

# BLACK FEATHER RISING

Music Theatre for 2 singers and 6 instrumentalists

Libretto  
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Music  
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$\text{♩} = 58\text{c.}$

Flute *ff* *p* *mf*

Clarinet in B $\flat$  (score in C) *ff* *p* *mf*

Percussion **CROTALES** **XYLOPHONE** *p* *ff*

VIBRAPHONE

Harp *ff* *sf* *ped.* *D*

E $\flat$  F G $\flat$  A $\flat$   
B C $\sharp$  D $\flat$

[Along a high rocky edge a young woman searches in distress for a way down.  
Her hair is roughly lopped, her clothing ripped, her hands arms face feet torn  
and bleeding. A pouch hangs by a thong about her neck.]

She

Violin *ff* *p*

Violoncello *ff* *p*

**fl.** *ff* *sfp* *f* *left flap* *sfp* *mf*

**cl.** *ff* *f*

**per.** *pp* *mf* *f* *mp*

**hp.** *p* *ff* *A* $\sharp$  *f*

**vn.** *f* *p* *ff*

**vc.** *f* *p* *ff*

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fl. 5 - sf solo  
cl. - sfz  
per. JAP. WD. BLK. 3 f  
TOM-TOMS 3 7 mp < f  
JAP. WD. BLK. 5 10 sf  
CROTALES f  
hp. Ab C# 9 sf  
A# C# 3 sf < f  
Ab mf < f  
She - SHE f >  
No way

vn. pizz. 9 sfz  
vc. 5 pizz. f sf  
arco mp 5 fp  
arco mp fp

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fl. 10 f 10 3 mp sf pp < mp fltr.  
cl. 5 10 mf  
per. JAP. WD. BLK. pp < mf  
XYLOPHONE 3 5 p mf pp < mp  
JAP. WD. BLK.  
hp. f mf A# 3 5  
She down. From this high rock, no path.  
vn. 10 10 mp 3 3  
vc. 10 9 mp 3 3  
mf p f g mp  
mf p f g mp