

Land of the Shining Mountains

Visitors to Montana inevitably fall in love with its majestic mountains. The western third of the state is home to over 100 mountain ranges, and the state's name is derived from the Spanish word for mountain, "montaña."
 "Land of the Shining Mountains" depicts the splendor of these natural wonders.

Dennis Alexander

Maestoso (♩ = 63)

ff

4

poco rit.

Andante (♩ = 72-76)

mf

7

cantabile

11

Song of the Sky

Montana is home to Flathead Lake, the largest freshwater lake west of the Mississippi River. The lake takes its name from the Flathead Indian tribe, also known as the Salish, who live on its southern banks. Traditional Salish music is performed on the flageolet (or "love flute") and the drum. Long ago, love flutes were played only at night by young men who wished to serenade their sweethearts. "Song of the Sky" is reminiscent of such a serenade, with its lyrical melodic line and soothing, warm harmonies.

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Sereno e misterioso *a tempo*

mp *ad libitum* *più mosso*

Lento religioso (♩ = 69)

più mosso *poco rit.* *mf*

mp

4 8 12

Battle of Little Bighorn

In the late 19th century, conflict broke out between the US army and plains Indian tribes as a result of the colonization of Native American lands and the forced relocation of Native American people. The Battle of Little Bighorn took place on June 25th, 1876, near the Little Bighorn River, pitting General George Custer against Chiefs Sitting Bull, Crazy Horse, and Gall. The battle ended in defeat for the 7th Cavalry and would come to be known as "Custer's Last Stand."

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Presto agitato e marcato (♩ = 116–120)

mf

6

11

16

21

f

8va-1

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