

# It Isn't Easy Being a Cuckoo

Cuc - cu Music For Clarinet Choir

Transcriptions by John Gibson  
JB Linear Music

- I. Sumer is icumen in (1250) - anon.
- II. Capriccio on the Cuckoo's Call (1624) - Girolamo Frescobaldi
- III. Allegro from "The Cuckoo and the Nightingale"(1739) - from Organ Concerto #13 in F HWV 295 by Handel
- IV. The Cuckoo in the Forest (1886) - from Carnival of the Animals - C. Saint-Saens
- V. The Cuckoo's Courtship Waltz (1874) - H. D. Sofge
- VI. On Hearing the First Cuckoo in Spring (1912) - Frederick Delius
- VII. In Praise of Higher Understanding (a singing contest between a cuckoo and a nightingale judged by a donkey) - (1896) - Gustav Mahler

\* Eb Soprano Clarinet  
Bb Clarinet 1, 2, and 3  
Eb Alto Clarinet  
Bb Bass Clarinet  
BBb Contra Bass Clarinet  
(alternate Eb Contra part provided)

Score

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I. The Cuckoo in the Forest - #9 of "Carnival of the Animals" (1886) - Saint-Saens

Andante (Cuckoos do not have to be in exact time - ad lib.) John Gibson, arr.

Eb Soprano

Clarinet 1

Clarinet 2

Clarinet 3

Alto Clarinet

Bass Clarinet

Bb Contra

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3 Score

8 A

pp

B

(stagger breathing)  
*molto legato*  
(stagger breathing)  
*molto legato*  
(stagger breathing)  
*molto legato*  
(stagger breathing)  
*molto legato*

4 Score

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C

26

pp

36

*dim.*  
*ppp*  
*dim.*  
*ppp*  
*dim.*  
*ppp*  
*dim.*  
*ppp*  
*ppp*