Make a me - rry laugh - ter *mf*

B. *pp* Still Dance Moon Light

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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 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 dance! dance! Dance and stomp a lit-tle fas-ter Dance for joy dance for the laugh-ter

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

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

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

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

T. Twir-ling Swir-ling in the night! Light! Now i-lu-mi-nate! in the round of fire Dance for joy dance for the laugh-ter

T. real Shi-ning hills and Si-lence is still Moon-light and the fire Dance for joy dance for the laugh-ter

B. Dance a li-ttle fas-ter Make a me-rry laugh-ter Dance a li-ttle fas-ter Make a me-rry laugh-ter fire Dance for joy dance for the laugh-ter

B. Shine Dance Moon Light fire

(foot stomp) (clap)

Choreo Suggestions:
All to slowly raise hands up towards the magic of the transformation
rit.

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

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The musical score is for a vocal ensemble of 10 parts, arranged in two systems of five. The key signature is G major (one sharp) and the time signature is 3/4. The score begins at measure 38. The vocal parts are labeled S.1, S.2, S.3, S.4, A.1, A.2, A.3, T., T., B., and B. from top to bottom. The lyrics 'ha!' are written below the notes, and 'Mmm...' appears at the end of each line. The dynamics 'ff' (fortissimo) are marked at the beginning of several phrases. The score concludes with a 3/4 time signature change.

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

42 $\text{♩} = 80$

S.1

S.2
dance light - ly dance swift - ly dance in the woods sweet - ly dance light - ly 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
a - round we go as soft as snow the moon is shining the star-lightbea-ming a - round we go as soft as snow

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

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

A.3
dan dan dan dan dan dan dan dan dan dan

T.
a - round we go as soft as snow the moon is shining the star-lightbea-ming a - round we go as soft as snow

T.

B.
Moon - light star bea-ming

B.
dan dan dan dan dan dan dan dan dan dan

Rattle Clap $\text{♩} = 80$

Castanets

Triangle 42

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S.1 dance!_ dance!_ dance!_ dance!_ 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 woods sweet - ly dance light - ly

S.3 woods a dance a dance in the 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 - round we go as soft as snow the moon is shi - ning the star - light bea - ming 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 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 dance in the moon - light dance in the moon - light

A.3 dan dan dan dan dan dan dan

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

T. the night is young the mu - sic sung lets fly a - way the ma - gic way the night is young

B. light - ly dance sweet - ly Moon - light star bea - ming light - ly dance sweet - ly Moon - light

B. dan dan dan dan dan dan dan

Rattle Clap poco accel.

Castanets

Triangle 52