

*AS I WALK
THROUGH
THE WOODS
AT NIGHT*

For SSA voices and piano

Corbin Montenegro

About the piece:

Text:

*As I walk through the woods at night
My way is lit by many lights.
As I walk through the woods at night
The stars are my guide.*

*Guiding me through the pines
I feel safe and sound
With the lights of the stars
Dancing around.*

*Wolves howl and creatures prowl
But I have no fear
The moon and stars will take me far
As the night sky remains clear.*

*As the sun pokes its head above
The horizon, its rays shine with love
Love and warmth, its rays do send
My journey reaches its end.*

*Guiding me home again
I feel peace upon
This land, the pines, and the animals
In the glowing dawn.*

Note from the composer:

I submitted this piece as part of a composition competition whose prompt was simply "True North." For me, the first thing that came to my mind when I saw the prompt was an air freshener manufactured by Little Trees called True North. The scent of that air freshener, to me, smells like pine trees. Based on this, I wrote the text from the point of view of someone walking through northern woods at night (specifically mentioning pine trees) and also referencing stars (and indirectly, Polaris, aka "The North Star"), which have been used for thousands of years by many different civilizations to navigate their path. As for the music, I wrote most of the piece using the Lydian and Dorian modes, as I found those to be majestic and ethereal, evoking a sense of wonder and beauty.

About the composer:

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As I Walk Through the Woods at Night

Words and Music by Corbin Montenegro

Maestoso ♩ = 70

Soprano 1

Soprano 2

ff ah

ff ah

Alto

Piano

ff ah

mp *ff*

PERUSAL

SCORE

*jump straight to "m"

S. 1

S. 2

A.

Pno.

mf ah

mf ah

mf ah

mp hm

8

10

S. 1

S. 2

A.

Pno.

p

p

p

p

PERUSAL

SCORE

12

A

S. 1

S. 2

A.

Pno.

mf

As I walk through the woods at night my

14

S. 1
way — is — lit by ma - ny lights,

S. 2

A.

Pno.

PERUSAL

SCORE

16

S. 1
As I walk through the woods at night the

S. 2
mp
walk through night,

A.
mp
walk through night,

Pno.

18

S. 1
stars are my guide.

S. 2
mf
stars are my guide.

A.
mf
stars are my guide.

Pno.

PERUSAL

SCORE

20

B

S. 1
Gui-ding me through the pines

S. 2
Gui-ding me through the pines

A.
Gui-ding me through the pines—

Pno.

22

S. 1
I feel safe

S. 2
I feel safe

A.
I feel safe and sound

Pno.

SCORE

24

S. 1
p misterioso
with the lights of the stars dancing a - round, with the lights of the

S. 2
p misterioso
with the lights of the stars dancing a - round, with the lights of the

A.
p misterioso
with the lights of the stars dancing a - round, with the lights of the

Pno.

28

S. 1
stars dan-cing a - round.

S. 2
stars dan-cing a - round.

A.
stars dan-cing a - round.

Pno.

PERUSAL

SCORE

31

S. 1

S. 2

A.
mf
Wolves howl and

Pno.

33

S. 1

S. 2

A.

crea-tures prowl_____ but I have no

Pno.

PERUSAL

SCORE

35

S. 1

S. 2

A.

mf
the moon and the stars will

fear,

Pno.

37

S. 1

S. 2

A.

take me far as the night sky re - mains

Pno.

PERUSAL

SCORE

39

S. 1

S. 2

A.

clear.

Wolves howl and

mp howl

mp howl

Pno.

41

S. 1
prowl I have no

S. 2
prowl I have no

A.
creatures pro but have no

Pno.

SCORE

43

S. 1
fear, the sky is clear.

S. 2
fear, the sky is clear.

A.
fear, the sky is clear.

Pno.

molto

a tempo

46

S. 1

S. 2

A.

Pno.

48

S. 1

S. 2

A.

Pno.

PERUSAL

As the sun pokes its head a - bove the ho -

SCORE

50

S. 1

S. 2

A.

Pno.

-ri - zon, its rays shine with love, —

52

S. 1
Love and warmth its rays do send, my

S. 2
mp
love and warmth,

A.
mp
love and warmth,

Pno.

PERUSAL

SCORE

54

S. 1
jour - ney reach - es its end.

S. 2
mf
reach - - es end.

A.
mf
reach - - es - - end.

Pno.

E

56

S. 1

S. 2

A.

Pno.

Gui-ding me home a - gain_

Gui-ding me home a - gain_

Gui-ding me home a - gain_

PERUSAL

SCORE

58

S. 1

S. 2

A.

Pno.

I feel peace on

I feel peace on

I feel peace up - on_

60 *rit.*

S. 1 *p misterioso*
this land, the pines and the an-i-mals in the glowing dawn,

S. 2 *p misterioso*
this land, the pines and the an-i-mals in the glowing dawn,

A. *p misterioso*
this land, the pines and the an-i-mals in the glowing dawn,

Pno.

PERUSAL

SCORE

63 *tempo*

S. 1
Land and pines and the an-i-mals in the glow-ing dawn.

S. 2
Land and pines and the an-i-mals in the glow-ing dawn

A.
Land and pines and the an-i-mals in the glow-ing dawn

Pno.

66 **F**

S. 1 *mf* ah

S. 2 *mf* ah

A. *mf* ah

Pno. *mp*

PERUSAL

SCORE

68

S. 1 ah

S. 2 ah

A. ah

Pno.

70

S. 1
ah

S. 2
ah

A.
.

Pno.

PERUSAL

SCORE

72

S. 1
ff *mf*

S. 2
ff *mf*

A.
ff *mf*

Pno.
ff *mf*

G

75

S. 1 *ff* ah _____ *mf* ah _____

S. 2 *ff* ah _____ *mf* ah _____

A. *ff* ah _____ *mf* ah _____

Pno. *ff*

PERUSAL

SCORE

*jump straight to "m"

80

S. 1 *fp < ff* *hm

S. 2 *fp < ff* *hm

A. *fp < ff* *hm

Pno. *mp*

mp
8