

out the dirty window

for Bass Flute, Clarinets in A and Bb, and Toy Pianos

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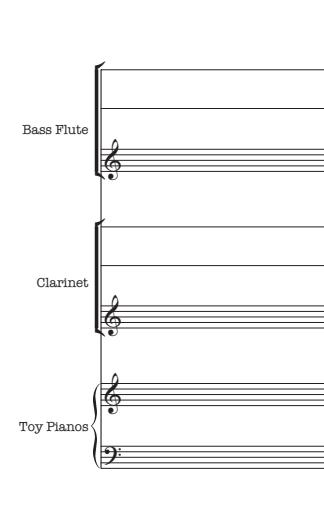
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11 Minutter



I finally managed to ask one of them where the Village was and when I got to the Village I found a room and when I opened my wine bottle and took off my shoes I found that the room had an easel, but I wasn't a painter, just a kid looking for luck, and I sat behind the easel and drank my wine and looked out the dirty window.

Charles Bukowski - Notes of a Dirty Old Man





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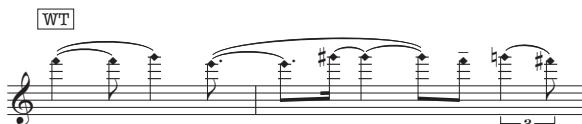
Performance Notes

This piece is intended as an abstract reflection of Charles Bukowski's imagination. It should not sound polished. That is to say, there must be a certain rough edge to the performance. The technically demanding passages should nevertheless be played as accurately as possible; at tempo, or as close to this as possible without losing a sense of rhythmical accuracy. If the players become slightly apart during one of the sections this is acceptable and should be treated as part of the piece.

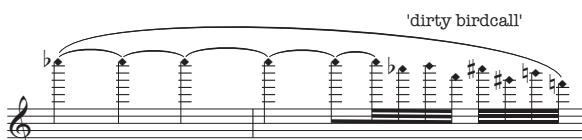
FREEZE: All players freeze completely for the given duration.

MOVE: Players fidget and move about, turning pages and changing/adjusting instruments where necessary. This should be done in a relaxed manner; it should produce some residual noises, without being exaggerated or overly theatrical.

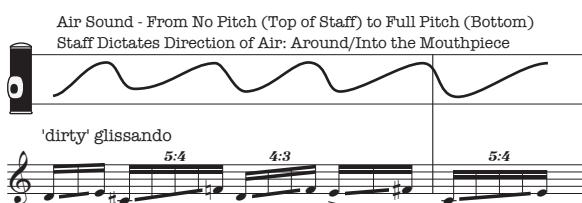
Bass Flute:



Whistle Tone should be played as accurately as possible. However, if some of the pitches do not sound fully that is fine.



'Dirty birdcall' should sound like a flutter-like combination of air and pitch. The fingering of the written notes should be followed but the exact resulting pitches can vary.

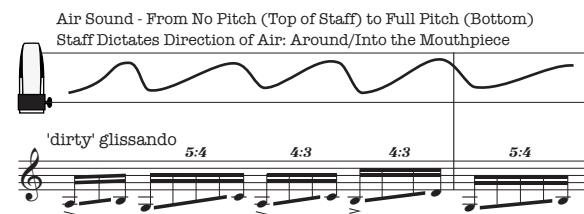


The player should perform a quasi-glissando between the first and the last pitch of each cell. This can be done by any means possible. Each semiquaver and triplet thereof should be rearticulated unless otherwise stated (with a slur).

Clarinet:

The performer must swap between Clarinets in Bb and A frequently. Ideally the performer should have one instrument in his/her hands and the other resting in his/her lap throughout. This should allow for rapid instrument swaps.

The A Clarinet should have a broken (smashed) reed; this should remove pitch-clarity from the sound, which will consist mostly of air. However, it must still be possible to squeak on the instrument. The Bb Clarinet should have a normal reed.



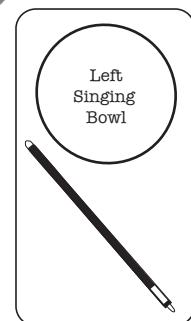
The player should perform a glissando (or quasi-glissando) between the first and the last pitch of each cell. This can be done by any means possible. Each semiquaver and triplet thereof should be rearticulated unless otherwise stated (with a slur).



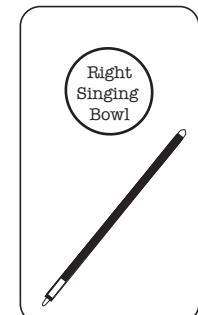
Make a squeaking sound (such as done by inexperienced players) by biting down on, or placing too much of, the reed in your mouth. Loosely follow the relationship between the notes in terms of how far they are spaced above the staff.



The two instruments should be placed side by side.
The exact tuning of the instruments is not of great importance.
- The 1/4 Tone (at least 2 octave) piano is only ever notated in the bass clef, in the left hand (8vb below to 8va above Middle C).
- The 1/2 Tone (3 octave) piano is mostly notated in the right hand, in the treble staff. Occasionally this instrument is played by both hands; in which case it is also written in the bass staff (8vb below to 15va above Middle C).



The singing bowls should be placed as close to the pianos as possible. Each one must rest on a piece of felt or a specifically designed cushion. Next to each one, a bow should be placed, also on a piece of felt, to dampen the sound of it being picked up/put down. The bowls should be bowed across the rim, at a near-horizontal angle.



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out the dirty window

- for Bass Flute, Clarinets in A and Bb, and Toy Pianos -

Transposed Score

Eric Skytterholm Egan

J=80-88 Gentle, Very Still

With Serious Venom

B.Fl. *Whistle Tone (WT)* *Norm.* *'dirty' glissando* *5:4* *4:3* *5:4* *4:3* *5:4* *3* *5:4* *6"* *FREEZE*

pp *ff-*

Clar. in Bb *'dirty' glissando* *5:4* *4:3* *4:3* *5:4* *4:3* *4:3* *4:3* *5:4* *4:3* *4:3* *6"* *FREEZE*

T. Pno. *1/4 Tone Piano* *ff poss.->* *5:4* *4:3* *5:4* *4:3* *4:3* *5:4* *4:3* *3* *5:4* *6"* *FREEZE*

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6"

FREEZE

6"

FREEZE

6"

FREEZE

Gentle, Very Still

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B.Fl.

WT

$\frac{1}{16}$ pp

FREEZE

$\frac{1}{16}$ ppp

$\frac{1}{16}$ 3

With Serious Venom

3"

Norm.

$\frac{1}{16}$ ff

4:3 5:4 5:4 4:3

FREEZE

$\frac{1}{16}$ f 4:3 5:4 4:3 4:3 5:4

3"

1/2 Tone Piano

sffz f sffz

1/4 Tone Piano

$\frac{1}{16}$ ff poss.→ 5:4 4:3 5:4 4:3

T.Pno.

16

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B.Fl.

5:4 3 5:4 8 4:3

WT FREEZE

Gentle, Very Still

7"

Cl.

4:3 5:4 4:3 4:3 5:4

To Clar. in A

FREEZE

7"

T. Pno.

sffz

5:4 4:3 3 5:4 8 3 5:4 3

FREEZE

pp

7"

With Serious Venom

B.FL (16) *p* *pp*

Cl. *(Airy Sound)* *p* *mp* *pp* *To Clar. in Bb*

T. Pno. *p* *ff poss.* *sffz* *f* *sffz*

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With Serious Venom

Norm.

ff

4:3 *5:4* *4:3* *5:4* *4:3* *4:3* *5:4*

f

4:3 *5:4* *4:3* *4:3* *4:3* *5:4*

ff poss. *5:4* *4:3* *5:4* *4:3* *4:3*

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B.Fl.

Cl.

T. Pno.

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5:4 3 5:4 4:3 5:4 4:3 5:4 3

4:3 5:4 4:3 5:4 4:3 5:4 4:3 5:4 3

f ffz f ff poss.-> ffz

5:4 3 5:4 3:2 5:4 4:3 5:4 3 5:4

25

B.Fl. 8" **MOVE**

ff

Cl. 8" **MOVE**

f

T. Pno. 8" **MOVE**

ff poss.-> 5:4 4:3 5:4 3 5:4 *f* *sffz* *sffz* *f* *ff poss.->* 5:4 4:3 5:4 3 5:4 4:3

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B. Fl.

Gentle, Very Still

WT

p pp p pp p pp

Cl.

To Clar. in A

(Airy Sound)

p mp mf p mp

Squeak To Clar. in Bb

T. Pno.

Bow Right Bowl

p pp mp

FREEZE

FREEZE

FREEZE

2"

2"

2"

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B.Fl.

34

4"

FREEZE

ff

13 46 5:4 4:3 4:3

6"

MOVE

ff

13 46 5:4 4:3 4:3 4:3 5:4 5:4 3

Cl.

4"

FREEZE

f

13 46 5:4 4:3 4:3 4:3 5:4 5:4 3

6"

MOVE

f

13 46 5:4 4:3 4:3 4:3 5:4 5:4 3

T. Pno.

4"

FREEZE

ff poss.->

13 46 5:4 4:3 4:3 5:4 5:4 5:4

6"

MOVE

ff poss.->

13 46 5:4 4:3 4:3 3 5:4 5:4 5:4

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B.Fl.

Cl.

T. Pno.

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(Attacca)

ff

ff poss.

4:3 *5:4* *5:4* *4:3* *5:4* *7:6* *5:4* *3* *12* *16* *4:3* *5:4*

4:3 *5:4* *5:4* *4:3* *5:4* *13* *16* *3* *12* *16* *4:3* *5:4*

4:3 *5:4* *5:4* *4:3* *5:4* *13* *16* *3* *12* *16* *4:3* *5:4*

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B.Fl.

ff

Cl.

T. Pno.

ff

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47

B.Fl. **3"** Gentle, Very Still
[WT] **FREEZE**

Cl. **3"** [To Clar. in A] Airy Sound
[FREEZE]

T. Pno. **3"** LH Bow Right Bowl
[FREEZE]

dirty birdcall!

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B.Fl.

52

FREEZE MOVE

6"

With Serious Venom

Bassoon part: Measures 46-52. Dynamics: ff, 5:4, 5:4, 4:3, 5:4, 4:3. Articulations: slurs, grace notes, accents. Performance instruction: With Serious Venom.

Cl.

FREEZE MOVE

6"

Clarinet part: Measures 46-52. Dynamics: f, 4:3, 5:4, 4:3, 5:4, 4:3. Articulations: slurs, grace notes, accents. Performance instruction: FREEZE, MOVE.

T. Pno.

p FREEZE MOVE

6"

Piano part: Measures 46-52. Dynamics: p, ff poss., 5:4, 4:3, 5:4, 4:3. Articulations: slurs, grace notes, accents. Performance instruction: FREEZE, MOVE.

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Gentle, Very Still

B.Fl.

Cl.

T. Pno.

57

4:3 4:3 5:4

5" 6"

FREEZE **MOVE**

5" 6"

To Clar. in A
MOVE
(Airy Sound)

5

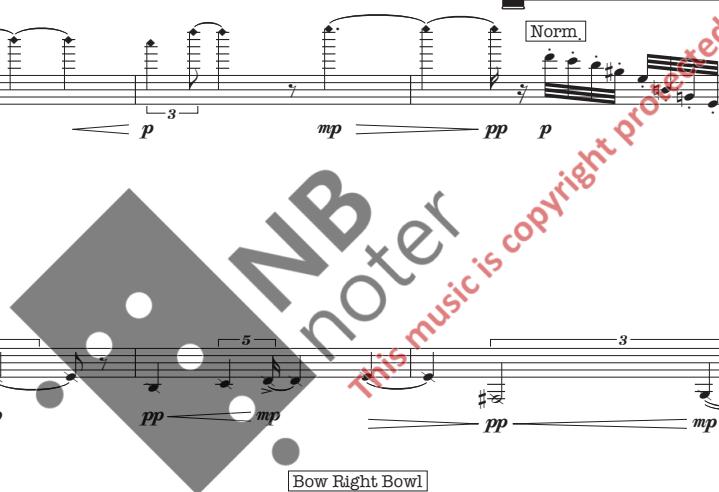
p mp mf

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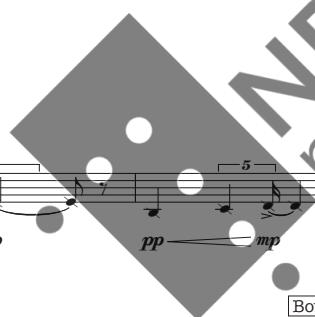
5" 6"

FREEZE **MOVE**

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B.Fl. (62) 

WT

Cl. (6) 

WT

'dirty birdcall'

T.Pno. 

Bow Left Bowl

Bow Right Bowl

pp mf

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B.Fl.

67

Norm.

3 *ppp* *p* *mp*

10"

FREEZE

Cl.

6

3 *p* *pp*

10"

FREEZE

T.Pno.

Bow Left Bowl - RH

3 *p* *mf* *f*

LH

10"

FREEZE

Bow Right Bowl

pp *mf*

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With Serious Venom

B.Fl.

72

6"

FREEZE

mp *pp* *mp* *ff* → (sub.)

Cl.

6"

FREEZE **To Clar. in Bb**

mp *f* → (sub.)

T.Pno.

6"

FREEZE

Bow Left Bowl

pp *mp*

ff poss. → (sub.)

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B.Fl.

Cl.

T.Pno.

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B.Fl.

Cl.

T.Pno.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

4:3 5:4 10 4:3 5:4 4:3 10 5:4 4:3 4:3

Gentle, Very Still

B.Fl.

Cl.

T.Pno.

1/2 Toy Piano (Both Hands)

To Clar in A

Bow Right Bowl

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84

B.Fl.

WT

Cl.

(Airy Sound)

3 5 3 1 5 7

T.Pno.

mf

1/4 Toy Piano

3

pp

3

Bow Right Bowl

pp

mp

mp

p

WT

Norm.

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The musical score consists of four staves. The Bassoon (B.Fl.) staff has dynamic markings mp, p, pp, mp, pp, p, and p. The Clarinet (Cl.) staff includes performance instructions like 'WT' (Wavy Tongue), 'Norm.' (Normal), and '(Airy Sound)'. The Toy Piano (T.Pno.) staff includes '1/4 Toy Piano' and 'Bow Right Bowl' with corresponding bowing patterns. The overall style is minimalist and abstract, with a focus on sound color and dynamics.

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B.Fl.

Cl.

T.Pno.

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Squeak

Bow Left Bowl

mp

p

5

pp

p

3

6

5

3

p

mp

7

pp

p

mp

5

mf

mp

p

pp

7

p

mp

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92

B.Fl.

6"

FREEZE WT

p mp pp

Norm.

3"

FREEZE WT

p mp

Cl.

6"

FREEZE Squeak

p mp

(Airy Sound)

T.Pno.

6"

FREEZE

mp

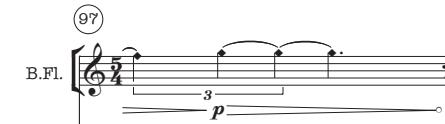
3"

FREEZE

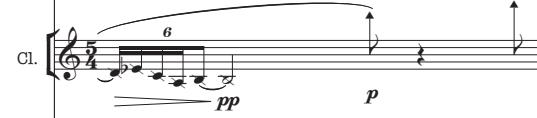
mp

This image shows a page of musical notation for three instruments: Bassoon (B.Fl.), Clarinet (Cl.), and Piano (T.Pno.). The page is numbered 92 at the top left. The Bassoon part starts with a dynamic of *p*, followed by *mp* and *pp*. The Clarinet part includes a dynamic of *p* and a performance instruction 'Squeak'. The Piano part has a dynamic of *mp*. The page is divided into two sections: '6"' and '3"', each containing measures for all three instruments. The Bassoon section includes dynamics *p* and *mp*, and performance instructions 'FREEZE' and 'WT'. The Clarinet section includes dynamics *p* and *mp*, and a performance instruction '(Airy Sound)'. The Piano section includes a dynamic *mp* and a performance instruction 'FREEZE'. A large gray diamond-shaped graphic with the text 'NB noter' is overlaid on the middle of the page. A red diagonal watermark reading 'This music is copyright protected' is also present.

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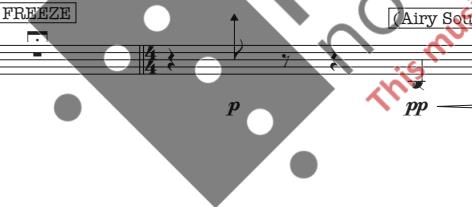


FREEZE



FREEZE

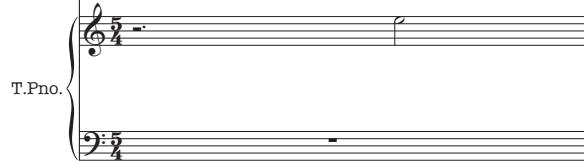
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(Airy Sound)

To Bb Clar.

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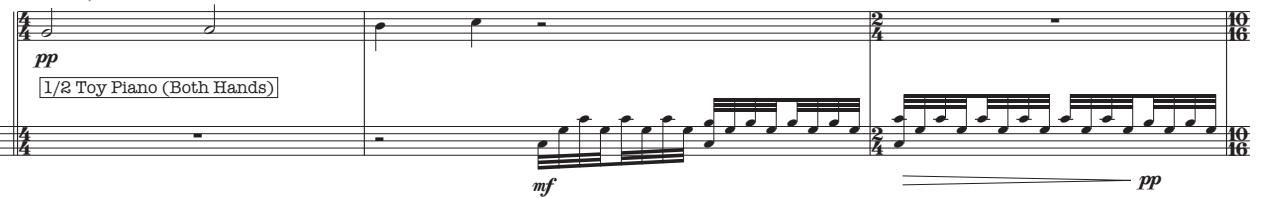


FREEZE

pp

1/2 Toy Piano (Both Hands)

3"



With Serious Venom

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B.Fl.

ff

5:4 5:4 4:3 4:3 5:4 5:4 4:3 4:3

MOVE

5"

Cl.

f

5:4 3 3 4:3 4:3

MOVE

5"

T.Pno.

ff poss.->

5:4 4:3 5:4 5:4 4:3 4:3

MOVE

5"

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Gentle, Very Still

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B.Fl. *p* *mp* 5 *3* *3* *pp* *3*

Cl. *p* *3* *6* *3* *pp* *p* *p* *mf* *4:3* *mp* *4:3* *5:4* *mf* *5:4* *mp*

Tape *pp* *mf* *3* *mf* *3* *p* *Bow Right Bowl* *Bow Left Bowl*

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Musical score page 25, featuring three staves: Bassoon (B.Fl.), Clarinet (Cl.), and Piano (T.Pno.).

B.Fl. (Measures 110-117):

- Measure 110: Dynamics *mp*, tempo 110.
- Measure 111: Dynamics *mf*.
- Measure 112: Dynamics *pizz.*
- Measure 113: Dynamics *FREEZE*.
- Measure 114: Dynamics *WT*, *pp* followed by *p*.
- Measure 115: Dynamics *p*.

Cl. (Measures 110-117):

- Measure 110: Dynamics *f*.
- Measure 111: Dynamics *To Clar. in A*.
- Measure 112: Dynamics *FREEZE*.
- Measure 113: Dynamics *FREEZE*.
- Measure 114: Dynamics *p*.

T.Pno. (Measures 110-117):

- Measure 110: Dynamics *mf*.
- Measure 111: Dynamics *f*.
- Measure 112: Dynamics *FREEZE*.
- Measure 113: Dynamics *FREEZE*.
- Measure 114: Dynamics *p*.

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115 'dirty birdcall'

B.Fl.

(Airy Sound)

Cl.

T.Pno.

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115 'dirty birdcall'

B.Fl. *mp* *pp*

p *mp* *pp* *mf*

(Airy Sound)

Cl. *p* *mf* *mp* *p* *mp* *pp*

T.Pno. *mf* *p* *mp* *p* *mp* *p*

Bow Left Bowl

Bow Right Bowl

Bow Left Bowl

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B.Fl.

Cl.

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Squeak

Bow Right Bowl

Bow Left Bowl

With Beethovenian Fervour

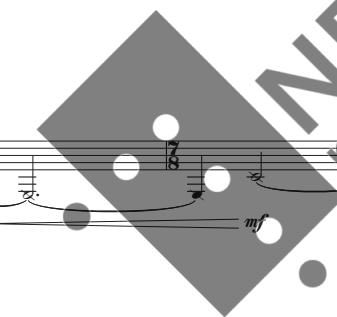
Norm.

B.Fl. *mf* — *p*

Cl. *p* 5 *p* *mf*

T.Pno. *mp* *pp* *mp* *mp* *f* *mf*

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B.Fl.

Cl.

T.Pno.

Gentle, Very Still

5"

FREEZE

WT

p

MOVE

p

pp

7"

To Clar in Bb

MOVE

mp

3

5"

FREEZE

7"

3

18

16

5"

FREEZE

7"

3

18

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With Hidden Venom → With Serious Venom

B.Fl.

pizz.

Norm.

With Hidden Venom → With Serious Venom

Bassoon (B.Fl.)

Cl.

T. Pno.

1/4 Tone Piano

1/2 Tone Piano (Both Hands)

With Hidden Venom → With Serious Venom

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B.Fl.

With Hidden Venom

Cl.

T. Pno.

With Beethovenian Fervour

pizz.

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4:3 4:3 5:4 3 5:4 4:3 4:3

pp sub. mf

mp mf

144

5"

B.Fl. **FREEZE** **pizz.** **#**

f

5"

Cl. **FREEZE** **mf**

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T.Pno. **5"**

FREEZE

1/2 Toy Piano (Both Hands)

mf **mp**

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148

B.Fl.

p *mf*

Cl.

f 3 ff

T.Pno.

mf *ff*

12"

FREEZE

12"

FREEZE

12"

FREEZE

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