

# Jubilant Cicadas

From "A Joyful Noise"

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Lilting ♩ = c. 96-100

Piano

*mp legato*

5 *mf*

S Af - ter-noon mid - Au - gust, Two ci-ca - das sing - ing,

A Af - ter-noon mid - Au - gust, Two ci-ca - das sing - ing,

9 Air kiln - hot,

lead heav - y.

The score is in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The piano part begins with a lilting tempo of approximately 96-100 beats per minute. The vocal parts enter at measure 5 with a mezzo-forte dynamic. The lyrics describe a hot afternoon in August with cicadas singing and a hot kiln leading to heavy air.

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13 *mp*

Five ci-ca-das hum-ming, Thun-der-heads north-west-ward,

Five ci-ca-das hum-ming, Thun-der-heads north-west-ward,

*cresc. poco a poco*

17

Twelve ci-ca-das buz-zing, Up and down the street

Twelve ci-ca-das buz-zing, Up and down the street

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22

the might-y choir's as-sem-bling,

the might-y choir's as-sem-bling,

26 *mp*

S ShriII ci - ca - das dron - ing,

*p*

S Hm

*p* *mp*

A Hm Ci - ca - das

*p*

A Hm

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Hm

dron - ing in the elms

8vb

A bit faster ♩ = c. 104-110

32

S

A

*mf*

Three

A bit faster ♩ = c. 104-110

36

years,

Three years,

*mf*

spent

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a - mong the roots

un - der-ground, in dark - ness,

42

Now they're break - ing ground

Now they're break - ing ground

45

*mp*

split - ting skins and

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*mf*

sing - ing, split - ting skins and sing - ing, and

and sing - ing,

51

sing - ing and sing - ing, Ju - bi - lant ci -

and sing - ing, and sing - ing,

*f*

54

ca - das, pour - ing out their fer - vent praise,

r - joy ing, fer - vent praise for

*f*

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for — heat and light, their hymn

light, their hymn, sung to the

60

Re - joic - ing, ju - bi - lant ci - ca - das,

sun re - joic -

63

pour - ing out their fer - vent praise, for heat and

ing, fer - ven praise for light,

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light, their hymn

their hymn, sung to the sun

69

*p cresc. poco a poco*

whin - ing, Ci - ca - das whin - ing, Ci - ca - das

72

whir - ring, puls - ing, whir - ring, Ci - ca - das puls - ing,

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*mf*

chant - ing from the tree - tops, chant - ing from the

*mf*

chant - ing from the tree - tops, chant - ing from the



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81 *mf*

send - ing forth their

*ff sub. p* *mp*

84 *mf*

boom - ing, send - ing forth their boom - ing,

send - ing forth their boom - ing, boom - ing,

87

boom - ing, bois - t'rous, joy - ful noise!

boom - ing, bois - t'rous, joy - ful noise!

*mf* *f* *mp*

90

*ff* *ff* *ff*

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