

Martha Hill Duncan

THE SONG OF THE STARS

for SSSA (divisi) & Timpani



Treble Choir Series

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*We are the stars which sing,
We sing with our light;
We are the birds of fire,
We fly over the sky
Our light is a voice.
We make a road for spirits,
For the spirits to pass over.
Among us are three hunters
Who chase a bear;
There never was a time
When they were not hunting.
We look down on the mountains.
This is the Song of the Stars.*

*from the Passamaquoddy on Campobello Island, New Brunswick
collected and published by Charles G. Leland 1884*

“Hannah sings” – Oil on Canvas by Judith Quintin

Judith Quintin was born in Sherbrooke, Quebec and studied at the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts, the Ontario College of Art and Queen's University. She taught art classes in the Department of Physiotherapy at Queen's University and enjoyed teaching private classes in the Kingston area.

Her work has been shown in galleries and solo and group shows in Kingston, Ottawa, Toronto and Oakville, Canada. She was an exhibitor in the 1996 and 1997 Toronto Outdoor Exhibition and her work is in private collections across Canada, the United States and Europe. She works successfully on a commission basis. www.judithquintin.ca

Martha Hill Duncan wishes to thank her friend Judy for permission to use her colourful and expressive painting in her Treble Choir Series.

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Cantabile et misterioso ♩ = 45

A

Musical score for the first system, marked *p* (piano). It features four staves: S 1, S 2, A 1, and A 2. The lyrics are: "We are we are the stars which sing;". The music is in 6/8 time and includes dynamic markings like *p* and hairpins.

Musical score for the second system, marked *mp* (mezzo-piano). It features four staves: S 1, S 2, A 1, and A 2. The lyrics are: "We sing we sing with our light. We". The music continues in 6/8 time with dynamic markings like *mp* and hairpins.

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S 1
are We are the birds of fire; We fly o - ver we fly o-ver the sky. —

S 2
are We are the birds of fire; We fly o-ver we fly o-ver the sky. —

A 1
are We are the birds of fire; We fly o-ver we fly o-ver the sky. —

A 2
are We are the birds of fire; We fly we fly o-ver the sky. —

mf *p* *mp* *p* *mf* *p*

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S 1

S 2

A 1

A 2

Timp.

B *f* *f* *f* *f* *mp* *p* *f* *p*

Our light is a voice, We