

PROGRAM NOTES: “String Poetic”

Poetic songs sung in the voice of violin & piano...each contributes to the story...

Jagged Climb

Jagged run...rise, running, sidle up the side of the climb-jagged-climb

Nocturne...that piece of night-night of peace

Blue Hills of Mist—in the glaze of light between dawn...sunset, blue’s hills have mist—a covering of song and mystery that belongs not to any person, but to other places

Maze Mechanical

Amazing maze; maze that is mad; mechanical machine...putzing and stalling along...made to chug; amazed at the maze; steaming forward; stalling; racing; maniacal...lost in the maze?...mechanical maze

Climb Jagged

Rise above, in jagged climb...climb, arise, in jagged run...running, rise, jagged fun

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Note: movements should be listed as...

1. Jagged Climb
2. Nocturne
3. Blue Hills of Mist
4. Maze Mechanical
5. Climb Jagged

--Jennifer Higdon