

# The Nightingale

An Enchanting Imperial Tale for Unison and 2-Part Voices

Based on the Story by Hans Christian Andersen

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3. Follow Me . . . . . <i>(Little Girl, Courtiers, Off-Stage Voices)</i>	20	14
4. Nightingale ( <i>Little Girl and Nightingale</i> ) . . . . .	26	18
5. Festival Medley ( <i>All</i> ) . . . . .	30	20
6. Beautiful Underscore ( <i>Orchestra</i> ) . . . . .	38	23
7. The Mechanical Bird . . . . . <i>(Nightingale, Little Girl, Courtiers, Emperor)</i>	42	26
8. Elegy ( <i>Citizens and Courtiers</i> ) . . . . .	52	33
9. Voices of the Past ( <i>Voices of the Past</i> ) . . . . .	55	35
10. Finale ( <i>All</i> ) . . . . .	62	38
11. Bows ( <i>All</i> ) . . . . .	70	42

**Performance time: approximately 40 minutes**  
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## THE NIGHTINGALE

(The Emperor's palace. Narrators 1 and 2 enter and take their places downstage right and left, where they will remain for the entire show. The Gongkeeper ceremoniously enters, takes his place at the Chinese gong, and strikes the gong one time – a signal to begin. He remains in position until just before song #9. During Narrator 1's first line, the Emperor enters and sits cross-legged upon his throne. When the music begins, the Citizens of China enter. They fill the stage and sing directly to the audience.)

NARRATOR 1: Long ago, in the land of China, a great Emperor lived in a beautiful, porcelain palace, so delicate and brittle that anyone who touched it had to be especially careful.

### 1. HOW BEAUTIFUL!

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(Citizens and Emperor)

NARRATOR 2: The palace was surrounded by a magnificent flowering garden, so large that even the gardener could not

With stately elegance (♩ = ca. 108)

PIANO *mp*

see how it extended through the evergreen forest, to the deep blue sea, and over the Chinese hills to the beautiful Imperial City.

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CITIZENS *mp* 9

How beau-ti-ful

### 3. FOLLOW ME

(Little Girl, Courtiers, Off-Stage Voices)

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Gently (♩. = ca. 60) LITTLE GIRL *mp* 3

Fol - low me, fol - low

PIANO *mp*

4 me, as we trav - el t'ward the sea. Fol - low

7 *poco rit.* me, fol - low me, to the night - in - gale in the *poco rit.*