

Dogwoods in Bloom

The Dogwood was designated as the State Flower of North Carolina in 1941. It is one of the most prevalent trees in the state and can be found from the mountains to the coast. Its blossoms, which appear in early spring and continue into summer, most often are white, although shades of pink and red are not uncommon. In this colorful movement, one can hear the red cardinal (North Carolina's state bird) singing in anticipation of these beautiful blossoms which decorate the lovely Carolina landscape!

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Moderato e cantabile (♩ = 84-88)

The first system of the musical score is in 3/4 time and begins with a mezzo-piano (*mp*) dynamic. The right hand features a melodic line with a trill (tr) on the first measure, followed by a series of eighth notes. The left hand provides a steady accompaniment of eighth notes. Fingerings are indicated with numbers 1-5. The system concludes with a fermata over the final notes.

The second system, starting at measure 5, continues the melodic and accompanimental lines. The dynamic is mezzo-forte (*mf*). The right hand has a trill on the first measure. The system ends with a fermata.

The third system, starting at measure 9, continues the piece. The right hand has a trill on the first measure. The system ends with a fermata.

The fourth system, starting at measure 13, continues the piece. The dynamic is piano (*p*). The right hand has a trill (tr) on the first measure. The system ends with a fermata.