

# Wild Geese

## MARY OLIVER

$\text{♩} = 69\text{c.}$

\*) pluck string with fingernail      \*\*) pluck string with finger (no nail)      Firmly damp string with fingertip

*A little slower*      *mp*      *accel. into triplets*

( $\text{R}\ddot{\text{o}}\text{d.}$ )      \*  $\text{R}\ddot{\text{o}}\text{d.}$       \*       $\text{R}\ddot{\text{o}}\text{d.}$

$\text{sfz}$        $\text{f}$        $\text{mp}$        $\text{pp}$        $\text{sf}$        $\text{sf}$        $\text{sf}$        $\text{sf}$        $\text{sf}$

*mf*      *cresc.*

*solo - 1*

6      6      3:2       $\text{ff}$

3

*mf*

*pp*

*ped.*

*\**

*pp sempre*

*sffz*

*sffz*

*p*

*mp*

You do not have to be good. You do

*mf*

*mf*

*p*

*mp*

*mf*

3

not have to walk on your knees for a hun - dred miles through the

3

*mf*

*heavy*

de - sert, re - pen - ting, re - pen - ting.

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

*mf* *p*

You on ly have to let the

*f* *mf p* *mp*

*soft*

*mf p*

a - ni - mal of your bo - dy love what it loves.

*p*

3 3

Tell me a - bout de-spair,\_\_\_\_ yours, and

I will tell you mine.

*p*

*cresc. poco a poco*

Mean - while the world goes

*cresc. poco a poco*

(cresc.)

on. Mean - while the sun

(cresc.)

and the clear peb - bles of the rain are

*ff*

6

*ff*

3

6

mo - ving a - cross the land - scapes.

6

6

6

3

6

*mp*

o - ver the prai - ries and the

6

*mp*

*cresc.*

deep trees, the moun-tains and the riv...

*cresc.*

ers, riv-ers.

ah,

*f*

*pp*

*tb* ~~~~~ *tb* ~~~~~

*f*

*sfz*   *pp*

*tb* ~~~~~ *tb* ~~~~~

*sfz*

*ah.*

*p*

*Mean - while*

(*R&d.*)

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*cresc. poco a poco*

the wild geese, high in the

*cold* *sfp* *ff* *mf* *sfz* *8va* *mf* *ff*

*Reed.* \* *Reed.* \* *Reed.* \* *Reed.* \*

clean blue air, high in the

(cresc.)

*mp* *ff* *mf* *sfz*

*Reed.* \* *Reed.* \* *Reed.* \*

clean blue air, are head - ing home

*f* *ff* *sfz* *sfz* *sfz* *sfz*

*Reed.* \* *Reed.* \* *Reed.*

*p*

3  
4

a - gain. Who - e - ver you are,

3  
4

*p* \* (Reo.)

warm 3  
no ma-tter how lone - ly, the world offers it - self to your i - ma - gi -

3  
4

warm 3  
3

*pp*  
- na - tion, calls to you like the wild

4  
3  
4  
4

*pp*

geese, harsh and ex -

3  
4  
3  
4

*mp* *sub. cresc. molto.* *f* *ff*

Reo. \*

*ff*

- ci - - - ting-

*Ped.*

*A little slower*

*p*

*p*

o - ver and o - ver,

o - ver and o - ver an -

*f*

*p*

*mp*

*3*      *3*

-noun - cing your place in the fa - mily

of things.

*mp*

*f*

Musical score page 68, featuring two staves of music. The top staff uses a treble clef and has dynamics *pp*, *ff*, and *mp*. The bottom staff uses a bass clef and has dynamics *mp* and *ppp*. Both staves include time signature changes between 4/4 and 3/4. The score concludes with a final dynamic *ff* followed by a measure of silence.

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