



## *First Prelude*

Howard Skempton

♪ Niveau 35/100 (Beginner)

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The musical score for 'First Prelude' by Howard Skempton is presented in four systems. Each system consists of a grand staff with a treble clef on the upper staff and a bass clef on the lower staff. The piece is in 5/4 time. The first system begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The second system changes the key signature to two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The third system changes the key signature to three flats (B-flat, E-flat, and A-flat). The fourth system changes the key signature to four flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat, and D-flat). The music is characterized by dense, block-like chords in the treble and a steady, rhythmic accompaniment in the bass. A large, semi-transparent watermark 'O' is centered over the second and third systems.