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of the Norwegian National Opera & Ballet.*

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# North of the Mountains



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## Stage plot:

8    4    6    2    1    5    3  
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## Audience

Basses 1-4: solo tuning

Basses 5-8: orchestra tuning

Basses 7-8 are 5-string  
instruments with low B-string

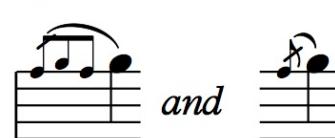


## Grace notes:

Played on the beat:



Played before the beat:



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## Furioso (♩ = ca. 70)

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**5** 4 s.p. → ord. s.p. → ord. tr. I 4

Double Bass 1

Double Bass 2

Double Bass 3

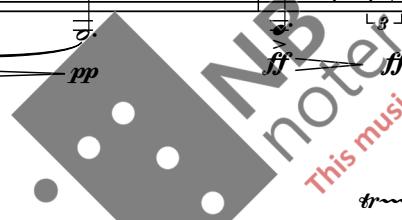
Double Bass 4

Double Bass 5

Double Bass 6

Double Bass 7

Double Bass 8



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**Atpo.** **4**

1 *f* *ff* *ff* *p* *ff* *molto* **p**

2 *f* *ff* *ff* *p* *ff* *molto* **p**

3 *ff* *ff* *p* *ff* *molto* *pp sub.* *ff* *pp*

4 *ff* *ff* *pp* *ff* *molto* *pp sub.* *ff* *pp*

5 *ff* *p* *ff* *ff* *molto* *pp sub.* *ff* *pp*

6 *ff* *p* *ff* *ff* *molto* *pp sub.* *ff* *pp*

7 *f* *mp* *ff* *p* *ff* *molto* *pp sub.* *ff* *s.p. → ord.*

8 *f* *mp* *ff* *p* *ff* *molto* *pp sub.* *ff* *pp*

**4 Meno mosso ( $\downarrow$  = ca. 58),  
Calmof**

## **Repeat ad lib.**

11

6 4

1

2

3

4

5

6

7

8

mf

p

IV

III

III

III

IV

III

V

V

p.a.p. cresc.

p.a.p. cresc.

\*\*

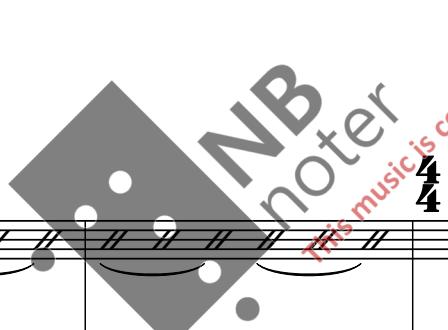
(entrance to bar 17)

II

p

parted

p.a.p. cresc.



17

3 3

1

2

3

4

5

6

7

8

Like waves

mp

3

tr tr tr 3 tr tr tr

tr 0 tr tr tr tr 3

\* Improvise on same pattern. Use harmonics on the 1st and 2nd string. Individual dynamics. Use cresc. and decresc. Move gradually towards bar 17.

\*\* Individual improvisations on tailpiece and on strings behind the bridge. Start with low, howling sounds on the tailpiece and move gradually into stronger, noise/squeaking sounds on the strings behind the bridge. Give room for everyone, and gradually build up the intensity.

**Freely**

Follow 5th bass

IV

tr 0 tr tr tr tr

p

21

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

Sheet music for eight staves. Staff 1: Treble clef, 6/8 time, sixteenth-note patterns. Staff 2: Treble clef, mostly rests. Staff 3: Bass clef, sixteenth-note patterns, dynamic IV. Staff 4: Treble clef, mostly rests. Staff 5: Bass clef, sixteenth-note patterns, dynamic IV. Staff 6: Treble clef, mostly rests. Staff 7: Bass clef, sixteenth-note patterns, dynamic II. Staff 8: Treble clef, mostly rests.

**poco rit. Atpo., più mosso**

II

pizz. II l.v. f

pizz. II l.v. f

pizz. II l.v. f

f (arco) pizz. III l.v. pp f

pizz. III l.v. arco III f p

f pizz. III l.v. f

pizz., l.v. III f

25

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

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1

2

3

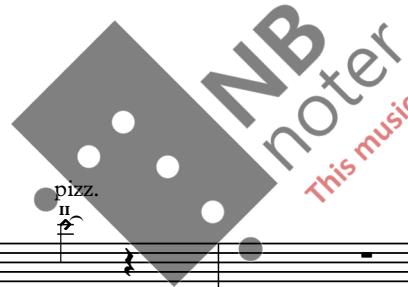
4

5

6

7

8



38

1 pizz. II  
f arco tr 2 pizz. II  
f mf 3 pizz. 0 arco gl. II III IV III II  
f mf 4 I arco I II  
f 5 pizz. IV arco 6 pizz. IV III  
f f III 7 arco IV 8 pizz. III  
f f 7 f 8 f

43

1

2

3

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6

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8

44

45

46

47

49

**4**

**4**

**6**

**4**

57

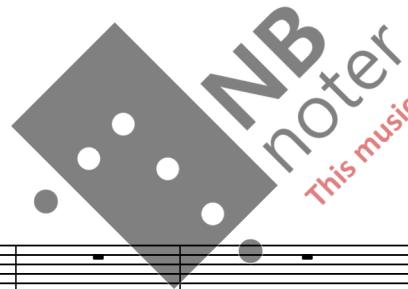
**poco rit.** **Atpo.**

**6** **4** **4**

**Più mosso**

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Very loud!



66

1

2

3

4

5

6

7

8

Marcato >

*f*

*mf*

Marcato *3*

*f*

*mf*

Marcato *3*

*f*

*mf*

Marcato *3*

*f*

*mf*

*5* *5*

*fff* — *f*

*Very loud!*

*fff* — *fff*

*f*

*fff* — *fff*

*f*

73

**6** **4**

poco rit. Atpo.

**6** **4**

1

2

3

4

5

6

7

8



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78

**4**

1

2

3

4

5

6

7

8

*mf*

*p*

*mf*

*p*

*mf*

*p*

*mf*

*pizz.*  
*f*

*fff*

*pizz.*  
*f*

*pizz.*  
*f*

83

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

*pp* *p*

*mf*

*pp* *p*

*mf*

*pizz.*

*f*

*pizz.*

*p* *f*

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1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

*mf*

*f* *s.p.*

*p*

*mf*  
1st x: Pause  
2nd x: Play

*poco f*

*1st x only*

*mf*  
1st x: Pause  
2nd x: Play

*poco f*

93

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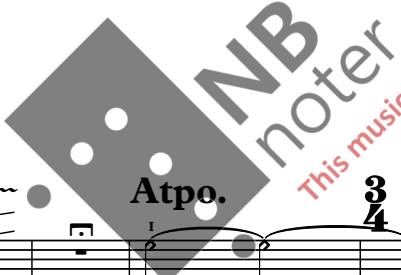
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5

12 Furioso ( $\text{♩} = \text{ca. } 70$ )

102 5 Atpo.

This page contains eight staves of musical notation. Staff 1 (top) starts with a forte dynamic (ff) followed by a piano dynamic (pp). Staff 2 follows with a dynamic instruction (s.p. → ord.). Staff 3 has a dynamic instruction (s.p. → ord.) and a tempo marking (III). Staff 4 has a dynamic instruction (s.p. → ord.). Staff 5 has a dynamic instruction (s.p. → ord.). Staff 6 has a dynamic instruction (s.p. → ord.). Staff 7 has a dynamic instruction (s.p. → ord.). Staff 8 (bottom) has a dynamic instruction (s.p. → ord.). The right side of the page is labeled "Atpo." and shows a continuation of the musical score with various dynamics and performance instructions.



**B**

noter

ff      pp

n

114

1      4      6      5      2      6

2

3      col legno ric.

4

5      pizz.  
sempre lascia vibrare

6      f

7      Brush the bow vertically  
on the string

8      ppp      mp

120

1      (ric.)

2      (ric.)

3

4

5      ord. Marcato

6      pizz. ord.,  
sempre lascia vibrare

7      pizz. ord.,  
sempre lascia vibrare

8

136

6 4

4

1

2

3 arco  
*p* <*mf* <*mp* *p* *p* <*mp* *p* <*mf* <*mp* *p*

4

5

6

7 arco  
*p* <*mp* *p* *mp* *arco* *p* <*mp*

8

144

s.p. → ord.  
ff > *p*  
poco s.p.  
harm. gliss., Freely  
sim.  
(harm. gliss., sim.)

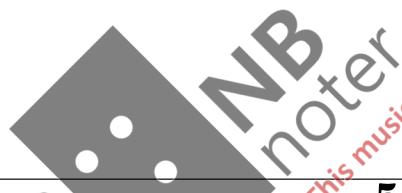
ff → *mf*

pizz. 1.v. arco  
*f*

pizz. 1.v. arco  
*f*

III III III III  
I I I I  
II II II II  
III III III III  
IV IV IV IV  
V V V V  
VI VI VI VI  
VII VII VII VII  
VIII VIII VIII VIII

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150

mf  
mf  
s.p. → ord.  
ff  
s.p. → ord.  
ff  
pizz.  
f  
pizz.  
f  
arco  
s.p. → ord.  
ff  
arco  
s.p. → ord.  
ff

poco f  
III III III III  
IV IV IV IV  
IV IV IV IV  
pizz. 3 3 3 3  
arco s.p. → ord.  
ff  
arco s.p. → ord.  
ff  
arco s.p. → ord.  
ff

16

154 (harm. gliss., sim.)

**2**

**4** (harm. gliss., sim.)

**6**

**8**

REPEAT UNTIL QUE

98

pizz.

s.p. → ord.

L.V.

mp

s.p. → ord.

arco

arco, s.p. → ord. IV

pizz. arco

ff → mp

ff → f

s.p. → ord.

pizz.

arco

ff → mp

ff → mp

s.p. → ord.

pizz.

mf

REPEATED

Pick up timpani mallet

Pick up timpani mallet

★ Pizz. ala Mark Dresser. Light finger pressure on string so that the harmonics between finger and nut sound almost equally strong as the ordinary tone. Play loud and "jazzy"

161 9

1 pizz.

2 pizz. *f*

3 c.l. ric.

4 c.l. ric.

5 *f*

6 *mp*

7 *f*

8 *ff*

6 8 This

9 8

arco

*mp*

pizz. *f*

9 8

arco

8 9

166

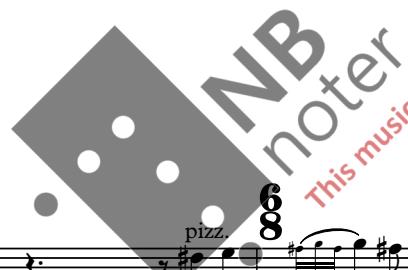
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

*pizz.* *f* *c.l. ric.*

*tr* *f* *tr*

*pizz.* *arco* *pizz.* *arco*

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171

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

*pizz.* *arco* *f*

*pizz.* *mp* *pick up bow*

*c.l. ric.*

*tr* *f* *3*

*pizz.* *f*

*arco*

9 9 9 9 9 9 9

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

*mp* *f* *pizz.* *tr* *f* *c.l. ric.* *arco*  
*p cresc.* *arco s.p.* *arco s.p.*

*pick up bow*

*marcato pizz.*

*arco s.p.*

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9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

*mf* *mf* *(s.p.)* *(s.p.)* *f* *(s.p.)* *f* *p*

*flag. gliss.* *flag. gliss.* *p.a.p. dim. al niente*

*p.a.p. dim. al niente*

181 88

185

1  
2  
3 s.p.  
4 s.p.  
5 II II I  
6  
7  
8 Bow down

pick up timpani mallet

pick up timpani mallet



190

1  
2  
3 c.l. ric.  
4 c.l. ric.  
5  
6  
7  
8



204

1 *p*

2 *p*

molto  
s.t. c.l.b.

3 arco (sim.)

4

5

6

7 arco s.p. → ord. s.p. → ord. s.p. → ord.

8 *ff* arco s.p. → ord. *ff* s.p. → ord. *ff* *p*

*p*

209

6

1 mph. mph. mph.

2

3

4 arco II c.l.ric. c.l.b. c.l.ric. p misterioso 2

5

6 mp c.l. ric. c.l. b. c.l.ric. molto

7 f molto ff mp p misterioso 2

8 f molto ff mp p misterioso 2

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**Atpo. (♩ = 83)**

216

1      dim. al niente

2      dim. al niente

3

4

5      arco  
p misterioso

6      arco  
p misterioso

7      → molto s.p. flageolet gliss.  
Shimmering sim.

8      → molto s.p. flageolet gliss.  
Shimmering sim.

pp



225

1

2      (on the beat)

3      (on the beat)

4      → molto s.p. flageolet gliss.  
Shimmering sim.

5      pp  
(on the beat)

6      (on the beat)

7

8

233

12  
8

1 (on the beat)

2 flageolet gliss.  
Shimmering  
molto  
s.p.

3 (on the beat) sim.

4 (on the beat)

5 (on the beat)

6 (on the beat)

7 (on the beat)

8 (on the beat)



240

1

2

3

4

5 flageolet gliss.  
Shimmering  
molto  
→ s.p. sim.

6 pp molto s.p. flageolet gliss.  
Shimmering sim.

7

8

249 (on the beat) **poco rit.**

1

2 (on the beat)

3

4

5

6

7

8

This page contains a musical score for eight voices. The score is numbered 249 at the top left. The first two staves feature sixteenth-note patterns with dynamics labeled '2' and '5'. The subsequent six staves (3-8) are mostly blank, with occasional rests and a few grace notes. The music is set in common time with a key signature of one sharp. The vocal parts are labeled 1 through 8 on the left side of the page.

