The Rufous-sided Towhee*

Three songs for alto recorder
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These songs should be played with slurs, not 'recorder legato', either as written or *ad lib.* If your recorder does not handle slurs over register breaks well, please feel free to omit them there. *The Rufous-sided Towhee* has nothing to do with the bird, other than the fact that a towhee was present when the song was written. The piece should combine a 'celtic' simplicity with the Telemann-like figures. *Shades of Green* is a simple tune, originally written as a prelude to a suite with percussion. *Blue Shadows* needs rhythmic definition throughout.

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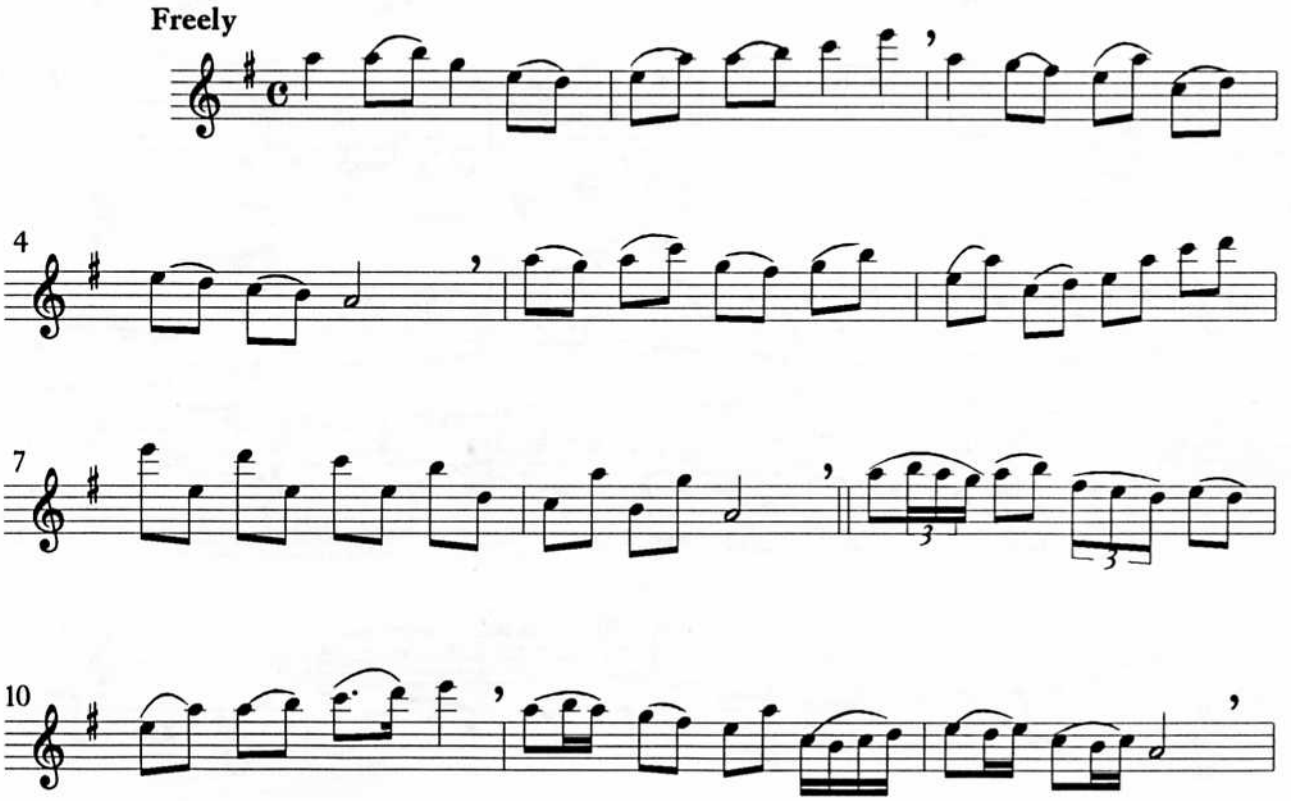
1. The Rufous-sided Towhee



**Pipilo erythrophthalmus. A long-tailed robin-sized bird native to BC and western United States (publisher's note).*

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