



Fable

for Piano

by Peter Billam

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Cantabile, espressivo

The first system of music consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lower staff is in bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The music features a series of eighth and sixteenth notes in both hands, with some chords. A trill (tr) is marked in the lower staff towards the end of the system.

The second system of music consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lower staff is in bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The music features a series of eighth and sixteenth notes in both hands, with some chords. A trill (tr) is marked in the lower staff. The dynamic marking *f* (forte) is present in the upper staff. The dynamic marking *ff* (fortissimo) is present in the lower staff. The time signature changes from 2/4 to 6/4.

The third system of music consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lower staff is in bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The music features a series of eighth and sixteenth notes in both hands, with some chords. A trill (tr) is marked in the upper staff. The time signature changes from 6/4 to 5/4.

The fourth system of music consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lower staff is in bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The music features a series of eighth and sixteenth notes in both hands, with some chords. The time signature changes from 5/4 to 4/4, and then to 3/4.

The fifth system of music consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lower staff is in bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The music features a series of eighth and sixteenth notes in both hands, with some chords. A trill (tr) is marked in the lower staff.

The sixth system of music consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lower staff is in bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The music features a series of eighth and sixteenth notes in both hands, with some chords. A trill (tr) is marked in the lower staff. The time signature changes from 2/4 to 4/4.

First system of musical notation, consisting of a treble staff and a bass staff. The treble staff contains a series of chords and melodic fragments, while the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with a mix of eighth and quarter notes.

Second system of musical notation, continuing the piece with similar rhythmic patterns and chordal structures in both staves.

Third system of musical notation, including the instruction *rall e decresc...* in the bass staff, indicating a change in tempo and dynamics.

Fourth system of musical notation, including the instruction *andante* in the bass staff, marking a further change in tempo.

Fifth system of musical notation, including the instruction *meno mosso* in the bass staff, indicating a tempo change.

Sixth system of musical notation, including the instruction *decresc...* and dynamic markings *p* and *f* in the bass staff. It concludes with a *Ped* (pedal) marking.

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Peter Billam was born in London in 1948, studied piano, and lived in Switzerland from 1973 to 1983, where he studied composition, classical guitar, flute and voice, worked as Musical Director of the *Théâtre Populaire Romand*, and as recording engineer, record producer and computer programmer. He moved to Tasmania in 1983, lectured in composition at the Conservatorium, conducted recorder ensembles and choirs, studied recorder, voice and harpsichord. He founded www.pjb.com.au, becoming the first composer to sell scores on-line, with on-line delivery, taking scores from Composer to Performer in one immediate step. *Wwww.pjb.com.au* offers a new approach to music publishing. These pieces are **written to be read, made to be played !**

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