

Takakkaw Falls

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arranged for piano duet

From Wikipedia: Takakkaw Falls is a waterfall located in Yoho National Park, near Field, British Columbia. Its highest point is 384 m (1260 feet) from its base, making it the second-highest officially measured waterfall in western Canada, after Della Falls on Vancouver Island. However its true "free-fall" is only 254 m.

"Takakkaw" is derived from the Cree word for "it is magnificent". The falls are fed by the Daly Glacier which is part of the Waputik Icefield.

Composer's note: The title also provides the primary rhythm of the piece. Bars 3 and 4 are the answer to the question "What's it called?" "Takakkaw. Takakkaw Falls."

Allegro vivace ♩ = 140

Primo

Secondo

p

mp

leggiere

mf

mp

mf

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2
10

2 4 3 4 3 2 1 2 1

4 5

10

15

2 4 2 3 1 2 3 4

5 4 3 5 4 1

15

20 *8va*

mf

20

mf

1 2 3 4 5 1 2 3 4 5 1

3 3 3 3

The musical score for 'Takakkaw Falls' is presented in three systems. The first system (measures 1-10) features a treble and bass staff with a piano accompaniment of eighth notes and a melody with various fingerings (2, 4, 3, 4, 3, 2, 1, 2, 1). The second system (measures 11-15) continues the piano accompaniment and melody, with a bridge section in measures 13-14 marked by a double bar line and a key signature change to two flats. The third system (measures 16-20) includes a section marked '8va' (octave up) and 'mf' (mezzo-forte), with a key signature change to three flats. The piano accompaniment in the third system features a complex rhythmic pattern of eighth and sixteenth notes, with fingerings 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 1.

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25

f *mp* *f* *p*

30

mp *mf* *f*

35

8va-----

ff *leggiero* *p*

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4
40

p

mf

40

44

44

47

47

6/4

6/4

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6/4

1 3 4 2 4 3 5 1 3 2 4

The musical score is written for piano in a key of three flats (B-flat major or D-flat minor) and a 6/4 time signature. It consists of three systems of staves. The first system (measures 40-43) features a treble staff with chords and a bass staff with a melodic line. The second system (measures 44-46) continues the melodic and harmonic development. The third system (measures 47-50) includes a change in the bass staff's melodic pattern and a final measure with a 6/4 time signature. Dynamics include piano (*p*) and mezzo-forte (*mf*). Fingerings are indicated by numbers 1-5. A repeat sign is present in the third system.

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50

f

legato

5 3 2

2 5

50

f

53

p

cantabile

4 5 3 1 2 5 3 2

5 4 2 3

53

p

57

3

4

5 4

57

2 5

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[illegible][illegible][illegible]

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74

7

f

f

1 4

3 5 2 1 4 3 1 3 2 4 1

4 5 1 2

79

5
3

The musical score for 'The Rose Tree' is presented in two systems. The first system consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef and contains a melody with a dotted quarter note, an eighth note, and a half note. The lower staff is in bass clef and contains a melody with a dotted quarter note, an eighth note, and a half note. The second system also consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef and contains a melody with a dotted quarter note, an eighth note, and a half note. The lower staff is in bass clef and contains a melody with a dotted quarter note, an eighth note, and a half note. The score is written in a simple, clear style with a white background and black notation.

79 3 4

subito p

83

83

f

83

84

85

86

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8
87

8^{va}

91 (8^{va})

maestoso

mf

M.D.

5 2

4 + 3/4

95 (8^{va})

95

5 2

3

100 (8va)-----

100

105 (8va)-----

105

110 (8va)-----

110

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10 (8va)

114

(8va)
5
2

118

(8va)

122

mp *ff*