

# WHEN SWALLOWS FLY

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Song.

Music by  
Edward Elgar  
Accompaniment arranged for string orchestra  
by John Morrison, 2022

Violin I *mf*

Violin II *mf*

Viola *mf*

Violoncello *mf*

Contrabasso *mf* pizz.

VOICES *mf* (I)

When swal-lows dart from cot-tage eaves,

Vn. I

Vn. II

Va. *arco*

Vc. *arco*

Cb. *arco*

VOICES (II) (I)

When swal-lows dart from cot-tage eaves, And reap - ers\_ bind the

Composer's note:

N.B. The voices may be divided as indicated (I) or (II), or the song may be sung as unison throughout..

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Vn. I

Vn. II

Va.

Vc.

Cb.

(II) (I)

bar - ley sheaves, And reap - ers\_ bind the bar - ley sheaves, When

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Vn. I

Vn. II

Va.

Vc.

Cb.

(unis.)

peach - es\_ peep a - mid the leaves, And wood - bines scent the

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Musical score for measures 13-15. The score includes staves for Vn. I, Vn. II, Va., Vc., Cb., and a vocal line. The key signature is three flats (B-flat major/C minor). The time signature is 3/4. Dynamics range from *p* to *mf*. The vocal line has lyrics: "way. We love to fly the".

Vn. I *p* *mf*

Vn. II *p* *mf*

Va. *p* *mf*

Vc. *p* pizz *mf* arco

Cb. *p* *mf*

*mf* (I)

way. We love to fly the

16

Musical score for measures 16-18. The score includes staves for Vn. I, Vn. II, Va., Vc., Cb., and a vocal line. The key signature is three flats (B-flat major/C minor). The time signature is 3/4. Dynamics range from *p* to *mf*. The vocal line has lyrics: "smok - y town, We love to fly the smok - y town, To".

Vn. I *p* *mf*

Vn. II *p* *mf*

Va. *p* *mf*

Vc. *p* *mf*

Cb. *p* *mf*

*mf* (II) *mf* (I)

smok - y town, We love to fly the smok - y town, To

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Vn. I

Vn. II

Va.

Vc.

Cb.

breathe the air of wood-land brown, To join our hands and

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Vn. I

Vn. II

Va.

Vc.

Cb.

(unis.)

form a ring, To laugh and sport, To dance and sing a -

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*rit.* **a tempo** pizz. arco

Vn. I

Vn. II pizz. arco

Va. arco

Vc. *p* div. *p*

Cb. pizz. *p*

*rit.* **a tempo**

mid the new-mown hay. \_\_\_\_\_