

The Hunting of the Snark

for soprano, flute, cello, and harpsichord

Text
Lewis Carroll

FLUTE
doubling alto flute in g and piccolo

Music
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1. The Landing

Helter-Skelter ($\text{d} = 144+$)

10 Still ($\text{d} = 60$) (m.o.) flz. > flz. > (m.o.) > (m.o.) > Biting and pensive ($\text{d} = 88$) flz.

G.P. Vcl. 4 4 4 4

18 (m.o.) flz. stage whisper Sop. L'stesso tempo (m.o.)

a Snark! the Bell-man cried,

25

34

43 L'stesso tempo Hps. flz. (m.o.) flz.

fz > pp fz > pp

FLUTE

50 *stage whisper* *Hps.* **Colla voce**

a Snark! (k)
I have said it twice:
That a - lone should en -

56 **In time** *Sop.*

cour - age the crew.
Just the place for a Snark!

Colla voce

2 [63-64]

I have said it _____ thrice: _____ What I tell you three times _____

72 **Still (♩=60) (m.o.) (m.o.)** *flz. > flz. >* **Helter-Skelter (♩=144+)**

is _____ true."
pitchless and hushed fz menacing

79

86

fp ffz freeze

2. The Bellman's Speech

Lumbering ($\bullet=56$)

Vcl. *alto flute*
pp sempre

5 *Sop.*
"We have sailed man-y weeks,

9 *p* *pp*
Sop. we have sailed man-y days, (Sev-en days) to the week

13 *p expr.* *more expressive*
I al-low), But a Snark, on the which we might lov-ing-ly gaze,

17 *(pizz.)* *(m.o.)*
Vcl. *pp* *p intoned, as before*
We have nev - er be - held till

FLUTE

20 *Hps.* *3* *mf* *3* *mf reassuring* *mf*

now! Come, lis-ten, my men, —

23 *mf* *3* *3* *3*

while I tell you a - gain The un - mis - tak - a - ble

25 *f* *6* *pp*

marks By which you may know, where-so-ev-er you go, The

28 *Vcl.* *pp* *pp semper* *pp*

war - rant - ed gen - u - ine Snarks. —

32

36 *Sop.* *p expr.* *expressive* *6* *5* *3*

For, al - though com - mon Snarks do no

39

man-ner of harm,
(pizz.)

5 Yet, I feel it my du - ty to say,___

42 *to picc.*
p intoned
freeze
(spoken)

Some are Boo-jums—" The Bellman broke off in alarm,

Ephemeral ($\text{d} = 144+$)

6 Hps.

47 *picc. tr*
pp
p with slightly wicked glee
Sop.

For the Bak - er had faint - ed a - way. _____ For the

55

Bak - er had faint - ed, had faint-ed a - way, a - way, a - way, a - way.

64 (Helter-Skelter)
mf

69 *tr*
fz
tr
fz
to flute
5
Tempo I (d=56)
3

[74-78] [79-81]

3. The Baker's Tale

Free flute

fz

10

poco expr.

Vcl.

fz

pp

Chant

FLUTE

Sop.

Free

10

flz. (m.o.)

[5-6] mus - tard and

pp sempre

fz

Vcl.

pp

poco expr.

10

flz. (m.o.)

flz. (m.o.)

flz. (m.o.)

Chant

2

[14-15]

16

Sop.

They set him co - nun - drums to

Free

fp

fz

Vcl.

fp

ff

19

fp

ff

fz

fp

ff

fz

f

22

fp

fz

fz

fz

Chant

2

Sop.

[23-24]

His sad sto - ry he of - fered to

fz

fz

fz

FLUTE

7

27 Free **10**

Vcl.

Chant 8

Dolorous (♩=92) 5

Sop.

If your

43

Snark be a Snark, _____ that is right: _____ Fetch it home by all means, _____ you may

48

pizz.

pp (sempre)

mf

serve it with greens, _____ you may serve it with greens, _____

52

3

5

[55-59]

p

p

And it's hand-y for strik-ing a light. _____

60

(m.o.)

3

[64-66]

p

mp

You may seek it with thim-bles— and seek it with care; _____

FLUTE

67 *Sop.*
 You may *mp*

70 *fz* *pp*
Sop. *p* *pp*
 You may charm it with smiles and soap—

74

77 *pp*

Slightly slower and more free ($\text{♩}=88$)

81 *Vcl. ord.*
pp *flz.* *(m.o.)* *6*
pp *mp* *pp* *flz.* *(m.o.)*
pp *mp* *pp* *pp* *mp*
Sop. *pp mysterious*
 For then You will soft - ly and

84

pp
pp
pp

to picc.

sud-den-ly van - ish _____ a - way, _____ And nev - er be met with a - gain!"

4. The Vanishing

Ephemeral ($\text{d} = 144+$)

9

17

24

36

43

50

57

64

71

Hps.

ff brazen

6

G.P.

FLUTE

84 *Sop.* 2 *Vcl.* *G.P.* *Vcl.* *G.P.* 5 *Sop.*
 Then, si-lence. heard in the air _____

100 *p* 3 *Vcl.* *p*
G.P. *Hps.*

111 *G.P.*

120 4 *Vcl.* *mp* *mf*

133

141

148 *ff* *Hps.* *f* (Helter-Skelter)

155

160 *p* stage whisper
 (echo the singer's words "a Boojum,"
 starting after she finishes)

168 15 *Sop.* a Boo
 For the Snark was a Boojum, you see.

190 *pp sempre* *poco fz*