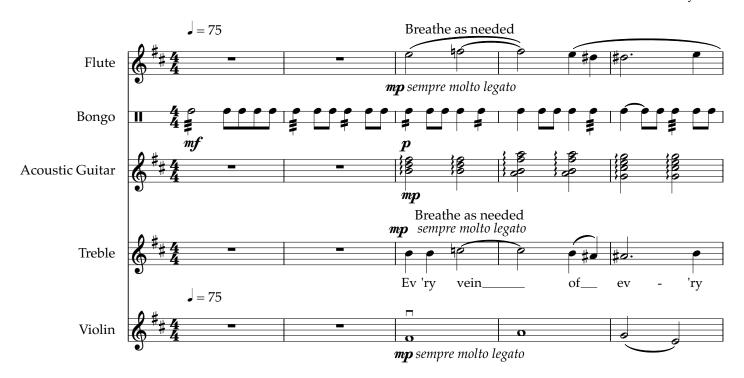
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and they love in return
as they drift down, laughing,
from their little perches on the twigs
-- temporary, wonderful summer homes -and the twigs on the stems, and the stems on the branches,
and the branches on the great stalks of the trees themselves
wave them goodbye with cheers and hoorays,
for they thank the singing, laughing leaves
for the nourishing love they add
to the loving-kindness of their earth.

NB: As a general rule, use natural dynamics from mp to mf to mp as the arcs of the phrase occur.

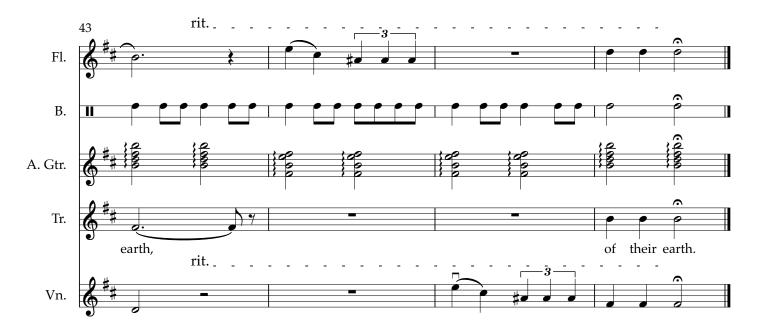
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