

Commissioned by the New York City Gay Men's Chorus  
Barry Oliver, Director

# BIRDS OF FIRE

for AATTBB choir, Native American flute, percussion, fretless bass and optional keyboard

Passamaquoddy  
tr. Charles Godfrey Leland

Paul Halley

with a strong 2-in-a-bar feel

$\text{♩} = \text{c. } 76$

Percussion

Rain Stick Shakers

*pp* *mf* *mf cresc.*

9|13

Chant.I

Hey' ya wa - kai - no wey - yo wa - ta - na, pey - yo wa - cha - na wey - yo - wey,

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Chant.I

Hey' ya wa kai - no wey - yo wa - ta - na, pey - yo wa cha - na wey - yo wey,

Chant.II

Hey' ya wa kai - no wey - yo wa - ta - na, pey - yo wa cha - na wey - yo wey,

Chant.III

Hey' ya wa kai - no wey - yo wa - ta - na, pey - yo wa cha - na wey

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Chant.I

Hey' ya wa kai - no wey - yo wa - ta - na, pey - yo wa cha - na wey - yo wey,

Chant.II

Hey' ya wa kai - no wey - yo wa - ta - na, pey - yo wa cha - na wey - yo wey,

Chant.III

- yo wey, Hey' ya wa kai - no wey - yo wa - ta - na, pey - yo wa cha - na wey

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Chant.I  
 Hey'ya wa kai - no wey - yo wa-ta - na, pey-yo wa cha - na wey - yo wey,

Chant.II  
 Hey'ya wa kai - no wey - yo wa - ta - na, pey-yo wa cha - na wey-yo wey,

Chant.III  
 - yo wey, Hey'ya wa kai - no wey - yo wa-ta - na, pey-yo wa cha - na wey

A  
*f*  
 We are the stars which

T  
*f*  
 We are the stars which

B.  
*f*  
 We are the stars which

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Chant.I  
 Hey'ya wa kai - no wey - yo wa-ta - na, pey-yo wa cha - na wey - yo wey,

Chant.II  
 Hey'ya wa kai - no wey - yo wa - ta - na, pey-yo wa cha - na wey-yo wey,

Chant.III  
 - yo wey, Hey'yawa kai - no wey - yo wa-ta - na, pey-yo wa cha - na wey

A  
 sing,

T  
 sing, we sing,

B.  
 sing, we sing,

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Chant.I  
Hey'ya wa kai - no wey - yo wa-ta - na, pey-yo wa cha - na wey - yo wey,

Chant.II  
Hey'ya wa kai - no wey - yo wa - ta - na, pey-yo wa cha - na wey-yo wey,

Chant.III  
- yo wey, Hey'ya wa kai - no wey - yo wa-ta - na, pey-yo wa cha - na wey

A  
We are the birds of

T  
We are the birds of

B.  
We are the birds of

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Chant.I  
Hey'ya wa kai - no wey - yo wa-ta - na, pey-yo wa cha - na wey - yo wey,

Chant.II  
Hey'ya wa kai - no wey - yo wa - ta - na, pey-yo wa cha - na wey-yo wey,

Chant.III  
- yo wey, Hey'ya wa kai - no wey - yo wa-ta - na, pey-yo wa cha - na wey

A  
of fire, We  
fire, fire, We

T  
fire, fire, We

B.  
fire, fire, We