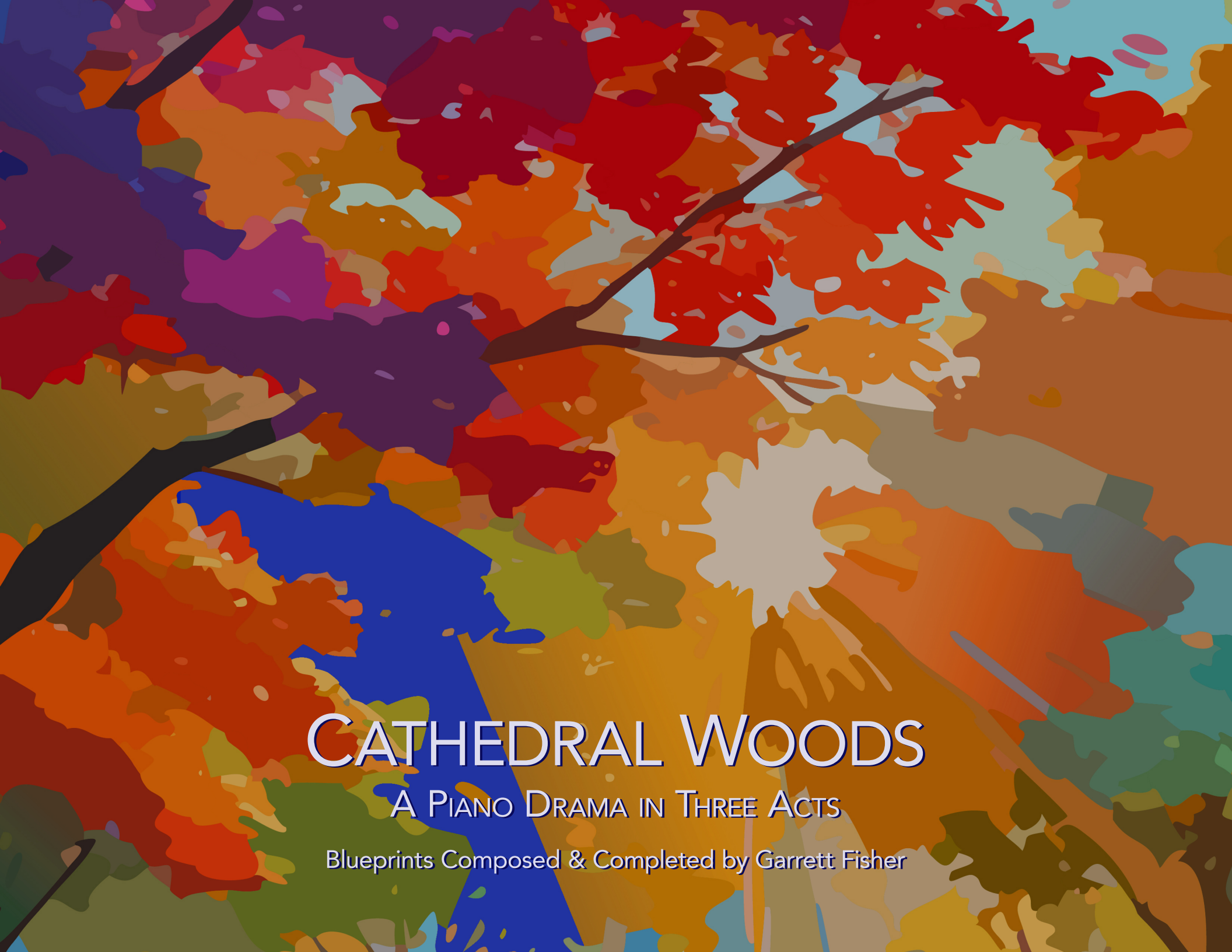


An abstract, painterly illustration of a forest in autumn. The scene is filled with dense foliage in various shades of red, orange, yellow, and purple. Dark, silhouetted tree branches are scattered throughout the composition. A prominent, bright blue shape, possibly representing a body of water or a clearing, is visible in the lower-left quadrant. The overall style is expressive and colorful, with a focus on the warm tones of the season.

CATHEDRAL WOODS

A PIANO DRAMA IN THREE ACTS

Blueprints Composed & Completed by Garrett Fisher

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INTRODUCTION TO *CATHEDRAL WOODS*

CATHEDRAL WOODS is inspired by the forest of the same name on Monhegan Island, Maine, near where I spent my childhood summers. Fourteen miles off the coast, the island feels like a world of its own—timeless and almost otherworldly. The towering trees and quiet, almost sacred atmosphere create the feeling of stepping into a cathedral, inviting reflection and wonder.

This work is built around my *Blueprints*, a type of musical score I've developed that balances structure and freedom, inviting interpretation. Rather than fixed compositions, they offer instructions and suggestions—meant to be realized through the performer's unique choices and voice.

Each Blueprint is based on a unique mode and is part of a larger cycle of 72, with each one connected to a specific season and time of day. Together, they move through a full year—Fall, Winter, Spring, and Summer—offering a musical reflection of time's passage. I've included a complete overview of the 72 modes in the appendix.

Cathedral Woods is a curated collection of these Blueprints, arranged in three acts. Through *Retreat* (Act I), we arrive at a place to *Refuel* (Act II), so we can ultimately *Renew* (Act III)—mirroring the rhythm of the seasons. The repetition of Blueprints 6 and 23 in different acts highlights how interpretation can shift depending on context and emotional terrain.

I've structured this score to include both the Blueprint (on the left side of the page) and my own realization for solo piano (on the right). Each act also includes a "Shadow" classical work—pieces by composers such as Schubert, Grieg, and Rachmaninoff. While the original scores of these works aren't included, their influence is woven into the Blueprints themselves.

You can hear the full version of my realization on the live recording, *CATHEDRAL WOODS (LIVE)*.

Garrett Fisher
June, 2025

Act 1: Retreat

Shadow of Schubert (Sonata in F # Minor, D. 571, Unfinished)

[illegible]

C

6 Schubert mix

D

Cont. with Schubert

ending of section

The musical score is written for piano on a grand staff. The key signature has three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The score is divided into two main sections: 'Schubert mix' and 'ending of section'. The 'Schubert mix' section starts at measure 6 and includes a 'Cont. with Schubert' section. The 'ending of section' section follows. The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and bar lines.

The musical notation for the 'lead out' section is shown in a grand staff (treble and bass clefs). The key signature has three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The notation consists of two measures, each with a double bar line. The first measure has an upward-pointing arrow above the treble staff and the text 'BP 6: Strum up' below the bass staff. The second measure has a downward-pointing arrow above the treble staff and the text 'Strum up' below the bass staff. Above the first measure is a box containing the letter 'E', and above the second measure is a box containing the letter 'F'. The number '12' is written above the first measure.

Shadow of Schubert (Sonata in F Minor, D. 571, Unfinished)

16 Schubert integration

G

Schubert: 2nd Iteration (mm. 24-28)

Schubert: mm. 29 - 2nd ending

Schubert: Last section as written generally

H

20 I

27

Shadow of Schubert (Sonata in F Minor, D. 571, Unfinished)



Blueprint 6: Late Fall - Afternoon

Mode: Summer Solstice - Dawn



Lingering Thought

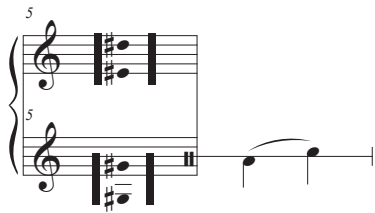
RH: solo melody



Lingering Thought in Time

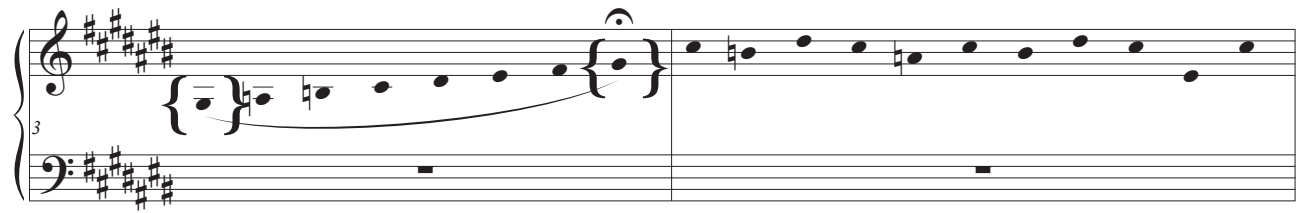
RH: in time, or syncopated, with LH chords

LH: Cluster chords, can have a sense of breathing



LH: Sample Motif

A Upward Strum



Starting
Note

Ending
Note

B Lingering Thought

C Lingering Thought in Time



Blueprint 6: Late Fall - Afternoon

10

10

D

14

16

16

E

20

13

13

19

19

Blueprint 6: Late Fall - Afternoon

Lingering Thought Thicker

RH: Melody is in octaves

LH: Cluster chords can be thicker
but not muddy

23

F Lingering Thought Thicker

25

26

30

30

G

33

34

Blueprint 6: Late Fall - Afternoon

Lingering Thought RH Thicker

RH: remains thicker



H Lingering Thought RH Thicker



Lingering Thought Remnant

RH can play 2 note chords as part of the melody

LH resumes similar chords to Reh C.



I Lingering Thought Remnant



Blueprint 6: Late Fall - Afternoon

51

J Upward Strum

53

Lingering Melody in Octaves

BH: Reduce to a melody.
Make 1 octave
(not doubled octaves in BH)

54

Lingering Melody in Octaves

55

Blueprint 23: Mid Spring - Afternoon

Melange Ennui



Melange Ennui

Start with **Establishing Scale**.

Climbing Lyric Wisps rise into **Motivic Answers**

which fall back, overlapping

with new Climbing Lyric Wisps.

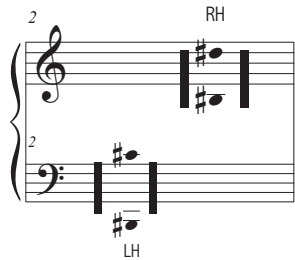
Can find inner voicing.

LH: Start in midrange,

Each starting note progresses downward

Subsiding into **Wispy**: BH in tandem,

then **Trailing**: BH subsiding in closer Wispy.



A **B** **C** **D**

Establishing scale

Starting Note **Climbing Lyric Wisp** **Lower Starting Note**

RH Motivic Answer
Emerges from Climbing Lyric Wisp

Overlaps with LH Starting Note

Can include hints of Motivic Answer

Wispy

Can include hints of LH opening note

Trailing

Melange Ennui

10 RH

10 LH

Starting Note

Bridge using BH: Wispy
can link to new
Melange Ennui v2:
BH can use **Wispy**
LH: starting notes can go
in any direction

E

11 Bridge BH: Wispy

Starting Note

13 Wispy

15 RH

15 LH

F Trailing

16

Blueprint 23: Mid Spring - Afternoon

Inner Pause

RH: Single line melody,
2-3 phrases
LH: 2-3 note chord support
Segues naturally
to Melange Ennui

18 RH

18 LH

Inner Pause

G

19 Single line melody

Segues naturally

LH: Chord support

21 RH

21 LH

Melange Ennui Reprise

Start with **Establishing scale**.
BH: can use **Wispy**.
LH: can use **Climbing Lyric Wispy**.
RH: Motivic Answers are inverted

H

22 Establishing scale

Climbing Lyric Wispy

Lower Starting Note

Wispy

Lower Starting Note

I

26 Trailing

Blueprint 17: Summer Solstice - Dawn

Mode: Summer Solstice - Dawn

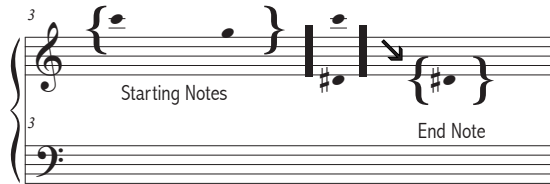


Mode: Summer Solstice - Night



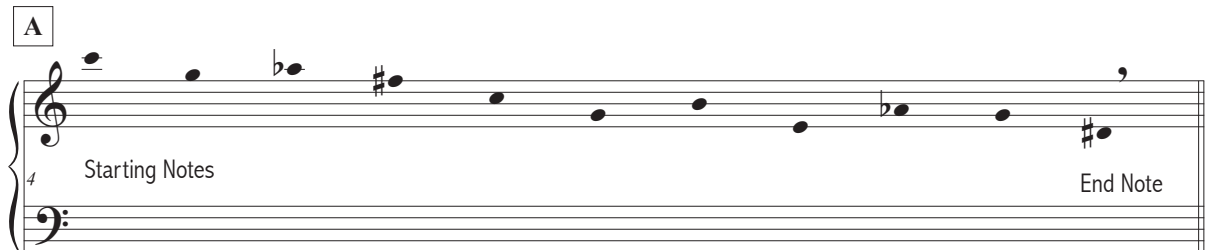
Glistening Cascade: Phrase 1

BH: Motion can fall
with rise and fall



Mode: Summer Solstice - Dawn

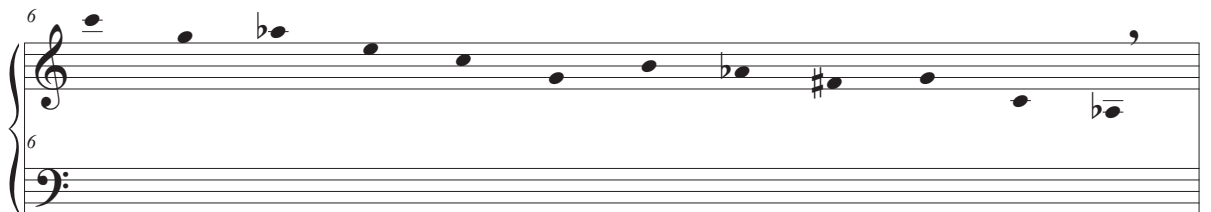
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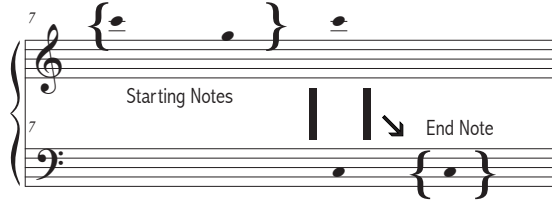
Glistening Cascade: Phrase 2



Glistening Cascade: Phrase 2



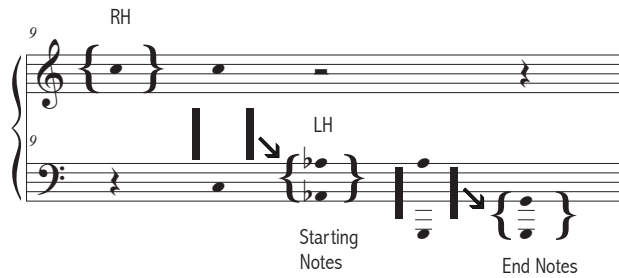
Glistening Cascade: Phrase 3



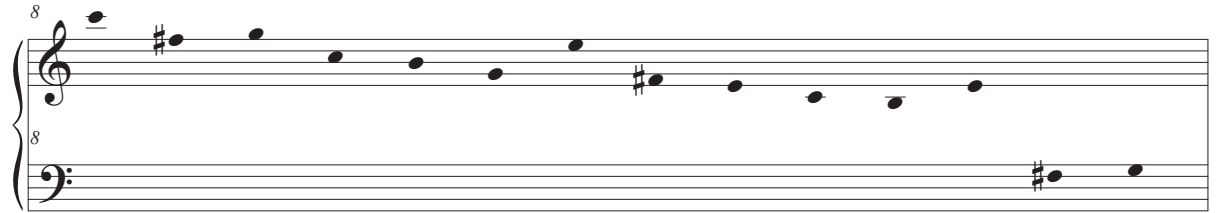
RH: Glistening Cascade (cont)

LH: Octave Counterpoint

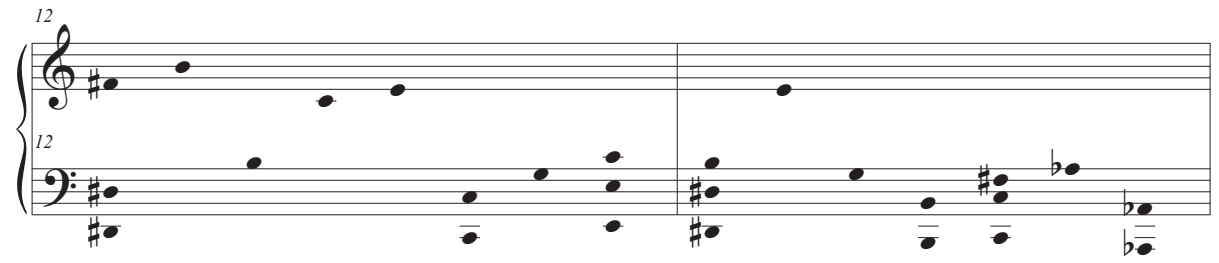
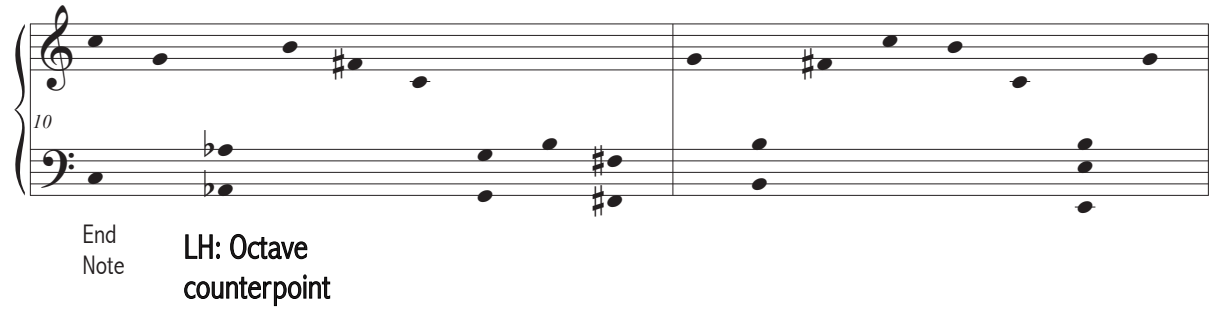
LH: in octaves
Can be played on or inbetween RH notes
and with the feel that LH is duple while RH is triplet



Glistening Cascade: Phrase 3



B RH: Glistening Cascade (cont)



Blueprint 17: Summer Solstice - Dawn

RH: Reverse Glistening Cascade

LH: Chord counterpoint

14

14

RH

LH

LH: Starting note

LH: Replace octaves with 2-3 note chords

RH: Reverse Glistening Cascade

LH: Chord counterpoint

C

15

15

End Note

LH: 2-3 note chords

17

17

Glistening Cascade Reprise: Phrase 1

18

18

Starting Notes

End Note

Glistening Cascade Reprise: Phrase 1

D

19

Starting Notes

End Note

Glistening Cascade Reprise: Phrase 2

20

Starting Notes

20

End Note

This musical notation shows measures 20 and 21. Measure 20 contains a treble clef with a bracketed group of notes (F4, G4, A4, B4) and a bass clef with a bracketed group of notes (C4, D4, E4, F4). Measure 21 contains a treble clef with a single note (F4) and a bass clef with a bracketed group of notes (C4, D4, E4, F4). The text 'Starting Notes' is written above measure 20, and 'End Note' is written below measure 21.

21

21

This musical notation shows measures 21 and 22. Measure 21 contains a treble clef with a bracketed group of notes (F4, G4, A4, B4) and a bass clef with a bracketed group of notes (C4, D4, E4, F4). Measure 22 contains a treble clef with a single note (F4) and a bass clef with a bracketed group of notes (C4, D4, E4, F4).

Repeat Glistening

Journey to last fragment

22

22

This musical notation shows measures 22 and 23. Measure 22 contains a treble clef with a bracketed group of notes (F4, G4, A4, B4) and a bass clef with a bracketed group of notes (C4, D4, E4, F4). Measure 23 contains a treble clef with a single note (F4) and a bass clef with a bracketed group of notes (C4, D4, E4, F4).

Repeat Glistening

E

23

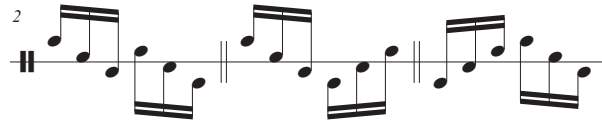
This musical notation shows measures 23 and 24. Measure 23 contains a treble clef with a bracketed group of notes (F4, G4, A4, B4) and a bass clef with a bracketed group of notes (C4, D4, E4, F4). Measure 24 contains a treble clef with a single note (F4) and a bass clef with a bracketed group of notes (C4, D4, E4, F4). A box containing the letter 'E' is positioned above measure 23.

Last phrase
can be a fragment

Blueprint 31: Late Fall - Dusk



Rippling Sample Motifs

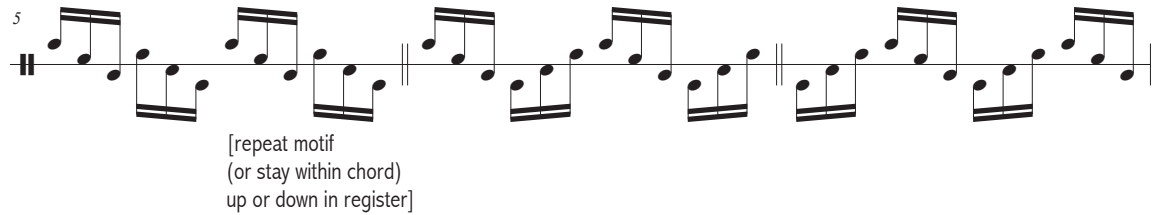


Rippling

BH: play 3 note broken chord motifs
Outer notes for each hand most often are octaves
Internal notes should resonate with the others
to form an overall chord

Rippling chords can broaden and contract
as hands move apart and together
Shifting into different color and light
suggests discovery of a new thought or direction
Incorporate **Simple Melody** and **Dancing Melody**
Can evolve into **Extended Hand Rippling**

Extended Hand Rippling



Extended Rippling

Repeat motif (or notes within motif)
Up or down in register

Simple Melody
Sample Motifs



Simple Melody / Dancing Melody

A single line melody in one hand
Or between hands
Simple Melody can be offbeat
Dancing Melody can start on beat
or resolve on beat

Dancing Melody
Sample Motifs



Blueprint 31: Late Fall - Dusk

Rippling

BH begin intertwined

Dotted phrase marks
are some examples of
Dancing Melody

A

Musical score for measures 19-23. The key signature is three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The score is written for piano with a treble and bass staff. The melody in the treble staff features eighth-note runs with dotted phrase markings. The bass staff provides a steady accompaniment of eighth notes.

Tonic: C#

Tenuto markings
are some examples of
Simple Melody

Extended Rippling

Musical score for measures 24-27. The key signature is three sharps. The melody in the treble staff includes tenuto markings and eighth-note runs. The bass staff continues with eighth-note accompaniment.

Musical score for measures 28-31. The key signature is three sharps. The melody in the treble staff features eighth-note runs with tenuto markings. The bass staff continues with eighth-note accompaniment.

Rippling Chords
broaden

Blueprint 31: Late Fall - Dusk

33

33

Shifting colors

Simple Melody
can be on offbeat

simile
(Simple and Dance Melodic lines)

38

38

43

43

47

47

Blueprint 31: Late Fall - Dusk

52

52

Range broadens

57

57

62

62

Droplets

B

Falling, broken motifs from Rippling

67

Add simple chords to accompany

Blueprint 31: Late Fall - Dusk

C Rippling

Measures 69-73 of the piece. The music is in treble and bass clefs with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The melody in the treble clef consists of eighth-note pairs (beamed eighth notes) moving in a stepwise fashion. The bass clef accompaniment features a steady eighth-note pattern. Measure numbers 69, 70, 71, 72, and 73 are indicated at the start of their respective measures.

Tonic: F#

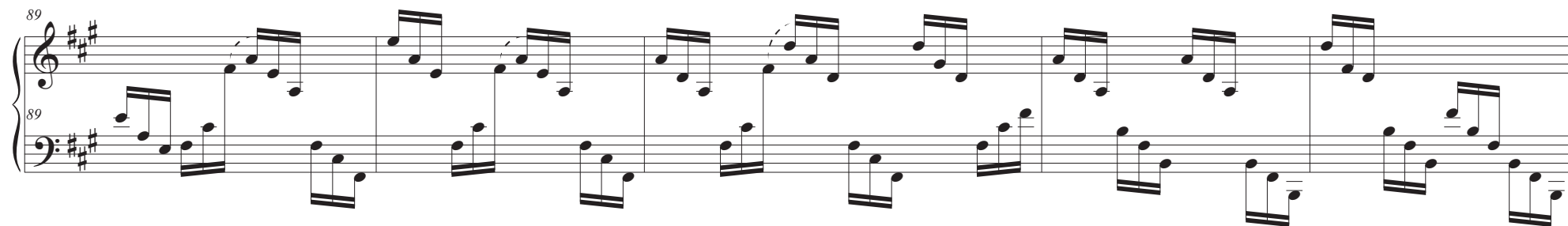
Measures 74-78 of the piece. The musical notation continues with the same eighth-note beamed pattern in both hands. Measure numbers 74, 75, 76, 77, and 78 are indicated at the start of their respective measures.

Measures 79-83 of the piece. The musical notation continues with the same eighth-note beamed pattern in both hands. Measure numbers 79, 80, 81, 82, and 83 are indicated at the start of their respective measures.

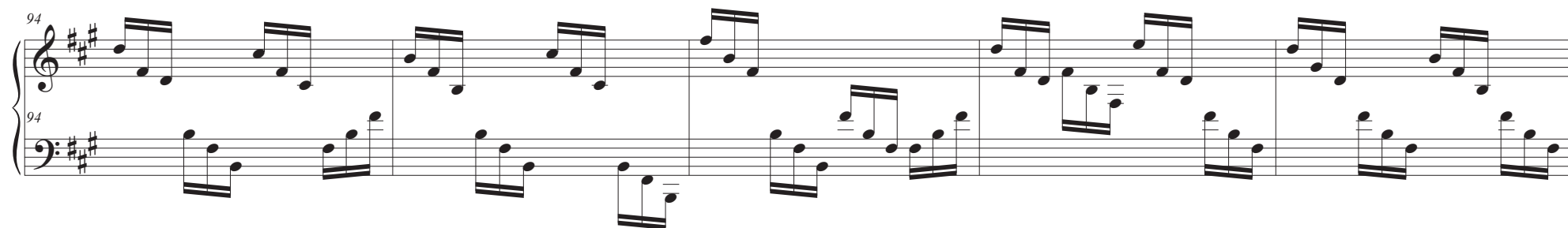
Measures 84-88 of the piece. The musical notation continues with the same eighth-note beamed pattern in both hands. Measure numbers 84, 85, 86, 87, and 88 are indicated at the start of their respective measures.

Blueprint 31: Late Fall - Dusk

89



94



99



D Ending
Rippling whirlpools to rest

104



Blueprint 31: Late Fall - Dusk

109

109

This system contains measures 109 through 113. The key signature is three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The melody in the treble clef consists of eighth-note pairs: G4-A4, B4-C5, D5-E5, F5-G5, A5-B5, C6-D6, E6-F6, G6-A6. The bass line consists of eighth-note pairs: F3-G3, A3-B3, C4-D4, E4-F4, G4-A4, B4-C5, D5-E5, F5-G5. Slurs are placed over the eighth-note pairs in both staves.

114

114

This system contains measures 114 through 118. The key signature is three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The melody in the treble clef consists of eighth-note pairs: G4-A4, B4-C5, D5-E5, F5-G5, A5-B5, C6-D6, E6-F6, G6-A6. The bass line consists of eighth-note pairs: F3-G3, A3-B3, C4-D4, E4-F4, G4-A4, B4-C5, D5-E5, F5-G5. Slurs are placed over the eighth-note pairs in both staves.

119

119

This system contains measures 119 through 123. The key signature is three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The melody in the treble clef consists of eighth-note pairs: G4-A4, B4-C5, D5-E5, F5-G5, A5-B5, C6-D6, E6-F6, G6-A6. The bass line consists of eighth-note pairs: F3-G3, A3-B3, C4-D4, E4-F4, G4-A4, B4-C5, D5-E5, F5-G5. Slurs are placed over the eighth-note pairs in both staves.

Tonic
Shifts to E

Act 2: Refuel

Shadow of Grieg (Butterfly, Op. 43 No. 1)

A

B

Butterfly: fragments of
chromatic

C

Lingering
Thought
Moment

BP 6: Strum

D

E

Grieg Section
(mm. 2-4)

ending
remix

F

Grieg section
(mm. 7-10)

G

Lingering Thought
More Pronounced
In Grieg chord-world

H

Grieg regroup
(Sample chord morphs)

Shadow of Grieg (Butterfly, Op. 43 No. 1)

I Mini culmination

J Playful Lingering Thought

19

Play between these

Coming to a Thought Dead End

K Grieg Joyful Ending
(m. 17 to end)

22

Jumbled ending

L Transition to BP1

23

Blueprint 1: Winter Solstice - Night

Mode: Winter Solstice - Night



Moon Thread



A single line using white keys

[Sample Motifs]



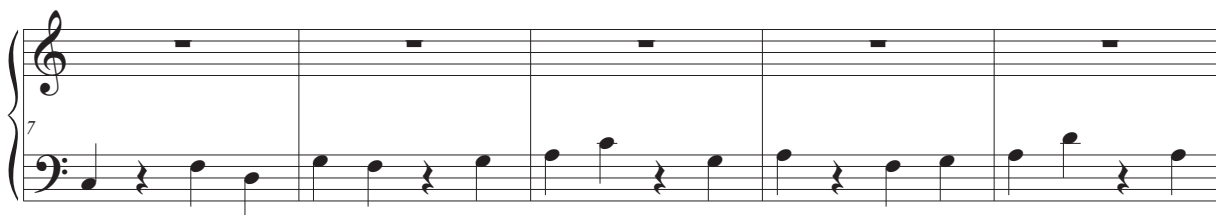
RH: Moon Thread

LH: Cluster Chord Counterpoint:
interjects 3-4 note cluster chords
including black keys

[Sample Motifs]



A Moon Thread



B



Blueprint 1: Winter Solstice - Night

Cascade

23

RH: white keys
LH: Cluster Counterpoint

[Sample Motifs]

24

28

End:
BH: quarternote
downbeat

Cascade

32

End

Moon Thread

38

C

D

29

Quarternote
downbeat

E

34

F

39

Blueprint 1: Winter Solstice - Night

Cascade

45

End

Cascade

50

RH: Floating Melody

55

LH: Alternate between chords with all white keys and those that include black keys

56

LH: Sample Motif

BH: A tentative ending

G H

51

I RH: Floating Melody

58

63

Tentative ending

Blueprint 1: Winter Solstice - Night

Moon Thread with Octaves

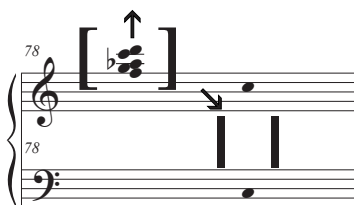


RH: add octaves, ascending
LH: add octaves, descending

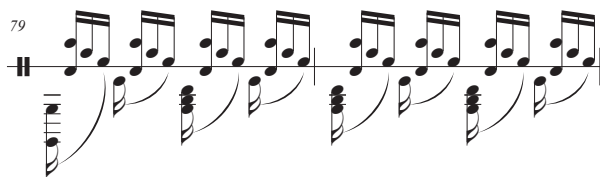
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Larger Cascade

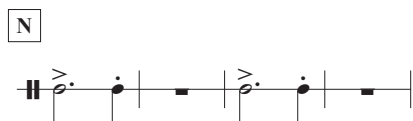


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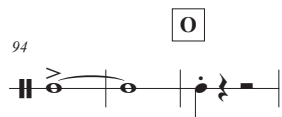


LH: starts with an F1 / F2 octave.
BH: start in a high register, and descend.

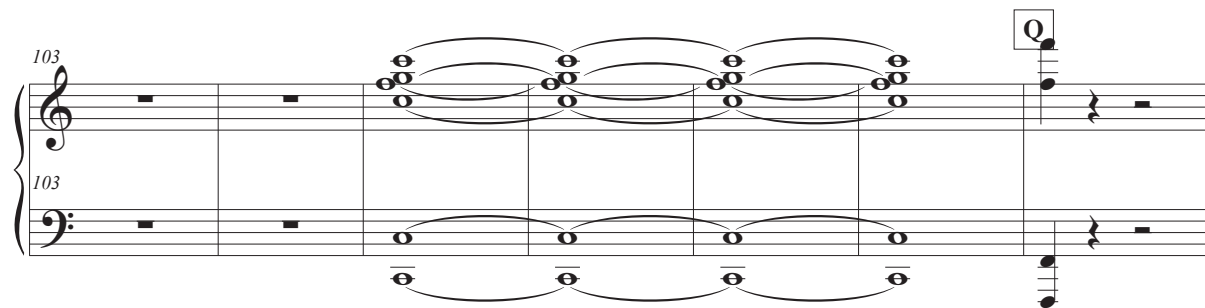
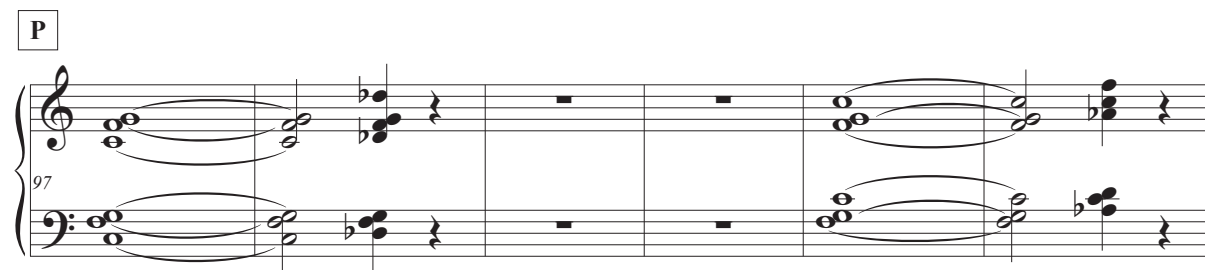
Blueprint 1: Winter Solstice - Night



BH: cluster chords, using both white and black keys.



White keys only. BH: cluster white-key chord



Blueprint 2: Winter Solstice - Dusk

Mode: Winter Solstice - Dusk



Rolling chord



Climbing, Unfolding



Chords climb and unfold through shifting colors and light.
LH and RH are in dialogue.

With each new phrase, the bass note rises to a higher note.

Motifs A and B are interwoven between hands.

Motif A

Motif B

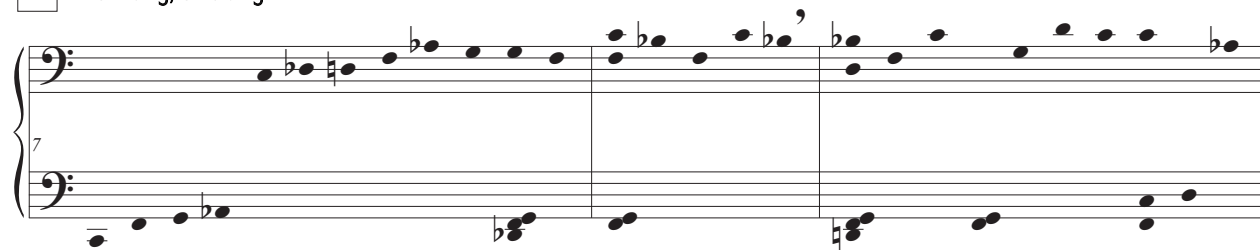


[Any range]

A Rolling chord



B Climbing, Unfolding



Blueprint 2: Winter Solstice - Dusk

10

13

16

Anchor

20

C Anchor

21

Blueprint 2: Winter Solstice - Dusk

Climbing, Unfolding

22

D Climbing, Unfolding

23

26

Floating

30

E Floating

31

Accompaniment

RH plays with both single notes and simple chords.

Melody

LH plays single notes above and below RH, referencing Motif B.

Blueprint 2: Winter Solstice - Dusk

35

35

Accompaniment: LH

Melody: RH

41

41

3 Chords implying unanswered questions

F

36

G

42

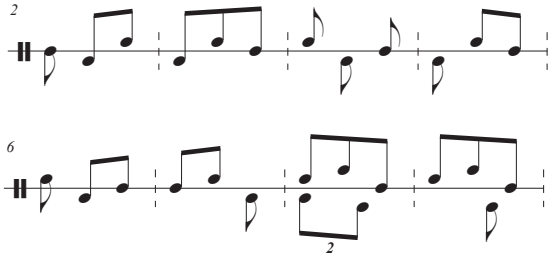
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Mode: Mid Spring - Dawn

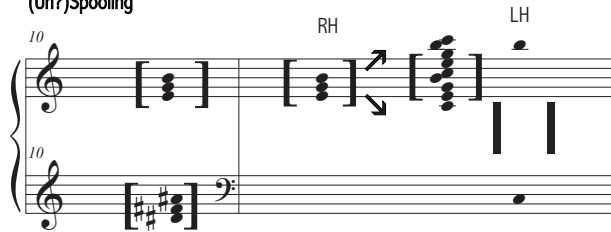


Reh A [and C] Sample patterns.

Stems pointing down are LH,
stems pointing up are RH



(Un?)Spooling



LH interjects using these notes.

The LH begins to pull outward
from the RH's center of gravity
until it reaches this range.

RH introduces new notes.

Treat the A# as a special note that stands apart from
the others.

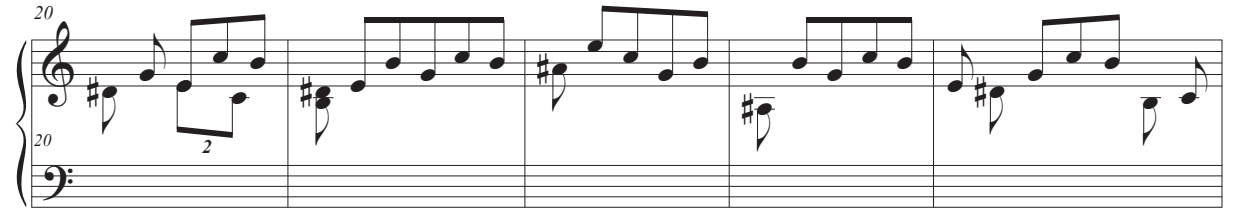
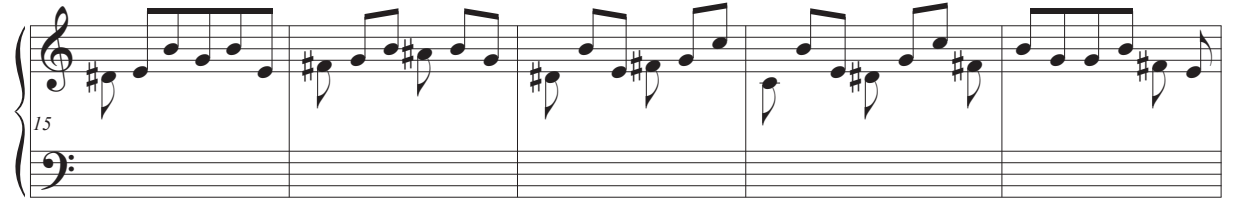
As the LH descends, it plays B major chords (2-3 notes),
in any inversion.

Sample B Major Chords played by LH:



A (Un?)Spooling

B



Blueprint 3: Mid Spring - Dawn

30

30

35

35

C

41

40

40

LH: Final Anchor

Blueprint 3: Mid Spring - Dawn

Sky Reflection

Phrase 1

Phrase 2

A dialogue of chords between LH and RH.

The chords are based on [A] and [B],
and comprised of 2-3 notes (in each hand).

Each hand can play different chords and can
overlap.

Brief single note melodies can be intertwined.

Phrase 3

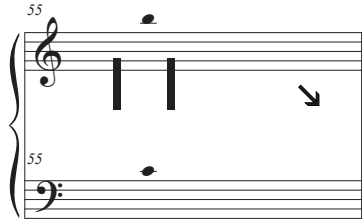
This phrase is an expansion of Phrase 2's
thoughts, rising upward until the RH Hand
reaches B6.

This phrase spills into:

D

Blueprint 3: Mid Spring - Dawn

(Un?)Spooling

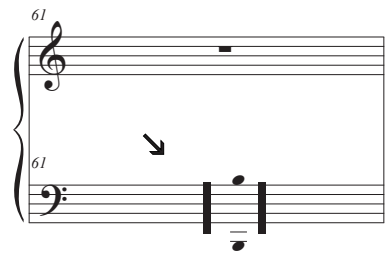


BH: Starting register

Bridging Echoes



LH: echoes of one another intertwined in (Un?)Spooling



Blueprint 3: Mid Spring - Dawn

[Sample Ending]



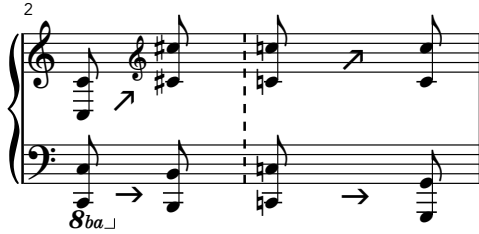
Blueprint 4: Mid Winter - Morning

Mode



A Crunchy
Rising Octaves

B



RH: 8th notes rising in Octaves
LH: Interjects with Octaves

C

D



A

B



C

D



Blueprint 4: Mid Winter - Morning

E

6 Crunchy March



BH: ~4 measures
RH: 4 note chords

RH: Sample Chord Options
This range and up



F

Languid Repose
in 4/4

G



Gravity
Center

10 Sample Motifs

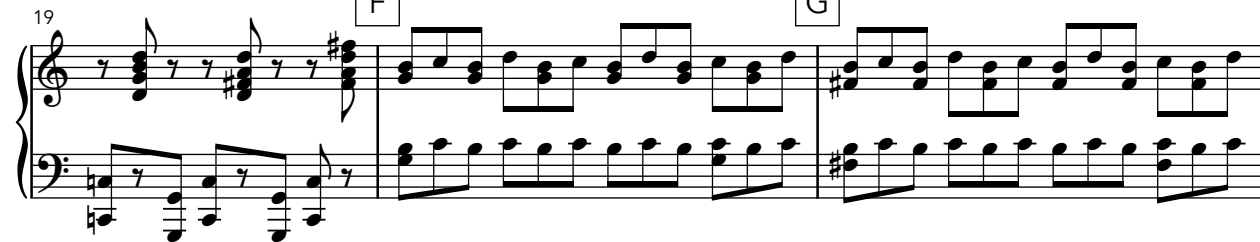


E



F

G



Blueprint 4: Mid Winter - Morning

H I J

K L

M

16 Half-baked

BH: arpeggio that runs into incompletion

N

Crunchy Rising Octaves

17

H I

22

J K

24

L M

26

N

28 8va

Blueprint 4: Mid Winter - Morning

18

O P

33

O P

20

Q Unknowing Ringing R

RH: sample motif

LH: Crunch March Chords

40

Q

22

LH: Sample chords
This range and below

46

R

Blueprint 4: Mid Winter - Morning

S Sailor Song Ending
[Sample Melody]



Coming out of previous section



S



Shadow Interlude (The Butterfly)

A

Lead out sample

BP 6: Strum

B

Butterfly: fragments of
chromatic

Rhapsodic
BP 5 Opening

...

Blueprint 5: Mid Fall - Dawn

Mode



A Upward Strum Curling Smoke



RH: Single melodic line

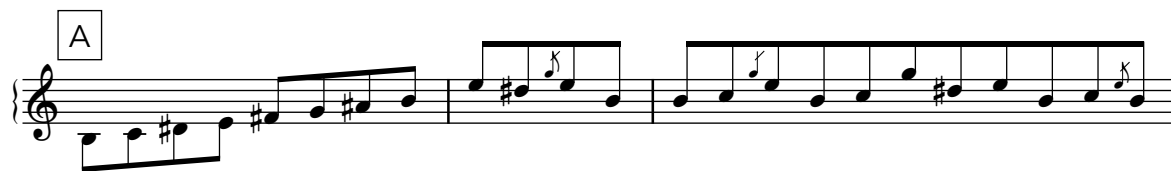
Upward Strum Curling Smoke



B Whirling Leaves

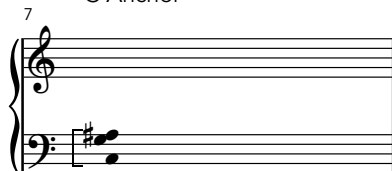


LH weaves 2-4 notes followed by the RH with an arpeggiated response.



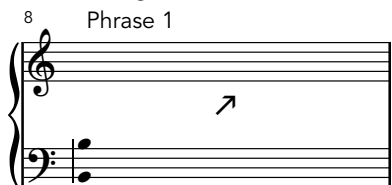
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C Whirling Leaves
C Anchor



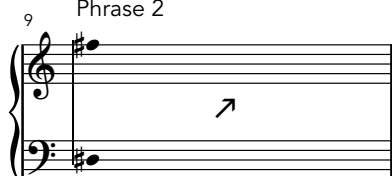
RH continues its pattern

D Rising Geese
Phrase 1

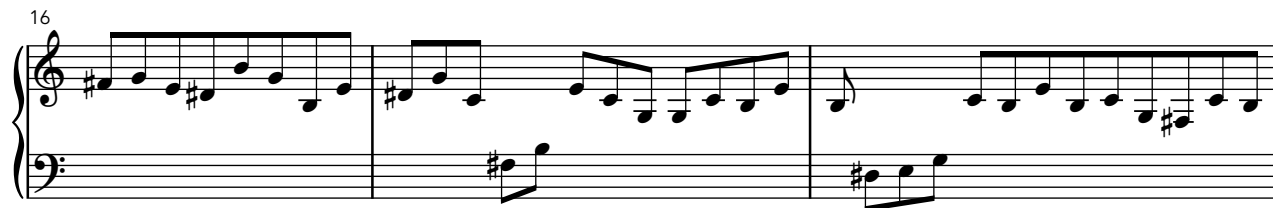
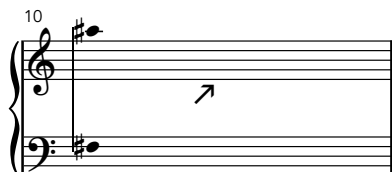


BH: Rising triplets, generally in 3
RH: Longer arpeggios

E Rising Geese
Phrase 2



F Rising Geese
Phrase 3



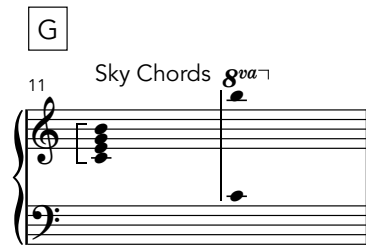
NOTE: Monet Wash
can be inserted here



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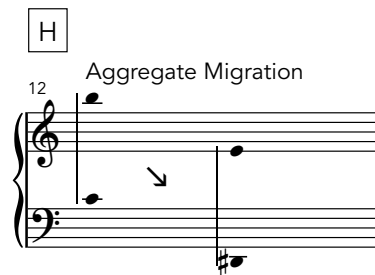
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11 Sky Chords *8va*



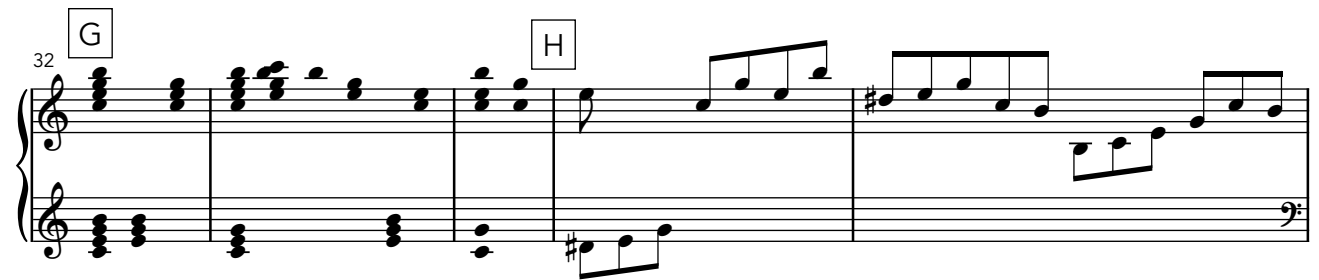
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12 Aggregate Migration



G

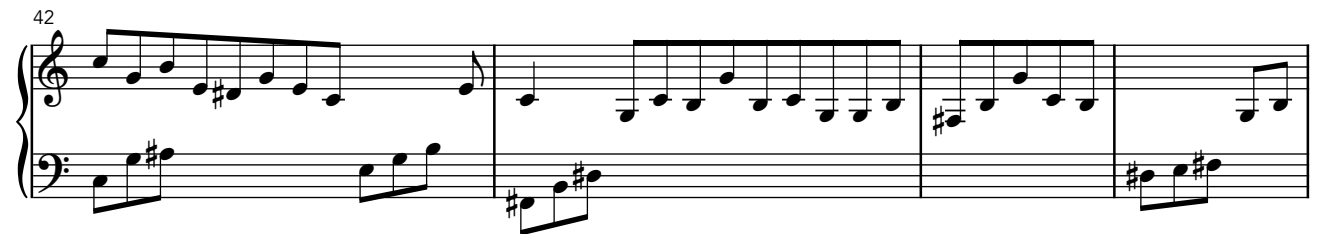
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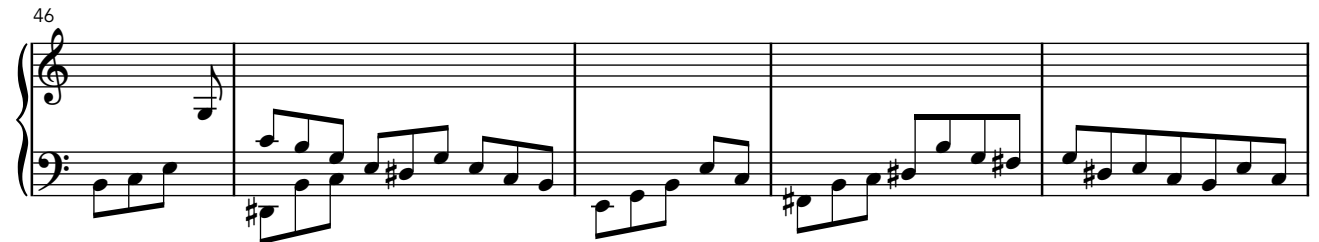
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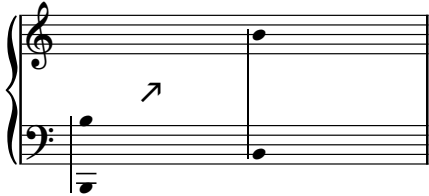
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Blueprint 5: Mid Fall - Dawn

I

13 Rising Flight



J

14 Sky Chords



K

Upward Strum
(Repeated)

Curling Smoke

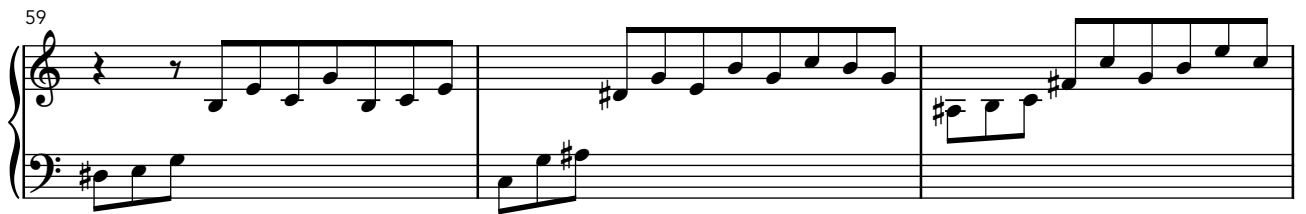
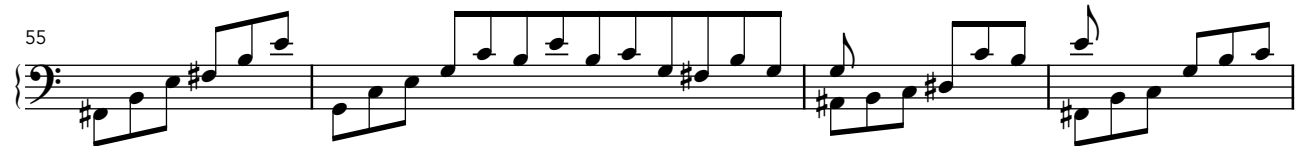


Repeated iterations
of Upward Strum.

I

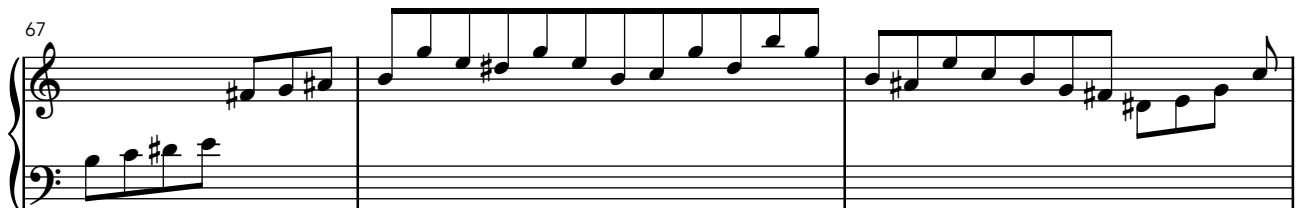
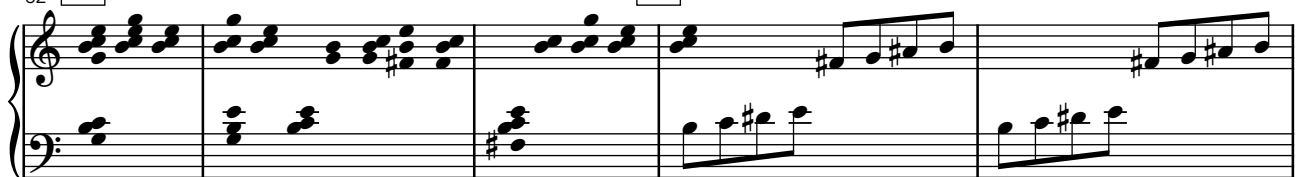


NOTE: Deeper Monet Wash
can be inserted here



J

K



Blueprint 5: Mid Fall - Dawn

L
Curling Smoke
Ending
Final Anchor
Chord

17

LH plays chord
 RH plays Curling Smoke

L

70

Monet Wash (Included in Blueprint 5)

Wicked Witch
(Sample Motif)



BH: Rapid mini-arpeggios
inbetween hands
LH: Wicked Witch

3 Sample Progression

LH RH LH RH LH RH LH RH LH RH LH RH

Deeper Monet Wash

Pass through Triads / 7ths
LH: Shift between B Maj
and E min 6/4 as pedal

11

8_{ba} 8_{ba}

BH: Monet Wash

Limited
Wicked Witch

Shadow Interlude (The Butterfly)



Blueprint 6: Late Fall - Afternoon

Mode: Summer Solstice - Dawn



Lingering Thought

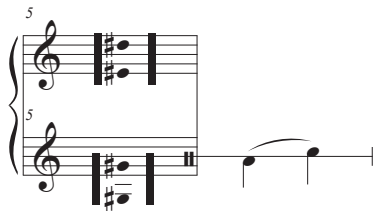
RH: solo melody



Lingering Thought in Time

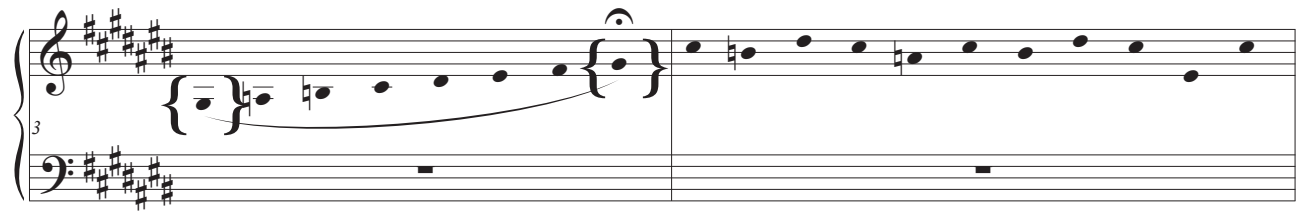
RH: in time, or syncopated, with LH chords

LH: Cluster chords, can have a sense of breathing



LH: Sample Motif

A Upward Strum



Starting
Note

B Lingering Thought

Ending
Note

C Lingering Thought in Time



Blueprint 6: Late Fall - Afternoon

10

10

D

14

16

16

E

20

13

13

19

19

Blueprint 6: Late Fall - Afternoon

Lingering Thought Thicker

RH: Melody is in octaves

LH: Cluster chords can be thicker
but not muddy

23

23

F Lingering Thought Thicker

25

26

30

30

G

33

34

Blueprint 6: Late Fall - Afternoon

Lingering Thought RH Thicker

RH: remains thicker



H Lingering Thought RH Thicker



Lingering Thought Remnant

RH can play 2 note chords as part of the melody

LH resumes similar chords to Reh C.



I Lingering Thought Remnant



Blueprint 6: Late Fall - Afternoon

51

J Upward Strum

53

Lingering Melody in Octaves

BH: Reduce to a melody.
Make 1 octave
(not doubled octaves in BH)

54

Lingering Melody in Octaves

55

K

L

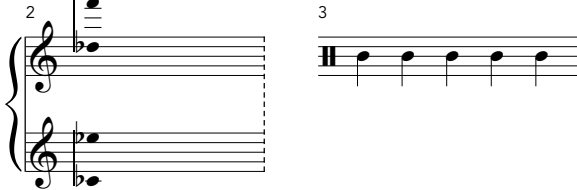
Blueprint 7: Late Summer - Morning

Mode



A

Sparky Intro



The downbeat is a cluster chord
played by BH with D Flat as the tonic
The remaining 4 chords are 2-3 note chords
played by the RH only

A

Sparky Intro

Sparky Cluster

Sparky Intro



Sparky Cluster

Sparky Intro

Sparky Cluster



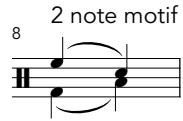
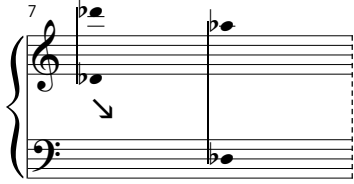
LH interjects cluster chords
around RH
RH, in addition to its chords,
can interject cluster chords
in response to the LH
to create a syncopated feel.

Sparky Cluster



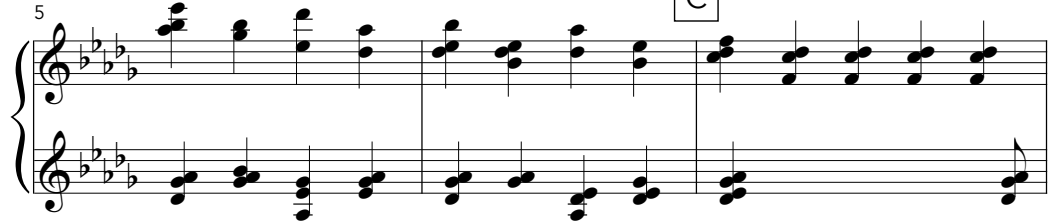
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B Cluster Inward/
Downward



BH play cluster chords
using the 2 note motif.
Use only black keys.

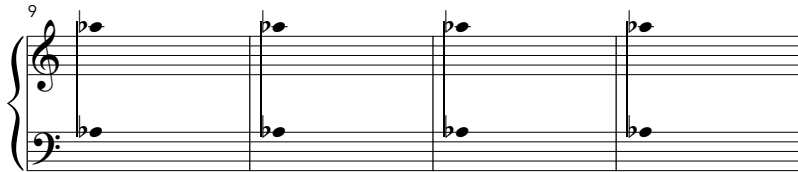
B



C

C

Sparky Cluster Sparky Cluster Sparky Cluster Sparky Cluster
Intro (A flat) Intro (A flat)



D

Cluster Inward/Downward
Longer

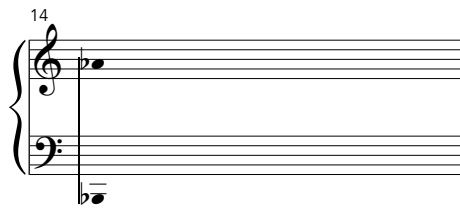


D



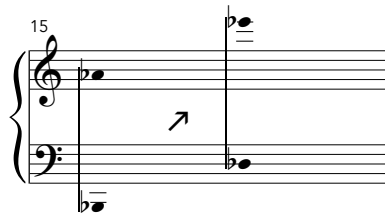
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E Languorous Repose

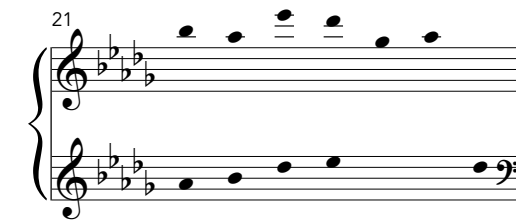
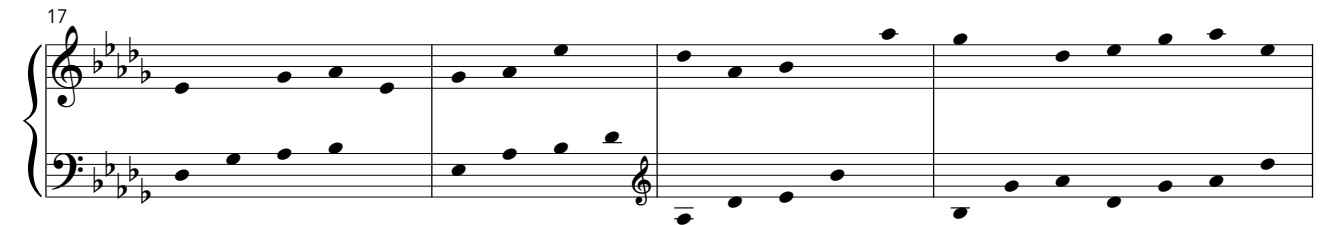
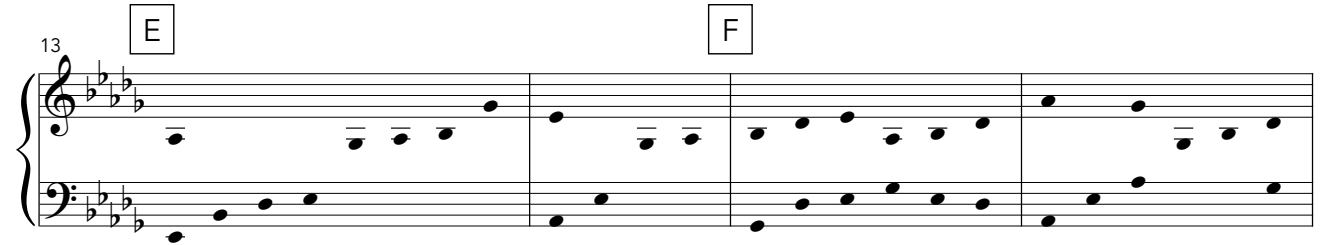


No time signature.
BH: Black keys only
BH: Arpeggiatic intertwining

F Languorous Rising



Languorous Repose
in a rising pattern.
Ends tentatively.



Blueprint 7: Late Summer - Morning

G Sparky Intro Grace Note

16

G Sparky Intro Grace Note Sparky Cluster Sparky Intro Grace Note Sparky Cluster

22

17

Sparky Cluster Grace Note Sparky Intro Grace Note Sparky Cluster Grace Note

18

BH can use thicker chords;
use grace notes

H Cluster Inward/Outward

21

The ranges of BH
move outward.

H

26

Blueprint 7: Late Summer - Morning

I

Sparky Cluster
Grace Note
(A flat) Sparky Cluster
Grace Note

22

I

28

Sparky Cluster
Grace Note
(A Flat) Sparky Cluster
Grace Note

24

31

J

Cluster Inward/Downward

26

J

33

Blueprint 7: Late Summer - Morning

K

Languorous Repose
Thicker

27

Bigger,
more luxurious

L

Languorous Rising

28

Anchor Chord
Range

M

2 Cluster Chords

30

31

K

35

8_{ba}

L

39

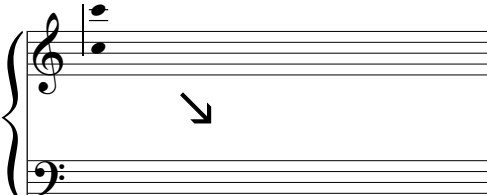
M

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Act 3: Renew

Shadow of Rachmaninoff (The Sea and the Seagulls, Op. 39 No. 5)

A



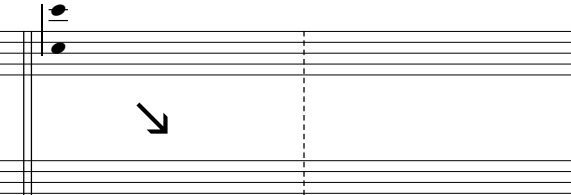
B

Rach: mm. 1 through first phrase



(opening triplet motif) ...

C



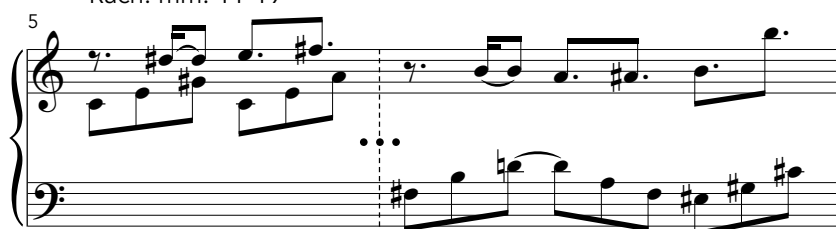
BP 19 turns into
languorous vine.
Begin in BP 19 mode,
then integrate A natural.
Shift from 5 to 3.

BP 19 turns into
languorous vine.
Shift in BP 19 mode
to C7 with
added G#.

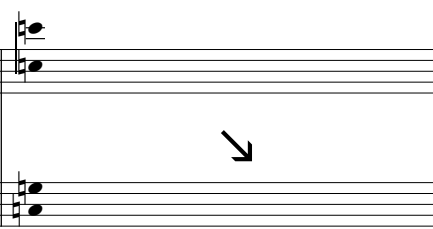
Integrate Rach Triple Motif,
Sea and Seagull dialogue,
with the C tonic version

D

Rach: mm. 11-19



E



BP 19
Extra lush
more building

Shadow of Rachmaninoff (The Sea and the Seagulls, Op. 39 No. 5)

F

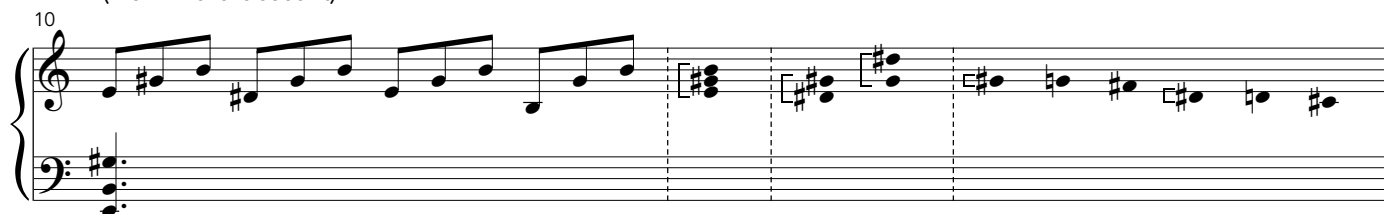
8 Rach: mm. 50-88



G

Rach: Viney Descent
interweaving m. 88-like material
(Downward descent)

Gravitation
chord



[Sample material]

Interjecting
glint
(global)
sample motifs

Intertwining
motif (global)
samples

H

Bridge
(Sample)

I

BP 19 Beginning



E^b 8^{ba}

E Maj 7
Merging Rach
and BP 19

Interjecting glint
sample

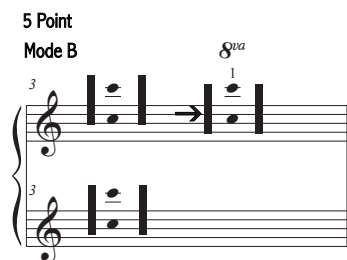
An E-based
opening

Blueprint 19: Spring Equinox - Dawn

The + signs help denote the series of 5's, but aren't meant to be construed as accents.



Play less E



General in patterns of 5
LH interjects RH arpeggiation
LH gravitates toward Black Keys
RH's rising notes, punctuated, add
counterpoint to the LH's interjected notes



Blueprint 19: Spring Equinox - Dawn

Bridge

LH interjects with rhythmic chords
 LH uses mainly black keys
 RH focuses on white keys, arpeggiated

LH Motifs

Game of Chase

LH interjects with single notes
 while RH tries to catch up

Blueprint 19: Spring Equinox - Dawn

Looser 5 Point Mode A

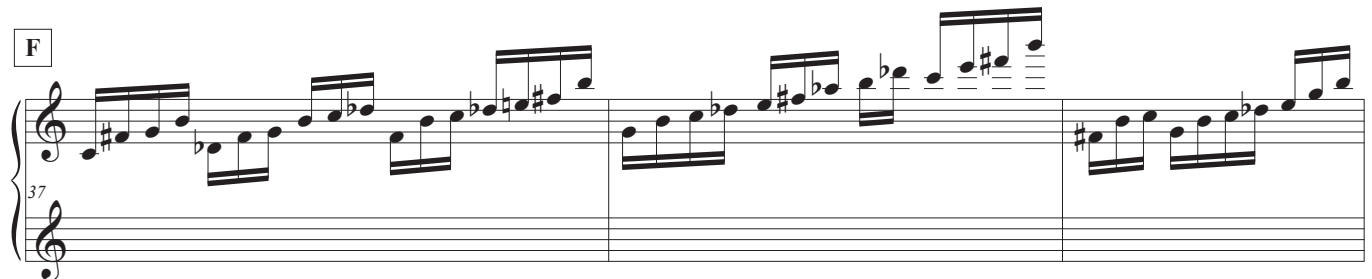
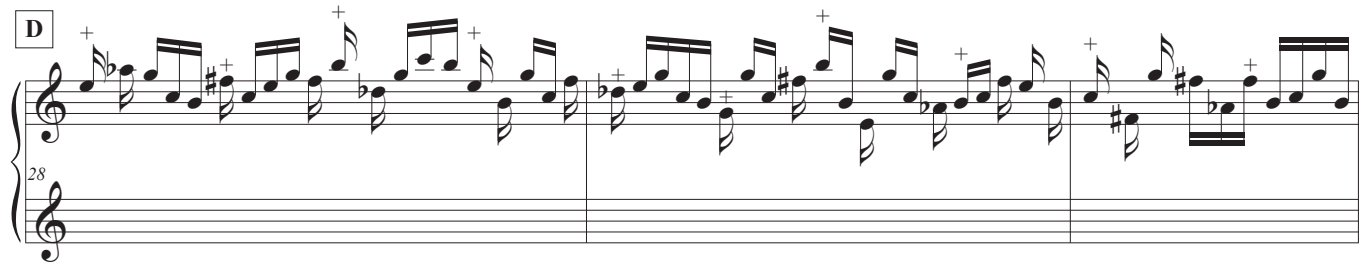


can also include sets of 2, 3, and 6

Game of Chase



Arpeggiated sets of 4, 5, 6, 7, 8
Hands can cross over



Blueprint 19: Spring Equinox - Dawn

More Complex 5 Point

LH: Same as 5 Point but use Octaves
LH: interject Sparkle: instances of More Complex Bridge chords

Blueprint 19: Spring Equinox - Dawn

50

53

More Complex Bridge

RH: Additional "Thicker" motifs

55

LH RH

H

58

Complex
Game of Chase
CALL

Complex
Game of Chase
RESPONSE

60

I

62

Blueprint 19: Spring Equinox - Dawn

Even More Complex 5 Point

66

BH 8vb

RH: Thicker Motifs

67

RH 8vb

More Complex Game of Chase

77

LH RH 8vb

LH: Use Octaves
RH: Can use Thicker Motifs

J

J 8vb

K

K 8vb

K 8vb

Blueprint 19: Spring Equinox - Dawn

Crash and Burn

Musical notation for 'Crash and Burn' (measures 80-81). The notation is in bass clef with a treble clef above it. Measure 80 contains a whole note chord consisting of a dotted half note and a quarter note. Measure 81 contains a whole note chord consisting of a dotted half note and a quarter note. The notation is labeled with '80' and '81' at the beginning of each measure. The notation is labeled with '8vb' at the end of measure 81.

BH: Use octaves and Thicker Motifs intertwine

Octave Climbing

Musical notation for 'Octave Climbing' (measures 84-85). The notation is in bass clef with a treble clef above it. Measure 84 contains a whole note chord consisting of a dotted half note and a quarter note. Measure 85 contains a whole note chord consisting of a dotted half note and a quarter note. The notation is labeled with '84' and '85' at the beginning of each measure. The notation is labeled with '8vb' at the end of measure 85.

Musical notation for the 'L' section (measures 81-88). The notation is in bass clef with a treble clef above it. The section is marked with a box containing the letter 'L'. The notation is labeled with '81' at the beginning of the first measure. The notation is labeled with '8vb' at the end of measure 88.

Musical notation for the 'M' section (measures 85-92). The notation is in bass clef with a treble clef above it. The section is marked with a box containing the letter 'M'. The notation is labeled with '85' at the beginning of the first measure. The notation is labeled with '8vb' at the end of measure 92.

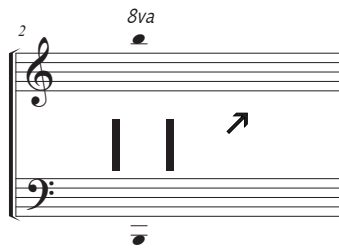
Musical notation for the final section (measures 88-95). The notation is in bass clef with a treble clef above it. The section is marked with a box containing the letter 'L'. The notation is labeled with '88' at the beginning of the first measure. The notation is labeled with '8vb' at the end of measure 95.

Blueprint 20: Mid Fall - Night

Mode: Mid Fall - Night



Rapid Climb

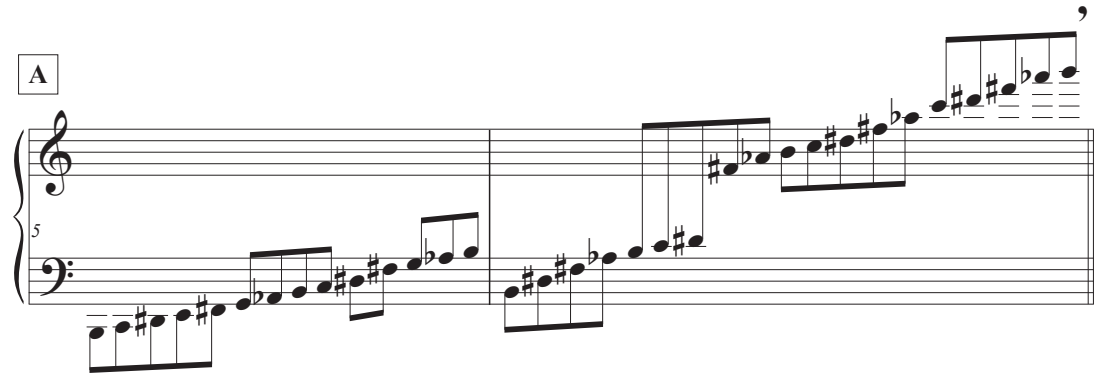


- Rapid single note ascension.
- LH phrase can turn over to RH.
- LH can cross over RH.
- The ascent can be broken into separate miniphrases starting on lower notes.
- Avoid parallel miniphrases.

Brief Sparkle



Sample Motif



B



Blueprint 20: Mid Fall - Night

Rapid Climb



Brief Sparkle



7/8-ish dance: Intro

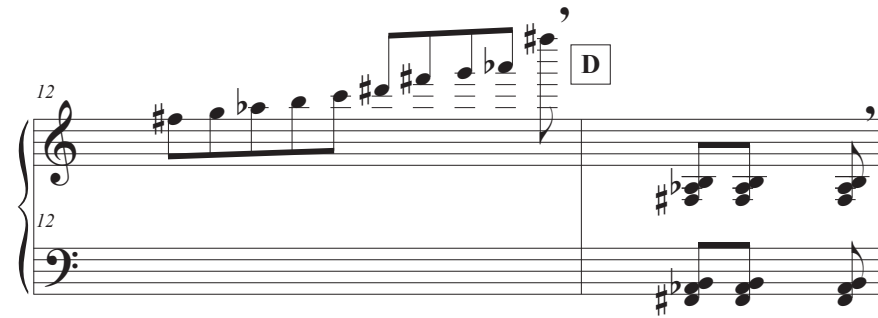


Generally in 7/8.
LH: B tends to be downbeat.
A fl used sparingly as color shift.
Single note lines, with occasional double notes.
Can occasionally integrate Syncopated 4/4 (Reh J).

C



D



E



Blueprint 20: Mid Fall - Night

7/8-ish dance

17

RH: Counterdance

(all notes except D#)

LH: Cont.
RH: Single note melody in dance with LH.

F

18

21

7/8-ish dance (cont)

24

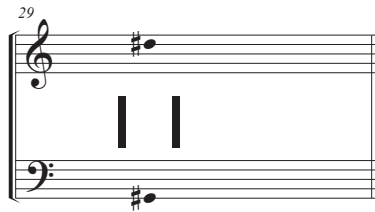
LH: use G nat and low B nat sparingly.

G

25

Blueprint 20: Mid Fall - Night

Broken 7/8 Decline

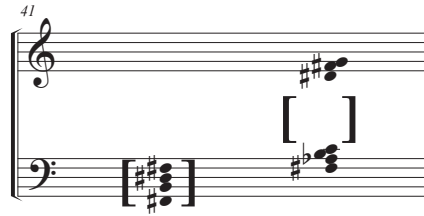


Full mode; use A fl as an inflection.
A general 7/8 feel but breaking in and out of 7/8.
BH: Single notes in each hand play off one another.



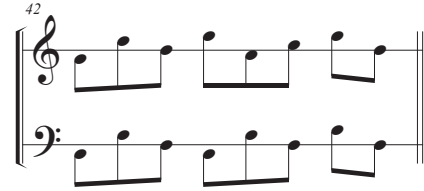
Blueprint 20: Mid Fall - Night

Turning Roll



4/4-ish, but don't make too consistent.
Use C nat sparingly

Sample Motifs: Syncopated 4/4



Turning Roll



Broken 3/8 Decline



BH: Single notes, generally in sets of 3 8th's.
Use low F# and A fl sparingly.

Sample Motifs



Turning Roll

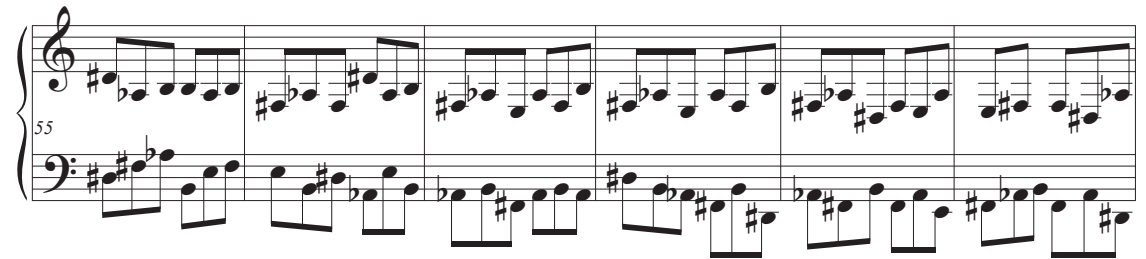


Syncopated 4/4



Use syncopated 4/4 motifs.

K

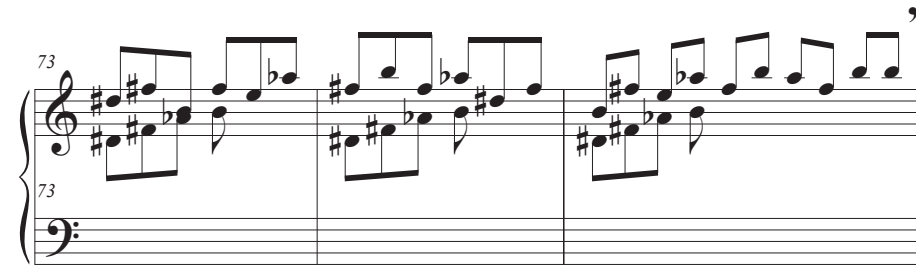


L



M





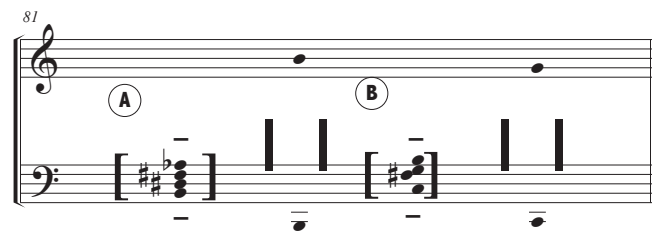
7/8 Dance Palimpsest



A palimpsest version of 7/8 dance.
Slowly fading.



Cathedral of Trees



Slow chordal conversation between A and B.

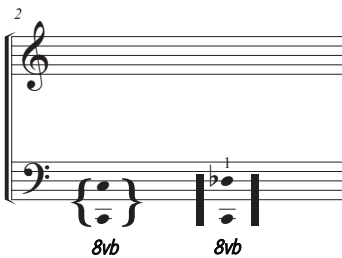


Blueprint 21: Late Fall - Morning

Mode: Late Fall - Morning



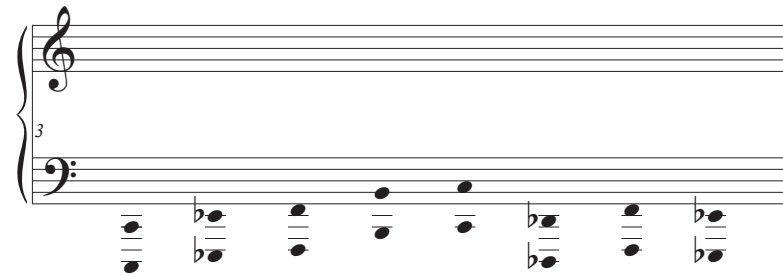
Call



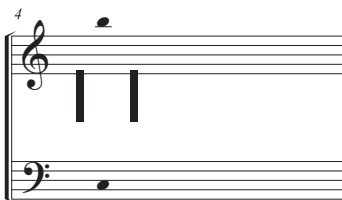
BH: All notes but G and A
Single octave line
End on D fl or E fl

A

Call



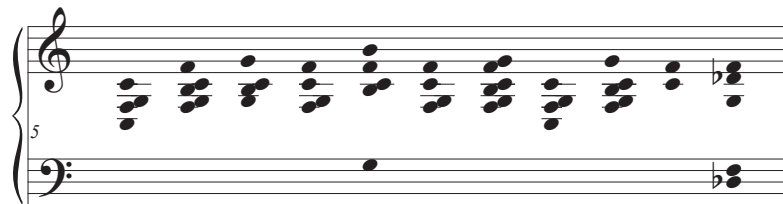
Response



BH: Use mainly white notes, but no A
Can occasionally use black notes
2-3 note chords reminiscent
of cluster chords in Blueprint #1
Last chord(s) include D fl and/or E fl

B

Response



Blueprint 21: Late Fall - Morning

Call **Response**

6

8vb

Can start on any note

C **Call** **D** **Response**

8

Climbing

10

8vb

E **Climbing**

11

LH: Deep Steps
A general repetitive feeling of 4
Can veer but returns to churning
No G or A

RH: Clustery chords
Played on offbeat as well on onbeat
(see transcription)
White notes
Can occasionally use chords that have
black keys
No A

14

Blueprint 21: Late Fall - Morning

Chord Culmination

16

F major chord

8vb

Starts with LH octave
 BH: Open with F major (including A)
 Let previous low notes resonate
 Mainly white key cluster chords
 After opening chord, no A
 Can occasionally include black keys
 Ending chords include D fl and/or E fl

F Chord Culmination

17

8vb

Climbing

19

8vb

G

20

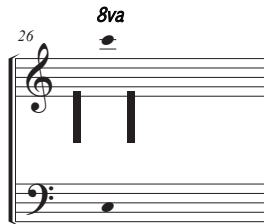
8vb

23

8vb

Chord Culmination

26 *8va*



H Chord Culmination

27



Blueprint 22: Spring Equinox - Dusk

Mode: Spring Equinox - Dusk (Rewritten)



A Chord Culmination

1

Rhythm (sample)

Sample Motifs

B Woven Dance

(Sample)

RH (suggested)

C Rhythmic Completion

LH/RH: One white key set the other black key In any range

LH: 7/8 Rhythmic support
RH: folk-inspired melody dance-like, woven in and out of LH

Sample Rhythmic motif (Can repeat)

D Chord Culmination

10

E Woven Dance

Sample Repeat up octave

F Rhythmic Completion

G System of 7

RH LH Starting Note

H System of 7

RH LH →

Can use 2-3 note chords
Generally in 7/16
LH: B#5 starts off as the bass note
Can begin to integrate the lower G#
Dips in and out of RH

Blueprint 22: Spring Equinox - Dusk

I Longer Chord Culmination **J** 7/8 Extravaganza Rhythmic Completion

15

Sample Motif

LH RH

LH: Sample rhythm

4 measures [Can Repeat]
 BH: 1-3 note chords ascending
 RH: Thick woven melody
 with octaves and chords
 gravitating toward the given
 chords

K railing Off 7 **L** System of 7

20

RH

BH: Play 7

LH

RH

LH

RH can occasionally play black notes

M Descent in 7 **N** Chord Culmination **O** System of 7 Fading Away **P** Dreamy Scales

22

RH LH

RH LH

Sample motifs

RH LH

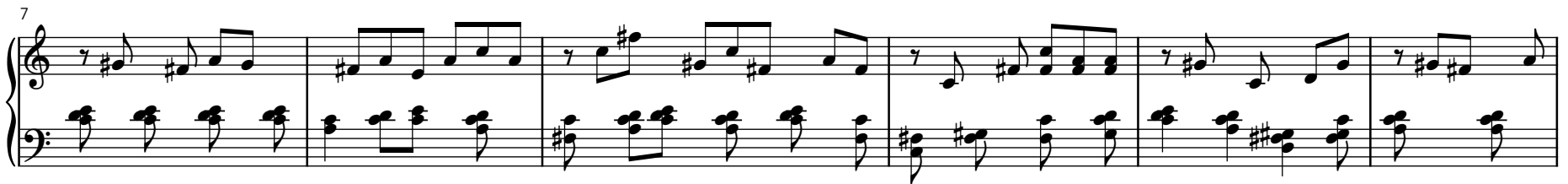
Can veer from 7/16
 LH: can play 1 or 2 notes
 and all notes in mode

Using System of 7 patterns
 fading away

Blueprint 22: Spring Equinox - Dusk

Completion Sample

Reh G & H

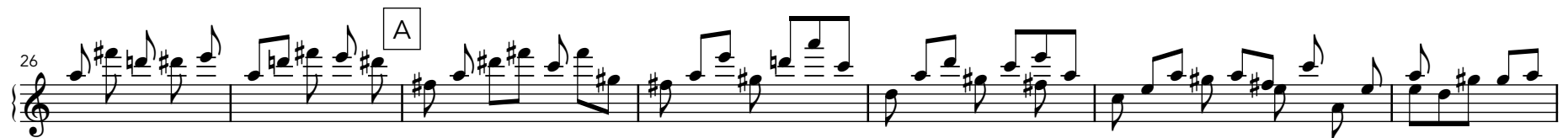


Longer Chord Culmination
(Reh I)

Trailing Off 7
(Reh K)



System of 7
(Reh L to end)



Blueprint 22: Spring Equinox - Dusk



Blueprint 23: Mid Spring - Afternoon

Melange Ennui



Melange Ennui

Start with **Establishing Scale**.

Climbing Lyric Wisps rise into **Motivic Answers**

which fall back, overlapping

with new Climbing Lyric Wisps.

Can find inner voicing.

LH: Start in midrange,

Each starting note progresses downward

Subsiding into **Wispy**: BH in tandem,

then **Trailing**: BH subsiding in closer Wispy.

A **B** **C** **D**

Establishing scale

Starting Note **Climbing Lyric Wisp** **Lower Starting Note**

RH Motivic Answer
Emerges from Climbing Lyric Wisp

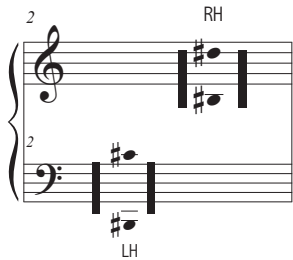
Overlaps with LH Starting Note

Can include hints of Motivic Answer

Wispy

Can include hints of LH opening note

Trailing



Melange Ennui

10 RH

Starting Note LH

Bridge using BH: Wispy
can link to new
Melange Ennui v2:
BH can use **Wispy**
LH: starting notes can go
in any direction

E

11 Bridge BH: Wispy

Starting Note

13 Wispy

15 RH

LH

F Trailing

16

Blueprint 23: Mid Spring - Afternoon

Inner Pause

RH: Single line melody,
2-3 phrases
LH: 2-3 note chord support
Segues naturally
to Melange Ennui

Musical notation for measures 18-19. The right hand (RH) plays a single line melody with two phrases. The left hand (LH) provides 2-3 note chord support. The notation is in treble and bass clefs with a key signature of one sharp (F#).

Inner Pause

Musical notation for measures 19-20. The right hand (RH) plays a single line melody. The left hand (LH) provides chord support. The notation is in treble and bass clefs with a key signature of one sharp (F#). Labels include 'Single line melody' and 'Segues naturally'.

Musical notation for measures 21-22. The right hand (RH) plays a single line melody. The left hand (LH) provides 2-3 note chord support. The notation is in treble and bass clefs with a key signature of one sharp (F#).

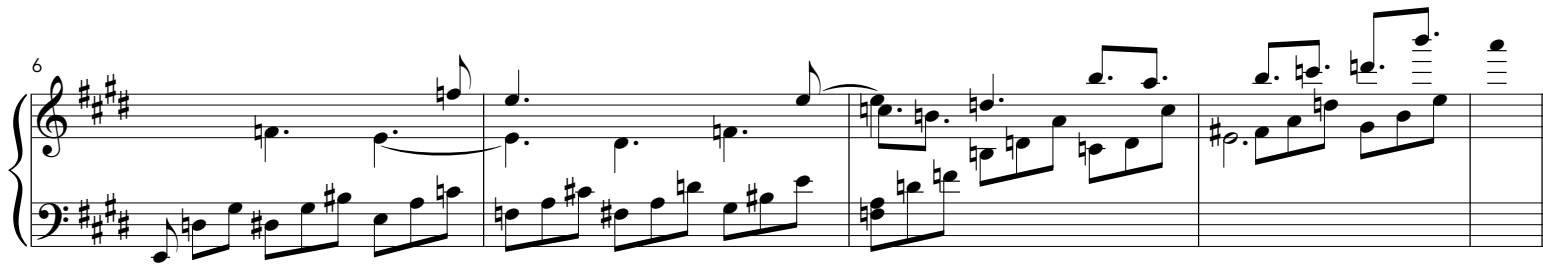
Melange Ennui Reprise

Start with **Establishing scale**.
BH: can use **Wispy**.
LH: can use **Climbing Lyric Wispy**.
RH: Motivic Answers are inverted

Musical notation for measures 22-25. The right hand (RH) plays a single line melody. The left hand (LH) provides chord support. The notation is in treble and bass clefs with a key signature of one sharp (F#). Labels include 'Establishing scale', 'Climbing Lyric Wispy', 'Lower Starting Note', and 'Wispy'.

Musical notation for measures 26-29. The right hand (RH) plays a single line melody. The left hand (LH) provides chord support. The notation is in treble and bass clefs with a key signature of one sharp (F#). Label includes 'Trailing'.

Shadow Interlude (The Sea and The Seagulls)

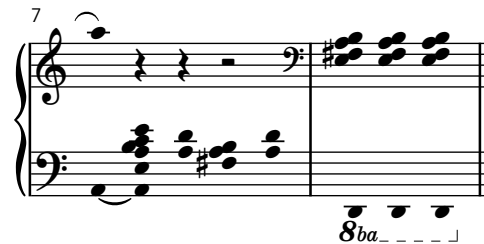
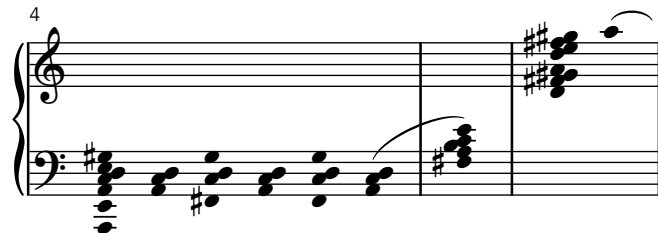


Blueprint 24: Fall Equinox - Morning

Mode



~3 sets of 2-3 phrases
 [or: 1 set, depending on
 overall desired length]
 A moon arcs into dawn.
 Range: entire keyboard.
 The first phrase has A as its tonic.
 Each phrase is built around a
 general chord and how it shimmers
 and refracts.
 The boundaries between phrases
 might feel fluid.



APPENDIX: THE MODES

While the modes used in these blueprints are inspired by Indian Carnatic music theory, which also explores tetrachords and seasons, they serve a very different purpose.

Each mode consists of 2 tetrachords. If using C as tonic, these would be C-D-E-F and G-A-B-C.

The 1st Tetrachord includes these options:

- C
- D flat/D natural/D sharp
- E double flat, E Flat, E natural
- F natural, F sharp

As no pitch can be doubled (i.e., a D sharp cannot be included in a tetrachord with E flat), there are twelve possible combinations of the 1st tetrachord. These represent the twelve times of year, or twelve seasons.

Over the course of the seasons' progression, the intervals expand and contract. For example, Winter Solstice represents a complete contraction of the intervals: C, D flat, E double flat, and F. Summer Solstice represents a complete expansion of intervals: C, D sharp, E natural, and F sharp.

The seasons inbetween use a combination of intervals that depict a transition from Winter to Summer (expansion) and then back to Winter (contraction).

The 2nd Tetrachord offers 6 possible combinations:

- G
- A flat, A natural, A sharp
- B double flat, B flat, B natural
- C

These represent 6 times of day and use the same concept of expansion and contraction as with the seasons. For example, Night represents a complete contraction of intervals: G, A flat, B double flat, C. Noon represents a complete expansion of intervals: G, A sharp, B, C. The times of day inbetween use a combination of intervals to depict the transition between Night and Noon.

The combination of these different tetrachords results in 72 unique scales, each representing a specific season and time of day.

Modes

WINTER SOLSTICE

MID WINTER

LATE WINTER

Night



Dusk



Dawn



Afternoon



Morning



Noon



SPRING EQUINOX

MID SPRING

LATE SPRING

4

Night

4

Dusk

4

Dawn

4

Afternoon

4

Morning

4

Noon

SUMMER SOLSTICE**MID SUMMER****LATE SUMMER**

Night



Dusk



Dawn



Afternoon



Morning



Noon



	FALL EQUINOX	MID FALL	LATE FALL
Night			
Dusk			
Dawn			
Afternoon			
Morning			
Noon			

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