

GREEN SPACE

An opera in Once Act

Music by William George
Libretto by Gina Teola Woolsey



for Soprano, Mezzo-Soprano
Piccolo, Clarinet, Viola, Cello & Piano

Green Space

Gina Leola Woolsey

William George

Waves, wind, solitude on the edge of a forest in the middle of metropolis at twilight

Nostalgically ♩ = 76

Viola

Cello

Piano

A

Vla.

Vc.

Pno.

I used to come here as a child.

Picc.

B♭ Cl.

S

Pno.

Yip! Yip! Howl! Yip! Yip! Howl! I've been here for - ev - er

12

Picc.

B \flat Cl.

S

Pno.

and you need to go. I claim this wild

14

Picc.

B \flat Cl.

S

Pno.

space as my own. Ow Ow Own!

17

A

Vla.

Vc.

Pno.

Mom packed us lunch, grand-ma tied scarves a-round our heads to stop the

Red. * Red. * Red. * Red. * Red. * Red. *

22

A

wind from our ears. We brought buck - ets

Vla.

Vc.

mp

Pno.

27

Picc.

S

Yip! Yip! Howl! Yip! Yip! Howl!

A

and shov - els.

Vla.

Vc.

p

Pno.

mf

Red. *

Picc. *mf*

B \flat Cl. *mf*

S
 What's that smell? Some-thing to eat? What's in your hand? Is it a treat? Yip!

Pno.

Picc.

B \flat Cl.

S
 (smack lips) Yip! (smack lips)

A *mp*

Pno. *mp*

In the

A

Vla. *mp* pizz.

Vc. *mp* arco

Pno. *mp*

rain we came to pick pur - ple star - fish from the

39

A waves, peel - ing their man - y arms from the rocks a - long the shore.

Vla. arco

Vc. pizz.

Pno. *Red.* *

43

A They're gone now. We took them all home.

Vla. arco

Vc.

Pno. *Red.* *

47

Picc. *mf*

B♭ Cl. *mf*

S *f* I'm still here You can't scrape me from this land. You can feed me but I must be free.

Pno. *mf*

50

Picc.

B♭ Cl.

S

A

Vla.

Vc.

Pno.

You can't catch me. *mf*

The zoo is gone, too. No more *mp*

54

A

Vla.

Vc.

Pno.

splash es from kil - ler whales' tails or

mf pizz. arco pizz. arco

57

Picc.

B♭ Cl.

A

mon - keys — do - ing dan - ger - ous things. —

Vla. pizz.

Vc. pizz.

Pno.

59

Picc.

B♭ Cl.

S

mf

I'm still here and I'm hun - gry for eas - y, and read - y to

Vla. arco


Vc. arco

Pno.

Picc. 


B♭ Cl. 


S  *f* bite. Yip! I warn you I'll nip you *mf* if you put up a fight. *f*


Vla. 

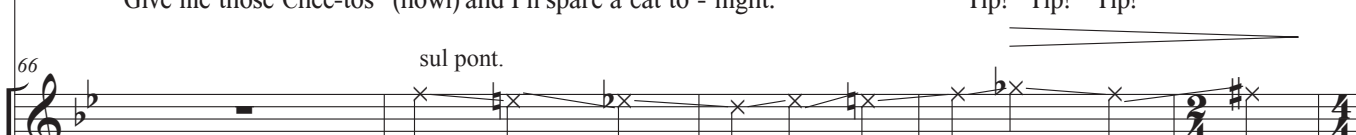
Vc. 

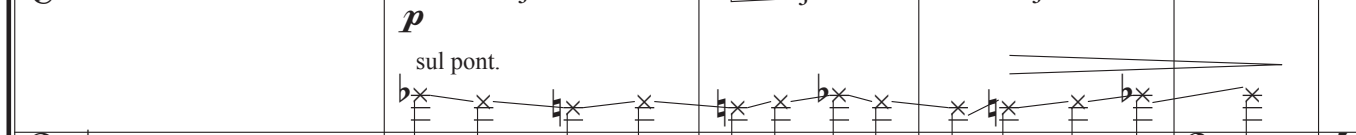
Pno. 


Picc. 

B♭ Cl.  *mf*

S  Give me those Chee-tos (howl) and I'll spare a cat to - night. Yip! Yip! Yip!

Vla.  *p* sul pont. *p*

Vc.  *p*

Pno. 

71

B \flat Cl. *mf*

A *mf*

No__ more pen - guins or big _____ snakes or ba-by ot - ters on__ dis -

Vla. *mf*

Vc. *mf*

Pno.

Ped. * *Ped.* * *Ped.* *

75

A

play. We want - ed to dress them in frills and take them all home.

Vla.

Vc. *pizz.*

Pno.

80

Picc.

B \flat Cl.

80

S

You can take my pic - ture if you feed me your snacks... But

Pno.

rit. *a tempo*

84

Picc.

B♭ Cl.

S

I ___ won't wear a dress to im-press you. I won't fol-low you back to your hot-house of

Vla.

Pno.

Red. * *Red.* *

89

Picc.

B♭ Cl.

S

flow-ers ___ and ful-fill your fan-tas-y night-mare.

Vla.

arco

Vc.

Pno.

Red. * *Red.* * *Red.* *

93

Picc.

B \flat Cl.

S

We'd still be friends if you knew how to share.

Pno.

96

Picc.

B \flat Cl.

A

Come a lit-tle clo-ser. I won't try to catch you.

Vla.

Vc.

Pno.

mf

100

Picc.

B♭ Cl.

A

Vla.

Vc.

Pno.

This place is my life — and my job — is to save it.

pizz.

pizz.

103

Picc.

B♭ Cl.

A

Vla.

Vc.

Pno.

I came to feed you, Yip! to feed and pet — you. Yip!

arco

arco

mf

p

mf

p

108

B♭ Cl.

S

mf *f*

I'm still here, but you need to go. Just leave the

Vla.

mp *p* sul pont.

Vc.

mp *p* sul pont.

Pno.

mp *p*

Red. *

113

Picc.

B♭ Cl.

growl *growl*

S

food and run or I'll tear you to piec-es and eat you for fun.

Vla.

mp *mf* arco pizz.

Vc.

mp *mf* arco

Pno.

f

Red. *

118

Picc. *p*

B♭ Cl.

S *mf* *f*

A *mf* *f*

You're the one who needs to go. Yip! You're the one who needs to go.

You're the one who needs to go. Yip! You're the one who needs to go.

118

Vla. *mp* arco *pizz.*

Vc. *mp*

118

Pno. *mp* *mf*

124

A *mf* **GUNSHOT**

This is my cit - y. I've

124

Vla. *mf*

Vc. *mf*

124

Pno. *fff* *mf*

slam keyboard lid

128

Picc. *mf*

B♭ Cl. *mf*

A *f*

Vla. *arco*

Vc.

Pno. *f*

been here all my life. I ___ claim this green ___

131

Picc. *f*

B♭ Cl. *f*

A *howl* *ad lib.*

Vla.

Vc.

Pno.

space for my own! ___ How! ___