

# BIEGGA LUOHTE

Jojk till fjällvinden / *Yoik to the mountain wind*

for mixed choir by **Jan Sandström**

Baserad på en jojk av / *Based on a yoik by Johan Märak*

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**Jojken** är lika gammal som den samiska kulturen, och många jojkar eller improviserade sånger har förmedlats muntligen från en generation till nästa. Så har även denna, som först landade hos Johan Märak innan Jan Sandström tog över den. Sparsamt textsatt förmår jojken överföra tankar och känslor - inte sällan om det gudomliga. I denna komposition kan man höra ceremonitrumman, renskötarens rop till hunden och snöripans lockrop - den fågel som kommer med bud, med hälsning, alltså en sorts nordisk fredsduva.

**The Yoik** is as old as the Sami culture, and many yoiks or improvised chants have been passed on by word of mouth from one generation to the next. So has this one, which first landed with Johan Märak before Jan Sandström took it over. Sparsely worded, the yoik manages to convey thoughts and feelings, not seldom of the divine. In this composition the Sami ceremonial drum is heard, the reindeer shepherd's calls to his dog and even the sounds of the ptarmigan - the bird that comes with a message, with a greeting, thus a kind of Nordic dove of peace.

## Text / Lyrics

Na de jo biegga båsåđij  
lo, lo, lo lo...

Basse Vuojjha buktta rij  
Ibmilis dervuođajt  
Ålmmuja sáme ednamij  
Buorre sivnnjađusájt

Nu blåser vinden  
lo, lo, lo, lo...

Kommer med den Helige Ande  
En hälsning ifrån Gud  
till människorna  
i vårt sameland, med  
välsignelse

Now the wind blows  
lo, lo, lo, lo...  
Coming with the Holy Spirit  
A greeting from God  
to the people  
in our Lappland, with His  
blessing

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# Bieggala luohite

*Short version \*)*

(Jojk till fjällvinden)

Jan Sandström

$\text{♩} = 60$  S + A: *con gola chiusa (ethnic voices)*

The musical score consists of eight staves, each with a specific vocal part: S1, S2, A1, A2, T1, T2, B1, and B2. The music is in common time, with a key signature of four sharps. The vocal parts are primarily in ethnic voices, indicated by the instruction "con gola chiusa". The score includes lyrics in Swedish, such as "Na de jo bieg-ga", "bå - så", "lo!", "Bieggala", "ga", and "A". The music features dynamic markings like *f* (forte) and *ff* (double forte). There are also crescendo and decrescendo markings, as well as slurs and grace notes. The vocal parts are arranged in a layered fashion, with some parts singing higher than others at certain points.

Uttal/Pronunciation: ð = Engl. "the", å = Engl. "short"

\*) Original version: SKG 10274 including 544 measures

19 *S1 unis.*

*(A)* *gradually from "A" to "O"*

*(A)* *gradually from "A" to "O"*

*fp* *Non* — *(n)* —

*mp* *Non no no no no non no no no no sim.*

*unis. fp* —

*Drum follow choir dynamics throughout the piece*

*Non* — *(n)* —

26 *ppp*

*solo, freely ad lib.*

*1. Na de jo bieg-ga bå - så -*

*non*

*ppp*

*c.b.ch.*

*8* *8* *8* *8*

*8* *8* *8* *8*

*8* *8* *8* *8*

*8ij, lo lo*

*8* *8* *8* *8*

*8* *8* *8* *8*

39

S1  
S2  
(c.b.ch.)

A1  
A2  
(c.b.ch.)

Solo  
lo lo

B1  
B2  
(c.b.ch.)

47

S1  
S2

A1  
A2

Solo  
3. Ib - mi - lis der - vo - ðajt  
*p*  
Non

T2  
*am.*  
*ppp*

B1  
B2

53

S1  
S2

A1  
A2

Solo  
Ål-moj-ta - sá - me ed-na - mij lo - lo lo lo lo lo lo lo lo lo

T2  
*am.*

B1  
B2

A musical score page featuring six staves of music. The key signature is A major (three sharps). The time signature varies between common time and 2/4. The score includes dynamic markings such as ***ff***, ***p***, and ***lo***. Performance instructions like *sim.* and *ff* are also present. The music consists of various rhythmic patterns and note values across the staves.

*like ba-*

*shouts*

166 *f*

S1  
S2  
A1  
A2  
B1  
B2

*d!* Zag-ga! Zag-ga! Zag ga!  
Zag-ga! Zag-ga! Zag-ga! Zag ga!

173

S1      *p*      *mf*      *pp*

No no — no

S2      *p*

Non — (n) —

A1      *mf*      *mp*      *pp*      *ppp*

No no no no

A2      *p*

Non — (n) —

T2      *p*

Non — (n) —

*The soloist joks the first line twice*

non no non sim.

184

S1

S2

A2

T2

8

non no non sim.

192

S1

S2

Non — (n) —

pp

Non no non sim.

B1

*p*

Non no non no non no non no