

# Palindromes

for solo flute

Performance Time c. 3:15

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Moderato (♩ = c. 80)

The musical score is written for a solo flute in treble clef. It begins in 4/4 time and changes to 5/4 time at measure 5. The piece is marked 'Moderato' with a tempo of approximately 80 beats per minute. The score consists of six staves of music, each containing measures 1 through 20. The music features a variety of dynamics, including piano (*p*), mezzo-forte (*mf*), and forte (*f*). There are several triplet markings (indicated by a '3' above the notes) and slurs. The piece concludes with a 4/4 time signature at the end of measure 20.

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**Agitato** (♩ = c.104)

21 *f*

23 3

25 3 *mf*

27

Excerpt incomplete  
score is 3 pages

### Program Notes:

A palindrome is a form in which the presented material appears the same backwards as it does forward.

In 2008 a lady named Sarah Palin became visible on the American political scene. As with all politicians, television comedians included her in their jokes. One stand-up comic called her a "double-talker who said things the same way forward and backward."

Since Ms. Palin had once been a beauty pageant contestant in her state, playing her flute for her talent entry, that combination of things gave me the idea of a "Palin dromes for flute." This work is a large palindrome made up of shorter palindromes.