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MUSIC FOR THE PSALMS

Birds of the Psalms, Movement 2,

commissioned by and dedicated to Cappella Clausura, Amelia Leclair, Director,

Psalm 55 (Wings Like a Dove)

My heart quakes within me, and the terrors of death have fallen upon me.

And I said, "Oh, that I had wings like a dove! I would fly away and be at rest.

Had it been an enemy who was against me, I could have hidden from him. But it was you, my own companion, my guide. I said, "Oh, that I had wings like a dove! I would fly away and be at rest.

Adapted from *The Psalter,*
The Book of Common Prayer

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mp - mf using natural dynamics
♩ = 65 with intensity

Soprano 1
quakes _____ *mp* quakes _____

Soprano 2
_____ *mf* with intensity My heart quakes _____

Soprano 3/
Alto 1
mf with intensity My heart quakes _____

Alto 2
_____ *mf* with -

S. 1
_____ and the

S. 2
_____ with - in me, _____

S. 3/A. 1
_____ in me, _____ me,

A. 2
_____ - in in me, _____

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Van Ness, *Psalm 55 (Wings Like a Dove)*
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S. 1
ter - rors of death have fall - en death have fall - - en on me.

S. 2
ter - rors of death have ter - rors of death have fall - - en on me.

S. 3/A. 1
ter - rors of death have ter - rors of death have fall - en

A. 2
ter - rors of death have ter - rors of death have fall on me

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S. 1
"Oh oh oh oh oh

S. 2
And "Oh oh oh

S. 3/A. 1
And I I said, oh

A. 2
I

17

S. 1
oh oh "like a a

S. 2
oh oh oh "oh that I had, "wings, wings like a a

S. 3/A. 1
that I had wings like a a

A. 2
that I had, that I had wings like a
mp

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23 A

S. 1
dove, fly rest." been

S. 2
dove, I would fly a-way and be at rest." Had it been Had it

S. 3/A. 1
dove, Had it been

A. 2
dove,

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S. 1
been (en en-e my

S. 2
been an en-e-my en-e-my who

S. 3/A. 1
an en-e-my (gainst me

A. 2
an en-e-my who was a

33

S. 1
but it was you my own com-pan-ion own com-pan -

S. 2
was a gainst me you my own (com you my own com-pan -

S. 3/A. 1
me you my own (com you my own (com (pan

A. 2
me you my own (com you my own com-pan-ion

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S. 1
ion my_ guide.____ "Oh____ oh_ oh_ oh_ oh____

S. 2
ion, my guide,_____ I said,____ "Oh oh____ oh_

S. 3/A. 1
ion, I____ "Oh oh____

A. 2
my guide,____

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S. 1
oh____ "like a____

S. 2
oh_ oh_ oh____ "oh_ that I had, "wings, wings like a

S. 3/A. 1
that_ I had wings like_ a____

A. 2
"oh_ that I had, that_ I had wings like

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S. 1
_ a dove, _ fly____ rest,____ at____ rest."

S. 2
a dove, _ I would fly a-way and be at rest." at____ rest."____

S. 3/A. 1
a_ dove, _ at____ rest."____

A. 2
a dove, _ rest,____ rest."