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ABSTRACT

This document contains scores for the works performed at a recital of compositions by Kirsten Carlson at 8:00 p.m. April 21, 1995 at the University of British Columbia Recital Hall. Model-Deviation is written for solo flute and was composed in 1992. Those That Follow is written for two flutes and was composed in 1993. The Distance is written for soprano voice, spoken voice, violin and cello and was composed in 1993. The text is by Kirsten Carlson. For will is written for flute and trumpet and was originally composed in 1994 and revised in 1995. This is a photograph of me is written for soprano, clarinet, bassoon and violin. It was composed in 1995 with text by Margaret Atwood. The Swimmer is written for two soprano voices, flute, clarinet, two violins, viola, and cello. It was composed during 1994-95 with text by the composer. We Are Still One is written for 10 flutes and was composed in 1994.

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Model-Deviation Chenoa Anderson, flute 1992

III. A More Distant Relation Those That Follow 1993

Chenoa Anderson, Jennifer Henry, flutes

The Distance
I. She Climbed Up
II. A Complicated Game
III. Waiting 1993

Phoebe MacRae, soprano Elizabeth Skillings, speaker Sarah Westwick, violin

For will Mark McGregor, flute Laura McPheeters, cello

Eartha-Ann Hanson, trumpet

Rev. 1995 1994

This is a photograph of me

1995

Elizabeth Skillings, soprano David Byrne, clarinet Tracte Pybas, bassoon Sarah Westwick, violin

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The Swimmer

1995

Susan Eugelmi, clarinet Christine Young, flute Natalie Williams, cello Mary Jane van der Sloot, Tory Meyer, violins Elizabeth Skillings, Phoebe MacRae, sopranos Stephen Chatman, conductor Michael van der Sloot, viola

We Are Still One

1994

David Byrne, conductor Kim Reine, Mary Wing, flutes Jennifer Henry, Heather Logie, Karen Osmond, Miranda Clingwall, Heather Dreger, Catherine Faust, Chenoa Anderson, Margaret Ann Brydges,

Reception to follow in lobby.

British Columbia: for a Master of Music degree in Composition at the University of This recital is presented in partial fulfillment of the requirements

encouragement and incredible talent. Chris Kovarik, Jocelyn Morlock, Chenoa Anderson, Warren Copeland, Kim Carlson and especially Alan Knight. Also, thanks to: Stephen Chatman, UBC Contemporary Players, Thanks to all the performers for all their enthusiasm, effort,

Program cover: Leon Spilliaert, "Mädchen auf einer Dune"

and and selections

The Distance

Prightening (darkness) She climbed up (never, never) I. She Climbed Up Spe climbs constantly (climbing, climbing) climbing is bow she goes (it's much too far) Open spaces (darkness) Space (distance) She misses it (she always misses it) (climbing, climbing) A sense of space (distance) She is where she thinks it is (she says so) Where is she (lonely) lurting, hurting (large) (climbing, climbing) she continues the climb (climbing, climbing) Walking - past the places, used to go She's walking past the places where she used to go It's not the same (not the same). Once at a party (it's not) She does what she thinks she must (she says so) Mountains are large (very large) A Complicated Game could be there but it's not (she has missed it, again) sughing, pretending, sharing, but - (she goes much too far)

Darkness covers the spaces Walking - burry past those places

She won't even look back - why would she - she couldn't see anyway

That's the mile - the spaces that create the distance

I hat a the time

Darkness - the gameboard with light and dark light spaces It's black and white - white and black

Distance

It's a complicated game - a very complicated game

Take you hand and put it in the bag - draw out a piece - from there, you line them in rows and rows of colourful pieces - placed in rows and rows - all along the beautiful Take all the pieces: put them in a bag - a bag that's big and blue ameboard waiting till your turn come

the player on your right will know How do you know? How do you know when your turn comes up? How do you know?.

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space - put your piece in its place - the place where you used to go - the place . And, of course, they will tell you - once they do, you must go to the dark white that marks the spaces - the distance

Pickls, trees, oceans - water racing along the beach, smoothly flowing mnna Smay

On the beach, by the sea (the seaside is beautiful) Where she used to go, she's running far away, along the beach Cunning far, running away - she's running past

Water - that's where she runs to

Water flows, races by

Quickly, quickly - she's running past the places where she used to go
Past - the faces (the knowing faces) Quickly - she's running past

III. Waiting

Watching through the glass - the clear, clear glass All I can see is her little (enchanted) friend

He's (enchanted) tooking and hunting (where is she?)

He's sitting on the purch (the cold cold purch) despite the cold

The trees (red, green, gold) the grass The wind doesn't bother him

Vor do I (I'm all alone)

I'm sitting in another world (watching through the glass)

If only the things I see - could make me..

Pain (I wouldn't leave my post - this is my post - I'm waiting, waiting)

Time, fog (the fog obscures the rain)
Rain (but we both know it, know it if... if it happened to us)

It's... it's raining out there (on the cold cold porch... watching... waiting) I'm watching through the glass (the clear clear glass)

All I can see is ber little friend (enchanted friend)

(li's too cold for both of us)

It's cold out there (it's much too cold)

(We are both waiting... in the cold... waiting.... waiting)

[Kirsten Carlson, October 1993]

At first it seems to be It was taken some time ago

blurred lines and grey flecks blended with the paper; a spectated print:

it, you see in the left-hand corner stope, a small frame house what ought to be a gentle balsam or spruce) emerging nd, to the right, halfway up thing that is like a branch: part of a tree

and beyond that, some low bills. In the back ground there is a lake,

the day after I drowned. (The photograph was taken

am in the lake, in the center

of the picture, just under the surface

It is difficult to say where on light is a distortion the effect of water how large or small I am: precisely, or to say

you will be able to see me.) but if you look long enough,

[Margaret Atwood, 1968]

The Swi

I am the swimmer

turning over and under and over and over wimming round and round

The water waits for me

like my whate friends, like my fish friends a strong desire to dive, to soar cannot see its blueness and greatness without a need

This depth - this blue

When overything else frightens me, the depth inspires me It moves me off my feet inapires me

(to soar) to dive Cold waters racing against my body - speeding - soaring - flying in the blue-sky I saw a picture once Me, the crange body, as I'm being pushed along the blue-sky waters Watching them play, I want to join them - to dive, to sour (to know what they with each strake moving me along It's as though the waters are being pushed past me There is nothing else (nothing but this) I see the body; two arms, one leg and another (and even parts that do not belong But I am the swimmer can't be here (nothing but this) Am I swimming now - is this swimming now? hat's on the painting - it hangs in front of me The orange body in the blue-sky waters und I long to know what they know hey know reedom cames with movement Jypess - this is no home lovement is freedom lovement is easier in this space of a coral so vast (so vast), so colourful and alive of a city built on the edge of the waters of a whale; a big, great, peaceful whale of a footprint on the shore - alone, isolated (how did it get there?) of a group of children playing on the beach - never fearing the racing of a great ship which serves as a graveyard miles under the ocean of a flooded town, floating away of a fisherman throwing himself over the boat's edge of a woman inside an underwater cave of a school of tiny, possessed fish

(why am I safe here)

I am the swimmer (swimming round...)
[Kirsten Carlson, August 1994]

To dive

To sour (to dive, to sour)

Why can't I live in the water - I'd be safe

Do they know anything else - I want to know what they know

If only I were one of them - the whales that dance in the pool they call their

So deep So wide So strong carry me I can open my eyes - blue fish, coral reef, grey whales, urange stars Black line at the bottom of the pool no fins, no tail, no air (no air) this is flying it is painless (painless) Swirling, lcaping Mountains, water, waves it is bome here But they are at home here (is it home here?) Am I even breathing As long as the blue, blue, wet, wet cold races across their faces, their fins, their bellies These whales have never been in the largest ocean, where ... do they belong Am I even breathing You see, they know... Their movements are not really freedom (freedom is movement) am ready to dive, to soar (to dive, to soar) am ready of a swimmer, in the middle of the largest ocean, frozen and out of breath, of a dolphin, so free of a swimmer (longing to swim forever and ever of a strange array of fish, living on the ocean floor of a rowboat, in the middle of the lake, empty, dreaming, dreaming of a million boats, waiting, side by side (it's true), waiting for the fish of a man floating on a bed of kelp of a boat currying people (their belongings) their children and their cars off a man diving off a cliff, praying not to hit the jagged cliff on his flight down - a pool of water into which no sane soul would dive swimming, swimming, smiling, dying. swimmer ... only the swimmer that may never get there from one side to the other and over and ever) in a small pool full of other people, but only the

Model-Deviation

Kirsten Carlson

(for solo flute)

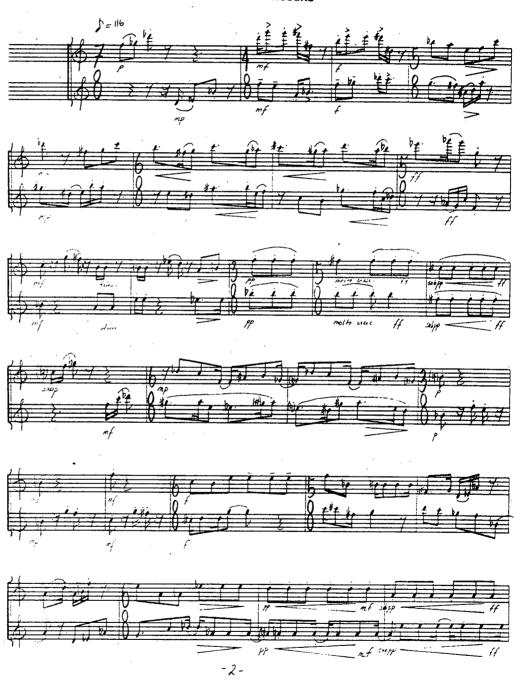




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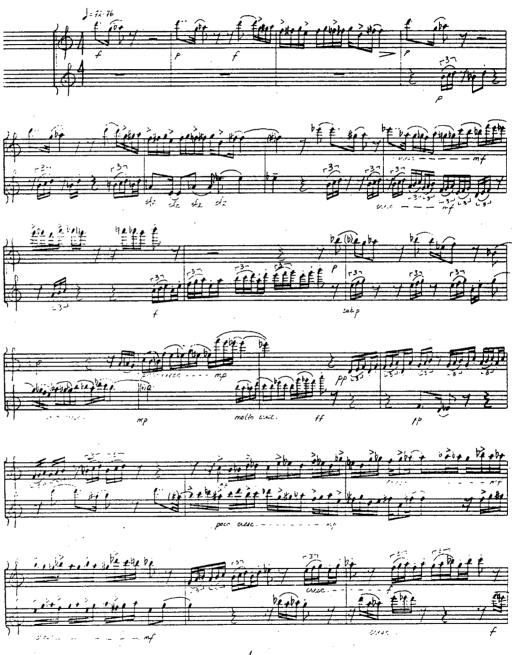
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2. That Which Results



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3. A More Distant Relation





The Distance

Kirsten Carlson

A song cycle for soprano, speaker, violin and cello





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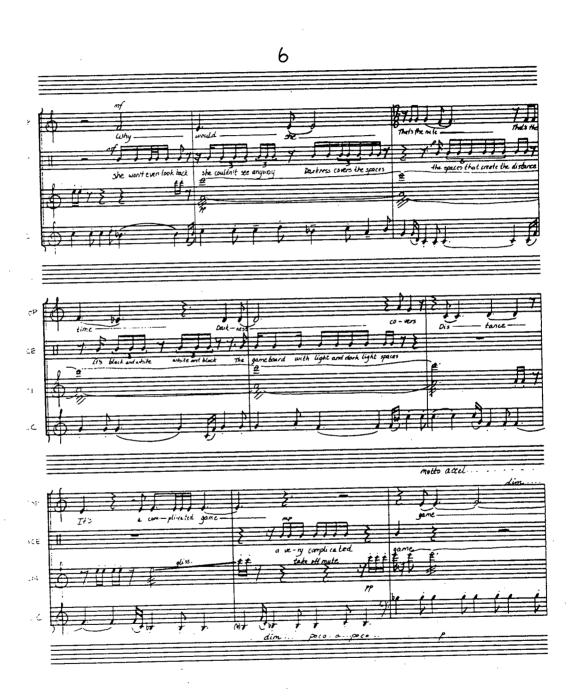


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2. Complicated Game





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3. Waiting







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The Swimmer

for soprano, mezzo-soprano, flute, clarinet, two violins, viola, and cello

Kirsten Carlson

PERFORMANCE NOTES

- 1. Accidentals in front of notes apply for the whole measure (or five second duration) unless otherwise cancelled.
- 2. The following indication means to repeat the section within the repeat signs for the duration of the arrow.



- 3. The pizzacato indications for the <u>entire</u> piece are for a special type of pizzicato. The players will pluck the string at the point where the string would be divided in half. The pizzicato which results is more resonant than the normal pizzicato.
- 4. The following indication is to signal the absence of a time signature, i.e., a section of proportional notation:

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is written in the flute or clarinet part, it implies the following:



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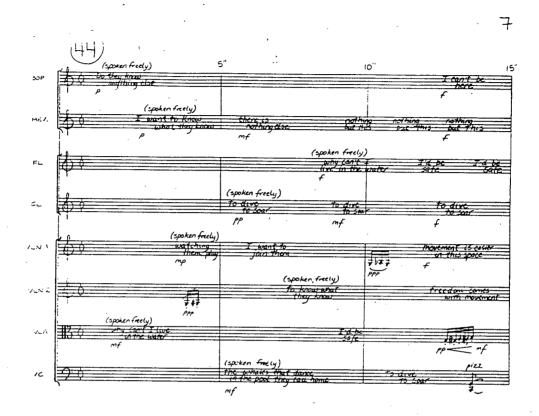




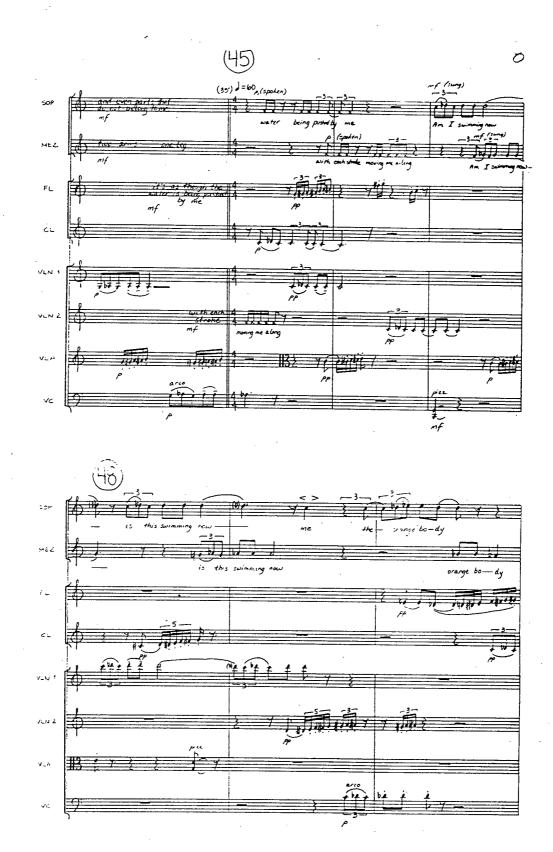






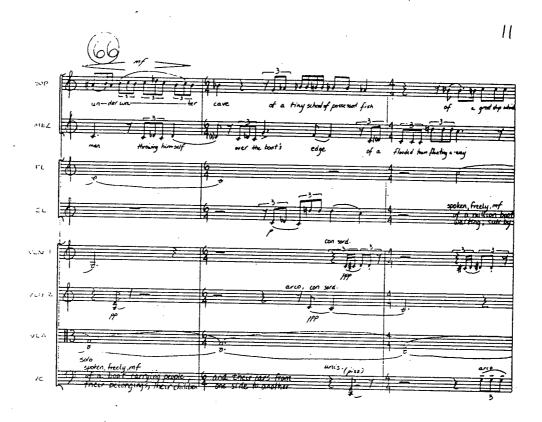


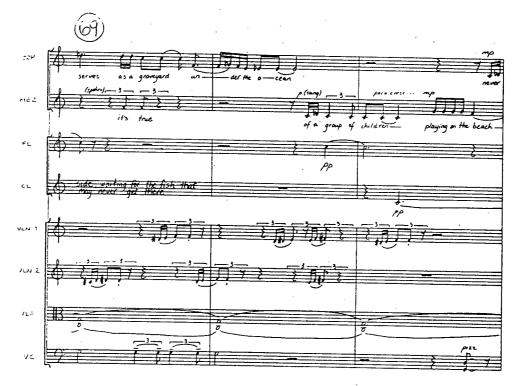


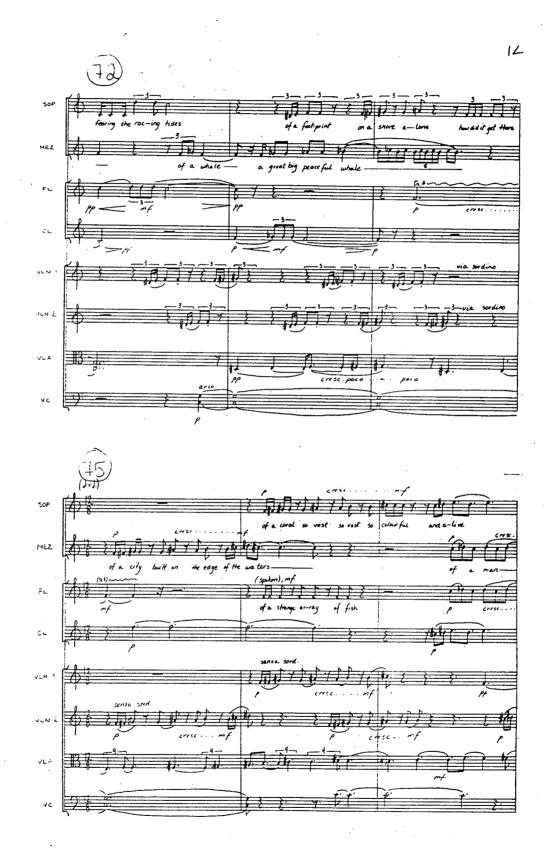






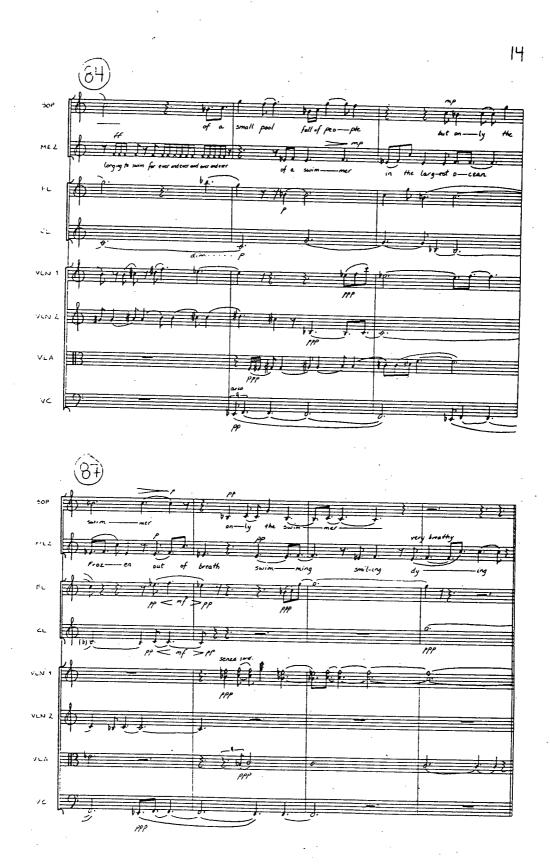


















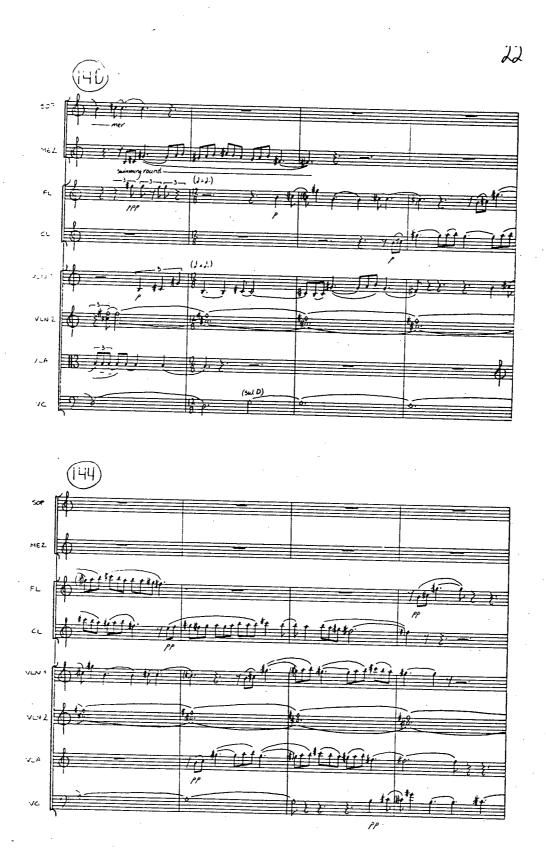






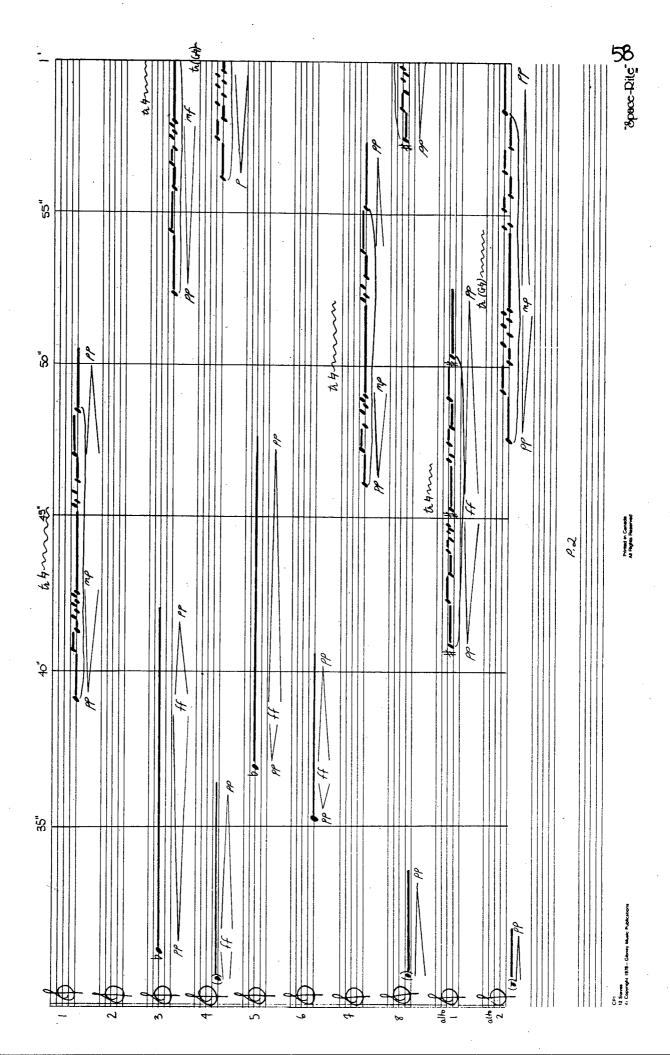








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