

Flight of the Birds

Ballet

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Allegretto Moderato

PIANO

Measures 1-4 of the piano introduction. The music is in C major, 2/4 time. Measure 1 starts with a forte (*f*) dynamic. Measure 3 includes an acceleration (*accel.*) marking. Measure 4 features a fortissimo (*ff*) dynamic and a mezzo-forte ritardando (*mf rit.*) marking.

5

Delicato

a tempo

Measures 5-8. Measure 5 is marked *Delicato* and *a tempo*. The melody in the right hand is characterized by grace notes and a delicate, flowing line.

9

poco accel.

rall.

Measures 9-12. Measure 9 is marked *poco accel.*. Measure 12 is marked *rall.* (ritardando). The piece concludes with a final chord in measure 12.

13

a tempo

Measures 13-16. Measure 13 is marked *a tempo*. The melody continues with grace notes and a delicate, flowing line.

17

poco accel.

ff

rit.

Measures 17-20. Measure 17 is marked *poco accel.*. Measure 19 is marked *ff* (fortissimo). Measure 20 is marked *rit.* (ritardando). The piece concludes with a final chord in measure 20.

21

Più mosso

Meno mosso

ff

p

Measures 21-24. Measure 21 is marked *Più mosso* and *ff*. Measure 22 is marked *Meno mosso* and *p*. The piece concludes with a final chord in measure 24.

25 *Più mosso* *Meno mosso*

ff *p* *rall.*

29 *Più mosso* *Meno mosso*

ff *p*

33 *f* *p* *rall. e dim.* *mf rit.*

37 **Tempo I**

Delicato

41 *poco accel.* *rall.*

45 *a tempo*

49 *poco accel.* *ff*

53 **Andante con moto**

53 *p*

57 *mf*

61 *p*

65 *f* *p*

69 *f*

73 *ff*

77

f

81

ff *f* *mf rit.*

85 **Tempo I**

Delicato **Tempo I**

89

poco accel. *rall.*

93

a tempo

97

poco accel. *ff*