

Out Into Silence

This is the sound of God's laughter,
like nothing on earth, it fills
earth from grave to mountain-top,
lingers there a while, then like a great
bird spreading its wings for home or somewhere
like home,

heads out into silence,
gentle and endless, longing to understand.

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Largo and Molto rubato ♩ = 52

The musical score is for Violin I, Violin II, Viola, and Cello. It begins in common time (C) with a tempo of ♩ = 52. The Violin I part starts with a *ppp* dynamic and a *non vib.* instruction. The Violin II, Viola, and Cello parts enter with *pp* dynamics and *non vib.* instructions. The score changes to 3/4 time, where the Violin I part has a *slow vib.* instruction. The score then changes to 2/4 time, where the Violin I part has a *ppp* dynamic and a *sul tasto non vib.* instruction. The Violin II, Viola, and Cello parts continue with *p* dynamics and *non vib.* instructions.