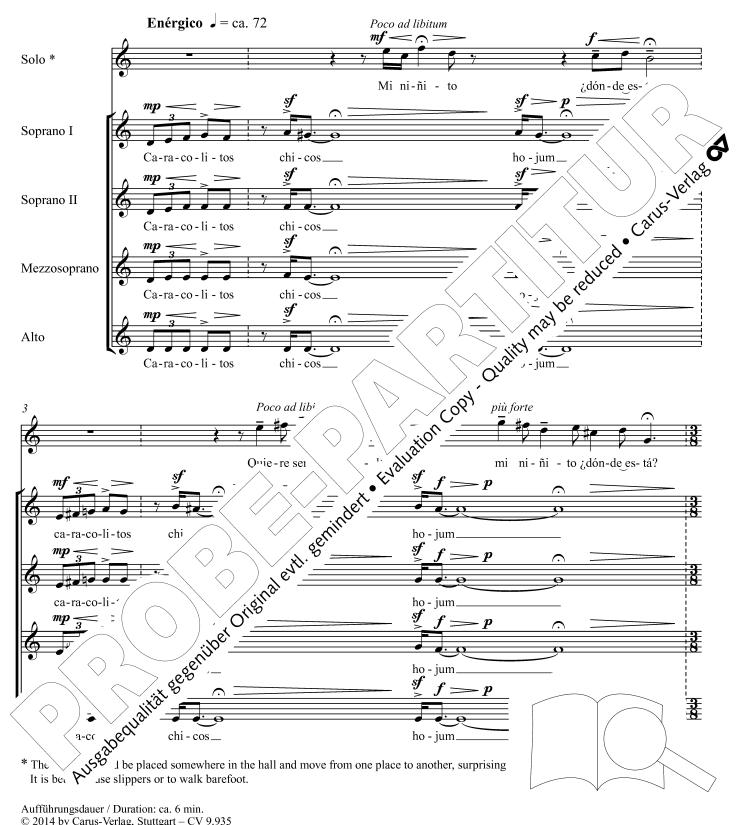
Caracolitos chicos

Commissioned by San Francisco Girl's Choir





Venezuela Text: Fragments of Federico García Lorca (1898–1936) Music: Alberto Grau (*1937)

Aufführungsdauer / Duration: ca. 6 min.

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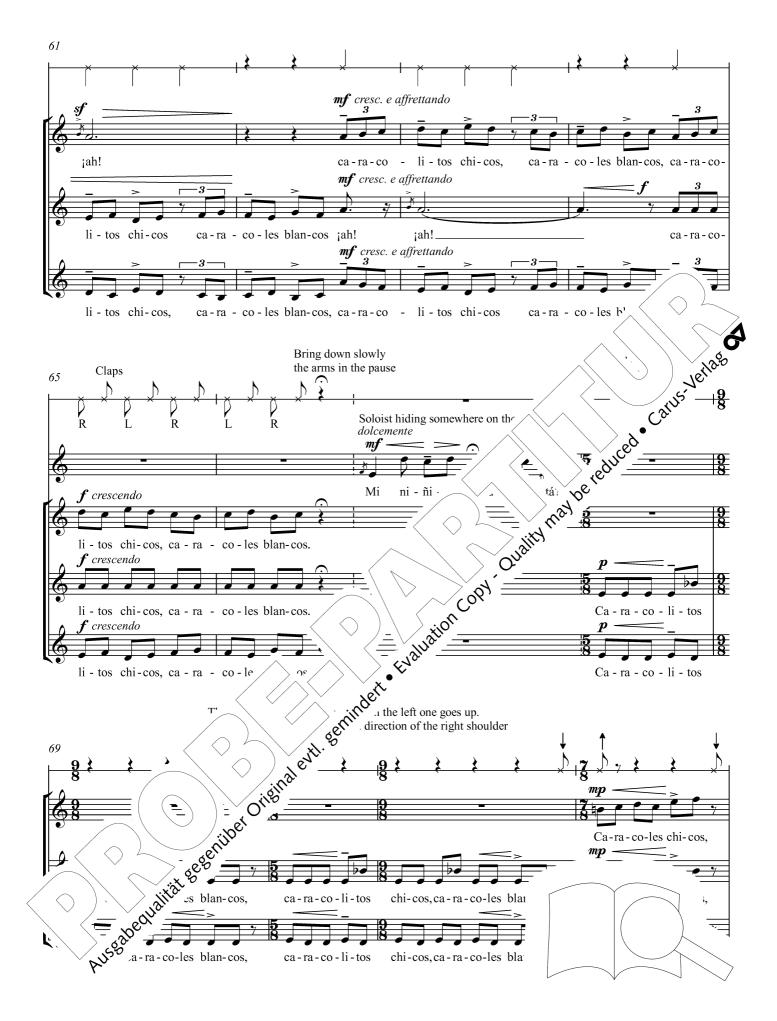
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^{*} Every time that the body moves doing the rhythmic formulas, the movements should follow the dynamics indicate or the metodic partic





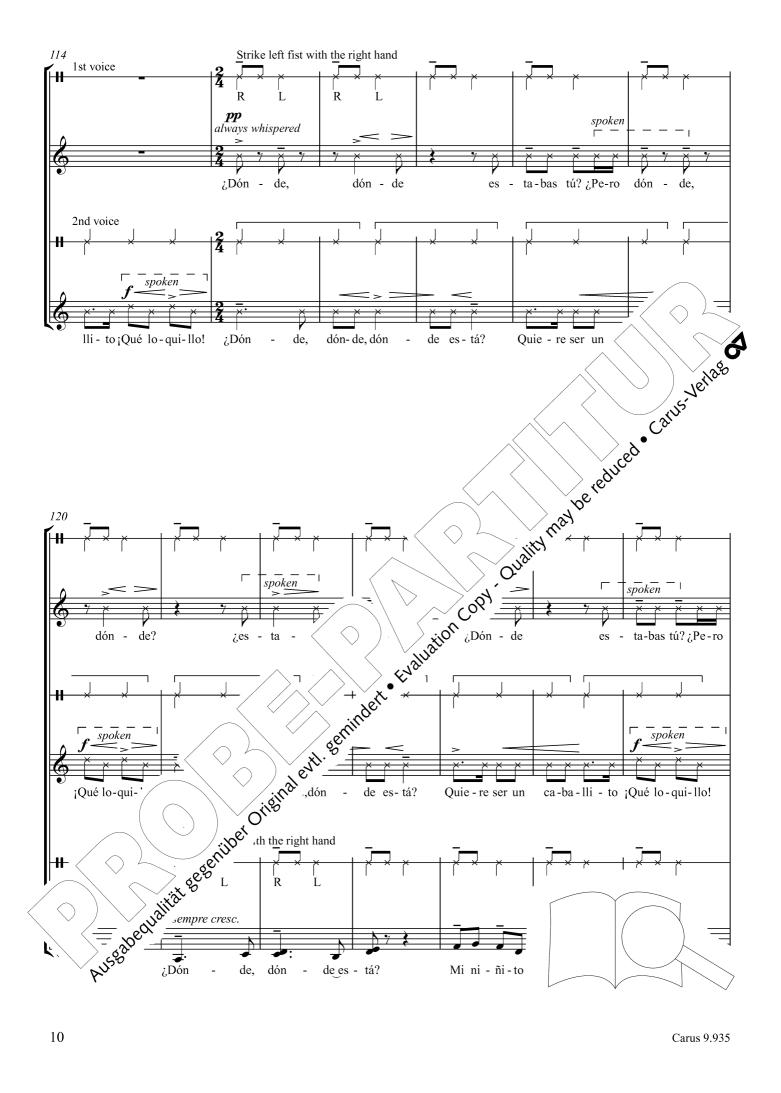


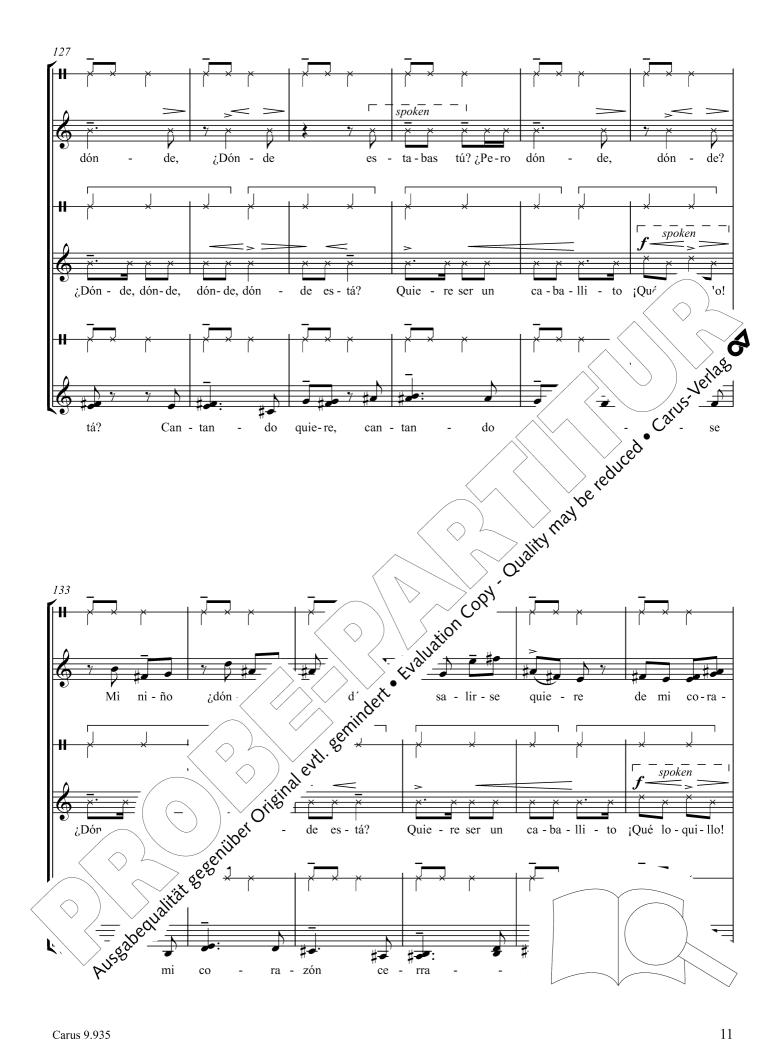




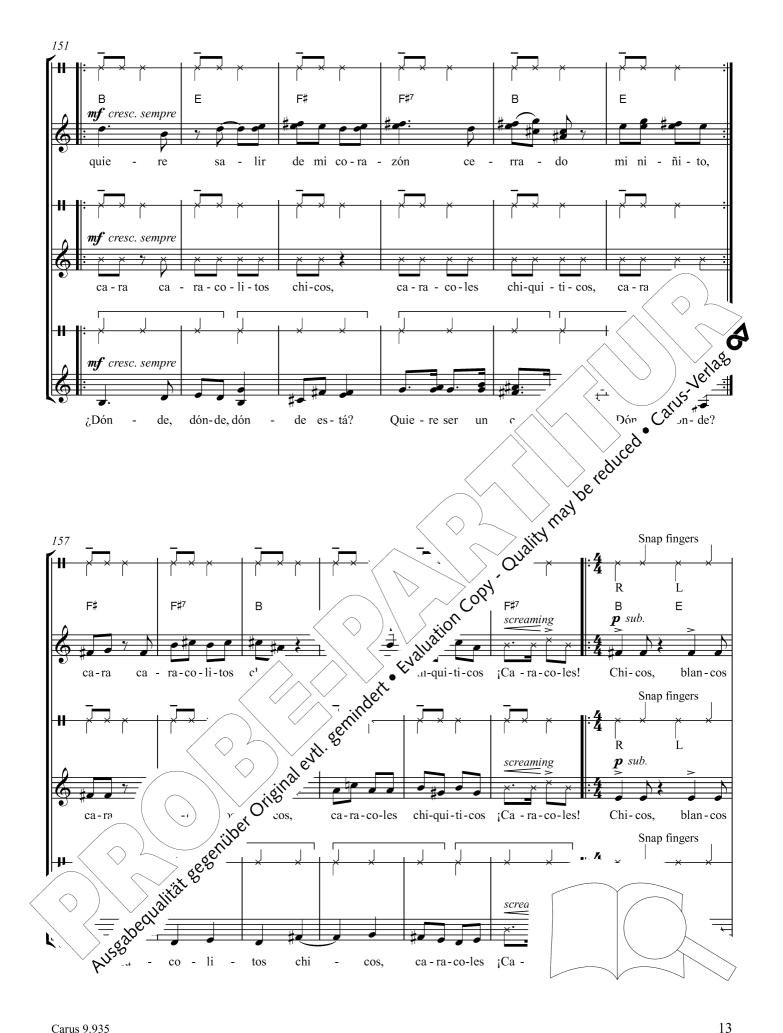
















Caracolitos chicos Letra: Fragmentos de Federico García Lorca Música: Alberto Grau

Caracolitos chicos, mi niñito, ¿dónde está? Quiere ser un caballo, mi niñito, ¿dónde está?

Cantan niños en la noche serena. El río viejecito va muy despacito, sentándose en la sillas verdes de los remansos.

Mi niñito, ¿dónde está? Quiere ser un caballito.

Arre, arre caballito. Mi niñito, qué loquillo, cantando quiere salirse de mi corazón cerrado.

Caracolitos chicos, caracoles blancos, mi niñito, ¿dónde está?

Los niños juegan y cantan bajo los álamos. Ay cantan los niños en noche serena. **Little snails** Text: Fragments from Federico García Lorca Music: Alberto Grau

Little snails, where is my child? He wants to be like a horse. Where is my child?

The children are singing in the calm night and the old river flows slowly sitting itself in the green chairs of the meadows.

Where is my child? He wants to be like a horse.

Hey, hey my little horse, my little crazy child screams, and wants to get out of my closed heart.

Little snails, white snails, where is my child?

The children sing and play under the trees, and the children sing in the calm night.

Caracolitos chicos

This virtuoso composition for women's choir, belongs to a group of works that Grau wrote for ensembles searching for new aesthetic ideas. The text of García Lorca, which serves as a point of departure, is only a short selection of playful verses describing the natural and untamed character of a child that imitates a horse. This is why the composition combines different layers of polyrhythmic textures in the choral parts with body percussion – these are fully interconnected and must be interpreted as a whole. The intention of the composer is that the piece develops into a festive and happy experience on the stage.

Pronunciation guide

for the Spanish language:

a	<i>ah</i> as in father
e	ay as in say
i	ee as in fee
0	oh as in foe
u	oo as in fool
у	y as in year
II	j as in joy
que, qui	do not pronounce the 'u' sound as kay or kee

Further repertoire from Latin America is contained in the choral collection *Makumbebé II. Latin American Choral Repertoire* for equal voices, edited by María Guinand (Carus 2.502). The companion CD (Carus 2.502/99) includes all eleven pieces in the collection as well as a recording of *Caracolitos chicos*.