

# Autumn Winds

for High Voice and Piano

Fifteen Haiku by Matsuo Basho (1644-1694)

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## I. all night autumn

floating, distant ( $\text{♩} = 48$ )

The musical score consists of three systems of music for voice and piano.

**System 1:** The piano part begins with a sustained note in the bass clef staff. The voice part is silent. The piano part then enters with eighth-note chords in 4/4 time, marked *mp*. The key signature changes between  $\text{F} \# \text{ major}$  and  $\text{C major}$ . The piano part ends with a dynamic *pp*. The vocal line begins with "all" on the first beat of the next measure, followed by "night" on the third beat, "au" on the fifth beat, and "tumn" on the eighth beat. The piano part concludes with a sustained note in the bass clef staff.

**System 2:** The piano part begins with a sustained note in the bass clef staff. The vocal line continues with "tumn" on the first beat, "all" on the third beat, "night" on the fifth beat, and "au" on the seventh beat. The piano part ends with a dynamic *p*. The vocal line concludes with "tumn" on the eighth beat. The piano part ends with a sustained note in the bass clef staff.

**System 3:** The piano part begins with a sustained note in the bass clef staff. The vocal line begins with "winds" on the first beat, "be-ing" on the third beat, "heard" on the fifth beat, and "be-hind" on the eighth beat. The piano part ends with a dynamic *pp*. The vocal line concludes with "be-hind" on the eighth beat. The piano part ends with a sustained note in the bass clef staff.

14

3

The musical score consists of two staves. The top staff is for the voice, showing a melodic line with eighth and sixteenth notes. The bottom staff is for the piano, showing harmonic chords. The vocal line includes lyrics: "the moun - tains". Measure 14 concludes with a fermata over the piano part.

17

The musical score continues with two staves. The top staff shows a single note followed by a rest. The bottom staff shows a piano part with complex harmonic patterns, including a bass line and various chords. Measure 17 ends with dynamic markings: **ppp** (pianississimo) and *r.h.* (right hand).

II. autumn wind broken

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slowly, with sadness ( $\downarrow = 42$ )

**ppp**

au - tumn wind

**Piano**

**ppp**

**Led. semper**

5

bro ken

with sad - ness

(loco)

**8vb**

9

his

**ppp**

**I.v. sim.**

(8)...

13

mul - ber - ry  
stick

*8va-----]*

*8vb---]*

*8vb-----]*

### III. autumn winds

5

legatissimo, floating ( $\text{♩} = 68$ )

Voice

Piano

5

(8)

9

*pp*

au - tumn winds

(8) |

*8va* | (loco)

*ppp*

14 *quasi-portamento*  
*ppp*  
in the sli-ding door's o - pen

18  
*ing*

22 *(hushed)*  
*ppp*  
a sharp voice

26

*una corda*

31

*tre corde*

## IV. autumn wind

misterioso; cold (♩ = 46)

*Voice*

*Piano*

*pppp non cresc. e non dim. sempre*

*au - tumn*

*wind as*

*Rd. sempre  
una corda*

5

*wind as*

10

*thick- ets in*