

The Tiger and the Little Bear

A Fantasy Cantata

For Chamber Orchestra, Two Sopranos, and Tenor

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Composer's Notes

The Tiger and the Little Bear is a fantastical story written in the style of the Grimm fairy tales. Many modern tellings of these stories are quite tame in comparison to the nonchalant gruesomeness that is common in the originals. This cantata tells a story in this manor with an odd mix of light-hearted fantasy and dark consequentialism.

The cantata is a genre that originated in Italy during the Baroque period. Many aspects of this work are specifically modeled after the Italian solo chamber cantata which was traditionally performed unstaged in intellectual clubs known as academies. In comparison to opera, which was also developing at this time, cantatas tended to be more experimental, particularly in the recitative. In addition, while the main purpose of opera was to entertain, cantatas were intended to stimulate thought. In emulation of this, the libretto's main theme is symbolized with "a bright blue sky; a crimson creek." The main character, the tiger, must make some difficult decisions on how to protect her domain from the ever-encroaching presence of humans.

Instrumentation

Flute I, doubles on piccolo

Flute II

Oboe

English horn

Four French horns

Two trombones

Tuba

The Tiger, soprano

The Little Bear, soprano

Young Man, tenor

Piano

Standard string section

Movements

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Duration: 25:30

Prelude: War

J = 48

Trombones solo tutti
pp *mp*

Tuba *pp*

Piano *RH*
B^{mb} LH
pp
LH
B^{mb}

Violoncello *J = 48*
pp *mf*

Double Bass *pp* *mp* *p* *mp* *pp* *mf*

15

Eng. Hn. Poco allarg. A tempo con rubato
p *mp* *pp* *mf*

Hn. I & III stopped open
pp *mf* *pp* solo

Hn. II & IV stopped open
pp *mf* *pp*

Tbn. stopped open
pp *mf* *pp*

Tba. stopped open
mp *pp* *mf* *pp*

Pno. *(B^{mb})* *S^{avr}* *S^{avr}*
B^{mb}

Vln. I Poco allarg. A tempo con rubato
p *mp* *pp*

Vln. II *mp* *pp* *mf* *p* *mp* *pp*

Vla. *pp* *mp* *pp* *mp* *pp*

Vc. *pp* *mp* *pp* *p* *mp* *pp*

D. b. *pp* *mp* *pp* *mf* *pp* *p* *mp* *pp*

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Measure 29:

- Ob.: *mf*, dynamic markings *p*, *mf*, *mp*, *f*.
- Eng. Hn.: *p*, *mf*, *mp*, *f*.
- Hn. I & III: *mf*, *p*, *mf*, *p*.
- Tbn.: *p*, *mp*, *mf*, *f*.
- Vln. I: Steady eighth-note pattern.
- Vln. II: Steady eighth-note pattern.
- Vla.: Steady eighth-note pattern.
- Vc.: *pp*, *mf*, *p*, *mf*, *p*, *f*.
- Db.: *mp*, *f*.

Measure 30:

- Ob.: Steady eighth-note pattern.
- Eng. Hn.: Steady eighth-note pattern.
- Hn. I & III: Steady eighth-note pattern.
- Tbn.: *mf*, *mp*, *mf*, *f*.
- Vln. I: Steady eighth-note pattern.
- Vln. II: Steady eighth-note pattern.
- Vla.: Steady eighth-note pattern.
- Vc.: Steady eighth-note pattern.
- Db.: Steady eighth-note pattern.

Text annotations:

- "must have d5 (multiphonic)"
- "tutti"
- "Steady"
- "solo"

Meno mosso

Ob. *f*

Eng. Hn. *f* *p* *mf* *p*

Hn. I & III *p* *mp* *p*

Hn. II & IV *f* *p* *mp* *p*

Tbn. *p* *f* *p*

Tba. *p* *f* *p*

Pno. *f* *sub. p*

Meno mosso

Vln. I *f* *mp* *f* *p* *f* *pp*

Vln. II *f* *p* *f* *pp*

Vla. *f* *mf* *p* *f* *pp*

Vc. *f* *mf* *p* *f* *pp*

Db. *p* *f* *p* *mf* *p* *f* *pp*

accel. $\downarrow = 100$

Picc. *pp* Fl. II. *p* Ob. Eng. Hn. *mf* — *p*

Allarg. Piu mosso Allarg.

Tempo I $\downarrow = 48$

Pno. *pp* *pp*

accel. $\downarrow = 100$

Vln. I *tutti* Vln. II Vla. Vc.

Allarg. Piu mosso Allarg.

Tempo I $\downarrow = 48$

accel. $\downarrow = 80$ accel. $\downarrow = 120$ Allarg.

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Picc. $\downarrow = 80$

Fl. II

Ob.

Eng. Hn.

p

f

f

p

Hn. I & III

Hn. II & IV

Tbn.

Tba.

stopped

mp

f

stopped

mp

f

p

f

f

Pno.

pp

f

ff

8vb

accel. $\downarrow = 80$

acc. $\downarrow = 120$ Allarg.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Db.

f

f

f

f

sul A

sul E

pp

Ad. lib. Attaca

Fl. II = 68

Ob.

Eng. Hn.

Hn. I & III

Hn. II & IV

Pno.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

D. b.

Ad. lib. Attaca

I. Ballad: An Axe and a Gun

Rubato $\dot{=}$ 66

Flute I

English Horn

Tiger

Piano

A—ti-ger knew days of sor-row, scars of guns an' ax-es— on her— pelt.

Rubato $\dot{=}$ 66

Violin I

Violin II

Viola

Violoncello

Double Bass

9

Fl. I

Fl. II

T

In her— keep was a lit - tle bear... Hard-ship the bear— had ne-ver felt— The wood was safe— but dark - end by— the tig-er's fierce sub - jec-tion. She of - ten

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

14 Riten.

Fl. I p

Fl. II p

Ob. p mf mp

Eng. Hn. mp

Hn. I & III p mf p

Hn. II & IV p mf p mp p

Tbn. p mp p

Tba. p mp p

T p mp mf p sang a— lull-a-by of the price their pro-tec - tion— Sleep— sleep ev-er deep; a bright blue sky a crim-son creek.

Pno. p mp p

Vln. I p f p pp sub. p rit. pizz. p

Vln. II p f p pp sub. p pizz. p

Vla. p f p pp sub. p pizz. p

Vc. p f p pp pizz. p

D. b. pp f p pizz. p

25 Allarg. Piu mosso A tempo

Fl. I Fl. II Ob. Eng. Hn.

Piccolo mp p p

Hn. II & IV Tbn. Tba.

T. A young man came one af-ter-noon, a let - ter in his hand. He whist-led such a love-ly tune; it bright-en up_ the land. The tig-er read-ied then to pounce butmuch to her su-prise,

Pno. pp mf p

Vln. I Vln. II Vla.

Allarg. solo Piu mosso arco A tempo solo tutti tutti tutti

Vc. Db.

Violoncello arco solo p mf

Meno mosso

Picc. 33. *mf* *p* *mf* *p* *f* *pp*

Fl. II *mf* *p* *mf* *p* *f* *pp* *p*

Ob. *p* *mf* *p* *mf* *p* *mf* *f* *pp*

Eng. Hn. *mf* *p* *mf* *p* *f* *pp*

Hn. I & III *fpp* *p* *f* *p*

Hn. II & IV *fpp* *mp* *f* *p*

Tbn. *fpp* *p* *f* *pp*

Tba. *fpp* *p* *f* *pp*

LB *mf* *p* *mf* *p* *mf* *p* *mf* *p*

vi - va-cious-ly the bear pro-nounced, let live, let good-ness thrive.

Pno. *sub. mf* *mp* *f* *p*

Meno mosso

Vln. I *p* *p*

Vln. II *p* *mf* *p* *mf* *p* *p*

Vla. *p* *mf* *p* *mf* *p* *p*

Vc. *arco tutti* *p* *mf* *p* *p*

Db. *arco* *mf* *p* *f* *p*

accel. = 80 Allarg. $\text{A tempo} = \text{♩} = 41$

Allarg. A tempo

Picc. *p*

Fl. II *mf* *pp* *mf*

Ob. *p*

Eng. Hn. *p* *mf*

Hn. I & III *p* *f*

Hn. II & IV *f*

Tbn. *mf* *f*

Tba. *mp* *f*

LB Not with-out some he-si-ta-tion was the man a - llowed to stay. On-ly one just one pro-vi-sion; the bear should keep a-way. But the let-ter brought un-happ-y news; how quick-ly hearts can fill with pain.

Vln. I *mf* *pp* *f*

Vln. II *mf* *pp* *f*

Vla. *mf* *pp* *f*

Vc. *mf* *pp* *f*

D. *mf* *mp* *mf* *f*

50 Allarg. A tempo $\downarrow = 41$ Flute accel. $\downarrow = 62$ Rubato

Picc. f p mp To Fl. p p p

Fl. II f p

Ob. f p

Eng. Hn. mp pp

Hn. I & III p

Hn. II & IV p

Tbn. p

Tba. p

LB f — To save the man from sol-i-tude the bear came forth and sang. Sleep, sleep ev-er deep; a bright blue sky a crim-son creek.

p

Pno. RH pp LH mp

Allarg. A tempo solo $\downarrow = 41$ tutti accel. $\downarrow = 62$ Rubato

Vln. I p ff sub. p pp

Vln. II p pp p ff sub. p pp

Vla. p ff sub. p pp mp mf pp

Vc. p ff sub. p pp mp mf pp sub. p

D. b. p ff sub. p pp

60

Fl.

A tempo

Allarg.

Piu mosso

Allarg.

Piu mosso

Allarg.

Ob.

Eng. Hn.

Hn. I & III

Hn. II & IV

T

The tig - ger watch - es from a tree, sun-light de - parts and dark - ness brings, what on - ly fe - line eyes can see,

Pno.

Vln. I

A tempo

Allarg.

Piu mosso

Allarg.

Piu mosso

Allarg.

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Db.

Fl. Piu mosso Allarg. Meno mosso Attacca

Ob. p f pp

Eng. Hn. f pp

Hn. I & III p f pp

Hn. II & IV p f pp

T f pp mp pp

— what on - ly my eyes can see. An axe and a gun a-moung the young man's things.

Vln. I Piu mosso Allarg. Meno mosso sul tasto Attacca

Vln. II f pp

Vla. f pp

Vc. f pp

D. mf f pp

II. Duet: Second Place Again

p

poco rit. *A tempo*

p *mp* *p*

p

p

p

p

solo

p *mf* *pp*

p

mf *mp*

p

tutti

p

p

p

p

pizz

p *mf* *mp*

10

Riten. A tempo To Picc.

Fl. I

Fl. II

Ob.

YM

thought-less-ly con-trived to be_ a sever-ance of her ties to me. I spi-ral now quite end-less-ly. I do be-lieve I'm gon-na be_in se-cond place a-gain. First place is the lux ur-y of highly gift-ed men. I do be-lieve I'm gon-na be_in

Pno.

Vln. I Riten. A tempo

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Db.

18

Ob. *mp* pp Allarg. accel.

Eng. Hn. pp

Hn. I & III *mf* f pp

Hn. II & IV *mp* f pp

Tbn. *mp* f pp

YM *f* *p*
se-cond place a - gain... But se-cond place in love____ is not a spot you wan-na win. Hon-est-y____ in - te - gri - ty____ don't mat - ter____ in____ the end._____

Pno. *f* *p*

Vln. I *mf* *f* *mp* pp Allarg. accel.

Vln. II pp

Vla. pp

Vc. *pp* *p*

D. *f* *p*

A tempo

Picc. 30

pp

Riten.

A tempo

Fl. II

pp

Ob.

Hn. I & III

pp

LB

do be - lieve. this truth we share, life's i - iron - ic - ly un - fair. The bright-est sky the fresh-est air has be - come a dark - end lair.

YM

best.

A tempo

Vln. I

pp

Riten.

A tempo

Vln. II

pp

Vla.

pp

Db.

35 To Fl.

Picc. *pp*

Fl. II *pp*

Flute *Allarg.*

Hn. I & III *closed* *p* *mf*

Hn. II & IV *p* *mf*

Tbn. *p* *mf*

Tba. *mf* *p*

LB *mf*
Much have I yet to learn, to be as strong and brave as her, but ambition takes a turn, second place to her concerns.

YM *p* *I*

Vln. I *p* *mf*

Vln. II *p* *mf*

Vla. *p* *mf*

Vc. *p* *mf*

D. *p* *mf*

A tempo

39. To Picc.

Fl. I p

Fl. II p

Riten. Piccolo pp

Hn. I & III open p mf p mf p f p

Hn. II & IV open p mf p mf p f p

Tbn. p mf p mf p f p

Tba. p mf p mf p f p

LB p mf p f p

I do be-lieve I'm gon-na be_in se-cond place a - gain. First place is the lux-ur-y_ of crea-tures on the wind. I'm.gon-na be_in sec-ond place a-gain. I

YM mf p f p

do be-lieve I'm gon-na be_in se-cond place a-gain. First place is the lux_ur_y_ofhigh-ly gift-ed men. This I do be-lieve, in sec-ond place a-gain.

Pno. -

p p

A tempo

Vln. I -

Vln. II pp f pp

Vla. f pp

Vc. f pp

Riten. solo

47. accel. . . A tempo

Picc. Allarg. A tempo

Allarg. A tempo To Fl.

Fl. II

Ob.

Eng. Hn.

Hn. I & III solo tutti stopped

Hn. II & IV stopped

Tba.

LB do be-lieve I'm gon-na be in se-cond place a-gain. A safe and co-zy life for me is this here wood but I'm not free. Gal-lant-ry, brav-er-y, don'tmat-ter in the end. All no-ble pro-pen-sit-ies shine

Y.M. I do be-lieve I'm gon-na be in se-cond place a-gain, But se-cond place in love...

Pno. mf

Vln. I accel. . . A tempo tutti

Allarg. A tempo Allarg. A tempo

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Db. arco pizz.

55

Riten. A tempo Allarg. A tempo

Ob.

Eng. Hn.

LB forth on - ly in sin. I do be - lieve I'm gon-na be, I do be - lieve I'm gon-na be,

YM I do be - lieve I'm gon-na be, I do be - lieve I'm gon-na be, ah I

Pno. *Suo*

Vln. I Riten. A tempo Allarg. A tempo

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

D. Db.

62. Riten. A tempo Flute Molto allarg.

Picc. Ob. Eng. Hn.

Hn. I & III Hn. II & IV Tbn. Tba.

LB in se - cond place a - gain, a - gain, a - gain.

YM do be - lieve I'm gon - na be in se - cond place a - gain, a - gain, a - gain.

Pno.

Vln. I Vln. II Vla. Vc. Db.

III. Recitative: Thus Said the Tiger

J = 48

Oboe English Horn

Allarg.

A tempo

Horns I & III

Horns II & IV

Trombones

Tuba

p stopped open *mf* *p*

p *mf* *p*

mf *p*

mf *p*

p expressive *mf* *p*

Thus said the tiger to the little bear; "you must go home without a care. I'll stay and comfort the boy with the broken heart."

Piano

pp

J = 48

Violin I

Violin II

Viola

Violoncello

Double Bass

Allarg.

A tempo

p *mp* *p* *mp* *p* *mp* *p* *p* *mf* *p* *pp* solo *p* *pp* solo *p* solo *pp* solo *p* solo *pp* solo *p* solo *p*

p *mp* *p* *mp* *p* *mp* *p* *p* *mf* *p* *p*

p *mp* *p* *mp* *p* *mp* *p* *p* *mf* *p* *p* *mf* *p* *p* *mf* *p* *p* *mf* *p* *p*

p *mp* *p* *mp* *p* *p* *mf* *p* *p* *mf* *p* *p* *mf* *p* *p* *mf* *p* *p*

mp *p* *mp* *p* *mp* *p* *p* *mf* *p* *p* *mf* *p* *p* *mf* *p* *p*

13

Molto rall.
s

Ob.

f

p

A tempo

Eng. Hn.

mp

f

p

Hn. I & III

p

mf

Tba.

p

3

T

Thus said the tiger to the little bear; "you, you must go comb your hair."

Pno.

8va

8va

8va

8va

Molto rall.

Vln. I

tutti

p

A tempo

Vln. II

tutti

p

Vla.

tutti

p

Vc.

tutti

p

f

p

Db.

Meno mosso

Fl. I p 2

Fl. II p 2

Eng. Hn. p mf

Tardando To Picc. Piccolo pp

Hn. I & III p f pp

Hn. II & IV p f pp

Tba.

T f p f pp
— un - kept hair. Rest you_ tir-ed_ eyes with a full night's sleep, full night's sleep, full night's sleep.

Pno. sforzando

Vln. I f p f pp

Vln. II mf mp p f

Vla. f mp pp

Vc. f mp pp

D. mf f p pp

29

Picc. *accel.* *A tempo*

Fl. II

Ob.

Eng. Hn.

Hn. I & III

In. II & IV

Tbn.

Tba.

T

Pno.

Vln. I *solo* *pp*

Vln. II *solo* *pp*

Vla. *solo* *pp*

Vc. *solo* *pp*

D. *p*

With energy

36

Picc. *f*

Fl. II *f*

Hn. I & III *f* *mf* *pp*

Hn. II & IV *f* *mf* *pp*

Tbn. *f* *mf* *pp* *sub. p*

Tba. *f* *mf* *pp* *sub. p*

T. *f* *pp* *p* *f*

Thus said the ti - ger to the lit - tle bear, thus said the ti - ger to the lit - tle bear, thus said the ti - ger to the lit - tle bear,

Pno. *f*

Molto riten.

stopped solo *f*

With energy

Vln. I *tutti* *mf* *pp*

Vln. II *tutti* *mf* *pp*

Vla. *tutti* *p*

Vc. *tutti* *p*

Molto riten.

Ad lib.

Picc. Steady Sub. = 86

Fl. II

Tbn.

Tba.

T. ah_____ lit - tie bear... Thus said the ti - ger to the lit-tle bear; "you must not go so un - pre - pared. I'll _____ I'll sing you mu - sic so sweet,

Pno.

Vln. I Steady Sub. = 86

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Db.

49

Picc. *p* Riten. $\downarrow = 58$

Fl. II *p* *fff fffp*

Ob. *p* *fff fffp*

Eng. Hn. *p* *mf* *p*

Hn. I & III *tutti open* *ff ffp* *f pp*

Hn. II & IV *open* *ff ffp* *f pp*

Tbn. *p* *mf* *p* *pp* *ff ffp*

Tba. *ff ffp*

T *p* *f p*
sleep, sleep ev - er deep, sleep ev - er deep."

Pno. *p* *pp* *fff* *sfp*

Vln. I *pp* *ppp* *fff fffp* *f*

Vln. II *pp* *ppp* *fff fffp* *f*

Vla. *pp* *ppp*

Vc. *pp* *ppp* *p* *f*

D. *p* *ppp* *fff fffp* *f*

58 Rubato Steady

Ob. Eng. Hn. T LB

Thus went the bear when she a - woke to vis - it him who's heart was_ broke,

Rubato Steady

Vln. I Vln. II Vla. Vc. Db.

68

Picc. *p* *f* *pp*

Fl. II *p* *f* *pp* *f* *pp*

Ob. *p* *pp* *mp* *pp*

Eng. Hn. *p* *f* *p*

Hn. I & III *p* *mf*

Hn. II & IV *pp* *mf*

LB him who's heart, him who's heart was, him who's heart was broke.

Vln. I *f* *pp* *f* *pp*

Vln. II *f* *pp* *f* *pp*

Vla. *f* *pp* *mp* *f* *pp*

Vc. *f* *pp* *mp* *f* *pp*

D. *f* *pp* *f* *pp*

PREVIEW

77

Picc. *pp*

Ob. *pp*

Eng. Hn. *pp*

To Fl.

LB All to be found were bones... She chewed the mar - row and went home.

Pno. *pp* RH LH *p* *pp*

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Db. *p* *pp*

IV. Aria: Sleep, Sleep Ever Deep

Allarg.

Piu mosso

Allarg.

Piu mosso

Oboe

Tiger

Violin I

Violin II

Viola

Violoncello

Sleep, sleep ev - er deep; a bright blue sky a crim-son creek.
Sleep, sleep ev - er deep. No

=

Allarg.

Piu mosso

Molto allarg.

Fl. II

Ob.

Hn. I & III

Hn. II & IV

T

need to know the deeds I've done.
To keep you safe I've slain the weak.
Sleep, sleep ev - er deep,
sleep ev - er

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

D. b.

Allarg.

Piu mosso

Molto allarg.

PREVIEW PREVIEW PREVIEW

14 Piu mosso Allarg. Piu mosso Molto allarg. accel. 78 Allarg. Piu mosso Allarg. Piu mosso Allarg.

Fl. I f p

Fl. II f p f p

Ob. f pp

Eng. Hn. f p

Hn. I & III f

Hn. II & IV f

Tbn. f p

Tba. f p

T f f p f mp
deep... Love-ly for-rest, love - ly trees for - give me for the things you've seen. Re - mem-ber guns that bit your bark and

Piu mosso Allarg. Piu mosso Molto allarg. accel. 78 Allarg. Piu mosso Allarg. Piu mosso Allarg.

Vln. I p

Vln. II p f p

Vla. f p f mp

Vc. p f p mp f mp

D. b. f mp

21

Piu mosso Allarg.

Fl. I

Fl. II

Tbn.

T

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

D. B.

To Picc.

ax - es brought you to your knees.
Love-ly for-rest, love - ly trees,
love - ly for-rest love-ly trees.
for -

27

Allarg. Piu mosso Allarg. A tempo rit. Piccolo

Fl. I
Fl. II
Ob.
Eng. Hn.

Hn. I & III
Hn. II & IV
Tbn.
Tba.

T

give, _____ for - give me, the things I've done, _____ the things I've seen.

Allarg. Piu mosso Allarg. A tempo rit.

Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Db.

34

Ad. lib. A tempo Allarg. Piu mosso Allarg. Piu mosso Allarg.

Sleep, sleep ev - er deep; a bright blue sky a crim-son creek. Sleep, sleep ev - er deep. No need to know the deeds I've done. To keep you safe I've slain the weak.

Vln. I Vln. II Vla. Vc. Db.

43

Picc. Fl. II Ob. Eng. Hn. Hn. I & III Hn. II & IV Tbn. Tba.

Piu mosso Allarg. Piu mosso Allarg. Piu mosso Allarg. Piu mosso Allarg. A tempo Molto Allarg. Ad. lib.

Sleep, sleep ev - er deep, Sleep ev - er deep, ev - er deep, ev - er deep.

T

Vln. I Vln. II Vla. Vc. Db.

Piu mosso Allarg. Piu mosso Allarg. Piu mosso Allarg. A tempo Molto Allarg. Ad. lib.

Sleep, sleep ev - er deep, Sleep ev - er deep, Sleep ev - er deep, Sleep ev - er deep.