

OAE SCHOOLS HS1:

PAPAGENO AND THE BIRD WHO WOULD BE FREE TEACHERS RESOURCE PACK

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- 1. Don't give Up
- 2. And if you Fall
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Magic Flute Finale Song Accompaniment

Queen of the Night



THE OAE

In 1986, a group of inquisitive London musicians took a long hard look at that curious institution we call the Orchestra, and decided to start again from scratch. They began by throwing out the rulebook. Put a single conductor in charge? No way. Specialise in repertoire of a particular era? Too restricting. Perfect a work and then move on? Too lazy. The Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment was born.

Since then, the OAE has shocked, changed and mesmerised the music world. Residencies at Acland Burghley School, the Southbank Centre and Glyndebourne haven't numbed its experimentalist bent. Record deals haven't ironed out its quirks. Period-specific instruments have become just one element of its quest for authenticity.

Today the OAE is cherished more than ever. It still pushes for change, and still stands for excellence, diversity and exploration. More than thirty years on, there's still no orchestra in the world quite like it.

THE PROJECT

Kirsty is a bird. Tim is a bird catcher. Every day he must catch a new bird to take to the queen for her collection. In return she gives him food and drink. This is a good arrangement. One day Tim catches Kirsty – and is going to take her to the queen - but Kirsty does not want to be caught or to live in a palace. She wants to be free. Tim is frightened of the Queen, but is moved by Kirsty's plight. He tries to let her free, but is caught by The Queen. The Queen won't let them off, but agrees to give them a chance to free themselves. First she challenges them to be silent, but Tim can't manage it. The Queen says that the challenges are over, but Kirsty begs for another chance. The Queen agrees, and gives them the trials of Fire and Water. She offers them weapons – a Flute and some bells, everyone knows that they are doomed to fail. As they attempt the trials, at first they get nowhere, but then they decide to use their flute and bells – and the fire and water are calmed. Their music has saved the day! Tim and Kirsty are set free, and Tim goes with Kirsty to live life as a bird, flying around the world.

GETTING READY FOR THE SHOW

Checklist for the show:

- 1. Don't Give Up 3 versions [See Sheet Music]
- 2. Finale Song [See Sheet Music]
- 3. Queen of the Night FREEZE!
- 4. Tim's Call and Response with "pipes"
- 5. Fire and Water Soundscape

1. Don't Give Up Song (see sheet music)

The better you know this song, the more fun you'll have. There are three versions, all with the same chorus (which is definitely the most important bit). It's a song all about having a go even when things feel really hard. We sing it to encourage Tim and Kirsty during their three trials.

2. Finale Song (see sheet music)

This is a short song that happens right at the end of the concert when all the trials have been completed. The melody is by Mozart and the new words are by Hazel.

3. Queen of the Night - FREEZE!

SIMPLE VERSION:

As soon as you hear the Queen's music [recording by OAE team], freeze on the spot in a frightened pose – she's so terrifying!!

EXTENSION VERSION:

Use sheet music called "Queen of the Night Music for Schools"

b1-4 [16 beats] - Put Hand to ear as if hearing something from a distance

b5-7 [12 beats] - Create a freeze of astonishment and fear

b8-17 [36 beats]- FREEZE AS STILL AS POSSIBLE!

4. Tim's Call and Response with "pipes"

In the show, we'll be using the notes D-E-F#-G-A but you could practice with C-D-E-F-G if that's easier. Start easy with the leader playing all five notes from bottom to top. Get the group to sing them back. Now go from top to bottom. Once you've got the hang of it, start mixing up the notes so that they're out of sequence and see how complicated you can make it and still have everyone sing the right notes.

5. Fire and Water Soundscape

In the show, you'll need to create a soundscape of fire and water. When Tim or Kirsty get closer, the sounds get louder. When they move further away, they get quieter. If Tim plays his magic bells, you have to stop IMMEDIATELY.

To get ready for the show, try turning this into a game so that the people on one side of the room are FIRE, the other side are WATER.

ASK THE CHILDREN to find a sound a movement to represent FIRE and WATER (eg: finger clicking for fire, vocal swooshing sounds for water)

Once this is decided:

Pick a child to move towards the fire and water in turn. The closer they get, the louder the fire/water becomes and the larger the actions are, the further away they are the quieter and smaller the response is. Change the leader.

ADD THE BELLS:

The person who is approaching has something like a bell (a bell, triangle, chime bar etc). When the bells play the fire/water are silent. Get the leader to try and catch everyone out – UNLESS the bells play, the sounds should get louder when the leader gets closer. As soon as the bells sound, you have to fall completely silent.

VOCAL WARM UPS

Big Face - Small Face

Pretend to be terrified of the Queen of the Night – make your face and hands as big as you possibly can.

Now scrunch up your face and hands as you try to stay completely silent. Move between the two extremes to warm up your face. This will help to stretch the muscles you'll need to sing the words really clearly.

Hmmm Hmmm Hmmm

In the story, Kirsty covers Tim's mouth to stop him speaking. Let's use the "Hmmm" sound that he uses to warm up our voices. Can you have a conversation with a partner using only "Hmmm"?!

Cackling Queen

Can you cackle like the Queen of the Night? Take it in turns to do a cackle that the whole group has to copy. Try cackling low, high and everything in between.

EXTRA GAMES FOR SCHOOL

BIRDCATCHER!

This is just like stuck in the mud! One person is nominated the BIRDCATCHER, everyone else is a BIRD.

The BIRDS fly/flap around the room, silently. The BIRDCATCHER can catch them by tapping them. If a BIRD is tapped, they are TRAPPED IN A CAGE. They have to stand perfectly still, with legs wide like "stuck in the mud", but sing for the queen by going "tweet tweet tweet". Another BIRD can set them free by crawling under their legs.

Take turns being the BIRDCATCHER

FAVOURITE THINGS

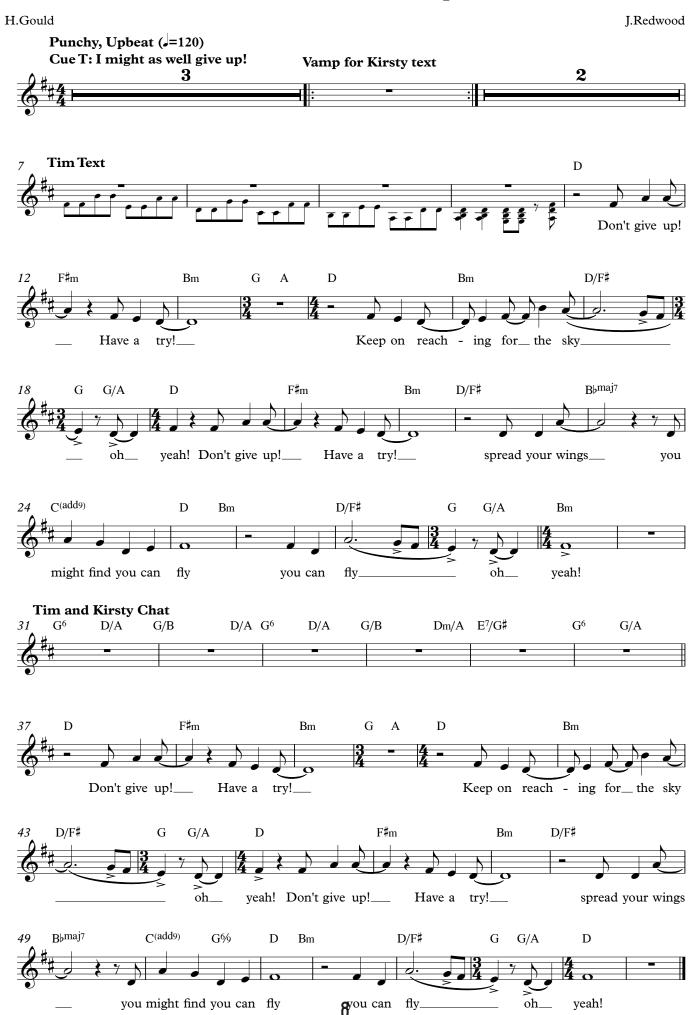
In the show, Kirsty says that she is made for singing and flying around, and Tim says that he is made for chatting.

Ask the group what their favourite things to do are. Choose three of the favourite things (ie, eating ice cream, football, stroking a cat) and then create very quick actions for each of the favourite things. The leader says "I love (e.g.) ice cream" and everyone does the ice cream action etc.

NB: For added interest, Make one position low (stroking a cat on the floor) One Standing tall (eating an ice cream) One active and fast (shooting a goal).

Shout out "I love....." in different orders and see if the group can respond quickly with the corresponding actions.

No.1 Don't Give Up



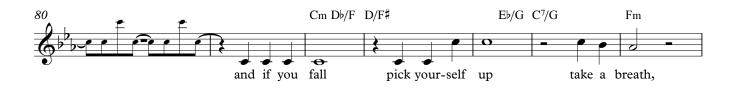
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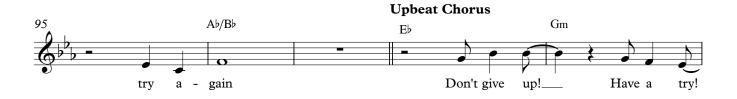








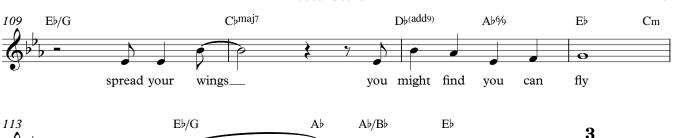








Vocal Score 3





No.3 You Have Gifts



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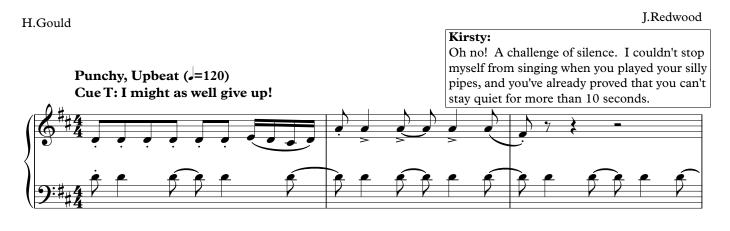
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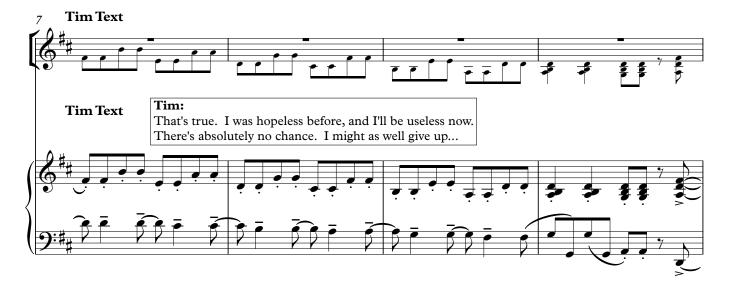


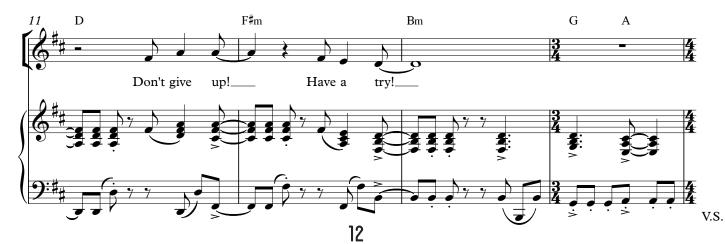
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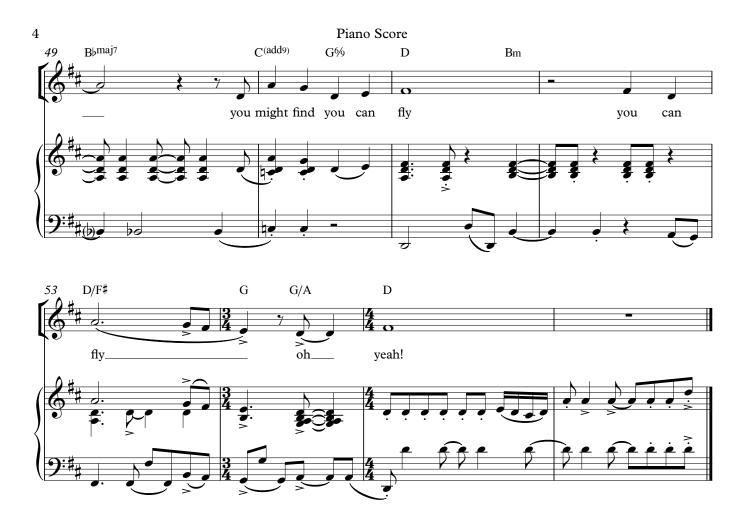










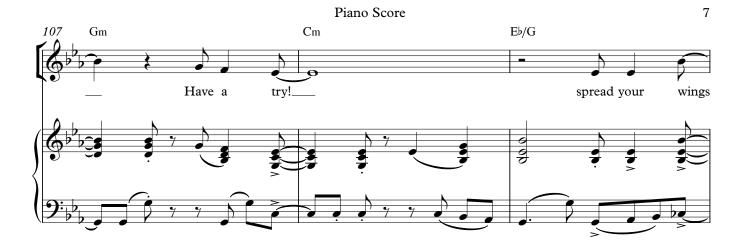


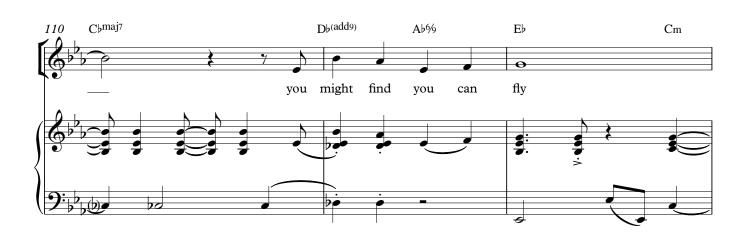


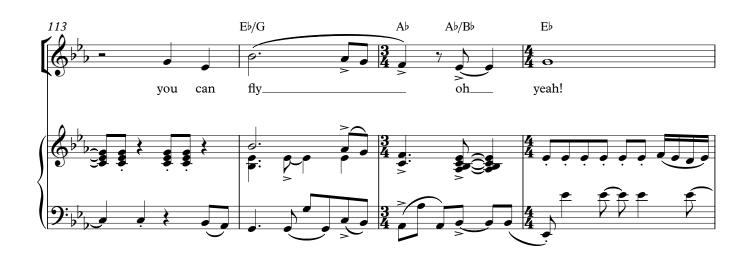


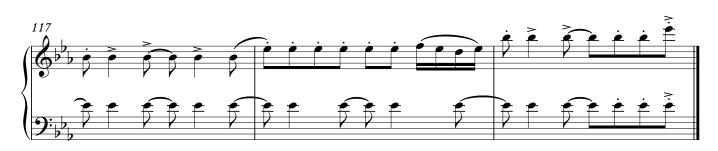




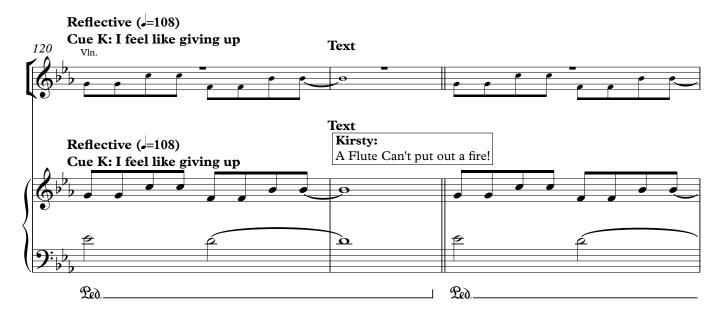


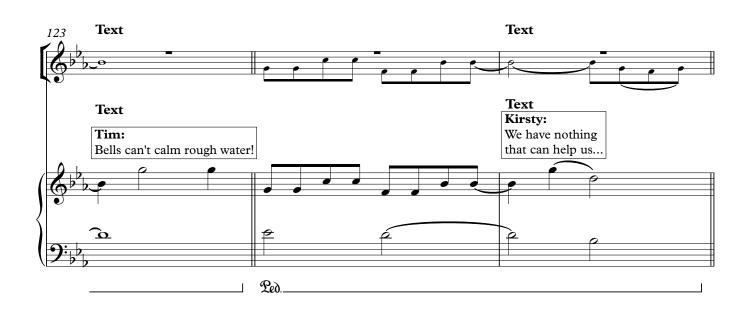


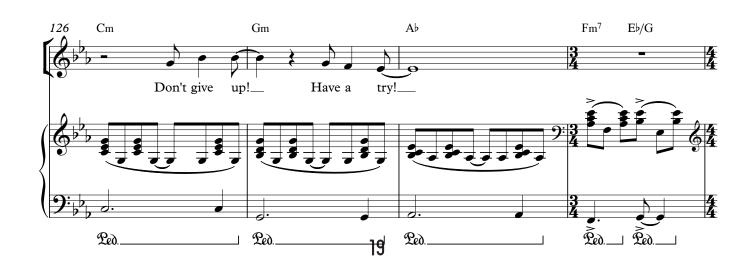


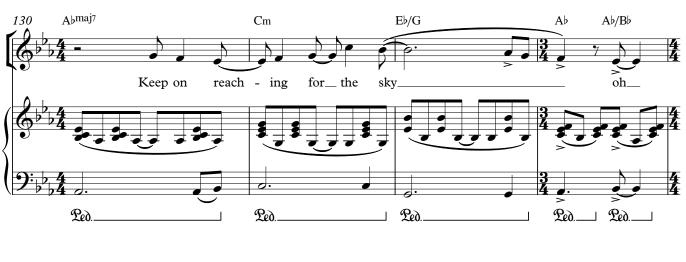


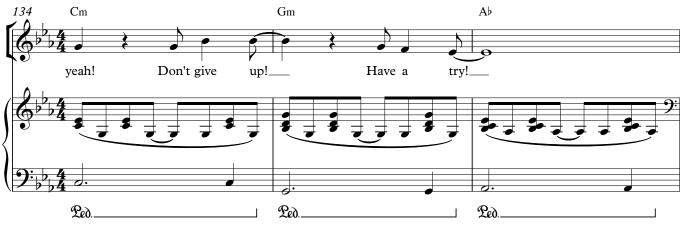
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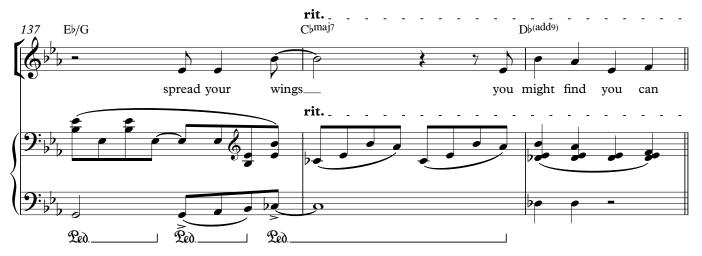


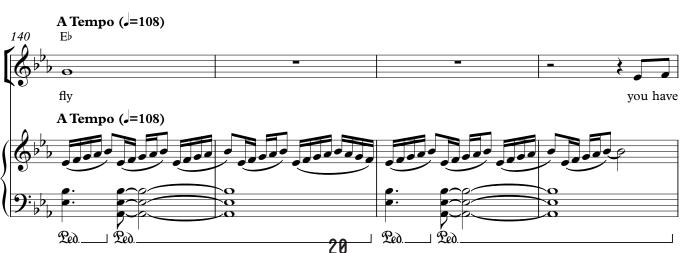


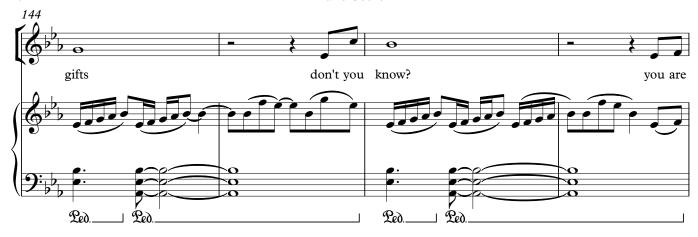




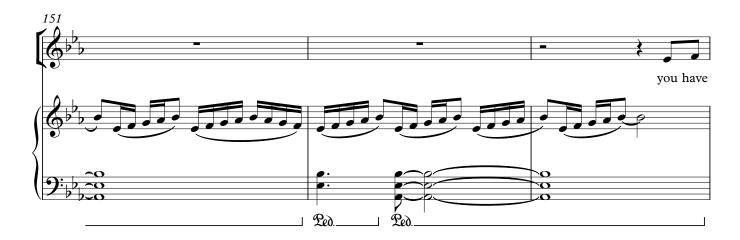




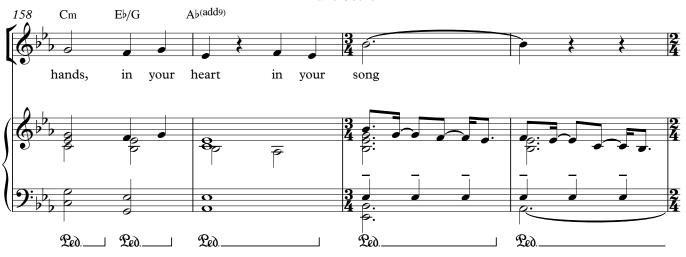


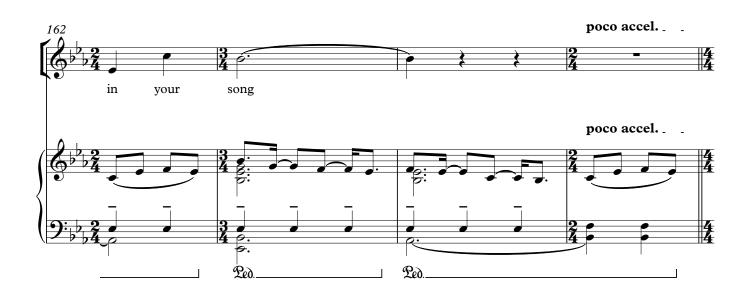


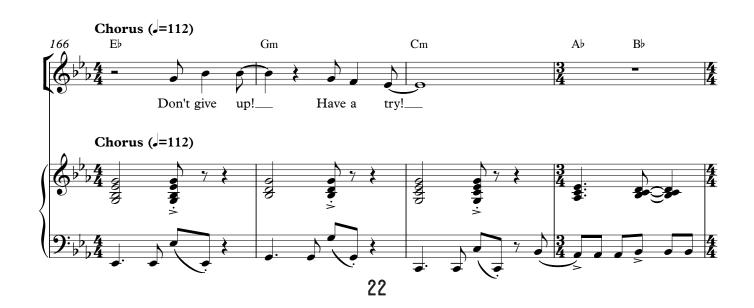


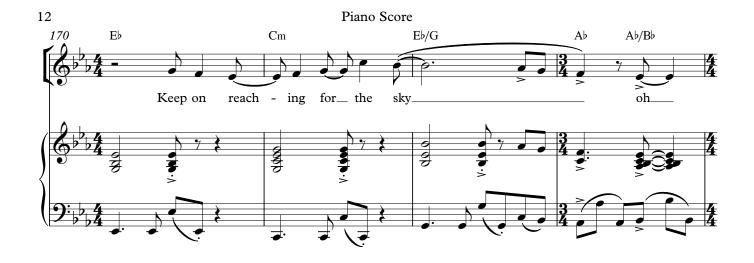


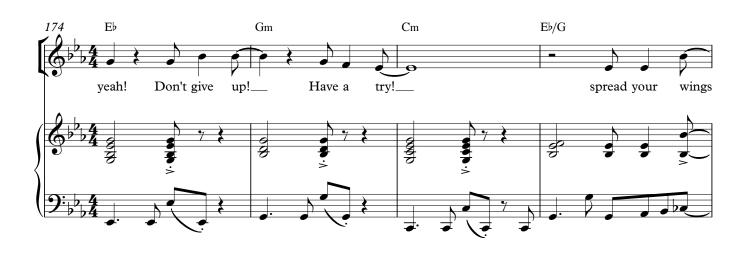


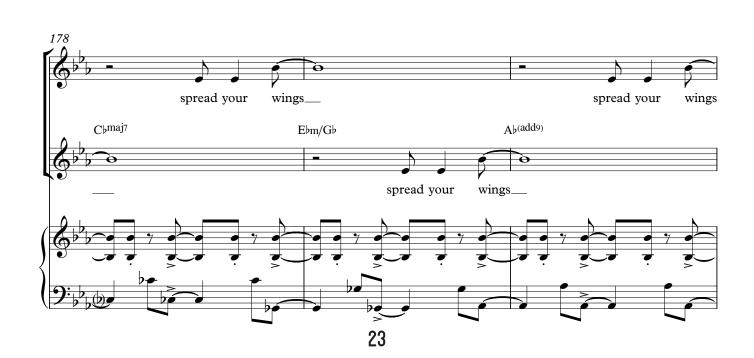


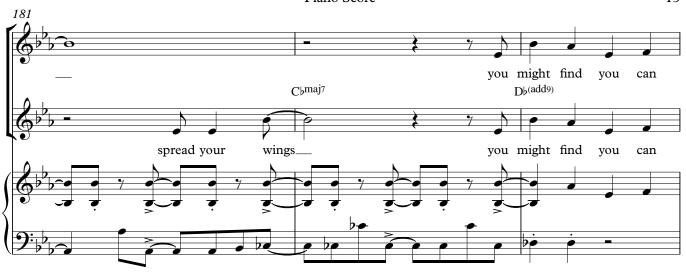


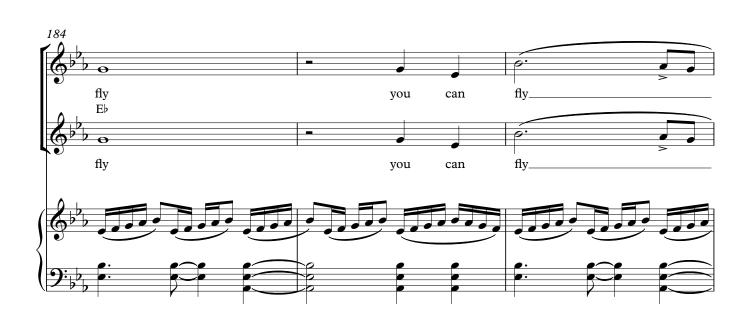


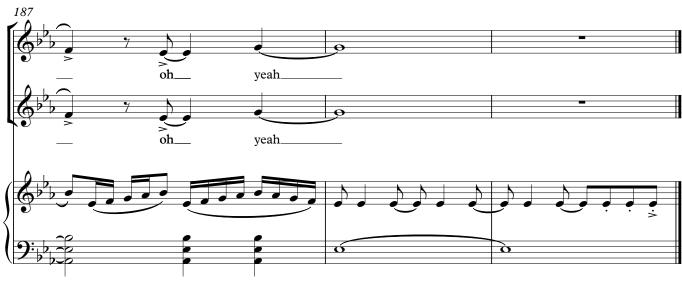




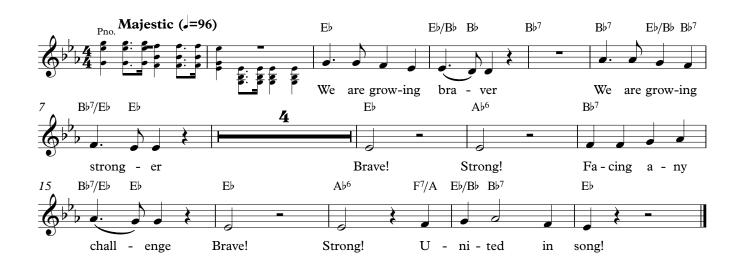








Magic Flute Finale Song



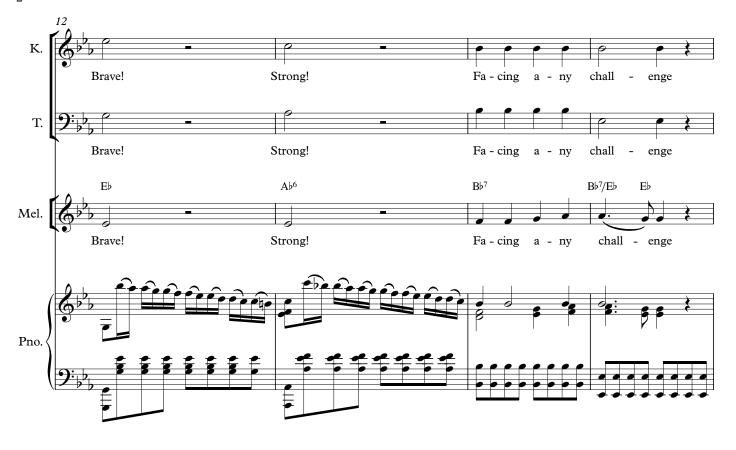
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Majestic (=96)











QoN 1 (Full)





Elevator Song





