

shulammite (b)

for viola, cello and piano

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Duration: ca. 6'

Composer's notes:

Continuing on the idea of fragmented memories from *Song of Songs*.

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Performance notes:

Each string player has a played line and a spoken line. The two consonants used in the spoken line are taken from the standard International Phonetics Alphabet; therefore, performers unfamiliar with the system may find recording of the consonant (ç) online which represents the voiceless palatal fricative (i.e. the 'kj' sound in Norwegian or Swedish) where there is no equivalence in English.

The violist and the cellist are to be seated facing each other.



dedicated to R.V.
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$\text{♩} = 50$

Viola

ff forceful *no dim.* *ff* forceful

no vib. *gliss.*

n *p* *n*

Violoncello

$\text{♩} = 50$

no vib. *much vib.* *no vib.*

gliss.

n *f* *n*

ff forcefully *no dim.*

n *f* *n*

Piano



5

Vla.

jété *pp* *sf* *pp* *mf* *n*

no dim.

Vc.

gliss. *pp* *ppp* *n* *sul pont.* *pp* *p* *mf* *n* *ord.* *5*

ff forcefully *5*

Pno.

8va *tr* *ppp*

9 *jété*----- *jété*----- *gliss.* *pp* *mf* *n* *tr* *crushed (pitched)* *ord., no vib.* *gliss.* *mf* *ppp*

ff forceful *no dim.*

Vla. *pp* *mf* *n* *pp* *mp* *n* *pp* *f*

Vc. *3* *5* *jété*----- *gliss.* *tr* *jété*----- *3* *ff* forceful

Pno. *5* *4*

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13 *jété*----- *sul pont.* *ord.* *jété*----- *3* *tr* *gliss.* *mp* *pp* *pp* *f* *pp* *n* *pp*

f slightly more relaxed *3* *3* *3* *3* *3* *3*

Vla. *mp* *pp* *pp* *mf* *pp* *ppp* *n* *ppp*

Vc. *gliss.* *3* *5* *flautando* *sul pont.* *ff* forceful

Pno. *8va* *tr* *ppp* *5* *4*

17

Vla. *f* *mp* *pp* *p* *n* *pp* *mf*

tr *jété* *jété* *ord.* *sul pont.*

Vc. *ff* *n* *p* *n* *n* *mf* *sfz*

overpressure (no pitch) *sul pont.* *ord.* *sul pont.*

Pno. *ppp*

no dim.

8va *tr*

21

Vla. *ppp* *no cresc.* *echo* *ff* *mf* *ff*

ord. *sul pont.* *crushed (pitched)*

Vc. *n* *mp* *n* *ff* *ff* *ff*

jété *crushed (pitched)* *overpressure (unpitched)*

Pno. *ppp*

ff *forceful* *no dim.*

3 *ff* *forceful*

8va *tr*

25 *sul pont.*

Vla. *f* *p* *ff* *ff* *pp* *ff* *gliss.* *gliss.* *sul pont.*

f slightly more relaxed

Vc. *ff* *crushed (pitched)* *ff* *pp* *ord.* *pp*

Pno.

29 *crushed (pitched)* *overpressure (unpitched)* *sul pont.* *overpressure (unpitched)*

Vla. *f* *ff* *p* *ff* *p* *ff*

mf relaxed

Vc. *ff* *crushed (pitched)* *overpressure (unpitched)* *gliss.* *gliss.* *flautando* *pp* *mf* *p* *ff*

mf relaxed

Pno. *ppp*

33

Vla. *crushed (pitched)* *overpressure (unpitched)* *sul pont.*

Vc. *sul pont.* *pp* *ff* *mf relaxed* *overpressure (unpitched)* *crushed (pitched)* *sul pont.*

Pno. *ppp* *p*

36

Vla. *♩ = 80 overpressure (unpitched)* *fff* *p*

Vc. *♩ = 80 overpressure (unpitched)* *fff* *p*

Pno. *f p galloping* *ppp* *p* *with pedal* *l.v.*

40

Vla.

ord. → $2+2+2+2+1$ overpressure (unpitched) *fff* *mp* crushed (pitched)

Vc.

ord. → $2+2+2+2+1$ overpressure (unpitched) *fff* *mp* crushed (pitched)

Pno.

ppp l.v. *p* 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3

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44

Vla.

rit. *ff* overpressure (unpitched) *ff* *n* *ff* $\text{♩} = 80$ overpressure (unpitched)

Vc.

rit. *ff* overpressure (unpitched) *ff* *n* *ff* $\text{♩} = 80$ overpressure (unpitched)

Pno.

dim. 3 3 3 3 *ppp* *l.v.*

48

Vla.

Vc.

Pno.

accel.

pp

cresc.

3

3

(c)

(c)

The musical score is divided into three systems, each with a different time signature: 4/4, 4/4, and 5/4.

- Violin (Vla.):** The first system is in 4/4 time. It features a melodic line with a half note, a quarter note, and a half note, followed by a quarter rest. The second system is in 4/4 time, featuring a melodic line with a half note, a quarter note, and a half note, followed by a quarter rest. The third system is in 5/4 time, featuring a melodic line with a half note, a quarter note, and a half note, followed by a quarter rest.
- Viola (Vc.):** The first system is in 4/4 time. It features a melodic line with a half note, a quarter note, and a half note, followed by a quarter rest. The second system is in 4/4 time, featuring a melodic line with a half note, a quarter note, and a half note, followed by a quarter rest. The third system is in 5/4 time, featuring a melodic line with a half note, a quarter note, and a half note, followed by a quarter rest.
- Piano (Pno.):** The first system is in 4/4 time. It features a melodic line with a half note, a quarter note, and a half note, followed by a quarter rest. The second system is in 4/4 time, featuring a melodic line with a half note, a quarter note, and a half note, followed by a quarter rest. The third system is in 5/4 time, featuring a melodic line with a half note, a quarter note, and a half note, followed by a quarter rest.

Key performance instructions include:

- Violin (Vla.):** "ord." (order), "overpressure (unpitched)", "sul pont." (sul ponticello), "5" (fingerings), "n" (natural), "fff" (fortissimo), "mp" (mezzo-piano), "p" (piano), "f" (forte), "f slightly tense".
- Viola (Vc.):** "ord." (order), "overpressure (unpitched)", "50" (tempo), "jété" (jetté), "sul pont." (sul ponticello), "fp" (fortissimo-piano).
- Piano (Pno.):** "8va" (octave), "tr" (trill), "ppp in an undertone" (pianissimo in an undertone).

54 *flautando*

Vla. *p* *f* *n* *mp* *pp* *p* *f* *n*

jété *ord.* *sul pont.* *ord.*

Vc. *n* *ff* *no dim.* *pp* *n* *f*

overpressure (unpitched) *jété* *crushed (pitched)*

Pno. *no cresc. throughout*

ff *forcefully* *no dim.*

5/4 *4/4* *5/4* *6/4*

(c) *(c)* *(c)* *(c)* *(c)* *(c)*

58 *crushed (pitched)* *overpressure (unpitched)* *flautando*

Vla. *f* *n* *f* *ff* *p* *n* *pp* *p* *pp*

ff *forcefully*

Vc. *sul pont.* *ord.* *sul tasto*

n *f* *pp* *p* *f* *pp* *n* *3 n* *p* *n*

ff *forceful*

Pno. *no cresc. throughout*

6/4 *4/4* *6/4*

(c) *(c)* *(c)* *(c)* *(c)* *(c)* *(c)*

62

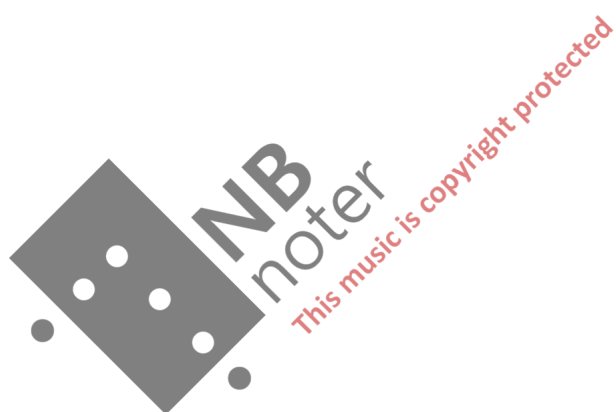
Vla. *ord.* *pp* without vib. *crushed (pitched)* *5* *3* *n* *f*

ff forcefully *no dim.*

Vc. *jété* *gliss.* *pp* *3* *sul pont.* *tr* *ppp* *f* *3* *3* *3* *3* *3* *3* *5/4* *3* *3* *(c)* *(c)* *(c)* *(c)* *(c)* *(c)* *(c)* *(c)*

Pno. *(8)* *(tr)* *8va* *tr* *5/4*

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66 *ord.* *5* *3* *tr* *b* *gliss.* *ppp* *pp* *n*

ff forceful *no dim.*

Vc. *jété* *gliss.* *pp* *n* *bow on tailpiece* *pp* *f* *ff* forceful *3* *3* *3* *3* *3* *3* *4/4* *(c)* *(c)* *(c)* *(c)* *(c)* *(c)*

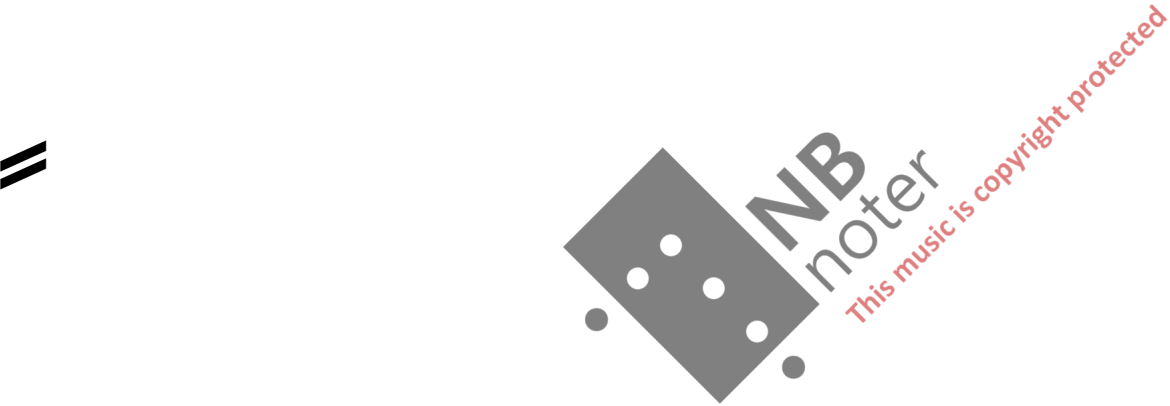
Pno. *(8)* *(tr)* *4/4*

70

Vla. *sul pont.* *pp* *ff* forcefully

Vc. *bow on tailpiece* *pp* *pp* 3

Pno. *8va* *tr* *n* *ppp* 3



74 *sul tasto*

Vla. *ppp* *n* *ppp* *n* *ff* forcefully

Vc. *bow on tailpiece* *pp* *n*

Pno. *8va* *tr* *n* *no dim./cresc.*