

A PUPPET'S DREAM

For SSA (Accompanied)

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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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Darius Lim

♩=72

f *mf* *f* *mp*

Soprano 3

Sha Sha! Dance!

Alto 1

♩=72

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

Piano

f

7

f

S.3

Dance in the woods make a me-rry laugh-ter oh dance in the woods

A.1

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 a bright and shi-ning flo-wer

Pno.

12

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

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

Pno. *mp*

16

S.3 *f*
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

A.1 *f*
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

Pno. *mf*

21

S.3 *f*
Dance! Dance in the woods make a merry laugh - - - - - ter oh

A.1
the sun that shines and mar-vels the night that brings the o-wls 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

Pno.

27 *mp*

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

A.1 *mp*
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 light of dawn has se-cret

Pno. *mp*

32

S.3 *f*
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

A.1 *f*
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

Pno. *mf*

37

S.2 *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_

S.4 *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_

A.2 *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_

Pno. *p*

6-part split

42 *fp* *mf*

S.1 dance! dance!

S.2 *mp* Shi - ning hills and streams and the show - ers in the sun - light Fa - ding stars at sight and the moon light still

S.3 *fp* *mf* dance! dance!

S.4 *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.1 *fp* *mf* dance! dance! dance!

A.2 *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

Pno. *mp*

46 *f*

S.1 dance!

S.2 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

S.3 dance!

S.4 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

A.1 *f*

A.2 dance! dance!

A.2 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

Pno.

50 Unis. *f* (foot stomp) (clap)

S.1 Dance and stomp a lit - tle fas - ter Dance for joy dance for the laugh - ter

Pno.

This space is left blank.

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

54 **rit.** **ff**

S.1 ha! ha! ha! ha! ha! ha! Mmm...

S.2 ha! ha! ha! ha! ha! ha! Mmm...

S.3 ha! ha! Mmm...

S.4 ha! ha! Mmm...

A.1 ha! ha! Mmm...

A.2 ha! ha! Mmm...

rit.

Pno. **mp**

Rattle Clap

58 $\text{♩} = 80$

S.1 $\text{♩} = 80$
dance light - ly dance swift - ly dance in the woods sweet - ly dance light - ly dance swift - ly dance in the

S.2

S.3
a - round we go — as soft as snow the moon is shi-ning

S.4
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.1
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.2
dan dan dan dan dan dan

Pno.

Rattle Clap

Castanets

Triangle
58

65

S.1 woods sweet - ly dance light - ly dance swift - ly dance in the woods sweet - ly dance light - ly

S.2 dance a dance a dance in the woods a dance a dance in the woods a dance a

S.3 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

S.4 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.1 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.2 dan dan dan dan dan dan

Pno.

Rattle Clap

Castanets

Triangle 65

(Optional foot stomp on "dance!"
Stop Choero here.)

13

♩=86 poco accel.

71

S.1 dance swift - ly dance in the woods sweet - ly dance light - ly dance swift - ly dance in the

S.2 dance in the woods a dance a dance in the woods a dance a dance in the woods a dance a

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

S.4 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.1 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.2 dan dan dan dan dan

Pno.

Rattle Clap

Castanets

Triangle

71