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Abstract

Plains Minimalism is a set of four musical scores that seeks to reconcile classical and folk music styles in a semi-improvisatory style. In each piece, the musicians are asked to interact with each other in different ways, alternating between a specifically-notated classical score and esoteric text descriptions. Additionally, this body of work includes instruments traditionally associated with American folk music, including banjo, manolin, and acoustic guitar. Through both the textural and notational fusion, these pieces are designed to be performed by musicians with variable degrees of reading ability, thus widening access to traditional classical music spaces.

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Introduction

In the years since my finishing my undergraduate degree, the trajectory of both of my performance and composition lives has been moving away from classical music. As a cellist and bass player, I found myself learning music almost exclusively orally, and only rarely would a staff of notation appear in my working life. My friends and colleagues in the Tulsa music community pushed me to improve at some of the bedrock abilities that I didn't learn in music school; thinking about rhythm on a grid, bass playing that holds down the groove, deeply listening to mixes and the content of recorded music, and beginning to grasp the feeling of tension and release in group improvisation. All in all, my participation in classical music decreased as my involvement with folk music and other non-classical music increased.

As I entered my graduate study at the University of Arkansas, I felt a pull back to classical music while making weekend jaunts back to Tulsa for gigs, rehearsals, and recording sessions. This hectic schedule resulted in my being immersed in both classical and non-classical modes of learning at the same time, and I wanted to find some way to bridge these two ways of thinking in my eventual thesis.

During this time I've also been thinking about my family and upbringing on the plains. All of my family comes from central Kansas, and over the course of innumerable drives through the heart of the state, the imagery of flatness and lovely mundanity wormed its way into my head, and I wanted to channel that landscape into music that gently unfurls over time. The overall sound and texture is influenced by artists like Kalyn Fay, Adrianne Lenker, Gilian Welch, John Adams, and Tigran Hamasyan.

With these pieces, I wanted to make music that is intensely collaborative and prioritizes the ability of the performers to make decisions within a semi-prescribed form. Furthermore, I'm explicitly writing these pieces with specific players in mind; all folks that I've worked with in Tulsa. I also intend to perform in all of the ensembles here as a cellist or guitarist, and from the position as composer/performer I hope to be available to shape the pieces as needed while also allowing the pieces freedom to move in directions I didn't anticipate. I fully expect these pieces will change in the rehearsal process, but these scores are roadmaps with which to begin.

The resulting music should be able to live in a concert hall, gallery space, or any listening room, but it is primarily intended to be recorded. That project may not be able to come to fruition for a while, but I'm hopeful to be able to rehearse, record, and collaborate with the necessary players as more folks are able to get vaccinated.

Blurry Canons is the introduction to this body of work, as it features the folk band texture and the type of rhythmic development that exists later in the work as well. Essentially, this movement uses a consistent 9-beat time signature, in which each individual part creates their own repeating subdivisions, thereby blurring the entry before them. This movement also introduces the "flocking" gesture amongst the plucked instruments (in this movement, acoustic guitar, electric guitar, and banjo) in which each player rapidly and freely plays arpeggios to make a large, cloudy chord texture.

Following *Blurry Canons* is *Plane of Water/Sea of Grass*, the most traditionally "classical" of the set. This piece is a piano trio, an instrumentation forged in the

European classical tradition, but it is a comfortable medium I've written in many times, and I have trusted colleagues who would be excellent to perform this with. This piece is inspired by a certain swath of Kansas Turnpike which once was an ocean floor. This piece imagines the process of drying up as the ocean recedes, and then flips it around and conjures a deluge of water entering and flooding it all again with the ocean.

Third in the set is *Congregation*, a piece for four acoustic guitars in different tunings. The notation in this piece is the least prescribed than any of the pieces, as this piece is intended to be the most improvisatory. This piece includes a climactic moment that features the instruments being detuned and improvised on wildly and noisily. All in all, this piece should be the most dynamic of the set - from the most delicate to the most intense and noisy.

The final piece in the set is *Empty in Full*, which features the return of the folk band instrumentation. This piece is mostly defined by the flocking gesture, and as a conclusion, it moves gently and slowly. The plucked instruments are asked to bow their instruments at the end, and the sound is intended to be stretched out and crusty as the piece fades out freely.

The impetus for this set of pieces is both a genuine personal interest in the landscape of the plains region and a desire to share the artistry of people who live here. The finished, recorded product will likely include elements of spoken word and folk songs written and performed by plains-based artists, and will aim to show that these places are a destination, and not merely a flyover.

Blurry Canons
for seven string instruments

Matt Magerkurth

2021

Performance Notes

This piece is part of a series of folk-music-related chamber pieces in part prompted by the prairie landscapes I associate with my family in rural Kansas and my life as a young adult in Tulsa, Oklahoma. This piece, for seven string instruments, is intended to be performable by players who are less-experienced music readers via its semi-graphic nature. A demo recording will be provided to ensembles hoping to perform this piece in order to accommodate players wishing to perform this piece more so by ear than by score. In addition to specific rhythms and timings, this piece uses both a system of numbered cues inside standard lettered rehearsal marks and boxed ostinatos inside of a regular time signature. For instances where numbered cues are used, the ensemble is not required to follow any sort of regular time, and arpeggiated gestures should be loose, cloudy, and almost like flocks of birds. For instances of boxed ostinatos within a time signature, musicians should maintain the rhythmic integrity of their patterns while feeling free to change notes as fit. Each ensemble may designate a leader to issue cues, or they may decide cues as a group. Unless otherwise notated, boxed material should dovetail in and out, so if a cue occurs, finish your thought and move on.

In all circumstances, boxed musical material is to be repeated in any rhythm or sequence. Sections involving dotted bar lines should not be treated metrically.

Approximate Duration: 9'

BLURRY CANONS

for seven string instruments

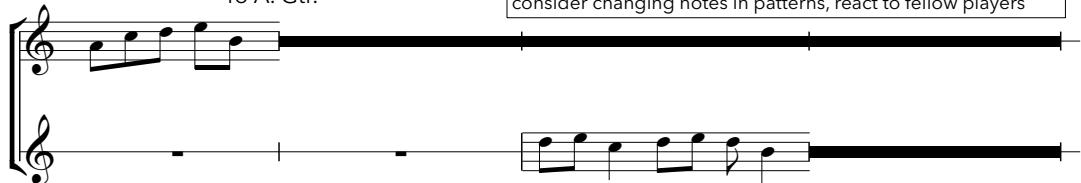
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meditative, but gently driving ($\downarrow=120$)

To A. Gtr.

after initial iterations, continue playing in given pattern lengths.
consider changing notes in patterns, react to fellow players

Acoustic Guitar



A. Gtr.

5

E. Gtr.

1

Ban.

1

Vln.

1

pizz.

A. Gtr.

9

E. Gtr.

1

Ban.

1

Vln.

6

11

A

A. Gtr.

E. Gtr.

Ban.

P. S. Gtr.

Vln.

Vc.

pizz.

Db.

14

A. Gtr.

E. Gtr.

Ban.

P. S. Gtr.

Vln.

Vc.

Db.

17

A. Gtr.

E. Gtr.

Ban.

P. S. Gtr.

Vln.

Vc.

Db.

This musical score page contains six staves. The first four staves (A. Gtr., E. Gtr., Ban., P. S. Gtr.) have black bars. The Vln. staff has a box around the first two measures with eighth-note heads. The Vc. staff has a box around the first two measures with eighth-note heads. The Db. staff has a black bar.

B very slowly building

19

A. Gtr. E. Gtr. Ban. P. S. Gtr.

Measures 19-21: The score shows four staves. The first staff (A. Gtr.) has a treble clef and begins with a rest. The second staff (E. Gtr.) also has a treble clef and rests. The third staff (Ban.) has a treble clef and rests. The fourth staff (P. S. Gtr.) has a treble clef and rests. In measure 21, the A. Gtr. staff begins with a sixteenth-note pattern starting at *mf*.

B very slowly building

Vln. Vc. Db.

Measures 22-24: The score shows three staves. The first staff (Vln.) has a treble clef and rests. The second staff (Vc.) has a bass clef and rests. The third staff (Db.) has a bass clef and begins with a eighth-note pattern starting at *mf*.

22

A. Gtr. E. Gtr. Ban. P. S. Gtr.

Measures 22-24: The score shows four staves. The first staff (A. Gtr.) has a treble clef and begins with a sixteenth-note pattern starting at *mp*. The second staff (E. Gtr.) has a treble clef and begins with an eighth-note pattern starting at *mf*. The third staff (Ban.) has a treble clef and rests. The fourth staff (P. S. Gtr.) has a treble clef and rests.

Vln. Vc. Db.

Measures 22-24: The score shows three staves. The first staff (Vln.) has a treble clef and rests. The second staff (Vc.) has a bass clef and rests. The third staff (Db.) has a bass clef and begins with a eighth-note pattern.

24

A. Gtr.

E. Gtr.

Ban.

P. S. Gtr.

Vln.

Vc.

Db.

pizz.

26

A. Gtr.

E. Gtr.

Ban.

P. S. Gtr.

Vln.

Vc.

Db.

arco

pizz.

sim.

28

A. Gtr.
E. Gtr.
Ban.
P. S. Gtr.
Vln.
Vc.
Db.

arco, choppy

30

A. Gtr.
E. Gtr.
Ban.
P. S. Gtr.
Vln.
Vc.
Db.

31

A. Gtr.

E. Gtr.

Ban.

P. S. Gtr.

Vln.

Vc.

Db.

32

A. Gtr.

E. Gtr.

Ban.

P. S. Gtr.

Vln.

Vc.

Db.

C

33

A. Gtr.

E. Gtr.

Ban.

P. S. Gtr.

Vln.

Vc.

Db.

arco, sul tasto
mp

35

A. Gtr.

E. Gtr.

Ban.

P. S. Gtr.

Vln.

Vc.

Db.

sim.
arco, crossfade with violin
mf
sim.

37 **with a subtle swagger**

Musical score for measures 37-38. The score includes parts for A. Gtr., E. Gtr., Ban., P. S. Gtr., Vln., Vc., and Db. Measure 37 starts with a forte dynamic from the A. Gtr. and E. Gtr. The Ban. and Db. provide harmonic support. Measure 38 begins with a "with a subtle swagger" instruction. The Vln. and Vc. play eighth-note patterns, while the Db. provides harmonic support.

39

Musical score for measure 39. The score includes parts for A. Gtr., E. Gtr., Ban., P. S. Gtr., Vln., Vc., and Db. The Vln. plays a melodic line with slurs and dynamics labeled "arco" and "sim.". The Vc. and Db. provide harmonic support.

41

A. Gtr.

E. Gtr.

Ban.

P. S. Gtr.

mf

sim.

Vln.

Vc.

Db.

43

A. Gtr.

E. Gtr.

Ban.

P. S. Gtr.

Vln.

Vc.

Db.

44

A. Gtr. E. Gtr. Ban. P. S. Gtr.

Vln. Vc. Db.

45 **D** suddenly gentle and graceful ($\text{♩}=99.55$, $\text{♪}+\text{♪}=\text{♩}$)

A. Gtr. E. Gtr. Ban.

P. S. Gtr. *mf*

D suddenly gentle and graceful ($\text{♩}=99.55$, $\text{♪}+\text{♪}=\text{♩}$)

Vln. Vc. Db.

49

A. Gtr.

E. Gtr.

Ban.

P. S. Gtr.

Vln.

Vc.

Db.

53

A. Gtr.

E. Gtr.

Ban.

P. S. Gtr.

Vln.

Vc.

Db.

57

A. Gtr.

E. Gtr.

Ban.

P. S. Gtr.

Vln.

Vc.

Db. arco

This musical score page contains two staves of music. The top staff includes parts for Acoustic Guitar (A. Gtr.), Electric Guitar (E. Gtr.), Bass (Ban.), and Pedal Steel Guitar (P. S. Gtr.). The bottom staff includes parts for Violin (Vln.), Cello/Bassoon (Vc.), and Double Bass (Db.). Measure 57 begins with a long sustained note from the A. Gtr. and E. Gtr. The P. S. Gtr. has a six-note scale run. Measures 58 and 59 show the Vln. and Vc. playing eighth-note patterns, while the Db. provides harmonic support. Measure 59 concludes with a melodic line from the Vln. and Vc. The Db. part ends with a fermata.

60

A. Gtr.

E. Gtr.

Ban.

P. S. Gtr.

Vln.

Vc.

Db.

This musical score page contains two staves of music. The top staff includes parts for Acoustic Guitar (A. Gtr.), Electric Guitar (E. Gtr.), Bass (Ban.), and Pedal Steel Guitar (P. S. Gtr.). The bottom staff includes parts for Violin (Vln.), Cello/Bassoon (Vc.), and Double Bass (Db.). Measure 60 begins with a long sustained note from the A. Gtr. and E. Gtr. The P. S. Gtr. has a six-note scale run. Measures 61 and 62 show the Vln. and Vc. playing eighth-note patterns, while the Db. provides harmonic support. Measure 62 concludes with a melodic line from the Vln. and Vc. The Db. part ends with a fermata.

62

A. Gtr.

E. Gtr.

Ban.

P. S. Gtr.

Vln.

Vc.

D. b.

This musical score page contains seven staves. From top to bottom: 1) Acoustic Guitar (A. Gtr.) - silent. 2) Electric Guitar (E. Gtr.) - silent. 3) Bassoon (Ban.) - silent. 4) Pedal Steel Guitar (P. S. Gtr.) - plays eighth-note patterns. 5) Violin (Vln.) - melodic line with grace notes and slurs. 6) Cello (Vc.) - sustained notes. 7) Double Bass (Db.) - sustained notes. Measure 62 begins with a dynamic change. The Vln. and Vc. staves feature a melodic line with grace notes and slurs, while the Db. staff provides harmonic support with sustained notes.

E

65

A. Gtr. 1 2

P. S. Gtr.

Vln. 1 2

Vc. 1 2

Db. 1 2

3

68

A. Gtr. 3 4

P. S. Gtr.

Vln. 3 4

Vc. 3 4

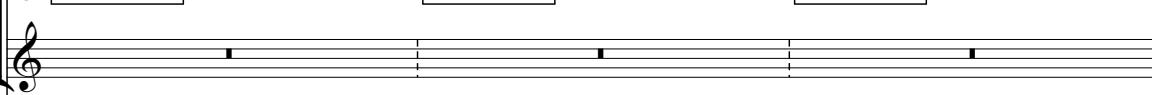
Db. 3 4

5 6 7

A. Gtr. 

E. Gtr. 

Ban. 

P. S. Gtr. 

5 6 7

Vln. 

Vc. 

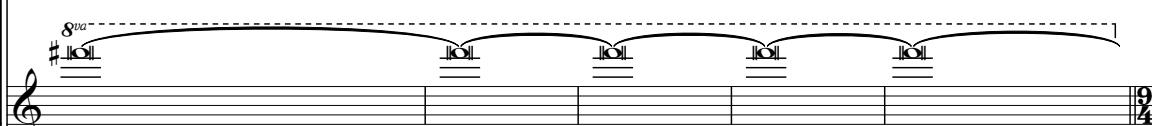
Db. 

73

A. Gtr. 

E. Gtr. 

Ban. 

P. S. Gtr. 

Vln. 

Vc. 

Db. 

78

F driving again ($\text{J}=120$)

A. Gtr.

E. Gtr.

Ban.

P. S. Gtr.

Vln.

Vc.

Db. pizz. *mf*

80

A. Gtr. *mf*

E. Gtr.

Ban.

P. S. Gtr.

Vln.

Vc.

Db.

82

A. Gtr.

E. Gtr. *mf*

Ban.

P. S. Gtr.

Vln.

Vc.

Db.

84

A. Gtr.

E. Gtr.

Ban. *mf*

P. S. Gtr.

Vln.

Vc.

Db.

86

A. Gtr.

E. Gtr.

Ban.

P. S. Gtr.

Vln. *mf*

Vc. *f*

Db. *mf*

88

A. Gtr.

E. Gtr.

Ban.

P. S. Gtr. *mf*

Vln.

Vc.

Db.

89

A. Gtr.

E. Gtr.

Ban.

P. S. Gtr.

Vln.

Vc.

Db.

90

A. Gtr.

E. Gtr.

Ban.

P. S. Gtr.

Vln.

Vc.

Db.

91

A. Gtr.

E. Gtr.

Ban.

P. S. Gtr.

Vln.

Vc.

Db.

92

A. Gtr.

E. Gtr.

Ban.

P. S. Gtr.

Vln.

Vc.

Db.

93

A. Gtr.

E. Gtr.

Ban.

P. S. Gtr.

Vln.

Vc.

Db.

94

A. Gtr.

E. Gtr.

Ban.

P. S. Gtr.

Vln.

Vc.

Db.

95

A. Gtr.

E. Gtr.

Ban.

P. S. Gtr.

Vln.

Vc.

Db.

f

96

A. Gtr.

E. Gtr.

Ban.

P. S. Gtr.

Vln.

Vc.

Db.

p, hiding in the texture

97

A. Gtr.

E. Gtr.

Ban.

P. S. Gtr.

Vln.

Vc.

Db.

98

A. Gtr.

E. Gtr.

Ban.

P. S. Gtr.

Vln.

Vc.

Db.

99

A. Gtr.

E. Gtr.

Ban.

P. S. Gtr.

Vln.

Vc.

Db.

100

A. Gtr.

E. Gtr.

Ban.

P. S. Gtr.

Vln.

Vc.

Db.

101

A. Gtr.

E. Gtr.

Ban.

P. S. Gtr.

Vln.

Vc.

Db.

102

A. Gtr.

E. Gtr.

Ban.

P. S. Gtr.

Vln.

Vc.

Db.

103

A. Gtr.

E. Gtr.

Ban.

P. S. Gtr.

Vln.

Vc.

Db.

104

A. Gtr.

E. Gtr.

Ban.

P. S. Gtr.

Vln.

Vc.

Db.

G

106

A. Gtr.

E. Gtr.

Ban.

P. S. Gtr.

G

Vln.

Vc.

Db.

all parts slowly decrescendo

begin game with bass
they will maintain their sense of time,
allowing you to ebb and flow

1

108

A. Gtr.

E. Gtr.

Ban.

P. S. Gtr.

Vln.

Vc.

Db.

begin game with acoustic gtr.
maintain your sense of time while allowing
theirs to ebb and flow

1

110 **2**

A. Gtr.

E. Gtr.

Ban.

P. S. Gtr.

Vln. sul pont., airy

Vc.

Db.

3

A. Gtr.

E. Gtr.

Ban.

P. S. Gtr.

Vln.

Vc.

Db.

114 **4**

A. Gtr. - *pp* - *f*

E. Gtr. - - - - -

Ban. - - - - -

P. S. Gtr. - - - - - *p* - *f*

Vln. - - - - - *pp* - *f*

Vc. - - - - - *pp* - *f*

Db. - - - - - - - -

Plane of Water/Sea of Grass

for piano trio

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Performance Notes

This piece is part of a series of folk-music-related chamber pieces in part prompted by the prairie landscapes I associate with my family in rural Kansas and my life as a young adult in Tulsa, Oklahoma. This piece, for piano trio, is the most traditional classical piece of the set in both notation and medium, but should feel alternatively classical, folky, and even free and jammy at different intervals.

When there are continuous stretches of sixteenth notes, the piece should feel driving and very metric, as though it was being played with a drummer. The second half of the piece, beginning at letter G, has an optional violin improvised solo from H-J. Players who require a composed part may contact the composer to send one.

In all circumstances, boxed musical material is to be repeated in any rhythm or sequence.

Approximate Duration: 10'

PLANE OF WATER/SEA OF GRASS

for piano trio

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swirling, turbulent ($\text{J}=100\text{-}105$)

Violin

Violoncello

Piano

Vln.

Vc.

Pno.

A patient but charismatic

A patient but charismatic

swirling, turbulent ($\text{J}=100\text{-}105$)

sul pont, freely let overtones in

p

4

7

8

Vln. 11
 Vc.
 Pno.

Vln. 15
 Vc.
 Pno.

Vln. 18
 Vc.
 Pno.

Vln. 21
 Vc.
 Pno.

B

24 Vln. sub. *mp* Vc. sub. *mp*

B

Pno. *f* *mf* sim.

27 Vln. *p* *mf* Vc. *p* *mf*

Pno. *f* *mp* *f* *6* *6* *7*

30 Vln. *sul pont.* *mp* *f* Vc. *sub. pp* *f* *sub. mp* Pno. *mp* *f*

C

Vln. *norm.* *f* Vc. Pno. *mp* *f*

C

32

Vln. 

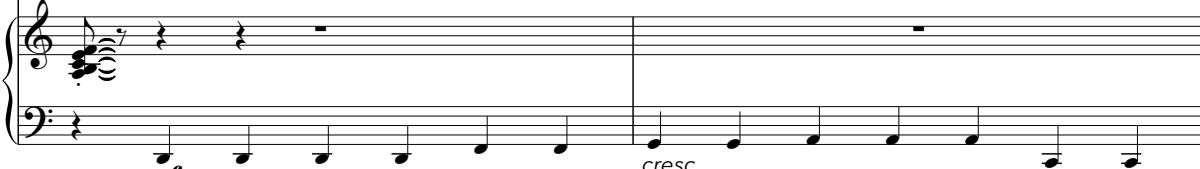
Vc. 

Pno. 

34

Vln. 

Vc. 

Pno. 

36

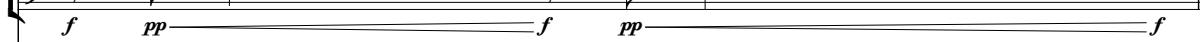
Vln. 

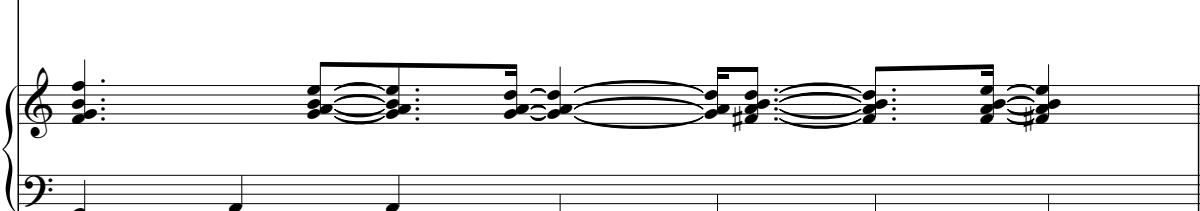
Vc. 

Pno. 

37

Vln. 

Vc. 

Pno. 

D

38

Vln. *sub. mp*

Vc. *sub. mp*

D

Pno. *mf*

40

Vln. *fp*

Vc. *mf*

Pno. *mf*

42

Vln.

Vc. *p*

Pno.

45

Vln. **E**

Vc.

Pno. **E**

ff

47

Vln.

Vc. *mf, with charisma*

Pno.

50

Vln.

Vc.

Pno.

52

Vln. *mf*

Vc.

Pno.

54

Vln.

Vc.

Pno. *mf, cresc.*

55

Vln.

Vc.

Pno.

Vln.
Vc.
Pno.

F stopped
with a groove, keeping to a strict grid

Vln.
Vc.
Pno.

F *with a groove, keeping to a strict grid*

Vln.
Vc.
Pno.

Vln.
Vc.
Pno.

61

This musical score consists of three staves. The top staff is for the Violin (Vln.), showing a melodic line with eighth-note pairs and a sixteenth-note cluster. The middle staff is for the Cello (Vc.), featuring a continuous eighth-note pattern with vertical slurs. The bottom staff is for the Piano (Pno.), showing harmonic chords with vertical stems and some rhythmic patterns below the staff.

62

This musical score continues from measure 61. The Violin (Vln.) has a melodic line with eighth-note pairs and a sixteenth-note cluster. The Cello (Vc.) maintains its eighth-note eighth-note pattern. The Piano (Pno.) provides harmonic support with chords and rhythmic patterns, including a measure ending with a fermata over a piano dynamic.

63

This musical score concludes the section. The Violin (Vln.) has a melodic line with eighth-note pairs and a sixteenth-note cluster. The Cello (Vc.) maintains its eighth-note eighth-note pattern. The Piano (Pno.) provides harmonic support with chords and rhythmic patterns, including a measure ending with a fermata over a piano dynamic.

64

Vln.

Vc.

Pno. 3

65

Vln.

Vc.

Pno. 3

66

Vln.

Vc.

Pno. 3

67

Vln.
Vc.
Pno.

3

68

Vln.
Vc.
Pno.

3
3

69

Vln.
Vc.
Pno.

sim.

70

Vln.

Vc.

Pno.

71

Vln.

Vc.

Pno.

72

Vln.

Vc.

Pno.

73

This musical score page contains three staves. The top staff is for the Violin (Vln.), showing eighth-note patterns with grace notes. The middle staff is for the Cello (Vc.), featuring constant eighth-note chords. The bottom staff is for the Piano (Pno.), displaying sixteenth-note patterns with a dynamic marking of $\frac{3}{8}$ above the staff.

74

This musical score page contains three staves. The top staff is for the Violin (Vln.), showing eighth-note patterns with grace notes. The middle staff is for the Cello (Vc.), featuring constant eighth-note chords. The bottom staff is for the Piano (Pno.), displaying sixteenth-note patterns with a dynamic marking of $\frac{3}{8}$ above the staff.

Vln. 76

Vc.

decresc.

This musical score excerpt shows two staves. The top staff is for the Violin (Vln.) and the bottom staff is for the Cello (Vc.). Measure 76 begins with eighth-note pairs in the Violin, followed by a fermata over a sustained note. The Cello provides harmonic support with sustained notes. Measure 77 starts with a decrescendo instruction, indicated by a bracket above the Cello's sustained notes.

Pno.

3 3 3

This piano part consists of two staves. The upper staff shows a continuous eighth-note pattern with grace notes, divided into measures by vertical bar lines. The lower staff shows a sustained bass note. Measure 78 ends with a decrescendo instruction, indicated by a bracket below the piano keys.

Vln. 78

Vc.

decresc.

This section includes both Violin and Cello parts. The Violin continues its eighth-note pattern from the previous measure, while the Cello provides harmonic support with sustained notes. A decrescendo instruction is placed above the Cello's sustained notes in measure 79.

Pno.

3 3 3

This piano part consists of two staves. The upper staff shows a continuous eighth-note pattern with grace notes, divided into measures by vertical bar lines. The lower staff shows a sustained bass note. Measures 80 and 81 are identical to the previous piano section, maintaining the eighth-note pattern and sustained bass note.

Vln.

Vc.

Pno.

3 3 3

This section includes Violin, Cello, and Piano parts. The Violin and Cello continue their eighth-note patterns from the previous piano section. The Piano part follows the same eighth-note pattern and sustained bass note as the previous section. Measures 80 and 81 are identical to the previous piano section.

82

Vln. Vcl. Pno.

ppp

84

Vln. Vcl. Pno.

86

Vln. Vcl. Pno.

cresc.

88

Vln.

Vc.

Pno.

This musical score page contains two staves. The top staff is for the Violin (Vln.) and the bottom staff is for the Cello (Vc.). Both instruments play sustained notes across the entire measure. The piano (Pno.) staff is located below the violin, providing harmonic support with eighth-note chords. Measure 88 ends with a vertical bar line, and measure 89 begins with a piano dynamic instruction: **f**.

90

Vln.

Vc.

Pno.

This musical score page contains two staves. The top staff is for the Violin (Vln.) and the bottom staff is for the Cello (Vc.). Both instruments play sustained notes across the entire measure. The piano (Pno.) staff is located below the violin, playing eighth-note chords. A dynamic instruction **ppp** is placed above the piano staff. Measure 90 ends with a vertical bar line.

91

Vln. *p*

Vc. *p*

Pno.

This musical score page contains three staves. The top staff is for the Violin (Vln.), which plays a sustained note with a dynamic of *p*. The middle staff is for the Cello (Vc.), which also plays a sustained note with a dynamic of *p*. The bottom staff is for the Piano (Pno.), featuring a treble clef and a bass clef. It consists of two systems of six measures each. In the first system, the piano plays eighth-note chords. In the second system, it plays eighth-note patterns with vertical stems. Measure 91 ends with a fermata over the piano's notes. Measure 92 begins with a fermata over the violin's note.

92

Vln.

Vc.

Pno.

This musical score page continues from measure 91. The Violin (Vln.) and Cello (Vc.) both play sustained notes with dynamics of *f*. The Piano (Pno.) part is identical to the previous page, consisting of two systems of six measures each. Measure 92 ends with a fermata over the piano's notes. Measure 93 begins with a fermata over the violin's note. The page concludes with a double bar line and a key signature change to 28/16.

brisk, building slowly ($\text{♩}=100-105$)

G

Vln. $\frac{28}{16}$

Vc. $\frac{28}{16}$

G brisk, building slowly ($\text{♩}=100-105$)

pp non cresc.

Pno. $\frac{28}{16}$

$\frac{28}{16}$

94

Vln.

Vc.

Pno. $\frac{28}{16}$

95

Vln.

Vc.

Pno. $\frac{28}{16}$

sul pont.

p

pp sul pont.

p

97

Vln.

Vc.

Pno. *pp*

98

Vln.

Vc.

Pno.

III
ppp light finger pressure, let overtones in

100

Vln.

Vc.

Pno.

Musical score for orchestra and piano, page 101. The score includes parts for Violin (Vln.), Cello (Vc.), and Piano (Pno.). The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time. The piano part features eighth-note patterns in the treble and bass staves, with a dynamic instruction of **d** (diminuendo) at the bottom. The violin and cello parts are mostly silent.

Musical score for orchestra and piano, page 103. The score consists of three staves. The top staff is for the Violin (Vln.), the middle staff for the Cello (Vc.), and the bottom staff for the Piano (Pno.). The piano staff shows a continuous eighth-note pattern. The violin and cello staves show a repeating eighth-note pattern.

Musical score for strings and piano, measures 105-106. The score consists of three staves: Violin (Vln.), Cello/Bass (Vc.), and Piano (Pno.). The key signature changes from Am⁷/D to Am⁹/D. The Violin and Cello/Bass play eighth-note patterns, while the Piano provides harmonic support with eighth-note chords.

Vln. 107
 Vc.
 Pno.

Vln. 109 G⁶/D
 Vc. cresc.
 Pno. cresc.

Vln. 111
 Vc.
 Pno.

Vln. 112
 Vc.
 Pno.

113 Dm⁹

Vln.

pizz.

Vc.

Pno.

114

Vln.

Vc.

Pno.

115 Am⁹/D

Vln.

Vc.

Pno.

116 Gmaj⁹/D

Vln.

Vc.

Pno.

117 Dm⁹

Vln.

Vc.

Pno.

118

Vln.

Vc.

Pno.

119 Am⁹/D

Vln.

Vc.

Pno.

120 Gmaj⁹/D

Vln.

Vc.

Pno.

121 Dm⁹

arco, choppy

Vln.

Vc.

Pno.

122

Vln.

Vc.

Pno.

123 Am⁹/D

Vln.

Vc.

Pno.

124 Gmaj⁷/D

Vln.

Vc.

Pno.

125 Dm⁹

This musical score excerpt shows three staves. The top staff is for the Violin (Vln.), which has four measures of rest. The middle staff is for the Cello (Vc.), featuring eighth-note patterns with rests. The bottom staff is for the Piano (Pno.), with two systems of sixteenth-note patterns. Measure 125 ends with a Dm⁹ chord.

126

This musical score excerpt shows three staves. The top staff is for the Violin (Vln.), which has four measures of rest. The middle staff is for the Cello (Vc.), featuring eighth-note patterns with rests. The bottom staff is for the Piano (Pno.), with two systems of sixteenth-note patterns. Measure 126 ends with a Dm⁹ chord.

127 Am⁹/D

This musical score excerpt shows three staves. The top staff is for the Violin (Vln.), which has four measures of rest. The middle staff is for the Cello (Vc.), featuring eighth-note patterns with rests. The bottom staff is for the Piano (Pno.), with two systems of sixteenth-note patterns. Measure 127 ends with an Am⁹ chord over D.

128 Gmaj7/D

Vln.

Vc.

Pno.

J

129

Vln.

Vc.

Pno.

J

130

Vln.

Vc.

Pno.

131

This musical score page contains two staves of music. The top staff is for the Violin (Vln.) and the bottom staff is for the Cello/Bass (Vc.). Both staves begin with a quarter note followed by a eighth-note pattern. The Vln. staff has a dynamic marking of f . The bottom staff has a dynamic marking of p . The second staff is for the Piano (Pno.), with two staves: treble and bass. The treble staff consists of eighth-note patterns, and the bass staff consists of sixteenth-note patterns.

132

This musical score page contains two staves of music. The top staff is for the Violin (Vln.) and the bottom staff is for the Cello/Bass (Vc.). Both staves begin with a quarter note followed by a eighth-note pattern. The Vln. staff has a dynamic marking of f . The bottom staff has a dynamic marking of p . The second staff is for the Piano (Pno.), with two staves: treble and bass. The treble staff consists of eighth-note patterns, and the bass staff consists of sixteenth-note patterns. There are sharp signs on the piano bass staff.

133

Vln.

Vc.

Pno.

134

Vln.

Vc.

Pno.

135

Vln.

Vc.

Pno.

136

Vln.

Vc.

Pno.

K

137

Vln.

Vc.

Pno.

138

Vln.

Vc.

Pno.

139

Vln.

Vc.

Pno.

140

Vln.

Vc.

Pno.

141

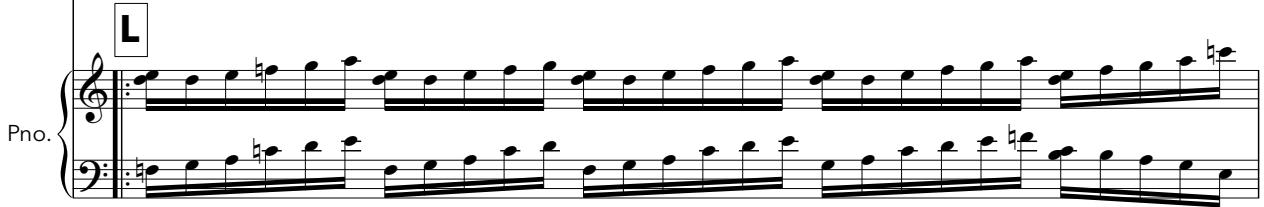
Vln. 

Vc.



L

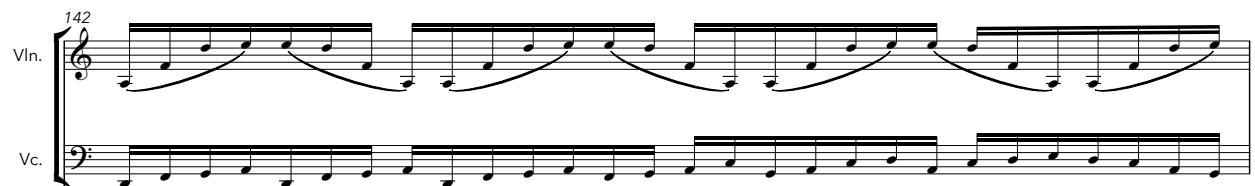
Pno.



142

Vln.

Vc.



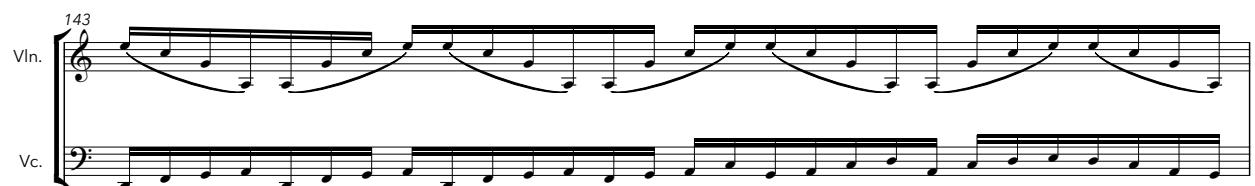
Pno.



143

Vln.

Vc.



Pno.



144

Vln.

Vc.

Pno.

begin riffing on repeated material at L,
ensemble may begin to fall out of sync.
for now, maintain consistent rhythmic patterns

145 decrease finger pressure

sul pont.

decrease finger pressure

sul pont.

begin to ascend in range

Vln.

Vc.

Pno.

147

Vln. Vc. Pno.

decrease all pitch information to noise

decrease all pitch information to noise

p

149

Vln. Vc. Pno.

start to dissolve rhythmic pattern

start to dissolve rhythmic pattern

151

Vln. Vc. Pno.

shuffle between gentle air sounds (bow over bridge, muted strings) and wispy patterns

p

shuffle between gentle air sounds (bow over bridge, muted strings) and wispy patterns

p

Congregation
for four acoustic guitars

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Performance Notes

This piece is part of a series of folk-music-related chamber pieces in part prompted by the prairie landscapes I associate with my family in rural Kansas and my life as a young adult in Tulsa, Oklahoma. This piece, for four acoustic guitars, is intended to be performable by players who are less-experienced music readers via its semi-graphic nature. A demo recording will be provided to ensembles hoping to perform this piece in order to accommodate players wishing to perform this piece moreso by ear than by score.

In lieu of specific rhythms and timings, this piece uses a system of numbered cues inside standard lettered rehearsal marks. Each ensemble may designate a leader to issue cues, or they may decide cues as a group. Unless otherwise notated, each cue should dovetail into the next, so if a cue occurs, finish your thought and move on.

With the exception of the sections involving de-tuning the guitars, performers' note choices should generally stay diatonic to G Ionian, but bearing in mind that it is an improvisatory piece - any well-justified choice is permissible.

In all circumstances, boxed musical material is to be repeated in any rhythm or sequence.

Approximate Duration: 8'

CONGREGATION

for four acoustic guitars

melodic parts should be played on highest string possible to maximize sympathetic vibrations. Always let vibrate.

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very slowly unfolding

Gtr 1 (DADF#AD)

Gtr 2 (EADGBE)

Gtr 3 (DGDGBD)

Gtr 4 (DADGAD)

mf gently proclaiming

1

3

Gtr 1

ppp

Gtr 2

Gtr 3

Gtr 4

5

A

Gtr 1

Gtr 2

gently proclaiming, as if responding to echoes of yourself

Gtr 3

Gtr 4

7

1

Gtr 1

Gtr 2

Gtr 3

Gtr 4

9

2

Gtr 1

Gtr 2

Gtr 3

more sure of yourself than your peers

Gtr 4

11

Gtr 1

Gtr 2

Gtr 3

Gtr 4

12 **3**

Gtr 1

Gtr 2

Gtr 3

Gtr 4

13

Gtr 1

Gtr 2

Gtr 3

Gtr 4

mp

mp

responding to gtr 3

14 **4**

Gtr 1

Gtr 2 *mp*

Gtr 3

Gtr 4

(.)

p

(.)

(.)

(.)

p

B excitedly, $\text{J}=72$

Fast hammer-ons on strings 1-3, notes and rhythms approximate

15

Gtr 1

Gtr 2

Gtr 3

Gtr 4

p

1

17

Gtr 1

Gtr 2

Gtr 3

Gtr 4

mf simile

18

Gtr 1

Gtr 2

Gtr 3

Gtr 4

mf

2

19 Gtr 1: 

Gtr 2: 

Gtr 3: 

Gtr 4: 

3

begin game with gtr 3
you lead them with a repeated triadic chord
they respond with a triadic punctuation, cutting you off

20 Gtr 1: 

Gtr 2: 

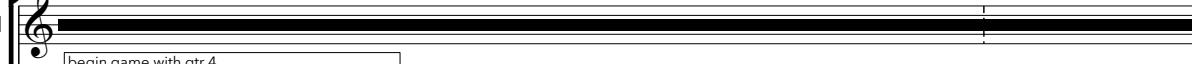
begin pick scrapes on open strings

Gtr 3: 

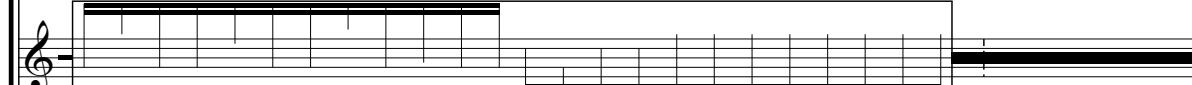
begin game with gtr 1
they play repeated triadic chords
you respond with a triadic punctuation, cutting them off

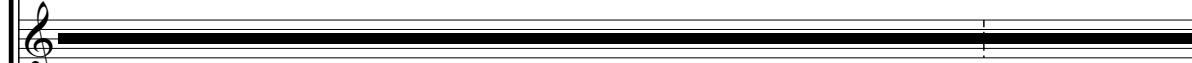
Gtr 4: 

4

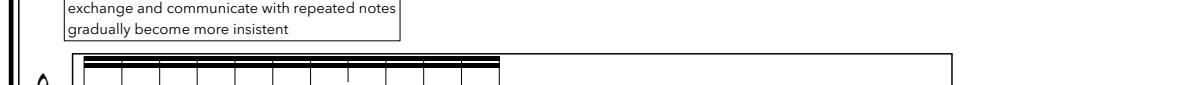
23 Gtr 1: 

begin game with gtr 4
exchange and communicate with repeated notes
gradually become more insistent

Gtr 2: 

Gtr 3: 

begin game with gtr 2
exchange and communicate with repeated notes
gradually become more insistent

Gtr 4: 

5

start to merge your texture with gtr 2 and 4
begin to ignore gtr 3

25

Gtr 1

Gtr 2

Gtr 3

Gtr 4

gtr 1 is no longer listening to you
but keep trying to punctuate what you feel as phrases
try to get swept up in what everyone else is doing

6

all players start to play repeated notes,
continuing to adapt to surrounding texture
begin to decentralize rhythm

27

Gtr 1

Gtr 2

Gtr 3

Gtr 4

7

all players should have irregular rhythms
slowly reduce volume and become shimmering

29

Gtr 1

ff

Gtr 2

ff

Gtr 3

ff

Gtr 4

ff

1

31 **C**

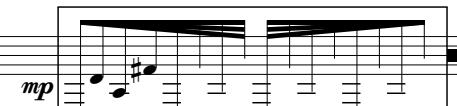
Gtr 1: -

Gtr 2: 
mp an echo of earlier

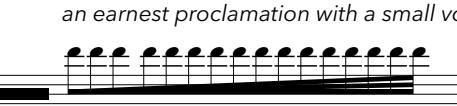
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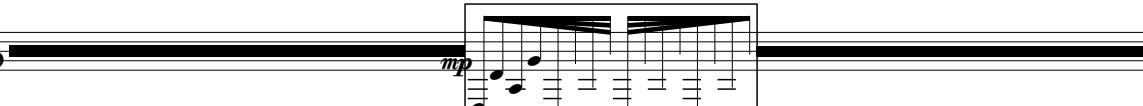
Gtr 4: - 

34

Gtr 1: - 

Gtr 2: 

Gtr 3: - 
an earnest proclamation with a small voice

Gtr 4: - 

2

35

Gtr 1: -

Gtr 2: -

Gtr 3: 
mp

Gtr 4: -

3

36

Gtr 1

Gtr 2

Gtr 3

Gtr 4

37

Gtr 1

Gtr 2

Gtr 3

Gtr 4

38

Gtr 1

Gtr 2

Gtr 3

Gtr 4

39 **4**

Gtr 1

Gtr 2 *mp gentle, but earnest*

Gtr 3

Gtr 4

40 **5**

Gtr 1 *fast hammer-ons on strings 1-3, notes are not precise*
subito mf

Gtr 2 *p* *in unison with gtr 3*

Gtr 3 *p* *in unison with gtr 2* *with slide*

Gtr 4 *fast hammer-ons on strings 1-3, notes are not precise*
subito mf

D becoming more ecstatic

41

Gtr 1

begin game with gtr 4
converse with each other with hammer-ons
begin sparsely, gradually become denser
get competitive - gradually speed up and expand range with patterns in response

Gtr 2

begin pick scrapes on open strings

Gtr 3

without slide

Gtr 4

mp, with anticipation

begin game with gtr 1
converse with each other with hammer-ons
begin sparsely, gradually become denser
get competitive - gradually speed up and expand range with patterns in response

1

43

Gtr 1

Gtr 2

start to detune strings
get noisier

Gtr 3

get swept up in game with gtr 1 + 4
continue to be rhythmically driving
but get competitive with gtr 1 + 4 with speed of hammer-ons

Gtr 4

2

45

Gtr 1

Gtr 2

Gtr 3

Gtr 4

start to detune strings while imitating gtr 3
low D should target C
low A should target G

gliss.

46

Gtr 1

Gtr 2

Gtr 3

Gtr 4

3 wildly ecstatic group improvisation

all players begin to shuffle the following motifs
-detuning open strings
-busy hammer-ons
-dense, noisy tremolos
-high tremoloed notes, hinting at a melody
notes should be generally diatonic to G,
but some straying is accepted and expected

Musical score for guitars 1 through 4. Each guitar part consists of two staves. The first staff shows a glissando (indicated by 'gliss.') followed by a series of eighth-note patterns. The second staff shows a similar pattern with sixteenth-note patterns. Dynamics 'ff' are indicated below each staff.

4

all players begin to shuffle the following motifs
-dense, noisy tremolos on low strings,
which will roughly be tuned CGD
-high tremoloed notes, hinting at a melody

Musical score for guitars 1 through 4. Each guitar part consists of two staves. The first staff shows a series of eighth-note patterns. The second staff shows a series of sixteenth-note patterns. The dynamics for all parts are 'ff'.

all players engage in intense strumming, barely listening to one another

5

Gtr 1

49

as if you're all trying really hard to agree
but have too much pride

6 like a crash in slow motion

Gtr 2

as if you're all trying really hard to agree
but have too much pride

Gtr 3

as if you're all trying really hard to agree
but have too much pride

Gtr 4

as if you're all trying really hard to agree
but have too much pride

all players begin to reign it back in

7

51

Gtr 1

all parts attempt to return to
original tuning
it's okay if it's not perfectly in tune

E

become soft again

Gtr 2

f

p

repeat in any order and in any rhythm

mp

Gtr 3

f

p

repeat in any order and in any rhythm

Gtr 4

f

p

mp

all with slide

1 resign, but do not resolve

Gtr 1 54 begin dialogue with gtr 3
drift in and out of sync with length of your chords
change chords if desired, but two chord pattern should maintain
a "sighing" gesture

Gtr 2 long vamp of these two repeated measures
only move to final measure when ready

Gtr 3 begin dialogue with gtr 1
drift in and out of sync with length of your chords
change chords if desired, but two chord pattern should maintain
a "sighing" gesture

Gtr 4

long, slow fade out

repeat in any order and in any rhythm

2

Gtr 1

Gtr 2

Gtr 3

Gtr 4

Empty in Full
for seven string instruments

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In all cases of dense rhythmic material in this movement, there is no need to try for any rhythmic unison, even if it's notated as a unison. If your playing happens to line up with another player's, great! But feel no need to maintain the coordination. Plucked instruments with tremolos/trills can interpret these as just hammer-ons or with subtle picking, but the texture shouldn't be overly percussive.

In all circumstances, boxed musical material is to be repeated in any rhythm or sequence. Sections involving dotted bar lines should not be treated metrically.

Approximate Duration: 7'

EMPTY IN FULL
for seven string instruments

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wide open ($\text{♩}=54$)

Acoustic Guitar (DADGAD)

Acoustic Guitar (EADGBE)

Banjo (gCGBD)

Lap Steel Guitar

Violin

Violoncello

Double Bass

4

A. Gtr. I

A. Gtr. II

Ban.

P. S. Gtr.

Vln.

Vc.

Db.

sim.

p

cresc.

sim.

8

A. Gtr. I

A. Gtr. II

Ban.

P. S. Gtr.

Vln.

Vc.

Db.

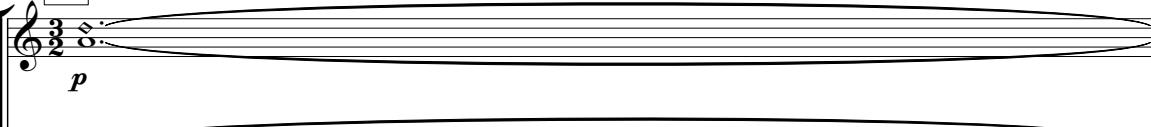
mf

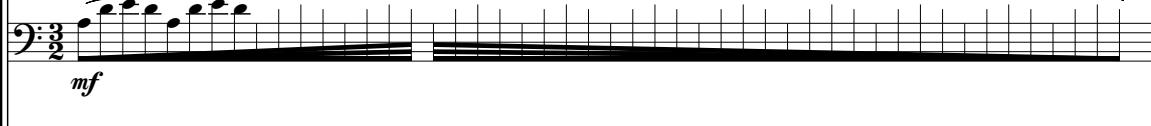
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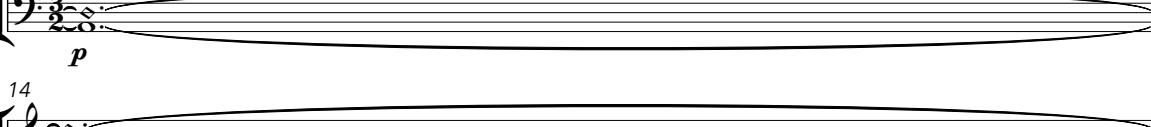
mf

mf

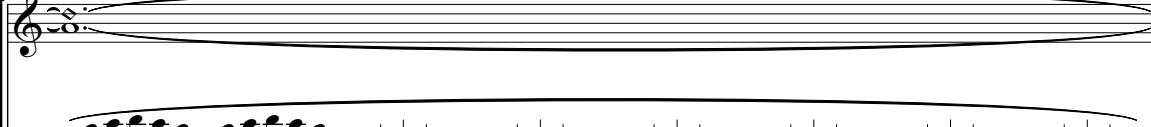
13 **A barren**

Vln. 

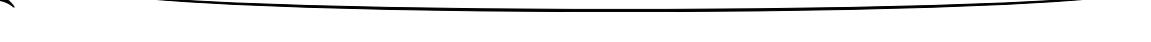
Vc. 

Db. 

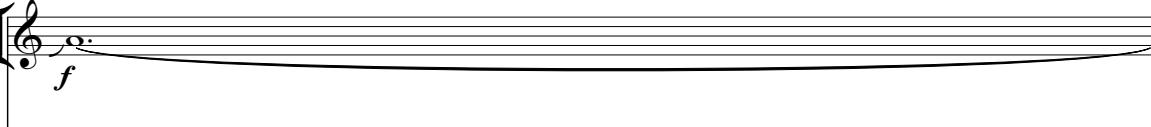
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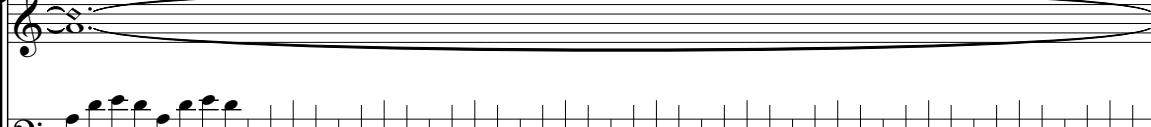
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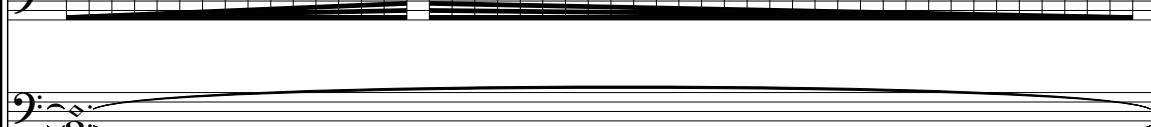
Vc. 

Db. 

15

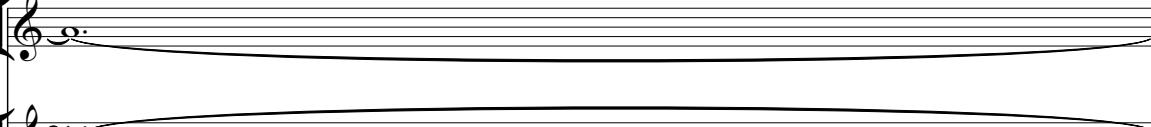
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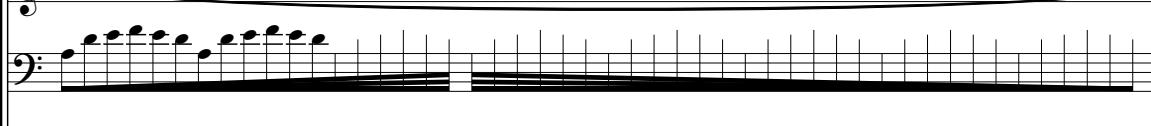
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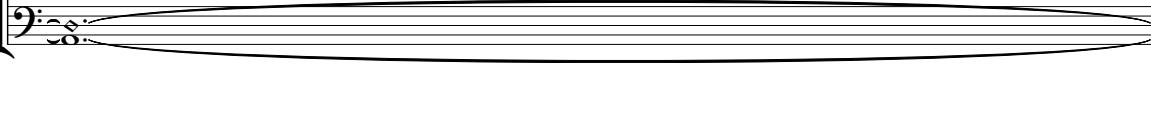
Vc. 

Db. 

16

P. S. Gtr. 

Vln. 

Vc. 

Db. 

17

P. S. Gtr.

This musical score excerpt shows four staves for strings. The first staff, labeled 'P. S. Gtr.', has a treble clef and consists of six blank horizontal lines. The second staff, 'Vln.', has a treble clef and six horizontal lines, with a wavy line indicating a sustained note. The third staff, 'Vc.', has a bass clef and six horizontal lines, with a sixteenth-note pattern starting with a sharp sign. The fourth staff, 'Db.', has a bass clef and six horizontal lines, with a wavy line indicating a sustained note. Measure 17 concludes with a vertical bar line.

18

P. S. Gtr.

This section continues the musical score from measure 17. The staves for 'Vln.', 'Vc.', and 'Db.' remain identical to the previous measure. The 'P. S. Gtr.' staff now has a treble clef and six horizontal lines, with a wavy line indicating a sustained note.

Vln.

Vc.

Db.

This section continues the musical score from measure 18. The staves for 'Vln.', 'Vc.', and 'Db.' remain identical to the previous measure. The 'P. S. Gtr.' staff now has a treble clef and six horizontal lines, with a wavy line indicating a sustained note.

19

P. S. Gtr.

This section continues the musical score from measure 18. The staves for 'Vln.', 'Vc.', and 'Db.' remain identical to the previous measure. The 'P. S. Gtr.' staff now has a treble clef and six horizontal lines, with a wavy line indicating a sustained note.

Vln.

Vc.

Db.

This section continues the musical score from measure 18. The staves for 'Vln.', 'Vc.', and 'Db.' remain identical to the previous measure. The 'P. S. Gtr.' staff now has a treble clef and six horizontal lines, with a wavy line indicating a sustained note.

20

P. S. Gtr.

Vln.

Vc.

Db.

mf

21 **swarming** feather-beamed parts should not be played truly in unison

A. Gtr. I

P. S. Gtr.

Vln.

Vc.

Db.

swarming

22

A. Gtr. I

P. S. Gtr.

Vln.

Vc.

Db.

This musical score page contains two systems of music. The instruments are arranged in five staves: A. Gtr. I (top), P. S. Gtr., Vln., Vc., and Db. (bottom). In the first system, A. Gtr. I and Vln. play eighth-note patterns, while P. S. Gtr., Vc., and Db. provide harmonic support. In the second system, A. Gtr. I continues its eighth-note pattern, while P. S. Gtr. and Vln. play sustained notes.

23

A. Gtr. I

P. S. Gtr.

Vln.

Vc.

Db.

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24 sim.

A. Gtr. I

P. S. Gtr.

Vln.

Vc.

Db.

25

A. Gtr. I

P. S. Gtr.

Vln.

Vc.

Db.

26

A. Gtr. I

P. S. Gtr.

Vln.

Vc.

Db.

This musical score page contains two systems of music. The first system (measures 26) includes staves for A. Gtr. I, P. S. Gtr., Vln., Vc., and Db. A. Gtr. I, P. S. Gtr., and Vln. play eighth-note patterns, while Vc. rests. The second system (measures 27) includes staves for A. Gtr. I, P. S. Gtr., Vln., Vc., and Db. A. Gtr. I, P. S. Gtr., and Vln. play eighth-note patterns, while Vc. rests. Measure numbers 26 and 27 are indicated above the staves.

27

A. Gtr. I

P. S. Gtr.

Vln.

Vc.

Db.

This musical score page continues from page 26. It consists of two systems of music. The first system (measures 26) includes staves for A. Gtr. I, P. S. Gtr., Vln., Vc., and Db. A. Gtr. I, P. S. Gtr., and Vln. play eighth-note patterns, while Vc. rests. The second system (measures 27) includes staves for A. Gtr. I, P. S. Gtr., Vln., Vc., and Db. A. Gtr. I, P. S. Gtr., and Vln. play eighth-note patterns, while Vc. rests. Measure numbers 26 and 27 are indicated above the staves.

28

A. Gtr. I

P. S. Gtr.

Vln.

Vc.

Db.

This musical score page contains two staves of music. The top staff is for 'A. Gtr. I' and the bottom staff is for 'P. S. Gtr.'. Both staves begin with a treble clef and a common time signature. The first measure (measures 28) consists of six eighth-note chords. The second measure (measure 29) begins with a single eighth note followed by a sixteenth-note rest. The 'Vln.' (Violin) and 'Vc.' (Cello) staves are located below the guitar staves. The 'Vln.' part consists of a continuous eighth-note pattern. The 'Vc.' part consists of a continuous sixteenth-note pattern. The 'Db.' (Double Bass) staff is at the bottom, showing a sustained note with a fermata. Measure 29 starts with a single eighth note followed by a sixteenth-note rest.

29

A. Gtr. I

P. S. Gtr.

Vln.

Vc.

Db.

This musical score page contains two staves of music. The top staff is for 'A. Gtr. I' and the bottom staff is for 'P. S. Gtr.'. Both staves begin with a treble clef and a common time signature. The first measure (measures 28) consists of six eighth-note chords. The second measure (measure 29) begins with a single eighth note followed by a sixteenth-note rest. The 'Vln.' (Violin) and 'Vc.' (Cello) staves are located below the guitar staves. The 'Vln.' part consists of a continuous eighth-note pattern. The 'Vc.' part consists of a continuous sixteenth-note pattern. The 'Db.' (Double Bass) staff is at the bottom, showing a sustained note with a fermata. Measure 29 starts with a single eighth note followed by a sixteenth-note rest.

30

A. Gtr. I

P. S. Gtr.

Vln.

Vc.

Db.

31

B relaxed and graceful, opening up again

A. Gtr. I

A. Gtr. II

Ban.

P. S. Gtr.

B relaxed and graceful, opening up again

Vln.

Vc.

Db.

sim.

34

A. Gtr. I

A. Gtr. II sim.

Ban.

P. S. Gtr.

Vln.

Vc.

Db.

35

A. Gtr. I

A. Gtr. II

Ban.

P. S. Gtr.

Vln.

Vc.

Db.

36 sim. #

A. Gtr. I

A. Gtr. II

Ban.

P. S. Gtr.

Vln.

Vc.

Db.

37

A. Gtr. I

A. Gtr. II

Ban.

P. S. Gtr.

Vln.

Vc.

Db.

38

A. Gtr. I

A. Gtr. II

Ban.

P. S. Gtr.

Vln.

Vc.

Db.

mp

39

A. Gtr. I

A. Gtr. II

Ban.

P. S. Gtr.

Vln.

Vc.

Db.

40

A. Gtr. I

A. Gtr. II

Ban.

P. S. Gtr.

Vln.

Vc.

Db.

41

A. Gtr. I

A. Gtr. II

descresc.

Ban.

P. S. Gtr.

Vln.

Vc.

Db.

42

A. Gtr. I

A. Gtr. II

Ban.

P. S. Gtr.

Vln.

Vc.

Db.

44

A. Gtr. I

A. Gtr. II

Ban.

P. S. Gtr.

Vln.

Vc.

Db.

46

C flocking

A. Gtr. I

A. Gtr. II

Ban.

P. S. Gtr.

Vln.

Vc.

Db.

C flocking

49

A. Gtr. I

A. Gtr. II

Ban.

P. S. Gtr.

Vln.

Vc.

Db.

mf

52

A. Gtr. I

A. Gtr. II

Ban.

P. S. Gtr.

Vln.

Vc.

Db.

55

A. Gtr. I

A. Gtr. II

Ban.

P. S. Gtr.

Vln.

Vc.

Db.

60

A. Gtr. I arco
all plucked instruments to bows
scrapey, messy sounds are permissible
arco

A. Gtr. II

Ban. arco

P. S. Gtr.

Vln.

Vc.

Db.

D suspended, floating

68 always let strings vibrate sim.

A. Gtr. I

A. Gtr. II sim.

Ban. sim.

P. S. Gtr.

D suspended, floating

Vln. *p*

Vc. *p*

Db.

74

A. Gtr. I

A. Gtr. II

Ban.

P. S. Gtr.

Vln.

Vc.

Db.

77

A. Gtr. I

A. Gtr. II

Ban.

P. S. Gtr.

Vln.

Vc.

Db.

81

A. Gtr. I

A. Gtr. II

Ban.

P. S. Gtr.

Vln.

Vc.

Db.

This musical score page contains six staves of music. The first four staves represent a guitar ensemble: A. Gtr. I, A. Gtr. II, Banjo (Ban.), and P. S. Gtr. (Percussion/Solo Guitar). The last two staves represent the orchestra: Vln. (Violin) and Vc. (Cello/Bassoon). The Db. (Double Bass) staff is also present but appears to be empty. The score is numbered 81 at the top left. Measures are divided by vertical bar lines, and each measure contains a single note or rest. The notes are represented by open circles with stems, and rests are indicated by dashes. The key signature changes between measures, particularly in the guitar parts, where it shifts from common time to 2/4 and then to 3/4.

84 **E** gentle, processional, endless sim.

A. Gtr. I

A. Gtr. II

Ban.

P. S. Gtr.

p

E gentle, processional, endless

Vln.

Vc.

Db.

p

90

A. Gtr. I

A. Gtr. II

Ban.

P. S. Gtr.

Vln.

Vc.

Db.

96

A. Gtr. I

A. Gtr. II

Ban.

P. S. Gtr.

Vln.

Vc.

Db.

continuously soften, slow down
light improvisation is welcome,
but note that the piece is winding down

100

A. Gtr. I

A. Gtr. II

Ban.

P. S. Gtr.

Vln.

Vc.

Db.

The musical score is divided into seven measures. In each measure, the first four instruments (A. Gtr. I, A. Gtr. II, Ban., and P. S. Gtr.) play eighth-note chords. The P. S. Gtr. and Vln. play eighth-note patterns. The Vc. and Db. play eighth-note patterns. Measure 7 includes a key signature change to E major.