



**overtures**  
(a melody)

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*for Amanda Tabor*

Performance notes

Intervals contain small dramas and their quieting. Slowly, things take on a life of their own. With a singing quality. Without real endings. With what time is needed to illuminate the intervals. Legato. Tenuto marks as downbeats.

Program notes

The palace of the Greek god of sleep was a sunless cave, through which flowed the river of forgetfulness. At the entrance were poppies and other plants.

The golden poppy, state flower of California, requires little water and grows well in disturbed areas, often recolonizing after fires. It is actually orange.

The yellow in the Yellow River comes from loess suspended in the water. Loess is silt derived from glaciers grinding rocks into flour. It can develop into rich soil.

Most of California's water supply originates in the north. Most of the demand occurs in the south. Deliveries from the Colorado River began in 1941. San Diego connected in 1947.

Plants and animals usually set their internal clocks by the rising and setting of the sun, which is a star.

Stars twinkle from turbulence in the atmosphere.

Jet lag can refer to disorientation, broken sleep, and dehydration from rapid travel across time zones. Standard recovery time is one day per time zone.

Due to its latitude, Antarctica goes through long periods of constant sunlight.

The activity of reindeer in winter and summer seems driven more by their digestive system than by sunlight.

From the ground on a cloudy night, blinking airplanes can look like confused stars.

Emperor penguins have yellow ear patches. They are the tallest penguins.

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faster

(into horn)  
to begin

flow 100

slower

faster

rit. , faster  
be-gin

(into horn)  
take a person  
one

(into horn)

who

pensive slower moving again

who of-ten dreams of fly-ing

(into horn)

be-gin

flying

be-gin

a-gain