

Svev

for piano trio (violin, cello, piano)

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to
Valen Trio



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ABOUT THE SCORE:

Accidentals apply through the whole bar within the same octave

Trills are chromatic if not marked. Tremoloes are unmeasured if not marked

The score gives the performers freedom to improvise, and decide the length of each Senza misura bar

(When seconds are indicated, they are suggestions rather than instructions)

The piece can be performed from the score.

(There are no parts, so the trio needs three scores for performance - page turns have been taken into consideration for all musicians - last page to be folded out for violin and cello)

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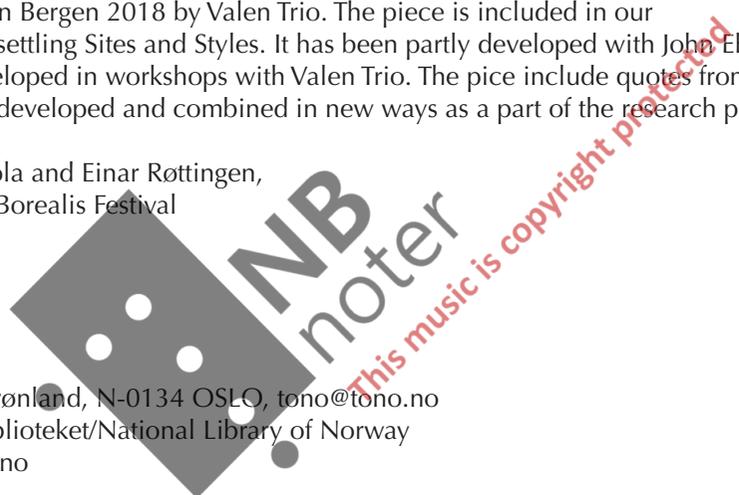
Svev was premiered at the Borealis festival in Bergen 2018 by Valen Trio. The piece is included in our research project at the Grieg Academy; (un)settling Sites and Styles. It has been partly developed with John Ehde (my partner in this project), and further developed in workshops with Valen Trio. The piece includes quotes from some of my own pieces. Special effects are developed and combined in new ways as a part of the research project

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Svev

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I

Violin

Cello

Piano

Senza misura (strings: ♩ = c. 120)

sul pont.

free amount of rep. pattern, very slow gliss.

sul pont. molto

behind bridge

ppp

mf

ppp

mf

pitch ad lib.

rapid scratch w. nail away from performer lengthwise on winding of one bass string - lowest octave

sfz

mf (down down/up)

8va

ced.

c. 20 sec.

2

3

*) mute 2nd lowest octave w. left hand palm near pins
keep R.H. nails on string, and move abruptly along winding of strings - within ca 1 cm
secco scratches lengthwise on string, improvise unpredictable rhythms

A *Row and shadows 1*
Misurata (♩ = c. 100)

④

ord.

8^{va} - - - - -

precisely

mp *pp* *mf* *ppp sub.* *ff* *ppp*

Vln.

ord.

precisely

mp *pp* *p* *ff* *ppp* *ff* *ppp* *ff* *ppp*

Vlc.

as in first bar

ord.

8^{va} - - - - -

precisely

sfz *ff* *ff* *p* *ff*

Pno.

rapid scratch w. nail away from performer
lengthwise on windings of a couple of bass strings

(loco) *ffz*

(senza ped.)

ff *p* *ff*

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Sheet music for Violin (Vln.), Viola (Vlc.), and Piano (Pno.).

Vln. *ff* **B** *ppp* *ff* *ppp* *ff* *8^{va}* (turn page)

Vlc. *ff* *ppp* *ff* *ppp* *ff* *ppp* (turn page) **IV** *ppp*

Pno. *p* *ff* *p* *ff* *p* *ff* *p* *ff* *p* *ff*

C Senza misura

IV

8^{va}

c. 20 sec.

2 3 4 5

Vln. *ppp* *fp* *ppp*

(IV continue, allow distortion)

Vlc. *fp* *ppp*

(IV continue, allow distortion)

Pno. *ff* *ff* *mf* secco scratches lengthwise on string, improvise unpredictable rhythms (footnote bar 2)

rapid gliss. across strings w. nails

l.v. all

8^{vb} *scd.*

D

c. 20 sec.

2 3

Vln. *fp* *ppp*

Vlc. *fp* *ppp*

Pno. *ff* *l.v. all*

rapid gliss. across strings w. nails
middle range of piano (pitch ad lib.)

R.H. mute strings heavily w. palm near pins
L.H. on keys

p improvise random notes within lowest octave

8^{vb} *senza ped.*

E sul pont., punta d'arco

Vln.

Vlc. *) col legno, jeté ad lib.
sul tasto → sul pont. TACET
mf *ppp* sul pont., punta d'arco rep. ad lib.

Pno. regular rhythms ad lib.
(vary for each rep.) *ppp* rep. ad lib.

U.C. *8va* *8vb*

Lea. *8vb*



Row and shadows 2

Misurata (♩ = c. 100)

2

F

(turn page)

precisely

Vln. *ff* *ppp* *ff* *ppp* *ff* *ppp*

Vlc. *ff* *ppp* *ff*

Pno. *p* *ff* *p* *ff* *p* *ff*

(*Red.*) *p* *ff* *p*

ord. *p*

tre corde

G

Vln. *ff* *ppp* *ff* *ppp* *ff* *ppp*

Vlc. *ppp* *ff* *ppp* *ff*

Pno. *p* *ff* *p* *ff* *p* *ff*

ff *ff* *ff* *mp* *p* *ff* *p* *ff* *p*



***) metal part of bow by frog, rhythmic strokes along the string

****) even gliss. on metal part of bow

in SYNC approx. 8 notes up, 8 notes down

L.H. mute strings
use strings I - IV ad lib.

NOT in SYNC

H Senza misura

2

3

4

Vln. L.H. mute strings use strings I - IV ad lib. ***) sul t. sul p. (mf)

Vlc. (mf) (approx. 8 notes up, 8 notes down) I ****) L.H. pizz ord. (sul t <--> sul p. sim.) repeat pattern L.H. pizz. (mf)

Pno. near damper near peg repeat pattern (mp) Tap rhythmically on string w. e.g. edge of a spoon. Move hand slowly lengthwise from damper towards pin (away from player) and back to damper. The amount of pitches going up and down, should be co-ordinated between the players

Strike string with e.g. a spoon on string and slide it lengthwise away from player to make gliss. (slide guitar effect)

Senza ped. *Red.*

(in SYNC)

(NOT in SYNC)

5

1

2

3

Vln. as before, but w. glass (repeat pattern) I L.H. pizz. (w. nail) as before, but col legno batt. L.H. pizz. (w. nail)

Vlc. as before, but w. glass (repeat pattern) L.H. pizz vary with I/II as before, but col legno batt. L.H. pizz (turn page)

Pno. as before (damper <--> peg sim.) (repeat pattern) *Red.*

Svev

④ as before, col legno batt. ⑤ L.H. pizz. (w. nail) J (quasi ♩ = c. 60) cue (turn page) ② ord. ③ jeté, col legno (ord.) ④ (jeté, col legno)

Vln. Vlc. Pno.

ord. jeté, col legno (ord.) (jeté, col legno)

pp pp

Rotate metal bowl (or spoon) on strings ad lib., turning the hand back and forth.
(from highest possible string) Move arm gradually lower, to make unstable gliss.

pp

Ad.

(senza misura) c. 30 sec. c. 45 sec. c. 20 sec.

⑤ K impro on given material, pitch ad lib in SYNC behind bridge (b.b.) bow w. windings by frog ④ (b.b.) transform to - - - - - col l. tratto

gradually longer rests lungia gradually shorter rests/out of sync. (b.b.) transform to - - - - - col l. tratto

Vln. Vlc. Pno.

mf p ppp

impro on given material, pitch ad lib behind bridge (b.b.) bow w. windings by frog lungia gradually shorter rests/out of sync. (b.b.) transform to - - - - - col l. tratto

mf p ppp

lunga Scrape gently and very slowly with edge of metal bowl (or spoon) along winding of random bass strings

pp

Ad.

Row and shadows 3

Svev

Misurata (♩ = c. 100)

5 (b.b.) ord. L

Vln. *ff* *ppp* *ff* *ppp* *ff* *ppp* *ff* *ppp* *ff*

Vlc. *mf* *ff* *ppp* *ff* *ppp* *ff* *ppp* *ff* *ppp*

Pno. *p* *ff* *p* *ff* *p* *ff* *p* *ff* *p* *ff*

8va-

M

N Senza misura

sul t. crush non sul t.

② TACET (turn page)

I (L.H. mute open string) Svev * Use metal object (or metal part of bow) on open string at ca. indicated pitches

③ *
 15^{mb} - - - - - 8^{va}
 pp (poco ad lib. approx. 16 notes, m.m = c. 80)

as above (metal effect)

I (L.H. mute open string) *
 8^{va}
 pp (poco ad lib. approx. 16 notes, m.m = c. 80)

as above (metal effect)

(crush) TACET (turn page)
 ff secco

(listen to reverberation from low strings)
 1)
 (loco) depress silently pp sempre

keep cluster pressed down -
 (8^{vb} sempre) U.C.
 palm cluster black and white keys

1) All R.H. attacks starting with palm close to keys. Make abrupt movement up from keys to produce very soft staccato secco effect

c. 20 sec.
 ④ behind neck (pizz. ad lib) w. nails or plectrum
 ⑤ TACET
 behind neck (pizz. ad lib) w. nails or plectrum
 in sync with pno low secco cluster
 ord. sul t. crush
 15^{ma} - - - - - ***)
 p
 ***) Gliss./tremolo across strings w. nails in treble register between sound bridge and pegs (imitate string players)
 ord.
 (keep cluster pressed down) -
 tre corde
 8^{vb} -

Svev

O Misurata (♩ = c. 100)

in sync with pno low secco cluster

ord. sul t.

(crush) ord. (non sul t.)

lunga

pp

TACET

(crush) ord. (non sul t.)

sul t.

(ord.) (crush)

lunga

ff secco

TACET

lunga

mfz

sffz secco

(sffz sempre)

keep cluster pressed down

8^{va} - - -

8^{va} sempre senza ped. sempre

(turn page)

turn Vln into Cello position

hold bow horizontally with both hands, move slowly along the strings

crush, rhythms appear/disappear unevenly

P

Senza misura c. 15 sec.

sul t. ----- sul p.

(p) ----- (mf)

(turn page)

hold bow horizontally with both hands, move slowly along the strings

crush, rhythms appear/disappear unevenly

sul t. ----- sul p.

(p) ----- (mf)

15^{ma} - - -

(keep cluster pressed down) ----- cluster OFF

Svev

NO SYNC! c. 60 sec. impro, use strings I - IV ad lib. as before, but transform by grad. including normal crush (keep extreme bow pressure)

IN SYNC! (follow cello) c. 45 sec. hold bow horizontally with both hands fast sul t. sul p. very slow

cue c. 40 sec. 4 crush, slow bow, over-pressure (search for 8va bassa)

Vln. *(p) espr. ad lib, cresc. p.a p.* *sim. (espress ad lib.)* *f* *8vb (mp)*

Vlc. *(p) espr. ad lib, cresc. p.a p.* *sim. (espress ad lib.)* *f* *8vb (mp)*

Pno. *(p)* *senza ped.* *f* fast very slow TACET

Place e.g. a spoon firmly on a low bass string.
Scratch very slowly along the string to create a clicking sound from each winding.
Improvise random rhythms, starting very slowly, ending with fast scratches on several windings

Fast lengthwise scratches (on windings).
Move up and down in sync w. Vln/Cello

5 c. 20 sec. **Q Misurata** (♩ = c. 100)

Vln. sul p. sul t. ord. (and normal position) (crush) *f secco*

Vlc. sul p. sul t. ord. (crush) *f secco*

Pno. depress silently *(sfz sempre)* 15^{ma} keep cluster pressed down (*8vb sempre*)

Svev

U Senza misura

Vln. **2** L.H. pizz. (w. nail) *(mf)* repeat pattern ad lib. **3**

Vlc. **2** pizz. *(mf)* repeat pattern ad lib. **3**

* gliss by using a metal object (metal part of bow or e.g. a spoon)

R.H. gliss w edge of glass object (along the string)

Pno. repeat pattern ad lib. L.H. pizz. on string (B natural) *(mf)* repeat pattern ad lib.

(*And.*)

V (quasi tempo ♩ = c. 80) **2**

Vln. **3** trill w. fingers on body of instr. *ppp* **4** *p* **5** *ppp* *mf* **2** (like notated) trill *pp*

Vlc. trill w. fingers on body of instr. *ppp* *p* *ppp* *mf* stroke on body (w. flat fingers) *(mf)* trill *ppp*

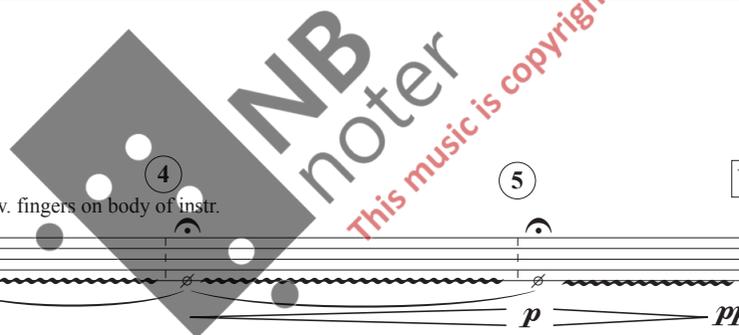
Pno. *mf*

W Improvise: strokes on wood (vivid, free rhythms, no sync.)

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marc. (*And.*)



3 stroke on body (w. flat fingers) trill 4 5 6 stroke trill X (senza misura)

Vln. *mf* *ppp* *mp* *pp* *mf* *ppp* *mp*

Vlc. stroke trill (turn page) *mp* *pp* *mf* *ppp* *mp* *ppp*

Pno. trill w. fingers on soundboard (or wooden frame) (turn page) measured tremolo on soundboard 1) tap w. both hands/fingertips (quasi 16 notes, M.M. ca. 132) *n* *mp* *pp* (*p*) dynamic ad lib, (but will not be loud)



1) if soundboard is hard to reach; tremolo on metal frame instead

Svev

(turn page) ② mute string, hoarse overtone ad lib. free bowing, very light pressure ○ transform into **ppp**

③ as above but L.H. rapidly ad lib. searching for overtones (sul p. ad lib.) **(mp)**

④ as above but change strings ad lib.

⑤ (measured trem. 16 notes in sync) brush strings lengthwise firmly up an down (M.M. c. 132) **ppp** (join Pno. rhythm) **f** (crush) (add string) -III/IV

Vln. **ppp** **(mp)** **ppp** **f**

Vlc. mute string, hoarse overtone ad lib. free bowing, very light pressure ○ transform into as above but L.H. rapidly ad lib. searching for overtones (sul p. ad lib.) as above but change strings ad lib. brush strings lengthwise firmly up an down (M.M. c. 132) **ppp** (join Pno. rhythm) **f** (crush) (add string) -I/II

Pno. R.H. sidwise intense trem. on sound board L.H. add trem. across medium strings (16-note rhythm continues)

(Ped.)

Y ① secco, sul t. (short brush, crush) **ppp**

② behind bridge punta d.a. ord. (still b.b.) vary by adding II then change between I/II **ppp** **f**

③ bow on body firmly up/down **(p)**

④ transform to bowing on body by changing grad. into IV **(p)**

⑤ bow on body firmly up/down **(p)**

Vln. **ppp** **ppp** **f** **(p)** **(p)**

Vlc. **ppp** **ppp** **f** **(p)** **(p)**

Pno. R.H. tremolo across the strings (as L.H. above - quasi 16 notes sim.) gradually downwards both hands keep steady effects/rhythm R.H. medium low trem. on strings L.H.: lowest palm cluster (like tam-tam)

(Ped.)

L.H. pizz. on medium low string ad lib. (bell like; big space between each pizz.)

Row and shadows 4

* trem. w. extremely small span of bow (unmeasured)

Z Misurata (♩ = c. 80)

* col legno arco, trem.

Vln. *ppp* sempre *ff*

Vlc. *ppp* sempre *ff* *ppp* *ff*

Pno. *ppp* *p* *ff* *p*

Low unmeasured trem. across the strings, alternating L.H and R.H. Move gradually upwards onto highest possible position

8^{va} arco, ord.

Vln. *ppp* *ff* *ppp* *ff* *ppp*

Vlc. *ppp* *ff* *ppp* *ff* *ppp* *ff* *ppp* *ff* *ppp*

Pno. *ff* *p* *p* *ff* *ff* *p* *p* *ff* *ff* *p* *ff*

(turn page)

(turn page)

8^{va}



Svev

II

C1 Senza misura

Vln.

♩ (bartok pizz.) (turn page) ②

sffz

③ ord. improvise wildly on lowest octave rapidly

ff crudo

④ pitch ad lib. (develop given pitches)

Vlc.

improvise wildly on lowest octave rapidly

ff crudo

pitch ad lib. (develop given pitches)

p

ord. improvise wildly rapidly

ff crudo

Pno.

sfz

(one attack only)

mp black & white cluster (keep pressed down through the bar)

sfz

ad lib.

sfz

f clusters ad lib. (from lowest to medium register)

mp

⑤

Vln.

♩ (bartok pizz.)

sffz

mp mariellato

② impro (quasi dodecaphonic) gradually wider span of intervals

f

Vlc.

♩ (bartok pizz.)

sffz

ord. impro (quasi dodecaphonic) gradually wider span of intervals

f

Pno.

ff crudo

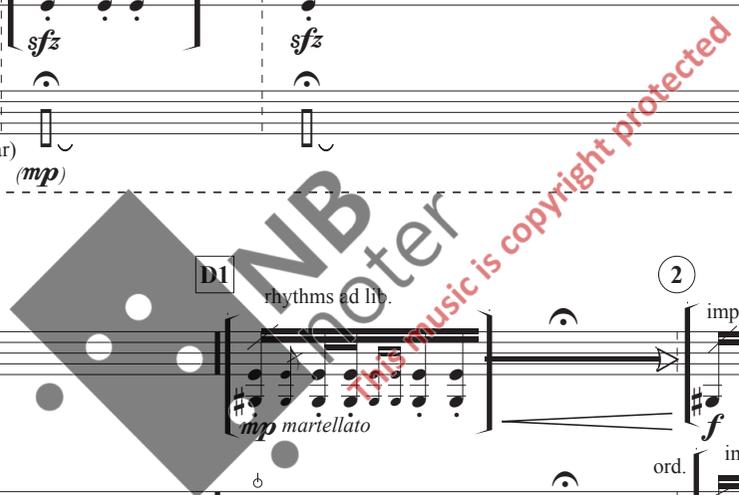
(8vb)

f

6

1.v.

8vb



3

ord.
f *secco*

rapidly ad lib. impro (quasi dodecaphonic)
mp *secco, no sync.*

4 rapidly ad lib. impro (quasi dodecaphonic)
mp *secco, no sync.*

5 crush
mf

6
f l.v. l.v.

6
mp

secco, no sync.

Pno.

Vln.

Vlc.

E1

crush
sfz *p*

ord.
mp

ord.
sfz

ord.
f

scrape slowly along on winding of bass string ad lib.
mp

2

mp

Pno.

Vln.

Vlc.



Svev

3 **crush** *p*

4 **ord. improvise random notes within lowest octave rapidly** *pp*

5 **pitch ad lib. (develop given pitches)** *ff* **crudo**

crush (8vb) *p* **crush (not 8vb)**

ord. improvise random notes within lowest octave rapidly *pp* **pitch ad lib. (develop given pitches)** *ff* **crudo**

low clusters ad lib. *pp* **vary rhythm**

8vb

F1 **c. 15 sec.** **G1 Misurata** (♩ = c. 132) (come out of piano sound)

ppp *cresc. poco a poco*

ppp *cresc. poco a poco*

sffz **elbow cluster** (reverberation from elbow cluster)

(loco) *ppp* *cresc. poco a poco*

8vb

H1

Vln. *(cresc.)* ----- *al p* *mf*

Vlc. *(cresc.)* ----- *al p* *mf*

Pno. *(cresc.)* ----- *al p* *mf*

Vln. *ff* (turn page)

Vlc. *(gliss. up)* *ff* (turn page)

Pno. *ff* (turn page)

II Senza misura Misurata (♩ = c. 60)

Vln. *ppp* *) microtonal gliss. continue slowly around main pitch
 Vlc. *ppp*
 Pno. *(p)*
 Strike string with e.g. a spoon on string and slide it lengthwise away from player to make gliss. (slide guitar effect)

Annotations: (gliss. sim.), jeté ad lib., sul tasto, (gliss. sim.) ord., sul t. ord., sul p., ord., sul p.

III Senza misura (strings: ♩ = c. 120) sul pont.

Vln. **J1** free amount of rep. pattern, very slow gliss.
 Vlc. *ppp* ord., sul p., sul pont. molto
 Pno. pitch ad lib. rapid scratch w. nail away from performer lengthwise on winding of one bass string - lowest octave *sffz*

Annotations: sul pont., free amount of rep. pattern, very slow gliss., sul pont. molto, ord., sul p.



3

muted IV
circular movements sul p. molto <--> sul t. molto

K1 Misurata (♩ = c. 100)

L1

M1

(transform gradually)

sul p., gradually less span (smaller circles)

Vln.

Vlc.

Pno.

pp
muted IV
circular movements sul p. molto <--> sul t. molto

pp
muted IV
circular movements sul p. molto <--> sul t. molto

pp sempre
R.H. mute strings w. palm

pp secco non cresc.

senza ped. sempre
8^{va} sempre keep cluster pressed down

as above (palm close to keys)

8^{va}-1

N1

O1

(small circles, sul p.) gradually slower speed

slow circling, sul t.

pizz.

(small circles, sul p.) gradually slower speed

slow circling, sul t.

pizz.

Vln.

Vlc.

Pno.

pp sempre

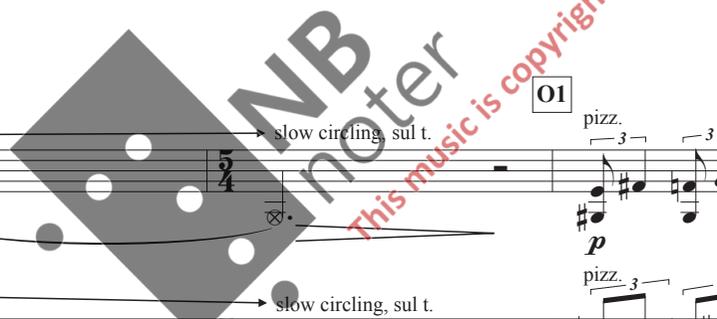
R.H. mute strings w. palm

8^{va}-1

8^{va}-1

8^{va}-1

8^{va}-1



Row and shadows 5

PI precisely arco 8va- Q1

Vln. *ppp* *ff* *ppp* *ff* *ppp* *ff* *ppp*

Vlc. *p* *ff* *ppp* *ff* *ppp* *ff* *ppp* *ff* *ppp* *ff*

Pno. *ff* *ff* *p* *ff* *p* *ff* *p* *ff*

(8va-) (Led.)

R1 S1 T1

Vln. *ff* *ppp* *ff* *ppp* *ff* *ppp* *ff* *ppp*

Vlc. *ppp* *ff* *ppp* *ff* *ppp* *ff* *ppp* *ff*

Pno. *p* *p* *ff* *p* *ff* *p* *ff* *p* *ff*

Vln. *ff* *ppp* *ff* *ppp* *ff* *ppp* *ff* *ff*

Vlc. *ppp* *ff* *ppp* *ff* *ppp* *ff* *ppp* *ff* *ppp*

Pno. *ff* *ff* *ff* *p* *ff* *ff* *ff* *p* *ff* *ff* *p* *ff* *p* *ff*

8va- *U1* *V1*

Vln. *ppp* *ff* *ppp* *ff* *ppp* *ff* *ppp* *ff* *ppp* *ff* (turn page)

Vlc. *ff* *ppp* *ff* *ppp* *ff* *ppp* *ff* *ppp* *ff* (turn page)

Pno. *ff* *p* *ff* *p* *ff* *p* *ff* *ff* *ff* *p* (turn page)

8va- *W1*

X1 **Y1** **Z1**

Vln. *ppp* *ff* *ppp* *ff* *ppp* *ff*

Vlc. *ppp* *ff* *ppp* *ff* *ppp* *ff* *ppp* *ff* *ppp*

Pno. *ff* *p* *ff* *p* *ff* *p* *ff* *p* *ff*

A2 **B2** **Calmly** (♩ = c.80)

Vln. *ppp* *ff* *ppp* *pp dolce e legato molto*

Vlc. *ff* *ppp* *ff* *ppp* *ff* *ppp* *pp dolce e legato molto*

Pno. *p* *ff* *ff* *p* *p* *ff* *pp*

(press silent) *pp* senza ped. sempre keep chord pressed down

Make harp effect by gently moving R.H. fingertips with rapid gliss. across the strings, letting silently pressed chord ring

C2
D2
E2
F2

8va (Vln.)
ppp (Vln.)
 (prepare last page) practice mute (Vlc.)
n (Vlc.)
pp (Vlc.)
 transform by adding gradually longer rests (Pno.)
 (keep chord pressed down) (Pno.)

G2
H2

(prepare last page) (Vln.)
n (Vln.)
pp (Vln.)
 practice mute (Vln.)
8va (Vln.)
 (Vlc.)
 (Pno.)
 resulting in spectrum of G (Pno.)
 (keep chord pressed down) (Pno.)
8^{sub} (Pno.)
sed. (Pno.)

Very slowly repeated lowest G in L.H. while R.H. touches the string gently at the same time to create random harmonics on the fundamental G

(fold out last page)

Vln. **I2** *8va* *n pp* gradually into flautando molto **J2** **Morendo** gradually into flautando molto

Vlc. (fold out last page) *n pp* gradually into flautando molto

Pno. (Red.)

Vln. **K2** *8va* air sound (extreme flautando) **Senza misura** ord. improvise, slow change between random natural harmonics **1** *p molto lento* **3** **4** **5**

Vlc. air sound (extreme flautando) ord. improvise, slow change between random natural harmonics *p molto lento* bow on right side of bridge *(p)* cello only

Pno. slower and softer overtones *l.v. all*

(Red.)