for Choral Chameleon's 2026 Composer Institute
Vince Peterson, Artistic Director

Looking Up

for SATB Choir

L.S.W. & Erin Hanson

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Looking Up

(2026)

Logan Severson Willson
(b. 2001)

Looking up,
through wondering eyes, uncertain.
Looking up,
you watch the sky unfold.

Looking up,
the sky holds not a promise,
but all the dreams
you can't yet reach.

Looking up,
I hold a quiet question.
Looking up,
I wait to find my wings...

Erin Hanson
(b. 1996)

There is freedom waiting for you,
On the breezes of the sky,
And you ask

"What if I fall?"
"Oh, but my darling,
what if you fly?"

I call this piece *Looking Up* because
we all have dreams and aspirations we are looking up to achieve,
goals that lift our hearts toward something greater.

But just as important are the people we look up to along the way,
the ones who guide us through uncertainty, inspire courage,
and help us find our wings.

I dedicate this piece to the peers, mentors, and role models
whose encouragement has shown that I can soar as high as I dare
- and that the sky is only the beginning.

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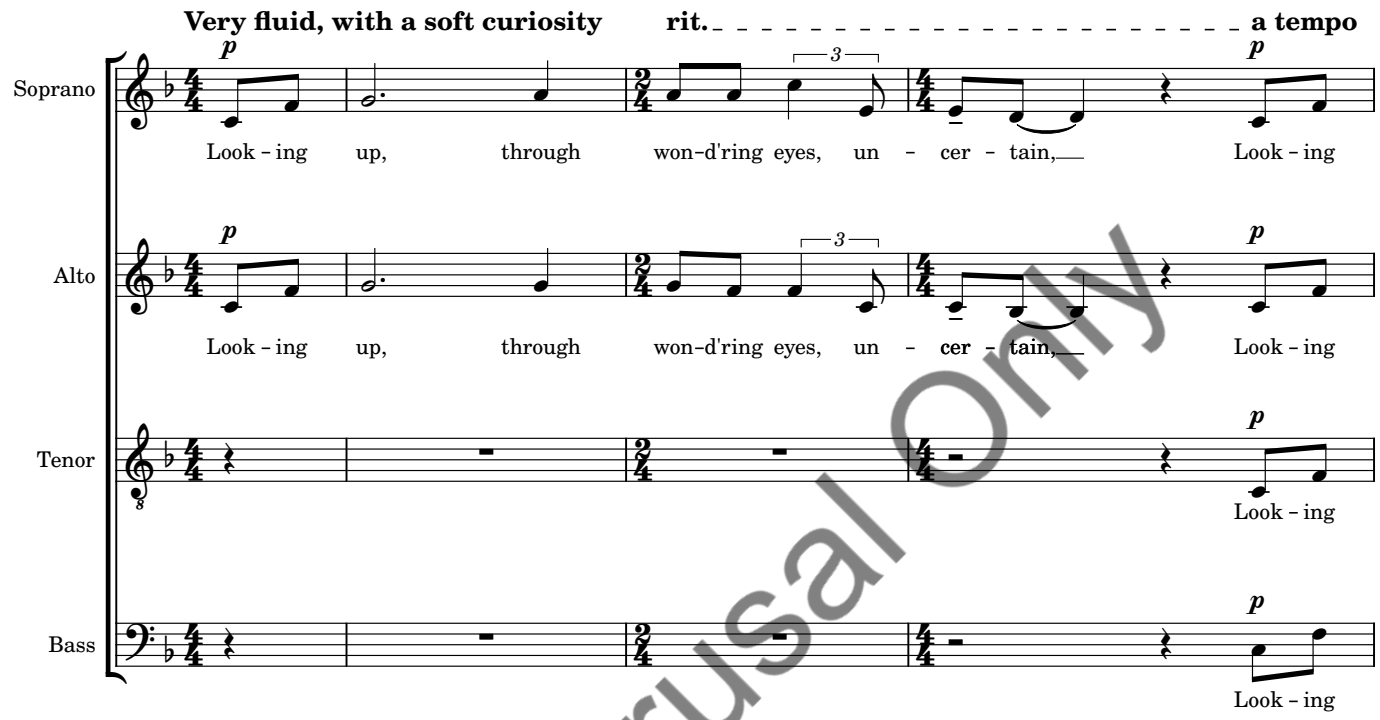
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poco rit. - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - **meno mosso**

9

p

sky holds not a prom - ise, But all the dreams

sky holds not a prom - ise, But all the dreams

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13

sub. **p**

More steady

you can't yet reach.

sub. **p**

you can't yet reach.

sub. **p**

you can't yet reach.

mp

Look - ing up,

sub. **p**

you can't yet reach.

mp

Look - ing up,

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molto meno mosso **Hollow, slower**



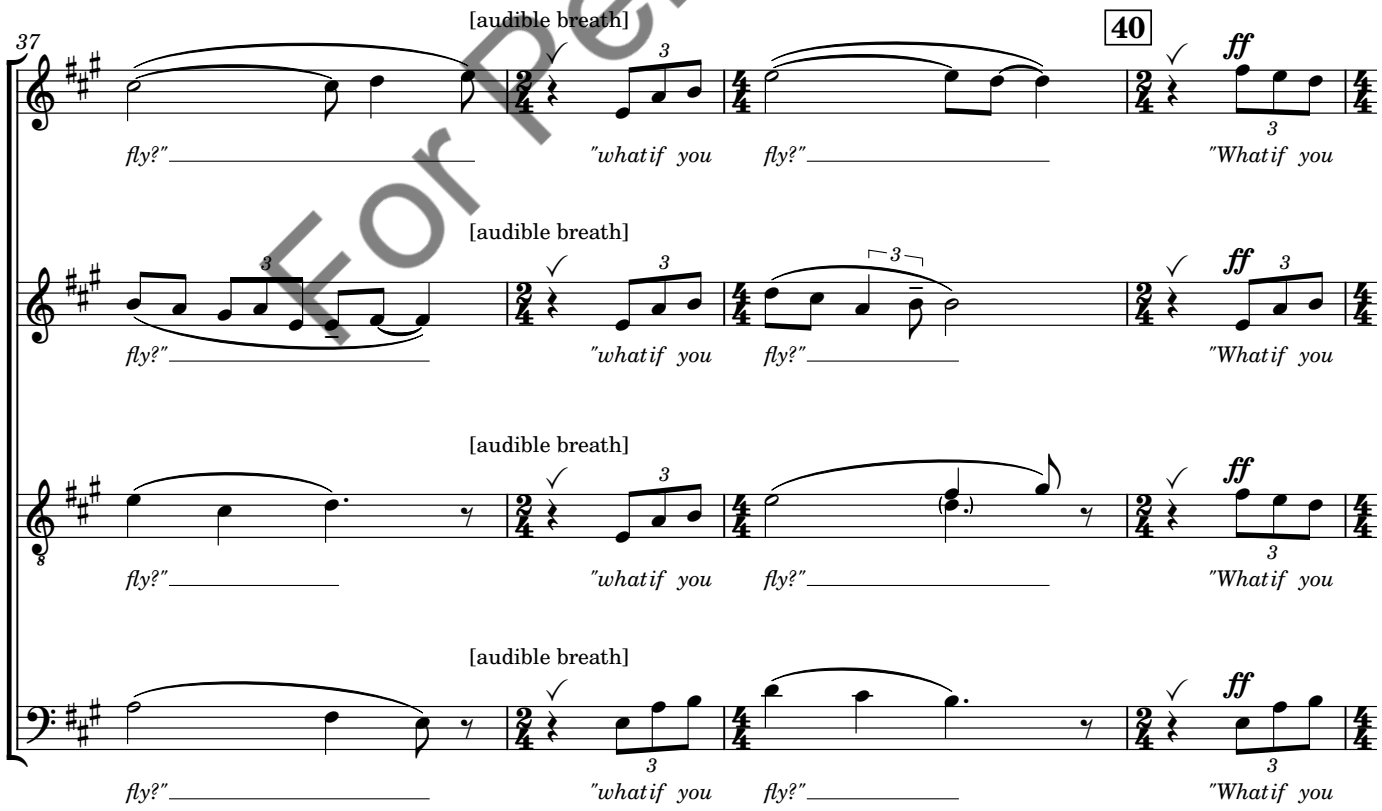


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Uplifting, faster





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* Optional - One soprano may:
[1: move to B♭ on beat two and sustain for duration of the dotted line]
[2: continue to sustain F for duration of the dotted line]





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