

Viola Part - Jump!

“Go to the edge of the cliff and jump off. Build your wings on the way down.”

- Ray Bradbury. Reprinted from an interview in the Brown Daily Herald, March 24, 1995.

Commissioned by Northfield Youth Chorus, in celebration of its 50th Anniversary.

Jump!

3-part treble choir, narrator and string quartet

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Part 1: In which our heroes contemplate the jump.

(♩ = 120)

The musical score for the Viola part of 'Jump!' is written in 3/4 time. It begins with a tempo marking of quarter note = 120. The score is divided into measures 1 through 29. Measures 1-4 feature glissando markings and a piano (p) dynamic. Measure 5 includes a pizzicato (pizz.) marking. Measure 6 has an arco marking. Measure 7 is marked 'A Senza misura' with the instruction 'make bow changes unobtrusive'. Measure 10 includes a trill marking. Measure 11 has a pizzicato marking. Measure 12 has an arco marking. Measure 17 is marked 'B Senza misura'. Measure 23 includes a dynamic marking of mezzo-forte (mf). Measure 29 is marked 'Senza misura' and ends with a dynamic marking of mezzo-forte (mf).

** Cue-sized notes in string parts indicate optional chorus doubling.

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**Part 2: In which our heros take steps to undertake said jump.
(Two steps forward and one step back, that is.)**

33 **C**

mp *arco* *mf*

38 *rall. molto*

43 **D** *Senza misura* *A tempo*

mf *pizz.*

48 *arco* *(arco)*

f *mp*

53

gliss. *mf*

**Part 3: In which our heros come close to deciding
that jumping off a cliff is a seriously bad idea.**

56 **E** *sul ponticello - a punta d'arco*

p subito

60 *arco norm.* *sul ponticello - a punta d'arco*

fp

66 arco norm.

mf f ff

72

p

Part 4: In which our heros decide it's now or never!

76 **F** pizz.

mf

Senza misura

80 arco

f

G Grand Pause.....and then....

Senza misura

83

mf f

Part 5: In which the hero's wings make their appearance (as foreshadowed in measure 17).

H

87 con sord. e non vibrato

mp

88

p

Epilogue: In which one last hero take a courageous leap into thin air.

I

Senza misura

89

dolce