

Violin II - 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.

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Jump!

3-part treble choir, narrator and string quartet

Part 1: In which our heroes contemplate the jump.

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(♩ = 120)

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1 pizz. mp arco gliss.

5 pizz. mp 2 arco A Senza misura make bow changes unobtrusive

10 pizz. mp arco

17 B Senza misura

23 arco

29 mf gliss. mf Senza misura

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

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

33 **C** *mp*

38 *f* *mf* *mp* *pp* **rall. molto** **Senza misura**

44 **D** *mf* **A tempo** *pizz.*

48 *arco* *f*

52 *mp* *mf*

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

56 **E** *p subito* *arco norm.*

62 *fp* *arco norm.*

Musical notation for measures 68-73. The staff shows a sequence of notes with dynamic markings: *mf*, *f*, *ff*, and *p*. There are accents and slurs over the notes.

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

Musical notation for measures 74-78. Measure 74 is marked with a box containing the letter 'F'. The notation includes slurs, accents, and dynamic markings *mf* and *f*. The word 'arco' is written above the staff in measure 78.

Senza misura

Musical notation for measures 79-82. The staff shows a sequence of notes with dynamic markings *f* and *f*. There are slurs and accents over the notes.

Musical notation for measures 83-86. Measure 83 is marked with a box containing the letter 'G' and the text 'Grand Pause.....and then....'. The notation includes a grand staff with a 4/4 time signature, a dynamic marking *mf*, and a 12/4 time signature. The word 'Senza misura' is written above the staff.

Senza misura

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

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Musical notation for measure 87. The staff shows a sequence of notes with dynamic marking *mp*. The instruction 'con sord. e non vibrato' is written above the staff.

Musical notation for measure 88. The staff shows a sequence of notes with dynamic marking *p*. The time signature is 4/4.

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

Musical notation for measures 89-91. Measure 89 is marked with a box containing the letter 'I'. The notation includes a grand staff with a 4/4 time signature, a dynamic marking *dolce*, and a 5-measure rest. The word 'Senza misura' is written above the staff.

Senza misura