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## Canis Major

*for baritone and piano*

*composed for the  
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ca. 5"

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# Robert Lee Frost

## West-Running Brook (1928)

*first published as "On a Star-bright Night"  
in The New York Herald Tribune Books, 1925*

### 26. Canis Major

The great Overdog  
That heavenly beast  
With a star in one eye  
Gives a leap in the east.

He dances upright  
All the way to the west  
And never once drops  
On his forefeet to rest.

I'm a poor underdog,  
But to-night I will bark  
With the great Overdog  
That romps through the dark.

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**Piano**

Weightless, ♩ = 92  
**molto rit.**

**A tempo**  
**molto rit.**

**A tempo**  
**molto rit.**

*mf dolce espr.*  
*Ped. (sustained throughout)*

**Pno.**

**A tempo**  
**molto rit.**

*p* *pp* *8va*

**Bar.**

**A tempo**  
**molto rit.**

**A tempo**  
**molto rit.**

*p* *hm* *falsetto* *hm*

**Pno.**

**A tempo**  
**molto rit.**

**A tempo**  
**molto rit.**

*pp* *pp* *8va* *Ped.* *p* *p*

Detailed description: The score is for the song 'Canis Major' by Robert Lee Frost, arranged by Carle Jordan Wirshba. It features three parts: Piano, Baritone, and Piano accompaniment. The Piano part starts with a tempo of 92 and a 'molto rit.' instruction, followed by 'A tempo' and another 'molto rit.' instruction. The Baritone part includes falsetto markings and 'hm' (hum) instructions. The Piano accompaniment includes an 8va marking and dynamic markings of *pp* and *p*. The score is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time, with some changes to 3/4 and 5/4. A watermark 'MUSICVIA.COM' is visible across the page.

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16

Bar.

Pno.

A tempo  
molto rit.

hm

8va

pp

p

20

Bar.

Pno.

A tempo  
molto rit.

hm

8va

pp

p

pp

23

Bar.

Pno.

Allegro, ♩ = 134

f

big exaggerated yawn

Allegro, ♩ = 134

8va

ff

8vb

Led.

f

mf

25 *ff* *f* 5

Bar. *repeated exagurated belly laughs* The

Pno. *ff* *f* *mf*

Ped.

27

Bar. great Ov-er - dog That hea - ven-ly

Pno. *ff* *f* *mf*

Ped.

29

Bar. beast With a star in one eye

Pno. *ff* *f* *mf* *ff*

any note in random order, in rhythm

Ped.

6 32

Bar. Gives a leap in the east.

Pno.

*f* *mf* *ff*

*8va*

*Ped.*

34

Bar. *molto rit.* *Lentamente, ♩ = 92*

*mp*

That hea -

*molto rit.* *Lentamente, ♩ = 92*

Pno.

*6* *6* *6* *6* *3* *mp*

*8va*

*Ped.* \*

36

Bar. *Allegro, ♩ = 134*

ven-ly beast -

*ff*

repeated exagurated belly laughs

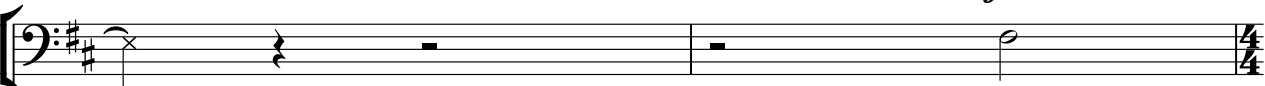
Pno.


*Allegro, ♩ = 134*

*f* *8va* *f* *mf*

*ff* *8vb* *Ped.*

39 *f* 7


Bar. 

Pno. 

He <sup>8<sup>va</sup></sup>

rit. . . . . Waltz, ♩ = 156

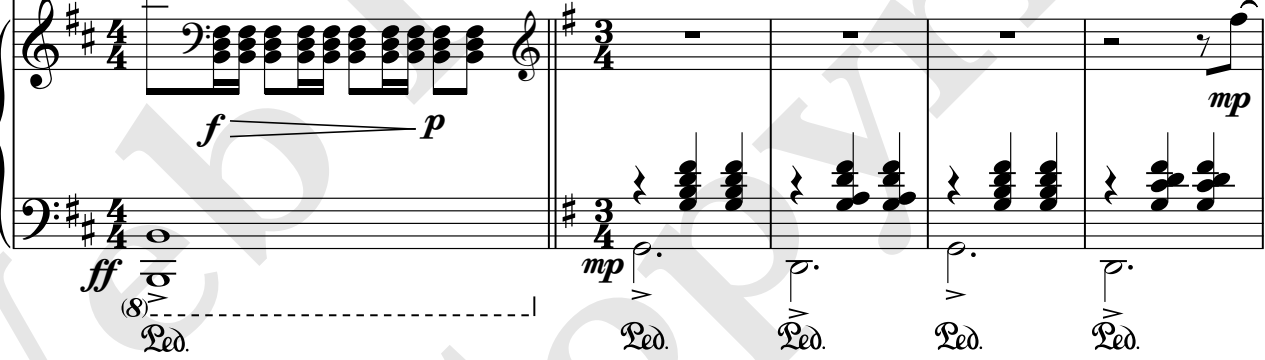
41 *mp*

Bar. 

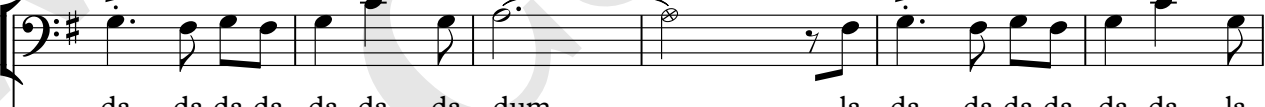
dance a waltz *mf*

dan - ces up - - right - - la

rit. . . . . Waltz, ♩ = 156

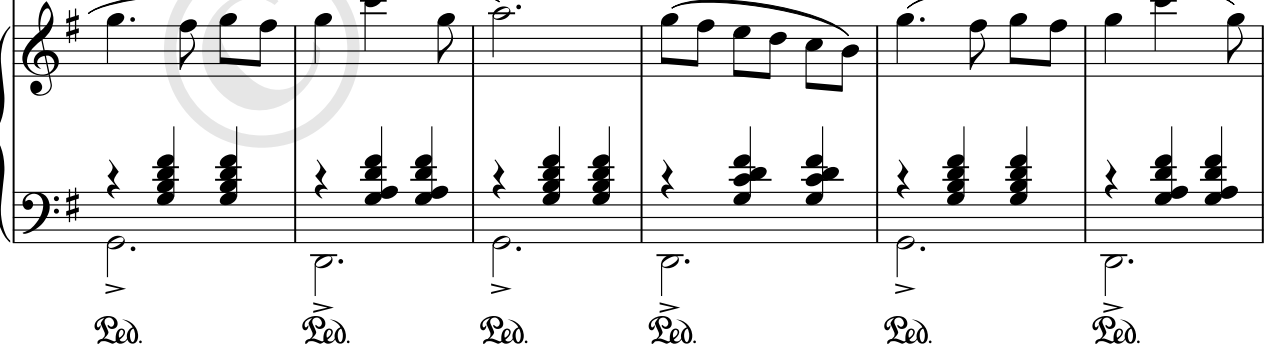
Pno. 

46

Bar. 

da da da da da da da dum - - - - - la da da da da da da la

*close lips halfway through (hum)*

Pno. 

52

Bar. *dum dum la da da da da da da dum*  
*close lips halfway through (hum)* la

Pno.

Ped.

**Allegro, ♩ = 134**

58

Bar. *da da da da da da* All the way to

Pno.

Ped.

**Allegro, ♩ = 134**

61

the west

Pno.

*f*

*8va*

*6*

*6*

*6*

*6*

*6*

*8vb*

*any note in random order, in rhythm*



And ne - ver once drops And

Pno.

*ff* *f* *mf*

*8<sup>va</sup>*

*8<sup>vb</sup>*

Ped.

ne - ver once drops once drops On his

Bar.

*molto rit.* *mp* *p*

Pno.

*ff* *f* *mp*

*molto rit.*

Ped. Ped. Ped.

Andante, ♩ = 84

70 fore - feet to rest. subdued yawwn I'm a poor un-der-dog

Bar.

*pp* *pp*

Pno.

*p* *pp*

Ped. \*

10 76 *mf* *f* **Allegro, ♩ = 134** *f*

Bar. *rr - arf!* With the **Allegro, ♩ = 134**  
*prideful bark*

Pno.

80

Bar. great O-ver-dog That romps through

Pno. *f* *ff* *f* *mf* *8va*

*8<sup>vb</sup>* *Ped.*

82 *ff* **molto rit.** **Floating, ♩ = 92** *mp*

Bar. the dark. That hea - **Floating, ♩ = 92**

Pno. *f* *mp* *6* *6* *6* *6* *3* *8va*

*Ped.* \*

85

Bar. *p*

ven - ly      beast

Pno. *p*

*Red.*

89

Bar. *molto rit.* *pp*

hm  
falsetto

Pno. *molto rit.* *pp*

*\* Red.*

94

Bar. *A tempo* *molto rit.*

hm      hm

Pno. *A tempo* *molto rit.* *ppp*