

Seneca Farewell

Slowly and freely as an air or a lament

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♩ = 110

G C Em

C Gdim Bm Am C

6

10 G D G G D G

15 C Bm C G

Slower Resume tempo

19 Am C G D

G 1. G 2.

Detailed description: This is a musical score for a dulcimer solo. It is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The tempo is marked 'Slowly and freely as an air or a lament' with a metronome marking of 110. The score consists of six staves of music. The first staff begins with a repeat sign and includes chords G, C, and Em. The second staff starts at measure 6 and includes chords C, Gdim, Bm, Am, and C. The third staff starts at measure 10 and includes chords G, D, G, G, D, and G. The fourth staff starts at measure 15 and includes chords C, Bm, C, and G. It features a 'Slower' marking and a 'Resume tempo' instruction. The fifth staff starts at measure 19 and includes chords Am, C, G, and D, ending with a first and second ending. The sixth staff is a variation for measures 15-18, including chords C, Bm, C, and G.

Variation for measures 15 - 18.

15 C Bm C G

Detailed description: This block shows a variation of the music for measures 15-18. It is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The variation includes chords C, Bm, C, and G.

Seneca Rocks, in central West Virginia, is an immense seam of bare rock that juts hundreds of feet into the air. At the top of Seneca Rocks is a huge saddle. In the center of the saddle stood a massive and precariously balanced stone pillar. This prominence, called Princess Rock, was the subject of Indian legend. Without warning Princess Rock fell one day in the 1980's. "Seneca Farewell" is a lament for Princess Rock and the native Americans of the legends who are also now gone from this land. It is played as a dulcimer solo on the CD *Seven Valleys*.

Legend has it that an Indian princess frequented the Rocks and was unmatched as a climber. She had many suitors but would not choose. Finally, she declared she would marry the one who was brave enough to follow her to the top of the Rocks. Three were bold enough to risk their lives and follow. But first one fell to his death, and then a second. As the last brave lost his footing and began to fall, she caught his arm and pulled him safely to the top, lest she would have no husband at all.