

In memory of John Blacking

Three Venda Children's Songs for guitar solo

Michael Blake

1. Counting song

Fingering by Charles Ramirez

As a chant (♩ = 76)

2. My bullroarer

Whirling (♩ = 132)

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. It begins with a dynamic marking of *f* (forte) and an accent over the first note. The tempo is indicated as 'Whirling' with a quarter note equal to 132 beats per minute. The score consists of several staves of music, with measure numbers 4, 7, 11, 14, and 18 marked at the beginning of their respective lines. The music features a variety of rhythmic patterns, including eighth and sixteenth notes, and rests. Fingerings are indicated by numbers 1-4 above notes. Performance directions include *esc.* (decrescendo), *poco* (a little), and *a* (accelerando). The score concludes with a first ending bracket and a second ending bracket, both leading to a final cadence. A large, diagonal watermark reading 'SAMPLE COPY' is overlaid across the entire page.

3. A sad song

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Gently rocking (♩ = 42)

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