

The Wind Was There

I

all was in flight
wild geese in the sky
snow from the sky flying
rivers hastening to the sea
and waves from the midsea
hastening to the shore

horses running from a fence
fences running from the ground
ground fleeing from the sky
and the sky was filled with flying stars
and suns innumerable

daises springing from the grass
pines fleeing up the mountainside
even the mountain was in flight
less swift than southward geese
or rivers in the spring
less swift than these but fleeing still
stone upon stone scraping in slow erosion
gravel grinding into dust and fleeing before the wind

II

all was in flight
even from a distance I
my flight was faster than a fleeing cloud
I only knew the wind was there
swift and imperious and proud
sharper than fine steel

III

so shall I ever flee
swifter yet swifter
until the speed is such
my spirit shall enkindle with the wind
and then
a brown and crackled leaf I'll fall
my flesh to shrivel into mould
my blood to mingle with the seeping rain
and all my body's flight become a strange return

3. Scherzo II

relentless, driven, ♩. = 104 - 116

flute

oboe

clarinet

bassoon

horn

1
perc. *p*

2

relentless, driven, ♩. = 104 - 116

Soprano

Alto

Tenor

Bass

relentless, driven, ♩. = 104 - 116

1
violin *sfpp*

2 *sfpp*

1
viola *sfpp*

2 *sfpp*

1
cello *sfpp* pizz.

2 *pp* pizz.

bass *pp*

flute

oboe

clar.

bssn.

horn

1

perc.

2

tem. bl.

p

cym. on bell

p

S

A

T

B

t

t

t

t

t

t

17

1

violin

2

1

viola

2

1

cello

2

1

bass

pizz.

mf

pizz.

mf

pizz.

mf

pizz.

mf

chorus

flute

oboe

clar.

bssn.

horn

1 cow bells *mp* 5

2 log dr. *mp* 5

sn. / timb. *mf* 5 (snares off)

trgl. *mf*

sfz *f*

S

A

T

B

s

k

k k k

25

1 violin

2 violin

1 viola

2 viola

1 cello

2 cello

bass

pizz. *mf*

pizz. *mf*

