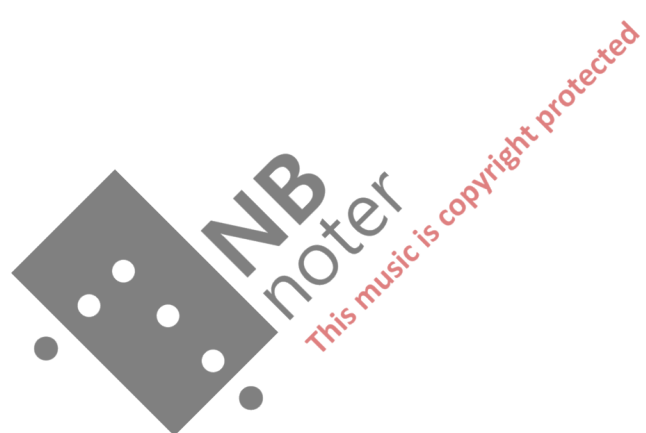


Autumn arias

for clarinet, cello and strings

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Autumn arias

er skrevet for, og tilegnet Hans Christian Bræin, Øystein Birkeland og Det Norske Kammerorkester.

Det er bare én ting som kan gjøre meg like oppstemt som musikk, og det er mennesker. Av dette følger at musikere ligger mitt hjerte særlig nær. Og noen musikere har et nærvær og et alvor i det de gjør, som for meg er dét det handler om.

To slike musikere er Hans Christian Bræin og Øystein Birkeland. Vi har arbeidet sammen før, og spor av dette (Nina Grünfelds dokumentar om sin far, "Den døende doktoren"), fins nok i *Autumn arias*. Den gang oppsto ønsket om å gjøre mer, sammen.

Så er det Det Norske Kammerorkester, som jeg har hatt noen av mine beste konsertopplevelser med opp gjennom årene; et orkester som til en hver tid er fylt av hele det overskuddet som i dag fins på utøversiden i norsk orkesterliv.

Det er et orkester som dessuten kunne svare på mitt første ønske med verket: Å skrive musikk praktisk talt uten faste taktarter også for et større ensemble, som dessuten fungerer uten dirigent. Der alt hviler på opplevelsen av musikk som innforstått gestus og en situasjonsbestemt flyt; et slags instrumentalteater. Det er med andre ord i høy grad opp til solister og orkester hvordan *Autumn arias* formes i tid her og nå.

For min del har jeg "gitt notene", og plassert musikerne i rommet – og resten er opp til dem, og oss.

Synne Skouen

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Score in C

Autumn Arias

Spatial notation. Senza misura.
One slash on stem = con vibr. (somewhat exaggerated)

PROLOG

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A

Rubato; senza misura

Clarinet in B $\flat$

Solo cello

Violini I

Violini II

Viola

Celli

Contabassi

solo 1 f

(from opposite side of room (vs solo 1 Vln I))

solo 2 mf

solo 3 mp

solo 4 pp

Vla 1

Solo 1-11 are performed by 2 violins and 2 violas from different positions behind/among the audience; clarinet from an unseen position at the back of the hall.

B

C

B $\flat$ Cl.

Solo Vc.

Vln I

Vln II

Vle

Vc.

Bs

col legno gettato

solo 5 f

solo 6 Vla 2 p

solo 7 Vla 1 f

solo 8 Vla 2 mp

quasi $\frac{6}{8}$

pizz.

arco sul tasto

col legno gettato

rit. F

B♭ Cl.

Solo Vc. *sul pont.* *ord. poco animato, espress.* *sul tasto, portando*

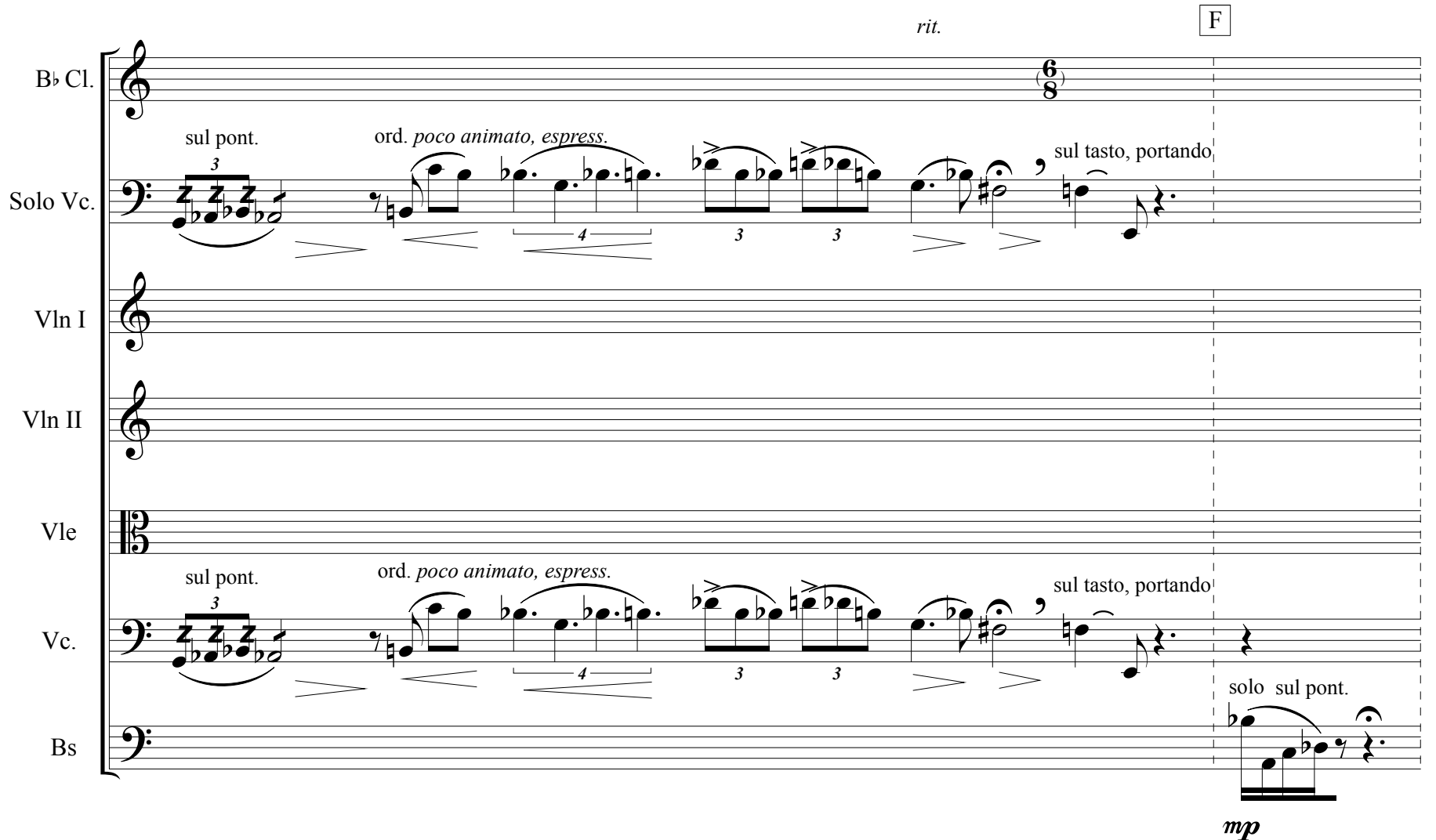
Vln I

Vln II

Vle

Vc. *sul pont.* *ord. poco animato, espress.* *sul tasto, portando*

Bs *solo sul pont.* *mp*



rit. invisible (from somewhere behind audience) G *ff*

B♭ Cl.

Solo Vc. solo cello counts down as if to start the cello group again, but (is interrupted by clarinet)

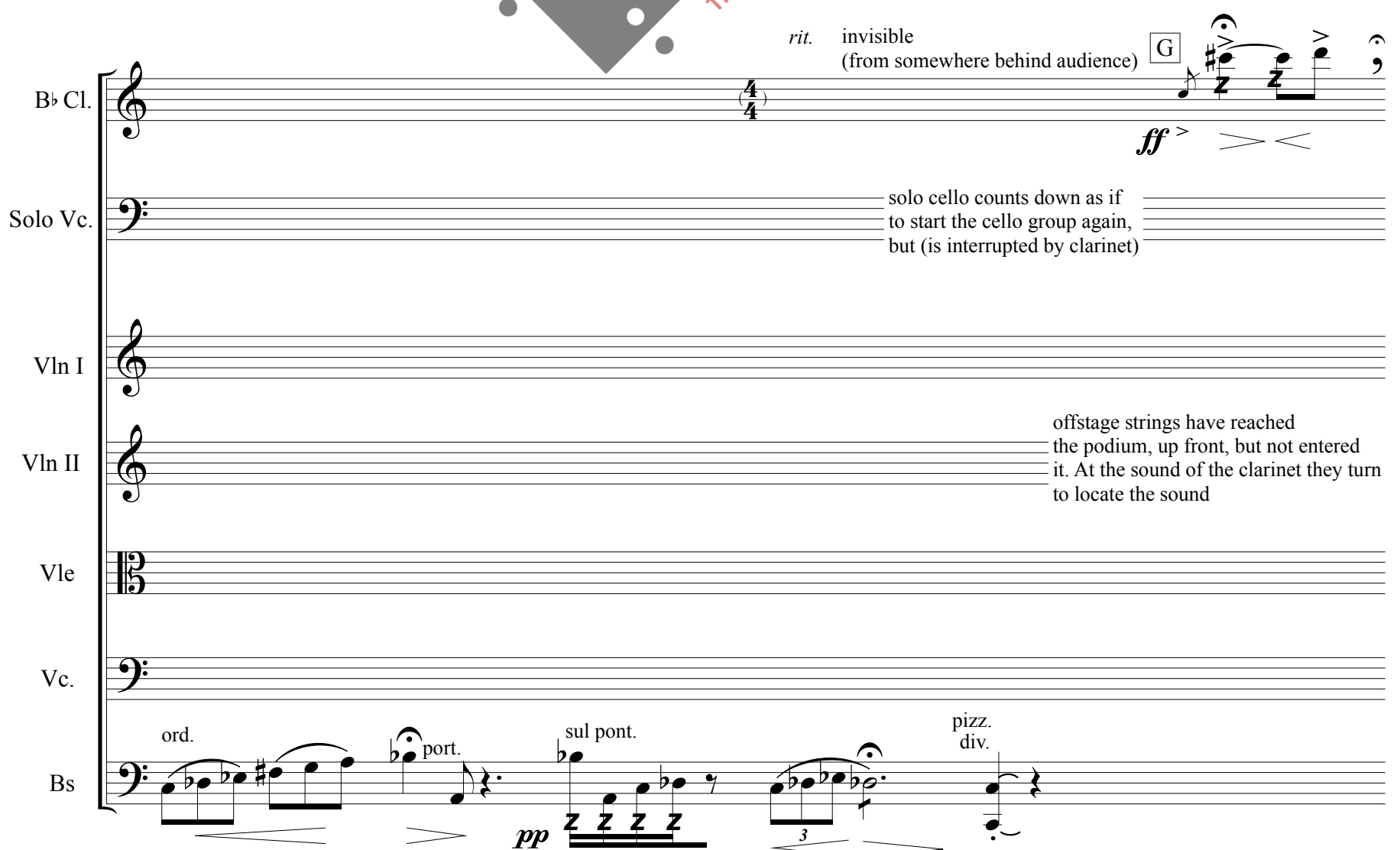
Vln I

Vln II offstage strings have reached the podium, up front, but not entered it. At the sound of the clarinet they turn to locate the sound

Vle

Vc.

Bs *ord.* *port.* *sul pont.* *pizz. div.* *pp*



Score for Autumn Arias, Page 4. The page features staves for B♭ Cl., Solo Vc., Vln I, Vln II, Vle, Vc., and Bs.

B♭ Cl. Part: The melody begins with an *accel.* marking, followed by a triplet of eighth notes. Dynamics range from *mp* to *f*. The part includes a trill (tr.) and a *sim.* (sustained) section. The Solo Vc. part is marked *p* and *f* with a *qu. gliss.* (quick glissando) at the end.

Vln II Part: A performance instruction is provided: "during the clarinet solo, offstage strings slowly and quietly find their places on the podium/stage".

Score for Autumn Arias, Page 4 (Continued). The page features staves for B♭ Cl., Solo Vc., Vln I, Vln II, Vle, Vc., and Bs.

B♭ Cl. Part: The melody continues with a *gliss.* (glissando) and a *f* dynamic. It includes a *(come sopra)* section and a *poco a poco rit.* (poco a poco ritardando) section, followed by a return to *a tempo*. The Solo Vc. part is marked *mp* and includes a *pizz.* (pizzicato) section.

Vln II Part: The performance instruction "during the clarinet solo, offstage strings slowly and quietly find their places on the podium/stage" is repeated.

rit.  *qu. gliss*

B♭ Cl.
 Solo Vc.
 Vln I
 Vln II
 Vle
 Vc.
 Bs

a tempo
rit.
qu. gliss
pp sub.
mp
p
pp
ppp
solo sul tasto
(tutti)

a tempo

J

Score for Autumn Arias, featuring the following instruments and parts:

- B♭ Cl.
- Solo Vc.
- tutti Vln I
- Vln II
- Vle
- Vc.
- Bs

The score is written in 4/4 time and includes various musical notations such as dynamics (*mf*, *p*, *mp*), articulation (*ord.*, *solo*, *tutti div.*), and performance instructions (*col legno gettato*, *pizz.*, *arco*). A large watermark "MB noter" is visible across the center of the page, along with the text "This music is copyright protected".

tutti senza vibr.
poco a poco con vibr.

[illegible]

Clar. player has moved from unseen position at the back, advancing quietly through the hall, to a position close to the podium/stage, confronting the orchestra.

Solo Vc.

Solo vln

mp

Vln I

pp

ord.

Vln II

pp

ord.

Vle

pp

ord.

Vc.

pp

ord.

Bs

pp

ord.

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The first system of the musical score includes staves for B♭ Cl., Solo Vc., Vln I, Vln II, Vle, Vc., and Bs. The B♭ Cl. staff features a melodic line with slurs and accents, starting with a half note G4 and moving through various intervals. The Solo Vc. staff is empty. The Vln I and Vln II staves are empty. The Vle staff has a melodic line starting with a half note G4, marked *p*, and moving through various intervals. The Vc. staff is empty. The Bs staff is empty. The system is divided into two parts by a vertical dashed line. The first part is labeled 'L' (qu. 6/8) and the second part is labeled 'M'. The 'M' part includes a 'solo col legno gettato' instruction for Vln I and a 'solo pizz.' instruction for Vc.

B♭ Cl.

Solo Vc.

Vln I

Vln II

Vle

Vc.

Bs

morendo

sul tasto

pizz.

arco

mp

pizz. sul tasto

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B♭ Cl.

Solo Vc.

Vln I

Vln II

Vle

Vc.

Bs

A

has moved to one of the sides

ppp

ppp morendo

tutti

div.

div. con vibr.

(tutti) con vibr.

tutti con vibr.

con vibr.

pppp

pppp

pppp

pppp

pppp

pppp

B♭ Cl. *ppp* *mp* trem. on keys, air sounds ad lib.

Solo Vc. *ppp* *mp* arco on body of instr. *) ad lib. max 15" put down bow

Vln I *(pppp sempre)*

Vln II *(pppp sempre)*

Vle *(pppp sempre)*

Vc. *(pppp sempre)* ad lib. individually; arco on body of instr. *) colla parte cello solo. Max 15" put down bow

Bs *pppp* div.

[C] move to a different position.

Solo Vc. ad lib. trem. with both hands on body of instr. (ma non troppo) pick up bow again

Vln I

Vln II all strings (except celli) start a very slow gradual cresc. when celli finger trem. stops

Vle

Vc. ad lib. trem. with both hands on body of instr. (ma non troppo) pick up bow again

Bs

*) 

B♭ Cl.
 Solo Vc.
 Vln I
 Vln II
 Vle
 Vc.
 Bs

change bow direction individually and gradually vigourously
cresc. change bow direction individually and gradually vigourously
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molto
molto
molto
molto
molto
molto

er "outside" angle?

The musical score is for the piece "The Outside" by John Adams. It features a vocal line and several instrumental parts. The vocal line is in the key of G major and the time signature is 4/4. The instruments include Bb Clarinet, Solo Violoncello, Violin I, Violin II, Viola, Violoncello, and Bass. The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, dynamics (ppp, pp, morendo), and articulations (non vibr.). The vocal line starts with a G note and has a melodic line with a slur. The instrumental parts provide harmonic support, with the Solo Violoncello and Bass playing a prominent role in the lower register. The score is marked with a "The Outside" watermark.

TORSO

[A] (♩ = ca. 60)

[B] (♩ = c. 72)

maybe from inside the orch.?

Score for Section A (♩ = ca. 60). Instruments: B♭ Cl., Solo Vc., Vln I, Vln II, Vle, Vc., Bs.

Performance instructions and dynamics:

- B♭ Cl.:** *mf* (maybe from inside the orch.?)
- Solo Vc.:** *pp*, *pizz.*
- Vln I:** *pp*, *mp*, *pp*, *morendo*
- Vln II:** *pp*, *morendo*
- Vle:** *pp*, *calmo*, *morendo*
- Vc.:** *mp*, *pp*, *pp*, *div.*, *morendo*, *mf* (solo colla parte, col legno)
- Bs:** *pp*, *pp*, *morendo*

Other markings: *sul pont.*, *solo col legno gettato*, *tutti sul pont.*, *div.*, *3*, *calmo*.

Score for Section C (♩ = c. 72). Instruments: B♭ Cl., Solo Vc., Vln I, Vln II, Vle, Vc., Bs.

Performance instructions and dynamics:

- B♭ Cl.:** *mp*, *mf*, *p*
- Solo Vc.:** *f*
- Vle:** *mp*, *mf*, *p* (solo col legno gettato colla parte)

Other markings: *sul pont.*, *div.*, *sul pont.*, *morendo*.

B♭ Cl. *pp sub.* **D** *f* $\frac{4}{4}$

Solo Vc.

Vln I colla parte, arco ord. *f*

Vln II colla parte, arco ord. *f*

Vle colla parte, arco ord. *f* tutti

Vc. colla parte, arco ord. *f* tutti

Bs colla parte, arco ord. *f* solo *p*

B♭ Cl. $\frac{5}{4}$ *pp* *f* *pp* qu. gliss. ord. 3 3

Solo Vc.

Vln I sul pont *pp* ord. div. 3 *dim.*

Vln II sul pont *pp* ord. div. ord. 3 *dim.*

Vle sul pont *pp* ord.

Vc. sul pont *pp* ord.

Bs sul pont *pp* ord.

B $\flat$ Cl.
 Solo Vc.
 Vln I
 Vln II
 Vle
 Vc.
 Bs

Musical score for the first system of "The Firebird Suite, Op. 181, No. 1, 'The Firebird'" by Igor Stravinsky. The score is for a full orchestra and includes parts for B $\flat$ Clarinet, Solo Violoncello, Violin I, Violin II, Viola, Violoncello, and Bass. The key signature is one flat (B $\flat$) and the time signature is 2/4. The score shows the beginning of the piece with various dynamics and articulations.

Bb Cl. *mf* *f* *rit.*
 Solo Vc. *f* *p*
 Vln I *mp* *f*
 Vln II *mp* *f*
 Vle *mp* *f*
 Vc. *f* *p*
 Bs *f* *p*

Score for Autumn Arias, page 17. The score is for a full orchestra and solo voice.

Instrumentation: B♭ Cl., Solo Vc., Vln I, Vln II, Vle, Vc., Bs.

Tempo and Meter: The score begins with a tempo marking of *a tempo* and a key signature of G major. The meter changes from 6/8 to 4/4.

Key Musical Elements:

- B♭ Cl.:** Features a melodic line starting with a forte (*f*) dynamic, followed by a piano (*p*) section and a mezzo-piano (*mp*) section. The piece concludes with a final *a tempo* marking.
- Solo Vc.:** Accompanies the B♭ Cl. with a melodic line, including a glissando (*gliss.*) and a mezzo-piano (*mp*) section.
- Vln I and Vln II:** Both sections play a melodic line, starting with a piano (*p*) dynamic and moving to a forte (*f*) dynamic. The Vln II section includes a mezzo-piano (*mp*) section.
- Vle:** Features a melodic line, starting with a mezzo-piano (*mp*) dynamic and moving to a forte (*f*) dynamic.
- Vc.:** Features a melodic line, starting with a mezzo-piano (*mp*) dynamic and moving to a forte (*f*) dynamic.
- Bs:** Features a melodic line, starting with a mezzo-piano (*mp*) dynamic and moving to a forte (*f*) dynamic.

Performance Markings: The score includes various performance markings such as *f* (forte), *p* (piano), *mp* (mezzo-piano), *gliss.* (glissando), and *tutti* (all instruments).

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Musical score for "L'Allegretto" by Beethoven, Op. 26, No. 1. The score is for a full orchestra and solo voice. It features a 4/4 time signature, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a tempo marking of "a tempo". The score is divided into two systems. The first system includes staves for Bb Clarinet, Solo Voice, Violin I, Violin II, Viola, Violoncello, and Double Bass. The second system includes staves for Violin I, Violin II, Viola, Violoncello, and Double Bass. The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, dynamics (f, sf, p, mp), and articulation marks. A large watermark "NB noter" is visible across the center of the page.

Score for Autumn Arias, page 20. The score includes parts for B♭ Cl., Solo Vc., Vln I, Vln II, Vle, Vc., and Bs. The Solo Vc. part features a key signature change to one flat (B♭) and includes dynamic markings such as *pizz.*, *arco*, *col legno gettato*, *mp*, and *dolce*. The Vln I and Vln II parts include a *p* marking. The Vle, Vc., and Bs parts include a *p* marking. The Solo Vc. part also includes a *div.* marking. A large watermark "NB noter" and "This music is copyright protected" is visible across the score.

Score for Autumn Arias, page 20 (continued). The score includes parts for B♭ Cl., Solo Vc., Vln I, Vln II, Vle, Vc., and Bs. The Solo Vc. part features a key signature change to one flat (B♭) and includes dynamic markings such as *pp*, *flautato*, and *pizz.*. The Vln I, Vln II, Vle, Vc., and Bs parts include a *pp* marking. The Solo Vc. part also includes a *div.* marking. A large watermark "NB noter" and "This music is copyright protected" is visible across the score.

Score for Autumn Arias, page 21. The score is divided into two systems, L (3/4) and M (4/4).

System L (3/4):

- B♭ Cl.:** *poco accel.*, *ord.*, *mp*, *rit.*
- Solo Vc.:** *pizz.*, *ord.*, *arco*, *mp*
- Vln I:** *pizz.*, *arco*, *ord.*, *morendo rapido*, *sim.*, *pizz.*, *p*, *tutti*, *rapido*
- Vln II:** *col legno gettato*, *ord.*, *morendo rapido*, *col legno gettato*, *rapido*
- Vle:** *ord.*, *col legno gettato*, *ord.*, *morendo rapido*, *pizz.*, *sim.*, *col legno gettato*, *ord.*, *morendo ord.*, *3*
- Vc.:** *ord.*, *morendo rapido*, *ord.*, *3*, *ord.*, *morendo ord.*, *rapido*
- Bs:** *ord.*, *morendo rapido*, *ord.*, *morendo ord.*

System M (4/4):

- B♭ Cl.:** *close to the cello*, *pp*
- Solo Vc.:** *pp*, *pizz.*, *arco*
- Vln I:** *col legno gettato*, *3*, *ppp*
- Vln II:** *ord.*, *rapido*, *ppp*
- Vle:** *col legno gettato*, *rapido*, *pp*, *solo ord.*, *calmo*, *3*, *3*, *3*, *3*, *pp*
- Vc.:** *col legno gettato*, *rapido*, *tutti*, *ppp*
- Bs:** *rapido*, *ppp*

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B♭ Cl. *mf* (non dim.) starting to move away O $\frac{6}{8}$ *rit.*

Solo Vc. *p* pizz. arco

Vln I 8

Vln II

Vle pizz. *mf* pizz. *p*

Vc. *mf* *p*

Bs

B♭ Cl. $\frac{9}{8}$ P $\frac{4}{4}$ playing while slowly leaving the podium through the open exit door *p*

Solo Vc. *p* pizz.

Vln I *p*

Vln II *p*

Vle solo pizz. sul tasto *p*

Vc. arco div. *p* div.

Bs *p*

out of sight (door open)

B♭ Cl.

Solo Vc.

poco a poco dim. e morendo

Vln I

poco a poco dim. e morendo

Vln II

poco a poco dim. e morendo

Vle

p *pp* *ppp*

Vc.

poco a poco dim. e morendo

Bs

poco a poco dim. e morendo

B♭ Cl.

Solo Vc.

morendo

Vln I

Vln II

Vle

solo
col legno gettato

p

solo pizz.

p