Saeya Saeya Parang Saeya

S.A.T.B., Alto solo, a cappella*

Saeya Saeya, Parang Saeya, literally, "Birds, Birds, Bluebirds," is perhaps the most representative melody among all the tunes of Korean traditional music. The Korean general Bong-Joon Juhn lead an unsuccessful uprising against corrupt rulers and invading Japanese troops in the late 19th century. His nickname was the Green Bean General. Legend says that he was a Korean version of Robin Hood; after attacking corrupt officials and seizing their treasures, he then distributed them to the poor commoners. He was very popular and many commoners joined his army. His army swept through large parts of the Korean peninsula before Korean rulers requested the Japanese army to intervene. Juhn's army, equipped with spears and arrows, was no match against the westernized gun-wielding Japanese army, and in 1895 Juhn was captured and hanged. Korean commoners sang this song to lament General Juhn's death and the failed coup d'état, and it is said the widows of Juhn's army sang this song to their babies as a lullaby.

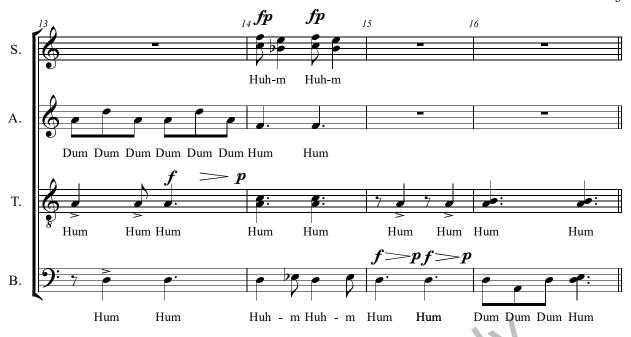
Opening solo by Connie Haeja Byun

Korean Traditional Arranged by Young-ah Kim



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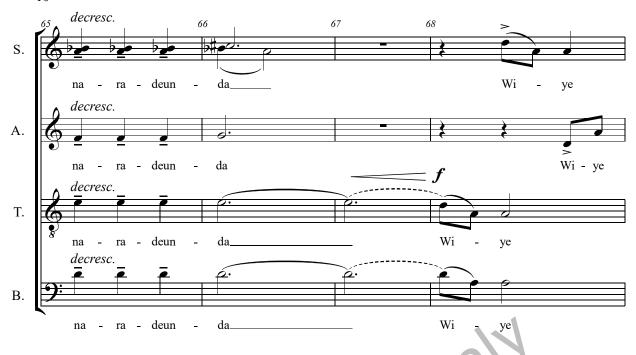






















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