

### 3. Over Hill, Over Dale

A Midsummer Night's Dream, Act II, Sc. I

Allegro vivace

SOPRANO      *p*      O - ver      hill, \_\_\_\_\_      o - ver      dale, \_\_\_\_\_

ALTO      *p*      O - ver      hill, \_\_\_\_\_      o - ver      dale, \_\_\_\_\_

TENOR      *p*      Tho-rough

BASS      *p*      Tho-rough

Allegro vivace

PIANOFORTE      *p*      (for rehearsal only)

The musical score consists of five staves. The top four staves represent the vocal parts: Soprano, Alto, Tenor, and Bass. The Soprano and Alto staves begin with a dynamic of *p*. The lyrics 'Over hill, \_\_\_\_\_' are written below the notes. The Tenor and Bass staves have rests at the beginning. The piano part, labeled 'PIANOFORTE (for rehearsal only)', is located below the vocal staves. It also begins with a dynamic of *p*. The lyrics 'Over park, over pale, Tho-rough bush, \_\_\_\_\_' are written below the piano's eighth-note chords. The music is in common time with a key signature of one sharp.

The continuation of the musical score shows the vocal and piano parts continuing the melody and harmonic progression. The vocal parts repeat the lyrics 'Over park, over pale, Tho-rough bush, \_\_\_\_\_' and 'tho-rough brier, \_\_\_\_\_'. The piano part provides harmonic support with sustained chords and eighth-note patterns.

Ralph Vaughan Williams

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flood, tho - rough fire, I do wan - der ev - er - y - where,

flood, tho - rough fire, O - ver hill, o - ver

flood, tho - rough fire, O - ver hill, o - ver

flood, tho - rough fire, O - ver hill, o - ver

— Swift - er than the moon - e's

dale, Tho-rough bush, tho-rough brier,

dale, Tho-rough bush, tho-rough brier,

dale, Tho-rough bush, tho-rough brier,

sphere; —

*pp*

O - ver hill, o - ver dale, tho - rough bush, tho - rough

*pp*

O - ver hill, o - ver dale, tho -rough bush, tho -rough

*pp*

O - ver hill, o - ver dale, tho -rough bush, tho -rough

— And I serve — the

*pp*

brier, O - ver park, o - ver pale, tho -rough flood, tho -rough

*pp*

brier, O - ver park, o - ver pale, tho -rough flood, tho -rough

*pp*

brier, O - ver park, o - ver pale, tho -rough flood, tho -rough

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A musical score for four voices and piano. The top two staves are for voices, and the bottom two are for piano. The music is in common time, key signature of one sharp. The lyrics are:

fai - ry    To  
fire, o - ver hill, o - ver dale, tho - rough flood, tho - rough  
fire, o - ver hill, o - ver dale, tho - rough flood, tho - rough  
fire, o - ver hill, o - ver dale, tho - rough flood, tho - rough

The piano part consists of simple harmonic chords.

A continuation of the musical score from system 16. The top two staves are for voices, and the bottom two are for piano. The music is in common time, key signature of one sharp. The lyrics are:

dew    up -  
fire, O - ver park, o - ver pale, tho - rough flood, tho - rough  
fire, O - ver park, o - ver pale, tho - rough flood, tho - rough  
fire, O - ver park, o - ver pale, tho - rough flood, tho - rough

The piano part consists of simple harmonic chords.

*p*

- on the green. ————— The cow - slips tall her  
fire, I do wan - der, wan - der ev - er - y where,  
fire, I do wan - der, wan - der ev - er - y where,  
fire, I do wan - der, wan - der ev - er - y where,

pen - sion-ers be;——— In their gold coats spots you  
*pp*  
Cow - slips tall her pen - sion-ers be  
*pp*  
Cow - slips tall her pen - sion-ers be  
*pp*  
Cow - slips tall her pen - sion-ers be

see; Those be ru - bies, fai - ry fav - ours,  
*pp* cow - slips tall. Those be ru - bies, fai - ry fav - ours,  
*pp* cow - slips tall. Those be ru - bies, fai - ry fav - ours,  
*pp* cow - slips tall. Those be ru - bies, fai - ry fav - ours,

In those freck - les live their sav - ours: I must go  
 In those freck - les live their sav - - - ours:  
 In those freck - les live their sav - - - ours:  
 In those freck - les live their sav - - - ours:

seek some dew - drops here, — And hang a pearl —

*p*

dew - - - drops —

*pp*

dew - - - drops —

*pp*

dew - - - drops —

*p*

in — ev - ery cow - slips ear. —

*p*

O-ver hill, — o - ver

*pp*

O-ver hill, — o - ver

*pp*

pp

Tho-rough bush, — tho-rough brier, —

pp

Tho-rough bush, — tho-rough brier, —

dale, — O - ver

pp

dale, — O - ver

pp

O - ver dale. — niente

pp

O - ver dale. — niente

hill, —

hill, —

pp