

Robinsongs

for Mezzo-Soprano, Flute,
Clarinet, and Piano

Vocal Part



Bill Robinson

Some Hallucinations

He thought he saw an Elephant,
That practiced on a fife:
He looked again, and found it was
A letter from his wife.
"At length I realize," he said,
"The bitterness of life."

He thought he saw a Buffalo
Upon the chimneypiece:
He looked again, and found it was
His Sister's Husband's Niece.
"Unless you leave this house," he said,
"I'll send for the Police!"

He thought he saw a Rattlesnake
That questioned him in Greek:
He looked again, and found it was
The Middle of Next Week.
"The one thing I regret," he said,
"Is that it cannot speak!"

He thought he saw a Banker's Clerk
Descending from the 'bus:
He looked again, and found it was
A Hippopotamus.
"If this should stay to dine," he said,
"There won't be much for us!"

—Lewis Carroll

The Purist

I give you now Professor Twist,
A conscientious scientist,
Trustees exclaimed, "He never bungles!"
And sent him off to distant jungles.
Camped on a tropic riverside,
One day he missed his loving bride.
She had, the guide informed him later,
Been eaten by an alligator.
Professor Twist could not but smile.
"You mean," he said, "a crocodile."

--Ogden Nash

You Are Old, Father William

"You are old, father William," the young man said,
"And your hair has become very white;
And yet you incessantly stand on your head--
Do you think, at your age, it is right?"

"In my youth," father William replied to his son,
"I feared it might injure the brain;
But now that I'm perfectly sure I have none,
Why, I do it again and again."

"You are old," said the youth, "as I mentioned
before,
And have grown most uncommonly fat;
Yet you turned a back-somersault in at the door--
Pray what is the reason of that?"

"In my youth," said the sage, as he shook his grey
locks,
"I kept all my limbs very supple
By the use of this ointment--one shilling the box--
Allow me to sell you a couple?"

"You are old," said the youth, "and your jaws are to
weak
For anything tougher than suet;
Yet you finished the goose, with the bones and the
beak--
Pray, how did you manage to do it?"

"In my youth," said his father, "I took to the law,
And argued each case with my wife;
And the muscular strength, which it gave to my
jaw,
Has lasted the rest of my life."

"You are old," said the youth, "one would hardly
suppose
That your eye was as steady as ever;
Yet you balanced an eel on the end of your nose--
What made you so awfully clever?"

"I have answered three questions and that is
enough,"
Said the father. "Don't give yourself airs!
Do you think I can listen all day to such stuff?
Be off, or I'll kick you down stairs!"

---Lewis Carroll

Voice
(Mezzo-Soprano)

Robinsongs

1. Some Hallucinations [5:20]

lyrics by Lewis Carroll
music by Bill Robinson

A perfectly sane tempo (♩ = 60)

2

Voice

Cues

Flute

p

mp

7

mf

mp

mp

14

p

He

Clarinete

p

18

thought he saw an El - e - phant, That prac - ticed on a fife: He

19 *mp*

mf

looked a - gain, and found it was A let - ter from his wife. "At length I re - a - lize," he said, "The

21

bit - ter - ness of

life."

Flute

f

ff

Some Hallucinations

2

24 *p*

He thought he saw a Buf-fa-lo Up-

ff *p* Clarinet

29 *cresc. p. a p.* (*mp*) (*mf*)

on the chim-ney-piece: He looked a-gain, and found it was His Sis-ter's Hus-band's Niece. "Un -

cresc. p. a p. (*mp*) (*mf*)

32 *f* *ff*

less you leave this house," he said, "I'll send for the Po - lice!"

f *ff* Flute *cresc.*

38 *f*

He thought he saw a Rat-tle-snake That ques-tioned him in

(*mp*) (*mf*) *f*

42 *cresc.*

Greek: He looked a-gain, and

Clarinet Flute *cresc.*

47 *ff*

found it was The Mid - dle of Next Week.

ff *mf* *mp*

Some Hallucinations

52 *mp cresc. p. a p.* *(mf)* 3

"The one thing I re-gret," he said, "Is that it can - not

cresc. p. a p. *(mf)*

57 *f*

speaK!"

f *ff* *8^{va}* *2* *4* *4* *p* Clarinet

64 *mp*

He thought he saw a Ban - ker's Clerk De - scending from the 'bus: He

Flute *mp*

67 *f*

looked a-gain, and found it was A Hip-po-pot-a - mus. >

Flute *p* *p*

73 *mf*

"If this should stay to

mp *mf*

77 *f* *ff*

dine," he said, "There won't be much for us!"

f *ff* *pp*

II. The Purist [3']

lyrics by Ogden Nash

music by Bill Robinson

Allegro academia (♩ = 120)

Voice:

Cues:

10

19

23

27

32

40

— One day he missed his lov - ing bride. She had, the guide in - formed him

43

la - ter, Been eat - en by an al - li - ga - tor.

ff *ff* *dim. p. a p.*

47

f *(mf)* *(mp)* *p*

52

Clarinet Flute *mp*

61

69

Pro - fes - sor Twist could not but

73

smile but smile but smile but smile but smile but smile but smile.

ff *f* *rit. mf* *mp* *p*

Flute 8^{va} Clarinet

78 *a tempo*

"You mean, he said, a cro - co - dile."

p

III. You Are Old, Father William [5:40]

lyrics by Lewis Carroll
music by Bill Robinson

Guano ma non troppo (♩ = 65)

Voice

3

mp

mf

"You are old, fa-ther Wil-liam," the young man said, "And your

Cues

3

Clarinet

mp

mf

6

f

hair has be-come ve-ry white; And yet you in-ces-sant-ly stand on your head - - Do you

Flute

f

Clarinet

f

12

f

think, at your age, it is right? Do you think, at your age, it is right?"

Flute

f

mp

p

2

18

mp

f

"In my youth," fa-ther Wil-liam re-plied to his son, "I feared it might in-jure the brain; But

Clarinet

p

f

Flute

f

21

ff

now that I'm per-fect-ly sure I have none, Why, I do it a-gain and a-gain. Why, I do it a-gain and a-gain. Why, I

ff

24

do it a-gain and a-gain. Why, I do it a-gain and a-gain."

Clarinet

ff

Father William

7

27 *mp* *mf*

"You are old," said the youth, "as I mentioned before, And have grown most uncommonly

p *mp* *mf*

31 *f*

fat; Yet you turned a back-som-er-sault in at the door

Flute *p* *f*

36

Pray what is the reason of that?"

mf

40 *p* *cresc. p. a p.*

"In my youth," said the sage, as he

p *cresc. p. a p.*

45 (*mp*) (*mf*) (*f*)

shook his grey locks, "I kept all my limbs ve-ry sup-ple By the use of this oint-ment-one shil-ling the box-Al-

(*mp*) (*mf*) (*f*)

49 *ff* *mf*

low me to sell you a cou-ple?"

ff *p* *mf*

Clarinet *p*

8 55

old," said the youth, "and your jaws are too weak For an - y-thing tough - er than su-et;___ Yet you

57 *dim.* ----- *p* *f*

fin-ished the goose, with the bones and the beak-Pray, how did you man-age to do it?"___ "In my

Flute *p*

61

youth," said his fa-ther, "I took to the law, And ar-gued each case with my wife; And the

Flute *f*

64 *ff*

mus - cu-lar strength, which it gave to my jaw, Has las-ted the rest of my

ff

68 *p*

life." "You are

mf *p*

73

old," said the youth, "one would hard-ly sup-pose That your eye was as stea-dy as ev-er ev-er ev-er ev-er;

77

Yet you ba-lanced an eel on the end of your nose-What made you so aw-ful-ly cle-ver?"

Clarinet

81

"I have

Clarinet Flute

pp *f* *ff*

86

an - swered three ques - tions, and that is e-nough," Said the fa - ther. "Don't give your-self airs! Do you

8^{va}

88

think I can list - en all day to such stuff? Be off, or I'll kick you down stairs! Be

8^{va}

90

off, or I'll kick you down stairs! Be off, or I'll kick you down stairs! Be

92

off, or I'll kick you down stairs!"

f *mp* *pp*

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for Mezzo-Soprano, Flute,
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Flute Part



Bill Robinson

Robinsongs

[5:20]

lyrics by Lewis Carroll

1. Some Hallucinations

music by Bill Robinson

A perfectly sane tempo (♩ = 60)

Musical score for Flute, titled "Robinsongs" by Bill Robinson. The score is in 3/4 time and consists of 34 measures. It features various dynamics (p, mp, mf, f, ff) and articulations (accents, slurs, breath marks). The tempo is marked "A perfectly sane tempo (♩ = 60)". The score is divided into systems of five measures each, with measure numbers 6, 11, 16, 23, 27, and 34 indicated at the start of their respective systems.

Dynamics and articulations include: *p*, *mp*, *mf*, *f*, *ff*, *cresc. p. a p.*, *(mp)*, and *8va*.

Some Hallucinations, Flute

3

39

Musical staff 39-43. Key signature: one flat (B-flat). Staff 39 starts with a treble clef and a key signature change to one flat. It features a triplet of eighth notes (B-flat, A, G) marked *(mf)*, followed by a half note (F) marked *f*. The staff continues with a series of eighth and sixteenth notes, including a triplet of eighth notes (B-flat, A, G) marked *f*. The staff ends with a triplet of eighth notes (B-flat, A, G) marked *f*.

44

Musical staff 44-49. Staff 44 starts with a treble clef and a key signature change to one flat. It features a triplet of eighth notes (B-flat, A, G) marked *f*, followed by a half note (F) marked *f*. The staff continues with a series of eighth and sixteenth notes, including a triplet of eighth notes (B-flat, A, G) marked *f*. The staff ends with a triplet of eighth notes (B-flat, A, G) marked *f*. Dynamics: *cresc. ----- ff >*

50

Musical staff 50-54. Staff 50 starts with a treble clef and a key signature change to one flat. It features a half note (F) marked *mp*, followed by a half note (G) marked *mp*. The staff continues with a series of eighth and sixteenth notes, including a triplet of eighth notes (B-flat, A, G) marked *mp*. The staff ends with a triplet of eighth notes (B-flat, A, G) marked *mp*. Dynamics: *mp*, *cresc. p. a p.*

55

Musical staff 55-59. Staff 55 starts with a treble clef and a key signature change to one flat. It features a half note (F) marked *(mf)*, followed by a half note (G) marked *f*. The staff continues with a series of eighth and sixteenth notes, including a triplet of eighth notes (B-flat, A, G) marked *ff*. The staff ends with a triplet of eighth notes (B-flat, A, G) marked *ff*.

60

Musical staff 60-67. Staff 60 starts with a treble clef and a key signature change to one flat. It features a half note (F) marked *mp*, followed by a half note (G) marked *f*. The staff continues with a series of eighth and sixteenth notes, including a triplet of eighth notes (B-flat, A, G) marked *mp*. The staff ends with a triplet of eighth notes (B-flat, A, G) marked *f*. Dynamics: *mp*, *f*

68

Musical staff 68-72. Staff 68 starts with a treble clef and a key signature change to one flat. It features a half note (F) marked *p*, followed by a half note (G) marked *p*. The staff continues with a series of eighth and sixteenth notes, including a triplet of eighth notes (B-flat, A, G) marked *p*. The staff ends with a triplet of eighth notes (B-flat, A, G) marked *p*.

73

Musical staff 73-76. Staff 73 starts with a treble clef and a key signature change to one flat. It features a half note (F) marked *mp*, followed by a half note (G) marked *mp*. The staff continues with a series of eighth and sixteenth notes, including a triplet of eighth notes (B-flat, A, G) marked *mp*. The staff ends with a triplet of eighth notes (B-flat, A, G) marked *mp*. Dynamics: *mp*, *mf*

77

Musical staff 77-81. Staff 77 starts with a treble clef and a key signature change to one flat. It features a half note (F) marked *f*, followed by a half note (G) marked *ff*. The staff continues with a series of eighth and sixteenth notes, including a triplet of eighth notes (B-flat, A, G) marked *pp*. The staff ends with a triplet of eighth notes (B-flat, A, G) marked *pp*.

lyrics by Ogden Nash

music by Bill Robinson

Allegro academia (♩ = 120)

mp

8

16

20

23

28

33

42

f

f

f

The Purist; Flute

5

45 *ff* *ff* *dim. p. a p.* *f*

48 *(mf)* *(mp)* *p*

52

59 *mp*

67

71 *f* *ff*

75 *f* *mf* *mp* *p* *rit.*

78 *a tempo* *p*

III. You Are Old, Father William

[6]

lyrics by Lewis Carroll

music by Bill Robinson

Guano ma non troppo (♩ = 65)

2

p

f

8

14

3

p

f

ff

22

25

p

29

f

35

39

mf

p

43

cresc. p. a p.

(mp)

(mf)

48 *f* *ff* *p*

Musical staff 48-54: Treble clef, 4/4 time. Measures 48-54. Dynamics: *f* (measures 48-50), *ff* (measures 51-52), *p* (measures 53-54). Includes a triplet in measure 53.

55 *p* *f*

Musical staff 55-62: Treble clef, 4/4 time. Measures 55-62. Dynamics: *p* (measures 55-58), *f* (measures 59-62). Includes a half note in measure 55 and a quarter note in measure 62.

63 *ff*

Musical staff 63-66: Treble clef, 4/4 time. Measures 63-66. Dynamics: *ff* (measures 63-66). Includes a trill in measure 63.

67 *mf* *p*

Musical staff 67-73: Treble clef, 4/4 time. Measures 67-73. Dynamics: *mf* (measures 67-70), *p* (measures 71-73). Includes a half note in measure 67 and a quarter note in measure 73.

74

Musical staff 74-80: Treble clef, 4/4 time. Measures 74-80. Includes a half note in measure 74 and a quarter note in measure 80.

81 *ff*

Musical staff 81-85: Treble clef, 4/4 time. Measures 81-85. Dynamics: *ff* (measures 81-85). Includes a half note in measure 81 and a quarter note in measure 85.

86

Musical staff 86-88: Treble clef, 4/4 time. Measures 86-88. Includes a half note in measure 86 and a quarter note in measure 88.

89

Musical staff 89-91: Treble clef, 4/4 time. Measures 89-91. Includes a half note in measure 89 and a quarter note in measure 91.

92 *f* *mp* *pp*

Musical staff 92-95: Treble clef, 4/4 time. Measures 92-95. Dynamics: *f* (measures 92-93), *mp* (measure 94), *pp* (measure 95). Includes a half note in measure 92 and a quarter note in measure 95.

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for Mezzo-Soprano, Flute,
Clarinet, and Piano

Clarinet in B flat



Bill Robinson

1. Some Hallucinations

A perfectly sane tempo (♩ = 60)

p

mp

mf

mp

mp

p

f

ff

p

ff

cresc. p. a p. (mp)

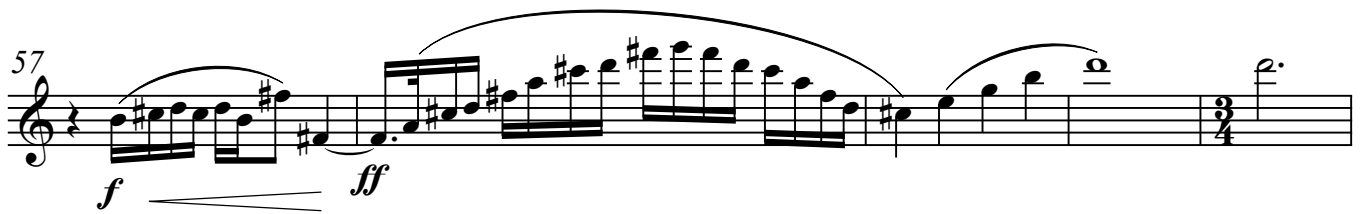
(mf)

f

ff

mp

cresc. p. a p.



11. The Purist [3']

lyrics by Ogden Nash

music by Bill Robinson

Allegro academia (♩ = 120)

mp

9

17

f

21

24

29

f

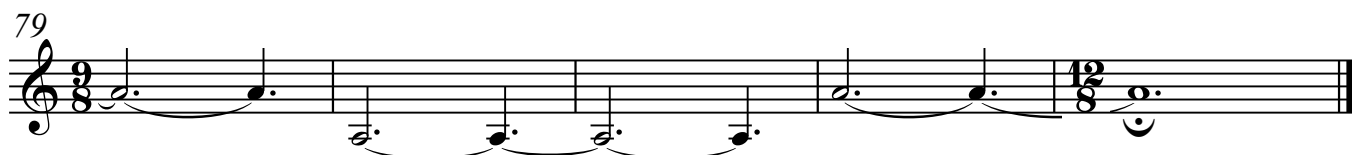
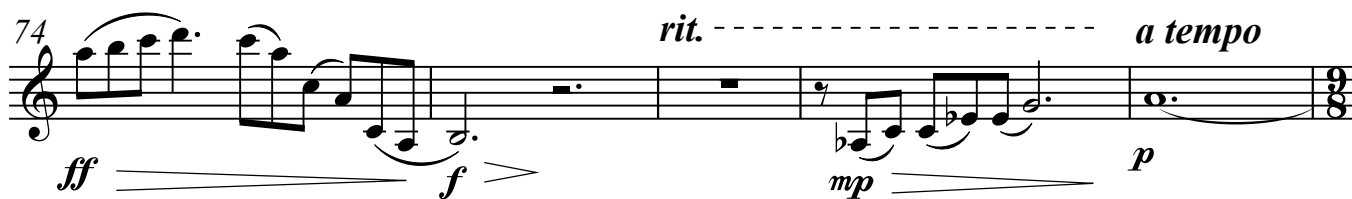
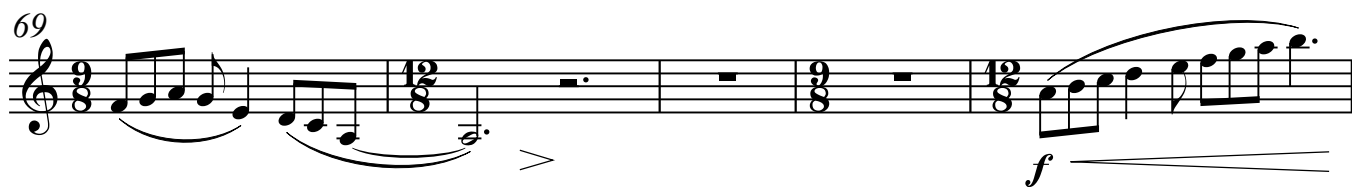
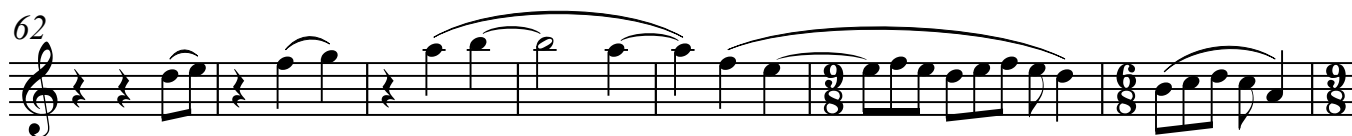
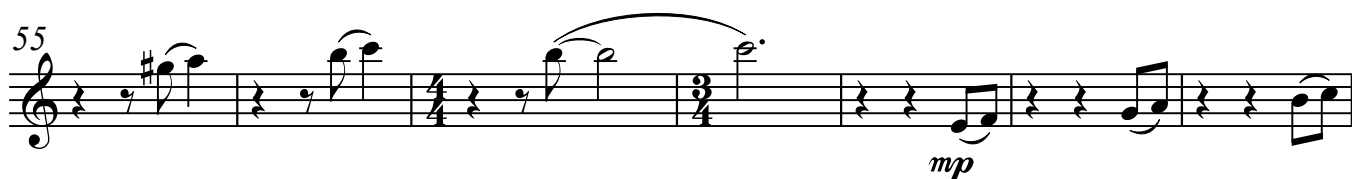
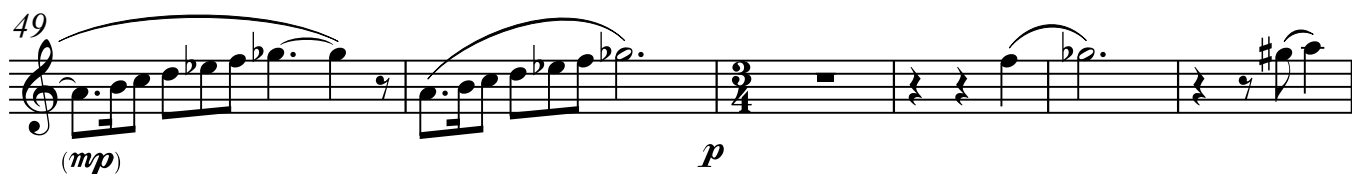
p

34

3

f

40



III. You Are Old, Father William [6']

lyrics by Lewis Carroll

music by Bill Robinson

Giuoco ma non troppo (♩ = 65)

The musical score is written for Clarinet in B flat and consists of nine staves of music. The tempo is marked "Giuoco ma non troppo" with a quarter note equal to 65 beats per minute. The key signature has one flat (Bb). The score includes various dynamics and articulations:

- Staff 1: Starts with a dynamic of *p* (piano), followed by *mp* (mezzo-piano) and *mf* (mezzo-forte).
- Staff 2: Features a dynamic of *f* (forte) and a crescendo leading to *f*.
- Staff 3: Includes a dynamic of *f*, a crescendo to *mp*, and a dynamic of *p* at the end.
- Staff 4: Features a dynamic of *f* and a crescendo to *ff* (fortissimo).
- Staff 5: Includes a dynamic of *ff* and a crescendo to *p*.
- Staff 6: Features a dynamic of *ff* and a crescendo to *p*.
- Staff 7: Includes a dynamic of *mf* (mezzo-forte) and a crescendo to *f*.
- Staff 8: Features a dynamic of *p* and a crescendo to *f*.
- Staff 9: Includes a dynamic of *mf* and a crescendo to *p*.

42 *cresc. p. a p.* *(mp)* *(mf)*

47 *f* *ff* *p*

56 *f* *ff*

65 *p* *ff*

74 *p* *ff*

80 *pp* *f* *ff*

85 *p* *ff*

89 *p* *ff*

92 *p* *ff*