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# GOLDEN BIRD

Aung San Suu Kyi

For 4 part Treble Choir & Piano \*

Music & Lyrics by PAUL JARMAN

**Freely**

SOPRANO

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ALTO

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PIANO

Freely

*ppp* Delicately

Hold pedal entire section

Pd.

2 Stagger entries - come in softly and gradually

Alternate between notes - any length (don't slide) Stagger breathing

*ppp*

Ooh

*ppp*

Ooh

*ppp*

Ooh

\* Harmonic singing can be applied to the Bb

Simile. Any speed or combination. Optional improvise occasional lower notes from this scale as section builds  
Piano works freely over the cello part

\* In performance without cello or for rehearsal purpose play the cello part with left hand and right hand arpeggio only If cello present, don't play this melody - continue arpeggio

\*Also available with strings/percussion

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Freely ♩ = (65 -70)  
*mp*

The

Make the arpeggio sound like waves or clouds  
perform softer during melody and increase volume in spaces ♩ = (65 -70)

*p*

13

gol-den bird is fly ing... Be-yond this qui-et land. The star of truth is ri sing. Re-vo - lu-tion is at hand.

21 > ***ppp***

*mp*

Oh

Oh

\* Continue arpeggio in the same style with right hand

***pp***

***mp***

8<sup>vb</sup>.

Fade to silence .....

26

Fade to silence .....

***dim.***

(8)

Fade to silence .....

***J = 80*** Freely

solo

28

Fly in the sun,

***J = 80*** Freely

Come in gradually

***ppp*** Hold pedal Ped.

30

on the wings of your soul. Fly a-way back home. Hope shines a light. Fly in the

Fly in the

Fly in the

Fly in the

Continue right hand of arpeggio

39

sun, on the wings of your soul. Fly a-way back home. Hope shines a light.

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rall. cresc.

47  $\text{J.} = 60$  Strong 2/2 feel

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$\text{mp}$

cresc.

Pd. \*

Pd.

51

Fly in the sun, on the wings of your soul.  
 Fly in the sun, on the wings of your soul.  
 Fly in the sun  
*mf sim.*  
 Pd. *Simile.*

55

Fly, fly a-way back home. Hope shines a light.  
 Fly, fly a-way back home. Hope shines a light.  
 Fly back home. Hope shines a light.  
*cresc.*

59

Rise a-bove o - ppre ssion.  
 Lead us on.  
 Lead us on.

63

Free-dom takes flight. *mf* Truth on our side.  
Flight. Truth on our side  
Regato Free-dom takes flight, free-dom takes flight. Truth on our side.

68

Dig-ni-ty and  
*dim.*

72

cou - rage. De - fi - ant dis - creet. From fa - ther to  
Dig-ni-ty and cou - rage. De - fi - ant dis - creet. From  
Dig-ni-ty and cou - rage. De - fi - ant dis - creet.