Karsten Brustad:

"Hymn of Creation"

for

sopran, winds, harp and strings

Durata: ca. 14 min.
Winds:
- Flute (1)
- Oboe (1)
- English horn (1)
- Bassoon (1)

Strings:
- Violin 1 (5)
- Violin 2 (4)
- Viola (3)
- Cello (3)
- Double bass (1)

(5 - strings)

Dedicated to the distinguished nature/creation
photographers: Joern Boehmer Olsen and Rolf Soerensen.

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"Hymn of Creation"

from

Rg. Veda

1. Non-being then existed not nor being:
   There was no air, nor sky that is beyond it.
   What was concealed? Wherein? In whose protection?
   And was there deep unfathomable water?

2. Death then existed not nor life immortal:
   Of neither night nor day was any token.
   By its inherent force the One breathed windless:
   No other thing than that beyond existed.

3. Darkness there was at first by darkness hidden:
   Without distinctive marks, this all was water.
   That which, becoming, by the void was covered;
   That One by force of heat came into being.

4. Desire entered the One in the beginning:
   It was the earliest seed, of thought the product.
   The sages searching in their hearts with wisdom,
   Found out the bond of being in non-being.

5. Their ray extended light across the darkness:
   But was the One above or was it under?
   Creative force was there, and fertile power:
   Belowe was energy, above was impulse.

6. Who knows for certain? Who shall here declare it?
   Whence was it born, and whence came this creation?
   The gods were born after this world’s creation:
   Then who can know from whence it has arisen?

7. None knoweth whence creation has arisen:
   And whether he has or has not produced it:
   He who surveys it in the highest heaven.
   He only knows, or haply he may know not.

Translated (1920 - 26) by A.A. Macdonell.
Notation:

1. Bartok pizzicato:

2. Division/harmonics:

Violin 1:

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6.
Non being then existed not nor being
There was no air, nor sky that is beyond it.
What was concealed? Wherein?

=Bartok pizz.

9.
In whose protection? And
was there deep un-fathomable water?
Death then exist

Solo:
pizz.
neither night
nor day was any tooken.
By its inherent force

C, D, Eb, F, G, Ab, Bb
the One breathed windless.
No other thing than that beyond
Darkness there was
at first by darkness hidden.

\[ \text{mf} \]
With - out dis - tin - ctiv marks, this all was water.
That which, becoming, by the void was covered.
That One by force of heat, by force of...
heat came into being.
entered the One, the One in the beginning. It was
the earliest seed, of thought the product. The
sages searching in their hearts with wisdom.

31.
Found out the bound of being in non-being.
Their ray extended light across the darkness. But was the One above or was it under?
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Vln.2. 1.
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Vla. 1.
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Vcl. 1.
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Cb.

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Harmonics sul E
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Crea-tive force was there, and fer-til, fer-til pow-er.

pizz.
arco

(poco a poco cresc.)

Harmonics sul G

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(poco a poco cresc.)

Harmonics sul G

(poco a poco cresc.)

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(poco a poco cresc.)

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Who knows for certain?

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Who shall here declare it? Whence was it born, and
whence came this creation?  The Gods were born after this world's
creation. Then who can know from whence it has arisen.
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49.
None know-th whence creation has arisen, arisen.
and whether he has or has not produced it. He
who sur-ways it in the high-est hea-ven. He
only knows, or haply, or haply he may know not.