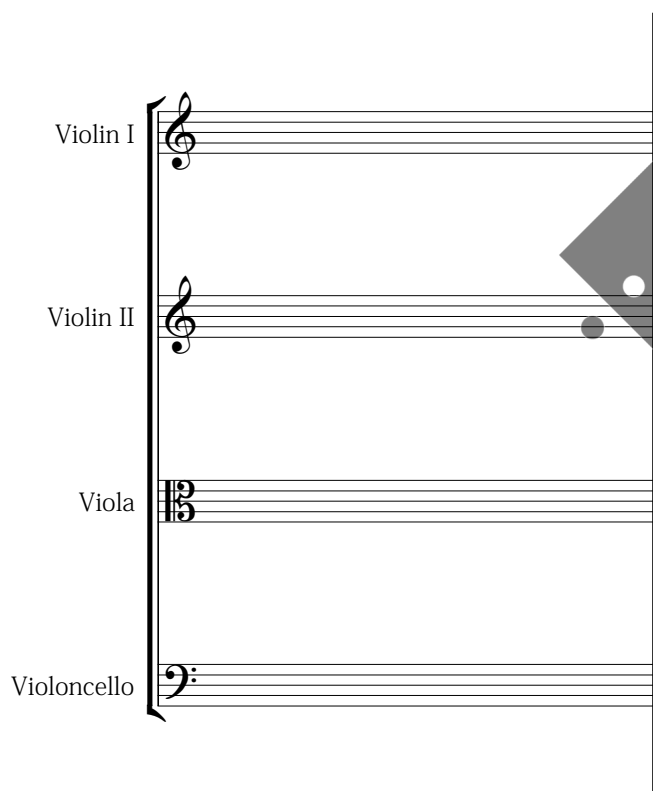


- String Quartet No. 2 -

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12 Minutter

Performance Notes:

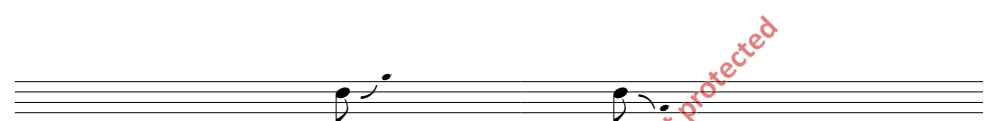
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1/4 tone 1/2 tone 3/4 tone



1/8 tone 3/8 tone 5/8 tone 7/8 tone
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Standard pause. Pause for as long as necessary. Long pause.

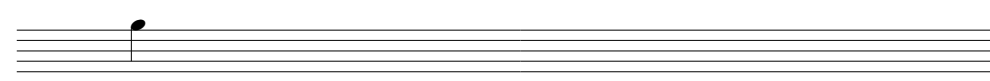


Glissando off the note, approximately to the notated pitch.

Notes graced harshly before reaching top string.



Brush the body of the instrument audibly without touching the strings. Strings played behind the bridge.



ff (→) Sustain this dynamic level until another is specified.
Indicates a continued level of intensity.

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Score

I

Eric Skytterholm Egan

♩=36 Firm - Intense

Violin I

No diminuendo.
Slight cresc. off note.

ff

sim.

Violin II

No diminuendo.
Slight cresc. off note.

ff

sim.

Viola

No diminuendo.
Slight cresc. off note.

ff

sim.

Violoncello

No diminuendo.
Slight cresc. off note.

ff

sim.

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Vln. I

5

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

3

II

$\text{♩} = 40$ Cautious - With Increasing Intensity

Score for Violins I & II, Viola, and Violoncello (Vc.). The tempo is marked $\text{♩} = 40$ and the mood is "Cautious - With Increasing Intensity". The score is divided into three measures, each with a different time signature: 4/4, 5/2, and 4/2.

Violins I (Vln. I) and Violins II (Vln. II) start with a *mf* dynamic and increase to *f* by the second measure. The Viola (Vla.) and Violoncello (Vc.) also start with a *mf* dynamic and increase to *f* by the second measure.

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Score for Violins I & II, Viola, and Violoncello (Vc.). The tempo is marked $\text{♩} = 40$ and the mood is "With Great Intensity". The score is divided into three measures, each with a different time signature: 4/4, 5/2, and 4/2.

Violins I (Vln. I) and Violins II (Vln. II) start with a *mf* dynamic and increase to *f* by the second measure. The Viola (Vla.) and Violoncello (Vc.) also start with a *mf* dynamic and increase to *f* by the second measure.

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III

Each performer plays two strings behind the bridge for the duration of the movement.
The chords should last for approximately 8 - 10 seconds with a short break between each.

Harsh - Grating Noise

Vln. I

mp → (*poss.*)

f

p → (*poss.*)

Harsh - Grating Noise

Vln. II

mp → (*poss.*)

f

p → (*poss.*)

Harsh - Grating Noise

Vla.

mp → (*poss.*)

f

p → (*poss.*)

Harsh - Grating Noise

Vc.

mp → (*poss.*)

f

p → (*poss.*)

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IV

♩=76 Firm - With Rhythmical Emphasis

Violin I (Vln. I) and Violin II (Vln. II) parts are shown in 2/4 time. The Violin I part begins with a rest, followed by a series of eighth notes. The Violin II part begins with a series of eighth notes, followed by a rest. The Viola (Vla.) part is in 3/4 time and begins with a series of eighth notes, followed by a rest. The Violoncello (Vc.) part is in 2/4 time and begins with a series of eighth notes, followed by a rest. The dynamic marking *f* (forte) is present in the Violin I, Violin II, and Violoncello parts.

Violin I (Vln. I) and Violin II (Vln. II) parts are shown in 2/4 time. The Violin I part begins with a rest, followed by a series of eighth notes. The Violin II part begins with a series of eighth notes, followed by a rest. The Viola (Vla.) part is in 3/4 time and begins with a series of eighth notes, followed by a rest. The Violoncello (Vc.) part is in 2/4 time and begins with a series of eighth notes, followed by a rest. The dynamic marking *sim.* (simile) is present in the Violin I, Violin II, Viola, and Violoncello parts.

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13

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

5

16

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

poco rit. Tempo primo

poco rit. Tempo primo

poco rit. Tempo primo

poco rit. Tempo primo

3

3

3

3

19

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

poco rit.

poco rit.

poco rit.

poco rit.

5

3

3

5

5

6

♩=44 Quiet yet Firm

Audibly brush the body of the instrument with the bow without touching the strings.

Vln. I *f*

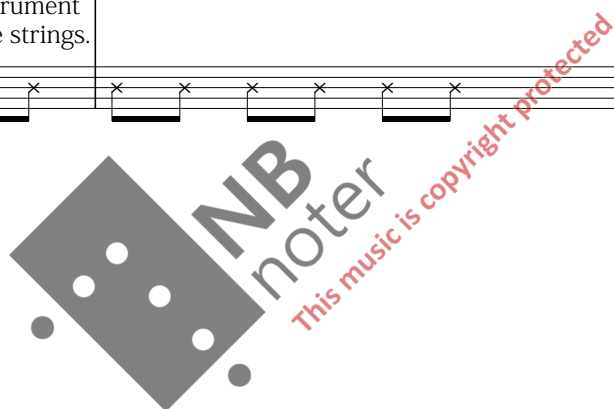
Vln. II *f*

Vla. *f*

Vc. *f*

Notes graced harshly before reaching top string.

mf



Vln. I *mp* *mf* *pp* sul pont. poco rit.

Vln. II poco rit.

Vla. sul pont. *pp* poco rit.

Vc. IV (Gliss off the note) *mp* *p* *ppp* *mf* poco rit.

VI

7

♩=72 Very Light and Spritely

Score for measures 1-3:

Vln. I: pizz. *f* *mp* *f*

Vln. II: *mp* *mf* *mp* *f* *mf* *mp*

Vla.: pizz. *f* *mf* *mp* *f*

Vc.: col legno battuto *f* (al niente) pizz. *mf* *f* *mp*

Score for measures 4-7:

Vln. I: *f* *mf* *p* *f* *sfz* *p* *f* *f*

Vln. II: *f* *p* *f* *sfz* *p* *mf* *f* *f*

Vla.: *f* *p* *mf* *sfz* *f* *p* *p* (Gliss off the note) col legno tratto

Vc.: col legno battuto *f* pizz. *mf* *p* *mf* *f* *f* (Gliss off the note)

VII

♩=76 With 'Mozartian' Optimism

(Gliss off the note)

Score for Violins I and II, Viola, and Violoncello (Vc.).

Violin I (Vln. I): Starts with a forte (*sfz*) note, followed by a glissando (sim.) and a final note marked *mf*.

Violin II (Vln. II): Starts with a mezzo-piano (*mp*) note, followed by a glissando (sim.) and a final note marked *mf*.

Viola (Vla.): Starts with a mezzo-forte (*mf*) note, followed by a glissando (sim.) and a final note marked *mf*.

Violoncello (Vc.): Starts with a mezzo-piano (*mp*) note, followed by a glissando (sim.) and a final note marked *mf*.

Tempo: ♩=76 With 'Mozartian' Optimism. Performance instruction: (Gliss off the note).



♩=54 Solemnly molto rit.

Score for Violins I and II, Viola, and Violoncello (Vc.).

Violin I (Vln. I): Starts with a mezzo-forte (*mf*) note, followed by a glissando (sim.) and a final note marked *mf*.

Violin II (Vln. II): Starts with a forte (*f*) note, followed by a glissando (sim.) and a final note marked *mf*.

Viola (Vla.): Starts with a forte (*f*) note, followed by a glissando (sim.) and a final note marked *mf*.

Violoncello (Vc.): Starts with a forte (*f*) note, followed by a glissando (sim.) and a final note marked *mf*.

Tempo: ♩=54 Solemnly molto rit.

VIII

9

♩=54 Firm - With Strong Rhythmical Emphasis

arco

Vln. I *f* → *sp* → *ff*

Vln. II *f* → *sp* → *ff*

Vla. *f* → *sp* → *ff* (al niente)

Vc. *f* → *sp* → *ff* (al niente)

3

5

5

3

♩=46 Drawn Out - Emotional

Play all four strings behind the bridge.

Vln. I *f* *sfz* *mp* *mf* poco rit. (al niente)

Vln. II *f* *mp* *mf* poco rit.

Vla. *mf* poco rit.

Vc. *mf* poco rit.

I II III IV

♩=38 Painfully Emotional

Vln. I *mf* *f* *mf*

Vln. II *sfz* *mf* *f* *mf*

Vla. *sfz* *mf* *f* *mf*

Vc. *sfz* *mf* *f* *sfz* *mf*

I II III IV

IX

All players start in time and gradually, over the space of ca. 30 seconds, start playing faster and faster, with alternate bowings.
When everyone is playing as quickly as physically possible, sustain this for five seconds before coming off together.
Violins gradually start to tune out. By the end they should have moved a full semitone sharp/flat.

$\text{♩} = 56$ Like a Train Coming Out From the Platform

arco

Vln. I

sfz → *fff*

arco

Vln. II

sfz → *fff*

arco

Vla.

sfz → *fff*

arco

Vc.

sfz → *fff*

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♩=60 With Anticipation - 'Before the Storm'

Score for Vln. I, Vln. II, Vla., and Vc. measures 1-5.

Vln. I: Treble clef, 3/4 time signature. Measures 1-5 show rests.

Vln. II: Treble clef, 3/4 time signature. Measures 1-5 show a melodic line starting with a half note, followed by quarter notes and eighth notes. Dynamics: *mf* → *mp*.

Vla.: Alto clef, 3/4 time signature. Measures 1-5 show rests.

Vc.: Bass clef, 3/4 time signature. Measures 1-5 show a melodic line starting with a half note, followed by quarter notes and eighth notes. Dynamics: *mf* → *mp*.



Score for Vln. I, Vln. II, Vla., and Vc. measures 6-10.

Vln. I: Treble clef, 3/4 time signature. Measures 6-10 show a melodic line starting with a half note, followed by quarter notes and eighth notes. Dynamics: *f* → *mf* → *f* → *p*.

Vln. II: Treble clef, 3/4 time signature. Measures 6-10 show rests.

Vla.: Alto clef, 3/4 time signature. Measures 6-10 show a melodic line starting with a half note, followed by quarter notes and eighth notes. Dynamics: *mf* → *f* → *p*.

Vc.: Bass clef, 3/4 time signature. Measures 6-10 show a melodic line starting with a half note, followed by quarter notes and eighth notes. Dynamics: *mf* → *f* → *p*.

9

Vln. I *mf* *sfz* *(al niente)* *mp*

Vln. II *mf* *sfz* *(al niente)* *mp*

Vla. *mf* *sfz* *mf* *(al niente)*

Vc. *mf* *sfz* *(al niente)* *mp*

13

Vln. I *sfz* *mf* *f* *pp*

Vln. II *sfz* *mf* *f* *pp*

Vla. *sfz* *mf* *f* *pp*

Vc. *sfz* *mf* *f* *sffz* *pp*

The first chord is the same as the chords in Movement III.

♩=72 Furiously Violent

First System (Measures 1-8):

- Vln. I:** Starts with a whole rest, then a half note G#4, followed by a trill on G#4. Dynamics: *sfz*, *ff*.
- Vln. II:** Starts with a whole rest, then a half note G#4, followed by a trill on G#4. Dynamics: *sfz*, *ff*.
- Vla.:** Starts with a whole rest, then a half note G#4, followed by a trill on G#4. Dynamics: *sfz*, *ff*.
- Vc.:** Starts with a whole rest, then a half note G#4, followed by a trill on G#4. Dynamics: *sfz*, *ff*.

Second System (Measures 9-16):

- Vln. I:** Measures 9-12: G#4, A5, B5, C6. Measure 13: G#4, A5, B5, C6. Measure 14: G#4, A5, B5, C6. Measure 15: G#4, A5, B5, C6. Measure 16: G#4, A5, B5, C6. Dynamics: *ff*.
- Vln. II:** Measures 9-12: G#4, A5, B5, C6. Measure 13: G#4, A5, B5, C6. Measure 14: G#4, A5, B5, C6. Measure 15: G#4, A5, B5, C6. Measure 16: G#4, A5, B5, C6. Dynamics: *ff*.
- Vla.:** Measures 9-12: G#4, A5, B5, C6. Measure 13: G#4, A5, B5, C6. Measure 14: G#4, A5, B5, C6. Measure 15: G#4, A5, B5, C6. Measure 16: G#4, A5, B5, C6. Dynamics: *ff*.
- Vc.:** Measures 9-12: G#4, A5, B5, C6. Measure 13: G#4, A5, B5, C6. Measure 14: G#4, A5, B5, C6. Measure 15: G#4, A5, B5, C6. Measure 16: G#4, A5, B5, C6. Dynamics: *ff*.

Attacca (a very short pause) →

XII

Violin I plays solistically; Violin II, Viola and 'Cello with very little vibrato throughout.

♩=42 With Great Emotion

Violin I: *mf*, *f*, *mp*, *mf*, *f*, *mf*

Violin II: *fp*

Viola: *fp*

Cello: *fp*

Notes "graced" harshly on the way to the top string.

Violin I: *mf*, *f*, *sfz*, *mf*, *sfz*, *mf*

Violin II: *mp*

Viola: *mp*

Cello: *mp*

11

Vln. I

col legno battuto

f (al niente) *f* (poss.) *sfz* *mf*

Brush the body of the instrument with the bow without touching the strings.

Play all four strings behind the bridge.

norm.

Vln. II

con sord. (sul pont.)

sfz *sppp*

Vla.

con sord. (sul pont.)

sfz *sppp*

Vc.

con sord. (sul pont.)

sfz *sppp*



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15

Vln. I

pizz.

mf *f* *sfz* *sfz* *sfz* *sfz* *f* *mp* *sfz*

arco

Play G and D strings behind the bridge

pizz.

f *mp* *sfz*

Vln. II

normale

fmp

Vla.

normale

fmp

Vc.

normale

fmp

Gradually faster, alternate bowing.
arco

As before with a gradual glissando.

sul pont.

20

Vln. I

f *ff* *smf* *f* *ff* *mf*³

Vln. II

fmp→

Vla.

fmp→

Vc.

fmp→



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normale

25

Vln. I

f *mf* *f*³ *mf* *f* *mp*

Vln. II

mf→ *mp*→ *p*

Vla.

mf→ *mp*→ *p*

Vc.

mf→ *mp*→ *p*

31

Vln. I *mf*→

Vln. II *mf*→

Vla. *mf*→

Vc. *mf*→

II I

(slight dim.)

mf→



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35

Vln. I *sffz* → *mf*

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

col legno tratto;
with a touch of hair

col legno battuto

Play all four strings
behind the bridge.
normale

(normale)

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

39

mf

f

mp

f

pp

pp

p

pp

p



Col legno tratto
with a touch of hair.
Gradually faster tremolo.

normale

$\text{♩} = 30$ Very Slow - Considered

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

43

sfz

p

mf

p

f

mp

f

mp

f

mp

p

p

senza sord.

senza sord.

senza sord.

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