

5 Zoological Pieces for piano: sample

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Pieces 1-4 are inspired by the Ouse Washes - 2,500 hectares of East Anglian meadows that become one vast lake each winter.

Many thousands of swans stop here mid-migration twice a year. A short winter walk from my home often passes c.200 swans on a field. Several times each day groups of them fly over.

Many also spend the winter here - thousands of mute, whooper and Bewick's swans, plus just as many geese and ducks.

At a nearby wetlands centre, where thousands of these wintering birds are fed each day by conservationists, you can also take a bat walk, with electrical devices to transpose the calls that bats are making to navigate and to catch moths.

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№5, *Extinct*, is based on a famous piece of music. This tune also creates some other quotations: can you find them?

- the *adieu* plainchant (the basis of the original tune)...
- an *ABBA* song (its lyrics may say something about extinction)...
- a funeral march from a well-known sonata...

5 Zoological pieces

1. Moth

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Darkly
♩ = 100

Sample

Very original & picturesque pieces for intermediate-to-advanced pianists, some inspired by Fen landscapes, all offering a thoughtful look at nature.

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