

Blind Willie's Sunbird's Song

"Have you ever seen a sunbird? Have you heard its song?
Blind Willie has, his ears are very long!"

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Medium Swing
♩ = 144

A clap 1st X play 2ndXo

Alto 1 Soprano (alto) clap 2

Alto 2 clap

Tenor 1 Flute (tenor) clap

Tenor 2 Clarinet (tenor) clap

Bari. Sax. clap

Trumpet 1 clap

Trumpet 2 clap

Trumpet 3 clap

Trumpet 4 clap

Trumpet 5 clap

Trombone 1 soli (play both Xs) 2 3 4 5 6 7

Trombone 2 soli (play both Xs)

Trombone 3 soli (play both Xs)

Trombone 4 soli (play both Xs)

Bass Trombone 5 both Xs

Guitar clap

Piano clap

Bass Guitar clap 1stX, play 2ndX

Drums Medium Swing ♩ = 144 clap clap 1stX, H.H. 2ndX

Alto 1

Alto 2

Tenor 1

Tenor 2

Bari. Sax.

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Tpt. 3

Tpt. 4

Tpt.

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Tbn. 3

Tbn.

B. Tbn.

J. Gtr.

Pno.

Bass

Dr.

8 9 10 11 12 13 14

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1. 15 16 17 18 **B** 20 21 22 23 3

To Soprano Saxophone

(soprano)

Alto 1
Alto 2
Tenor 1
Tenor 2
Bari. Sax.
Tpt. 1
Tpt. 2
Tpt. 3
Tpt. 4
Tpt.
Tbn. 1
Tbn. 2
Tbn. 3
Tbn.
B. Tbn.
J. Gtr.
Pno.
Bass
Dr.

1. (clap) | 2. (bass)

f

time-full set (hrn cues)

hh

(horn cues) 3

The musical score consists of ten staves. The top five staves are for woodwinds: Alto 1 & 2, Tenor 1 & 2, and Bari. Sax. The next five staves are for brass: Tpt. 1-4, Tbn. 1-3, and B. Tbn. Below these are three staves for strings: J. Gtr., Pno., and Bass. The bottom staff is for Drums. The score is divided into two main sections by a repeat sign at measure 17. The first section (measures 15-16) is marked '1.' and '1. (clap)'. The second section (measures 17-23) is marked '2.' and '2. (bass)'. A rehearsal mark 'B' is placed above measure 19. The woodwind and brass parts feature complex rhythmic patterns with accents and slurs. The piano part provides harmonic support with chords and moving bass lines. The drum part includes patterns for clap, bass, hi-hat, and horn cues. Measure numbers 15 through 23 are indicated along the top and bottom of the score.

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Musical score for 'Blind Willie's Sunbird's Song'. The score is arranged for a large ensemble and includes the following parts:

- Sop. Sax.
- Alto 2
- Tenor 1
- Tenor 2
- Bari. Sax.
- Tpt. 1
- Tpt. 2
- Tpt. 3
- Tpt. 4
- Tpt.
- Tbn. 1
- Tbn. 2
- Tbn. 3
- Tbn.
- B. Tbn.
- J. Gtr.
- Pno.
- Bass
- Dr.

The score spans measures 24 to 31. Key performance instructions include dynamics such as *mp*, *fp*, *f*, and *ff*, and articulation like accents (^) and slurs. The drum part includes a 'stop!' instruction at measure 26 and 'cymbals' at measure 31. A '3' indicates a triplet in several parts.