

“Carol of the (New Zealand) Birds”

for a cappella SATB

words and music by Philip Norman

An extract from 'Wenceslas' (1992) a cantata for choir and orchestra by Philip Norman, commissioned by the Christchurch Symphony Orchestra, setting the words of the traditional Czech carol, 'Carol of the Birds'.

First performed in the New Zealand birds version by The Cathedral Grammar School Choir at the Christchurch Symphony Orchestra's 2005 Christmas Proms. Arranged for a cappella SATB 2009.

Duration 1'30"

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Soprano

Alto

Tenor

Bass

NZ words: A - cross the Pa - ci - fic a god - wit flies, Kua - ka, kua - ka,
Trad. words: From out of a wood did a cuck - oo fly, Cuck - oo Cuck - oo He

Kua - ka, kua - ka, kua - ka, kua - ka, Cuck - oo, Cuck-oo, Cuck-oo, Cuck-oo
Kua - ka, kua - ka, kua - ka, kua - ka, Cuck - oo, cuck-oo Cuck - oo, _____

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Kua - ka, kua ka, kua ka, kua ka Mmm _____
Cuck - oo, cuck-oo, cuck - oo, cuck-oo, _____

Carr - y-ing news to the south ern skies, Kua - ka, Kua - ka, In far - off sta ble, a-
came to a man-ger with joy - ful cry, Cuck - oo, cook - oo He hopped, he curt-sied, a-

Kua - ka, kua ka, kua ka, kua ka Mmm _____
Cuck - oo, cuck-oo, cuck - oo, cuck-oo, _____

Kua - ka, kua ka, kua ke, kua - ka Mmm _____
Cuck - oo, Cuck-oo cuck oo, cuck-oo, _____

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 S Mmm _____ Mmm _____ Kua - ka, kua - ka, kua -
 Cuck - oo, cuck - oo, cuck -
 A sleep on hay, a son to Ma - ry was born this - day Kua - ka, kua - ka, kua -
 round he flew and loud his ju - bi - la - tion grew, Cuck - oo, cuck - oo, cuck -
 T Mmm _____ Mmm _____ Kua - ka, kua - ka, kua -
 B Mmm _____ Mmm _____ Mmm _____ Kua - ka, kua -
 Cuck - oo, cuck - oo, cuck -
 14 S ka, kua - ae _____ Ke - a, ke - a, ke -
 oo, cuck - oo. Vrer - croo, vrer - croo, vrer -
 A ka, kua - ka _____ Ke - a, ke - a, ke -
 oo, cuck - oo. Vrer - croo, vrer - croo, vrer -
 T ka, kua - ka _____ Ke - a, ke - a, ke -
 oo, cuck - oo. Vrer - croo, vrer - croo, vrer -
 B ka, In high - coun - try pas - ture a hawk takes flight, Ke - a, ke -
 oo A pi - geon flew o - ver to Ga - li - lee, Vrer - croo, vrer -
 19 S a, ke - a _____ Ke - a, ke - a, ke -
 croo, vrer - croo. Vrer - croo, vrer - croo, vrer -
 A a, ke - a _____ Ke - a, ke - a, ke -
 croo, vrer - croo. Vrer - croo, vrer - croo, vrer -
 T a, ke - a _____ Ke - a, ke - a, ke -
 croo, vrer - croo. Vrer - croo, vrer - croo, vrer -
 B a, Soar - ing and swoo - ping with sheer de light, Ke - a, ke -
 croo, strut - ted and cooed and was full of glee, Vrer - croo, vrer -