



**PRAIRIE
STAR**

BEA CARR

FOR THE ASTRA COLLECTIVE

PRAIRIE STAR

FOR MIXED QUARTET

ca. 9'

INSTRUMENTATION

Flute

Violin

Viola

Double Bass

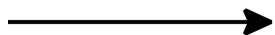
NOTES

Teeming with vibrancy and life, the prairies of central Texas always seem to call me back home. Whether it be during the lush summers, where wildflowers and apple trees abound, or the stark, icy winters, where layers of frost and ice coat the landscape in a glassy sheen of bright light; the prairie feels like home. Home in the way that your favorite tree shades you from the harsh sun on the walk to work; home in the way that your loved one's eyes pull you in when you stare at them for a few seconds too long; home in the way that, despite all logic, the sparrows always return to their nests in the spring. This home is unchanging and chaotic, like the weather that waters its grasses and feeds its tenants. The prairie, in its vastness and beauty, feels as ancient and profound as the stars that dimly light it from above.



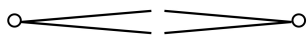
DASHED SLURS

Indicate overall phrasing, not *necessarily* bowing/slurred playing



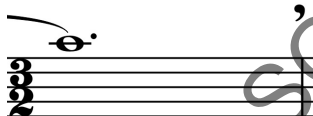
ARROWS

Indicate a gradual change in a given performance technique over the notated duration



OPEN HAIRPINS

Indicate a crescendo or diminuendo to/from niente



COMMA/BREATH MARK

Indicates a slight temporal pause/break, though shorter than a typical caesura

PRAIRIE STAR

FOR MIXED QUARTET

BEA CARR

Full of life!

ca. ♩ = 108

Flute

Violin

Viola

Bass

pp *f*

p you're the star!

This block contains the first four measures of the musical score. The Flute part begins in measure 3 with a series of eighth-note patterns, marked *pp* and *f*. The Violin part plays a melody of eighth notes with slurs, marked *p* with the lyrics "you're the star!". The Viola part provides a harmonic accompaniment of eighth notes, marked *p*. The Bass part is silent in these measures.

5

Fl.

Vln.

Vla.

Db.

pp *f* *pp*

pizz.

This block contains measures 5 through 7. Measure 5 is marked with a '5'. The Flute part continues its eighth-note pattern, marked *pp*, *f*, and *pp*. The Violin part continues its melody. The Viola part plays a continuous eighth-note accompaniment, marked *f* and *pp*. The Double Bass part plays a bass line of eighth notes, marked *pp*, *f*, and *pp*, with a *pizz.* (pizzicato) marking in measure 5.

PRAIRIE STAR
Full Score

3

A

8

Fl.

f *mp* *f*

Vln.

mp *f*

Vla.

f *mp* *f*

Db.

f *mp* *f*

12

Fl.

f

Vln.

Vla.

Db.

PRAIRIE STAR
Full Score

4

15

Fl.

p

Vln.

pizz.

p *mf* *p*

Vla.

pizz.

p *mf* *p*

Db.

p *mf* *p*

B

18

Fl.

p

Vln.

arco

mf *pp* *p*

Vla.

arco

mf *pp* *p*

Db.

mf

PRAIRIE STAR
Full Score

5

21

Fl.

Vln.

Vla.

Db.

arco

p espr.

24

Fl.

Vln.

Vla.

Db.

mp

mp

p

PRAIRIE STAR
Full Score

6

C

27

Fl.

Vln.

Vla.

Db.

pizz.

mp

30

Fl.

Vln.

Vla.

Db.

PRAIRIE STAR
Full Score

7

D

34

Fl.

Vln.

Vla.

Db.

f subito

p subito

f subito

p subito

f subito

p subito

37

Fl.

Vln.

Vla.

Db.

f subito

f subito

f subito

PRAIRIE STAR
Full Score

8

E

40

Fl.

Vln.

Vla.

Db.

p subito

p subito

p subito

44

Fl.

Vln.

Vla.

Db.

p delicate

delicate groove

PRAIRIE STAR
Full Score

9

47

Fl.

Vln.

Vla.

Db.

non vib.
poco sul pont.

50

Fl.

Vln.

Vla.

Db.

F

f *pp*

f *pp*

(ord.)

PRAIRIE STAR
Full Score

10

53

Fl.

Vln.

Vla.

Db.

*arco
very light*

pp

pp

PERUSAL SCORE

57

Fl.

Vln.

Vla.

Db.

pp

mp

pp

mp

pp

PERUSAL SCORE

PRAIRIE STAR
Full Score

11

61

Fl.

Vln.

Vla.

Db.

mp *pp* *mp*

mp *pp* *mp*

mp *pp* *mp*

mp *pp* *mp*

64

Fl.

Vln.

Vla.

Db.

pp *mp* *p*

pp *mp* *p*

pp *mp* *p*

pp *mp* *p*

G

PRAIRIE STAR
Full Score

12

67

Fl.

Vln.

Vla.

Db.

PERUSAL SCORE

70

Fl.

f you're the star!

Vln.

f

Vla.

Db.

f

PERUSAL SCORE

PRAIRIE STAR
Full Score

13

73

Fl.

Vln.

Vla.

Db.

76

Fl.

Vln.

Vla.

Db.

PRAIRIE STAR
Full Score

14

79 **H**

Fl. *p* *f* *p*

Vln. *p* *f*

Vla. *p* *f*

Db. *p* *f*

82 **J**

Fl. *f*

Vln. *p* *f* running, galloping even

Vla. *p* *f* running, galloping even

Db. *p* *f* running, galloping even

PRAIRIE STAR
Full Score

15

K

85

Fl.

Vln.

Vla.

Db.

p subito

p subito

p subito

88

Fl.

Vln.

Vla.

Db.

*

* Change in rhythmic pattern

PRAIRIE STAR
Full Score

16

92

Fl.

Vln.

Vla.

Db.

p

96

Fl.

Vln.

Vla.

Db.

mf *p*

PRAIRIE STAR
Full Score

17

L

100

Fl.

f flying, soaring even

Vln.

Vla.

Db.

f

103

Fl.

p

become less staccato

Vln.

Vla.

Db.

M

106

Fl.

Vln.

sostenuto, on the string
p drone-like

Vla.

short and bouncy
p like a bug (<) *sim.*

Db.

pizz.
f stanky

110

Fl.

Vln.

Vla.

Db.

PRAIRIE STAR
Full Score

19

113

Fl.

p

Vln.

Vla.

Db.

117

Fl.

N

f subito

Vln.

Vla.

Db.

f

f

arco

to sul pont.

f you're the star!

PRAIRIE STAR
Full Score

20

120

Fl.

Vln.

Vla.

Db.

subito ord.

PERUSAL SCORE

123

Fl.

Vln.

Vla.

Db.

to sul pont.

subito ord.

PERUSAL SCORE

PRAIRIE STAR
Full Score

21

0

126

Fl.

Vln.

free bowing
sul tasto

sim.

pp

Vla.

non vib.

free bowing
sul tasto

pp

Db.

pp

129

Fl.

Vln.

sim.

Vla.

non vib.
sul tasto

pp

Db.

(pp)

rit. _ _ _ _ _

P **Vast and icy**
ca. ♩ = 42

139

Fl.

pp

mf > *pp*

mf > *pp*

Vln.

non vib.
(tasto)

pp

mf > *pp*

mf > *pp*

Vla.

non vib.
(tasto)

pp

mf > *pp*

mf > *pp*

Db.

non vib.
(tasto)

mf > *pp*

mf > *pp*

mf > *pp*

mf > *pp*

PRAIRIE STAR
Full Score

23

146

Fl. *mf* *p* *pp* *mp*

Vln. *sul pont.* *mf* *p* *ord. (non vib.)* *pp* *mp*

Vla. *sul pont.* *mf* *p* *ord. (non vib.)* *pp* *mp*

Db. *sul pont.* *mf* *p* *ord. (non vib.)* *port.* *pp* *mp*

Q

breathe as needed

152

Fl. *pp*

Vln. *pp*

Vla. *as smooth as possible* *mf*

Db. *pizz.* *mp let ring*

PRAIRIE STAR
Full Score

24

154

Fl.

Vln.

Vla.

Db.

mf

156

Fl.

Vln.

Vla.

Db.

mf

a la "fratres"

PRAIRIE STAR
Full Score

25

158

Fl.

Vln.

Vla.

Db.

p you're the star!

160

Fl.

Vln.

Vla.

Db.

8:

pp

arco

pp

163

Fl. *mf espr.*

Vln. *mf* *pp*

Vla. *mf* *pp* *mf*

Db. *mf* *pp* *mf* *pp*

8

R

166

Fl.

Vln. *sul pont.*

Vla. *pp*

Db.

PRAIRIE STAR
Full Score

27

168

Fl.

Vln.

Vla.

Db.

pizz.

mf

4

4

PERUSAL SCORE

171

Fl.

Vln.

Vla.

Db.

8

8

PERUSAL SCORE

S Like the beginning
ca. ♩ = 108

174

Fl.

Vln.

ord.

p like a bug

sim.

sostenuto, on the string

pp

drone-like

Db.

177

Fl.

Vln.

Vla.

arco

p

Db.

PRAIRIE STAR
Full Score

29

180

Fl.

p

Vln.

Vla.

Db.

183

Fl.

Vln.

Vla.

Db.

p espr.

PRAIRIE STAR
Full Score

30

186

Fl.

Vln.

Vla.

Db.

f

p

189

Fl.

Vln.

Vla.

Db.

f

p

p espr.

PRAIRIE STAR
Full Score

31

192

Fl.

Vln.

Vla.

Db.

f

195

Fl.

Vln.

Vla.

Db.

p *f*

poco accel.

* Change in pattern

T Energetic and free

198 ca. ♩ = 116

Fl.

Vln.

Vla.

Db.

f go!

f go!

f go!

201

Fl.

Vln.

Vla.

Db.

PRAIRIE STAR
Full Score

33

U

204

Fl.

f

Vln.

dig in!

Vla.

dig in!

Db.

dig in!

207

Fl.

ff

Vln.

ff

Vla.

ff

Db.

ff