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Rising on the
Wings of Dawn

Solo Viola



Program Note

Rising on the Wings of Dawn is an image drawn from *Psalm 139*. I have been partial to this psalm for a long time, and previously created another piece inspired by it for soprano and organ called *And Night Will Shine as Day*. It seemed especially apt while the covid pandemic was raging and we were in a time of great sorrow to return to these comforting images of the intimacy and ubiquity of God.

The structure of *Rising on the Wings of Dawn* rises from the low to high across the strings and from low pitches to harmonics. The overtone series itself creates a magical vibration while individual harmonics create a glowing shimmer. Originally scored for solo violin, this version was composed for violist Ayn Baliya and premiered on March 27, 2022 in Old Cabell Hall at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, VA.

Piece Note

Accidentals apply within register through the measure.

nv. non vib
sp. sul ponticello

Duration: 7:00

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Floating Tempo Flessibile

Viola

pp *mf* *p*

5 **Gentle** vib. *mp* III. bariolage 3 IV.

9 *p* bariolage (•) IV

12 *mf* bariolage IV. III. (•) *p* At the tip, slight pont. *mf* ord. 3 III.

16 *p* II. **Joyful** *mf* 3

19 Ricochet 3 3

22 3

25 *smooth, molto accel. and cresc.* **Freely** *a tempo* *f*

Vla. 27

IV III IV

p *mf* *mp*

Vla. 31

Velvety Warm

p *f* *mf*

Vla. 35

Vla. 39

Ricochet I II

mf *mp* *mf*

Vla. 44

Vla. 48

Vla. 52

II. III.

p *pp*

Vla. 55

Contemplative

mf *p* *mp*

Freely
smooth, molto accel. and cresc.

Vla. 60 *mf* *pp*

Vla. 63 *f* *mp* *mf* *p*

a tempo

Ricochet

Slight gliss of bow placement towards fingerboard & back

Expansive

Vla. 66 *mf* *sub. f* *mf*

quasi sp. ord.

bariolage

Vla. 69 *mp* *mf* *p*

nv. *vib.*

Vla. 74 *f* *mf* *pp*

bariolage

Vla. 77 *mp* *p* *mp* *mf* *poco rit.*

IV

Vla. 81 *p* *mp* *a tempo*

Vla. 84 *mf*

Ricochet

Slight gliss of bow placement towards fingerboard & back

Vla. 87 *p* *mp*

Vla. 91 Ricochet Smooth, continuous bow *mf* *pp* *cresc. poco a poco* *f* *nv.* *vib.*

Vla. 97 *mf* *pp* *cresc. poco a poco* *f* *bariolage*

Vla. 100 Ricochet *mf* *pp* *cresc. poco a poco* *f* *ord.* *mp*

Vla. 103 *mf* *mp*

Vla. 107 *p* *mf* **Soaring**

Vla. 109 *rit. a piacere* *mp* *rit.* *ppp*