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ABSTRACT

Opus 25 is a collection of compositions which I created between September 1995 and April 1997. Instrumentation varies; there are works for choirs, chamber ensembles, solo voice, solo harp, solo piano, and orchestra. All the works included in this collection have been performed at some point during this same period, and recordings of these performances can be found on the accompanying cassette.

-- Benjamin Bolden

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LIST OF PERFORMANCES

(The following performances are those recorded on the accompanying cassette.)

Choral Works

Moment (SATB)

performed by the Vancouver Cantata Singers,

Nov.3, 1996

You and I (SATB)

performed by the University Singers, Apr. 4, 1997

Bells (SA)

performed by UBC students, March. 15, 1997

Ganapati Vandana (SATB)

performed by the University Singers, Apr. 4, 1997

Chamber Ensembles

Four Celtic Folk Songs (Baritone Voice, Flute, Clarinet, Harp, Viola, 'Cello)

1. Sally Free and Easy

-- UBC Contemporary Players, Nov. 4, 1996

2. Lie Easy My Laddie

-- UBC students, March 15, 1997

3. Waiting

-- UBC students, March 15, 1997

4. Sixteen Come Sunday -- UBC Contemporary Players, Nov. 4, 1996

Rope (Alto Flute, Clarinet, Viola) -- UBC Contemporary Players, March 27, 1996

Vocal Solo

The Song of Songs, Which is Solomon's — Mari Hahn and Richard Epp, (Soprano Voice and Piano) March 15, 1997

Harp Solo

1. Drifting

-- performed by Lani Krantz, March 15, 1997

2. But Then...

3. Dance of the Toads

Piano Solo

Partly for Rebecca

-- performed by Karen K.Y. Lee, March 15, 1997

Orchestra

Partly for Rebecca

-- read by UBC Symphony Orchestra, Apr. 3 1997



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* At bar 61 the soprano solo should fade back into the choral texture almost imperceptibly.







You and I

Benjamin Bolden text and music Solemn; serious J = 66Soprano You and I have touched. feel; shall live mp Alto You and 1 have You and Tenor 1 have Bass touched. feet; faster **j** = 80 live shall You er. mf live cach oth You shall live shall live You shall shall broaden touched. You shall live mp nif' touched You and feel; We shall live mp

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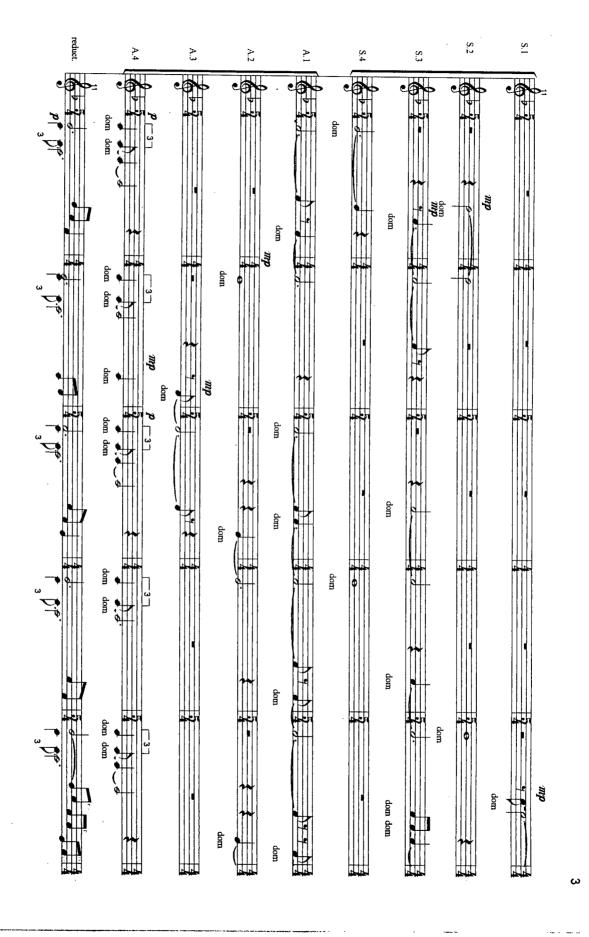


Singers should imitate the sharp attack and decay of a bell. Each "striking" of the bell should last approximately 4 beats (unless, of course, it is followed sooner by another attack); by the fifth beat the sound should have died out completely. It may be easier for singers to follow the "reduction" line at the bottom of the score, articulating only when their assigned note is indicated. It would certainly ease the pressure of a lot of complicated counting. Unless you like that sort of thing. — B.B.



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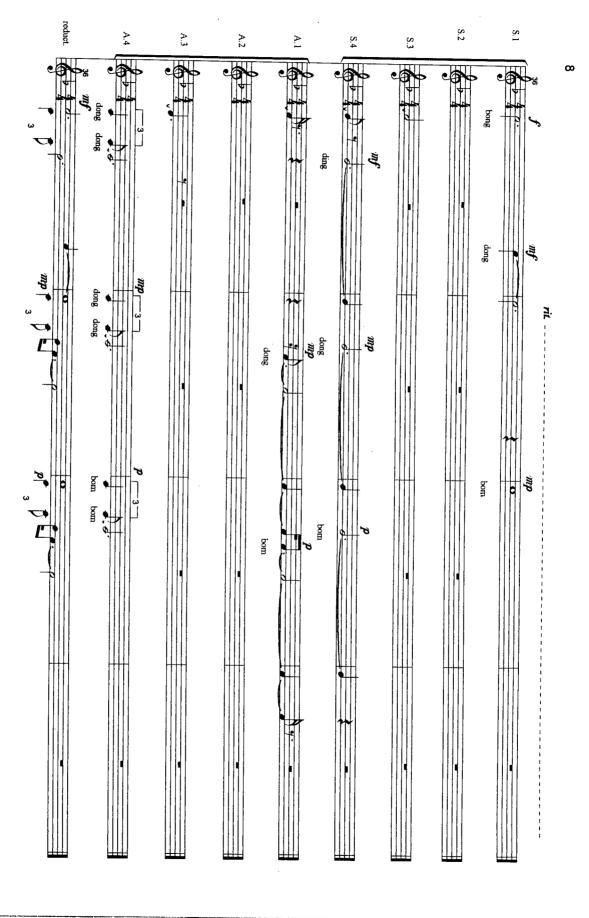




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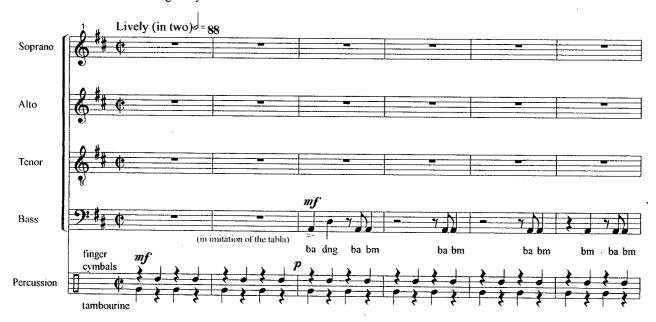


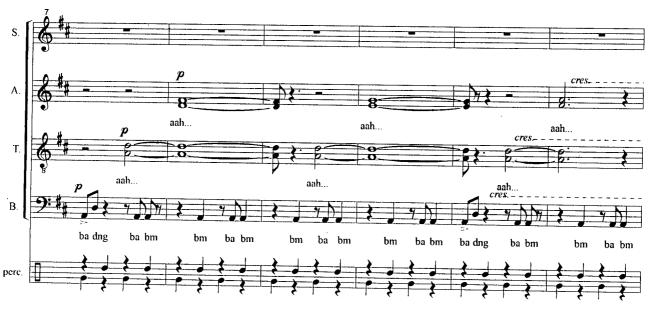


Ganapati Vandana SATB with Percussion

Indian Folk Song arr. by Benjamin Bolden

In imitation of the relaxed vocal style of an Indian folk song, singers should be encouraged to employ a nasal tone quality, with little to no vibrato. Swooping up to pitches is entirely acceptable, as is falling away from them.





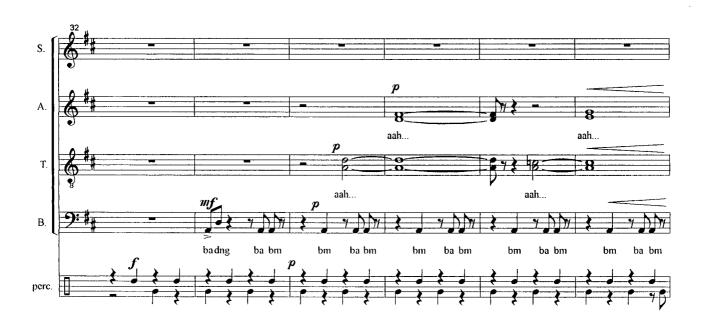
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Ganapati Vandana--Ganesha's Song of Praise

North Indian (Hindu) Folk Song

Aananda kara naachata hai Ganapati Hamaara ghara naachata hai Ganapati Veda padhaavata Brahmaa naachai Aura naachai Saraswati aananda kara Naachata hai Ganapati Joyfully doing dances is Ganesha At our house is dancing Ganesha Brahma dances the teaching of the Vedas Also dances Saraswati, joyfully Ganesha is dancing

Ganesha -- In Hindu mythology, Ganesha is the god of wisdom and good luck, and lord of the *Ganas*, or lesser deities. He was the son of *Siva*, the destroyer, and is invoked at the beginning of a journey, or when commencing important work, and on the first pages of books.

Brahma -- The Absolute god, originally conceived as entirely impersonal. Later Brahma was endowed with a personality and became the Creator of the universe, the first in the divine Triad. The Brahmins claim Brahma as the founder of their religious system.

Vedas -- The four sacred books of the Brahmins. The first consists of hymns, the second of chants, the third mainly of sacrificial prayers in prose and verse, and the fourth largely of hymns and spells concerned with superstitious practices. The word *Veda* means "knowledge".

Saraswati -- The goddess of learning, wisdom, and the arts.



Folk Songs

who gave her sougs to me for my mother

- Sally Free and Easy
 Lie Easy My Laddie
- 3. Waiting
- 4. Sixteen Come Sunday

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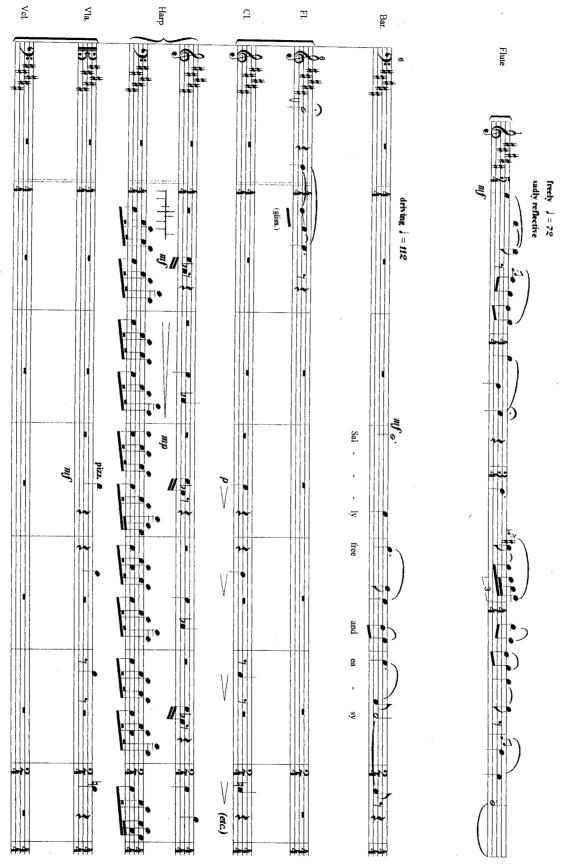
Clarinet (A and Bb)
Harp
Viola
Cello Baritone Voice Flute

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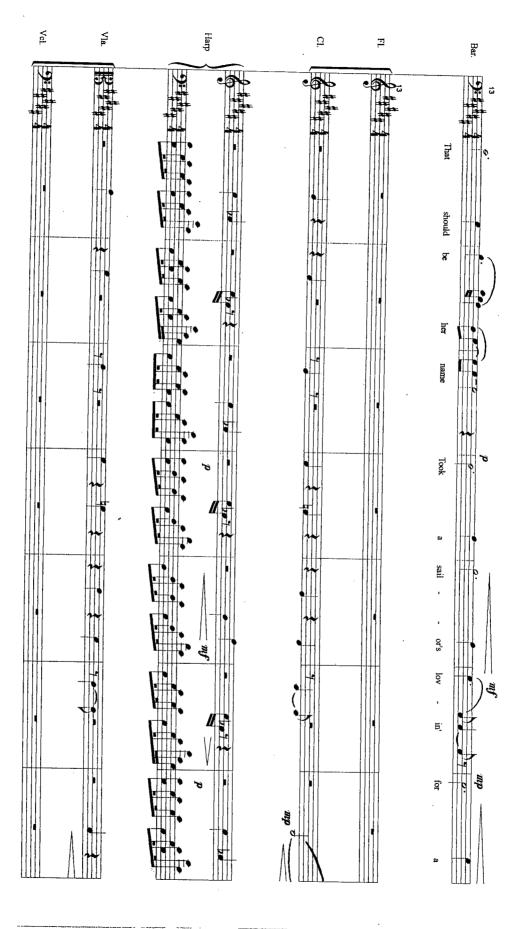
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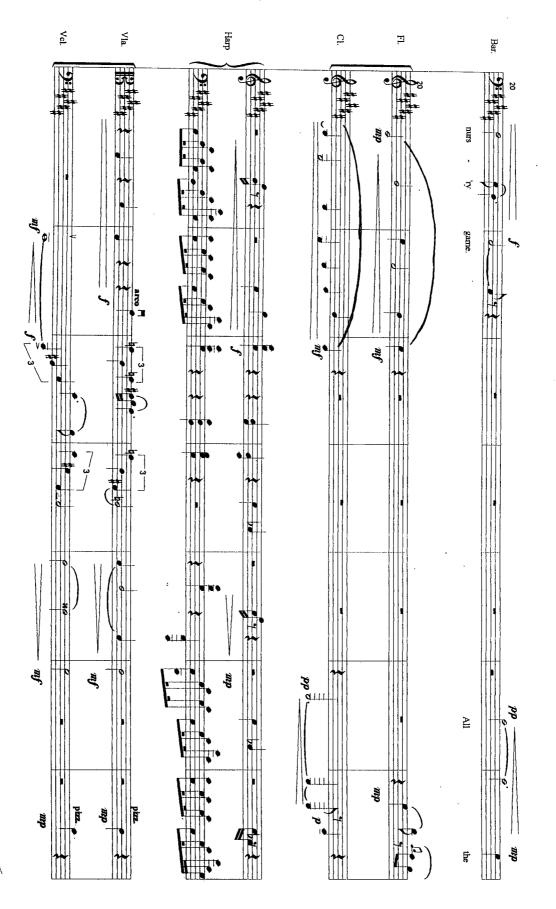
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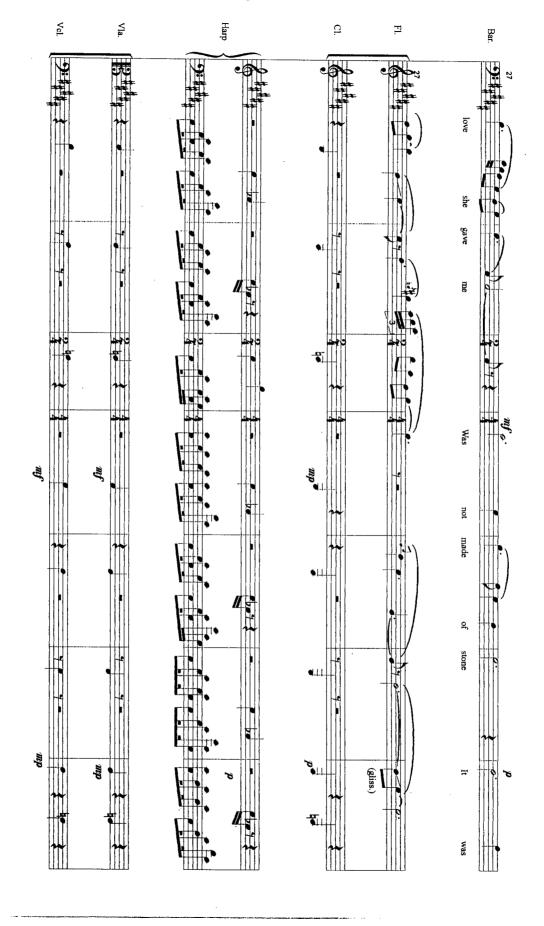
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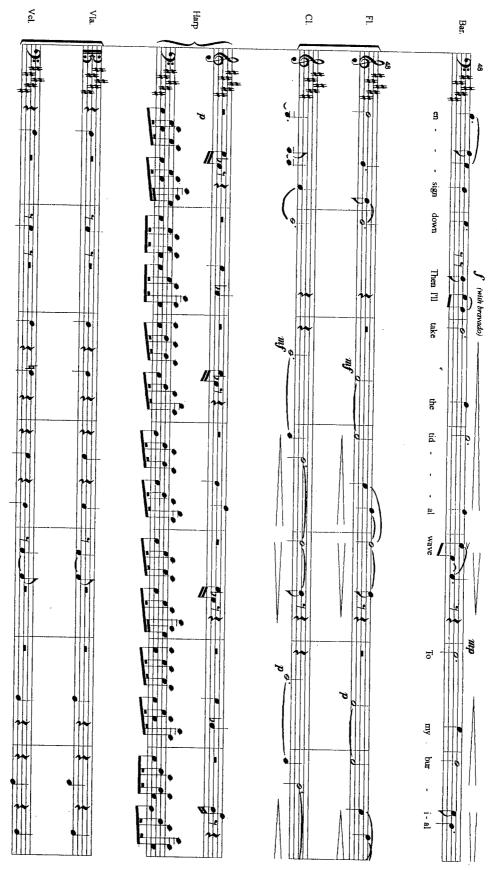


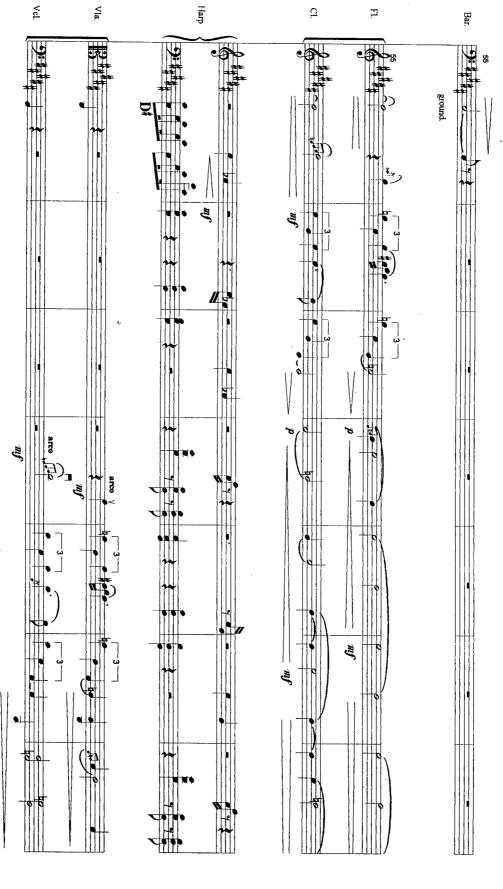


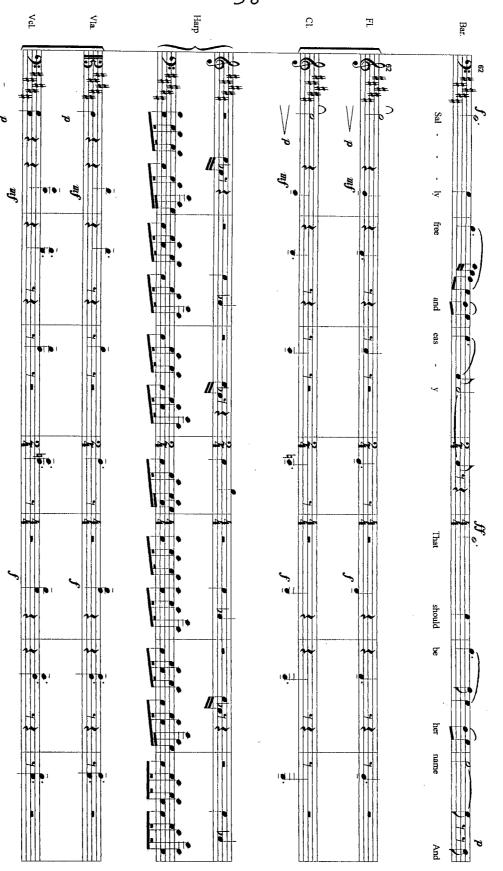


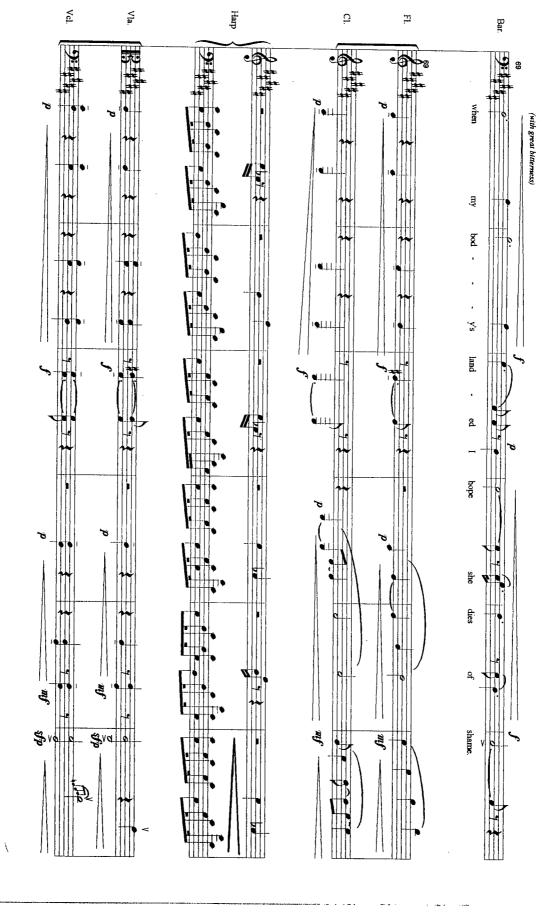














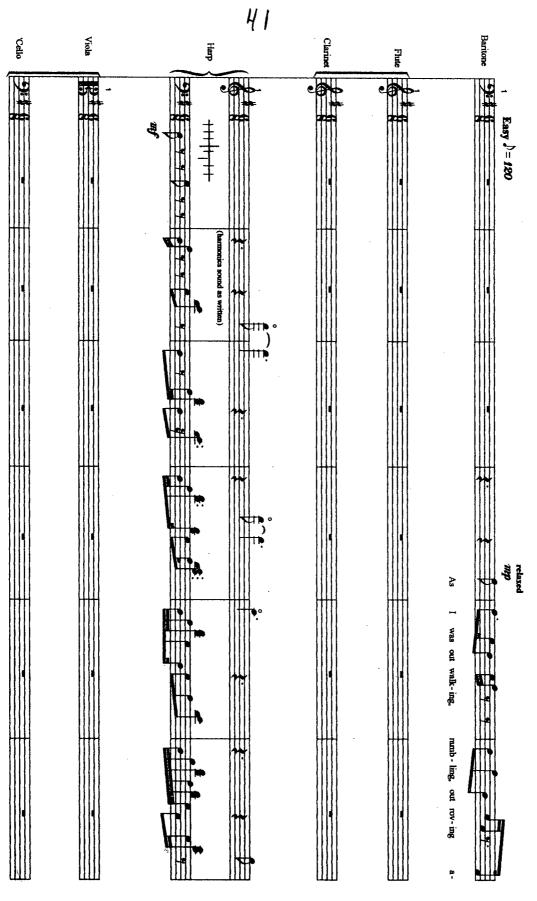
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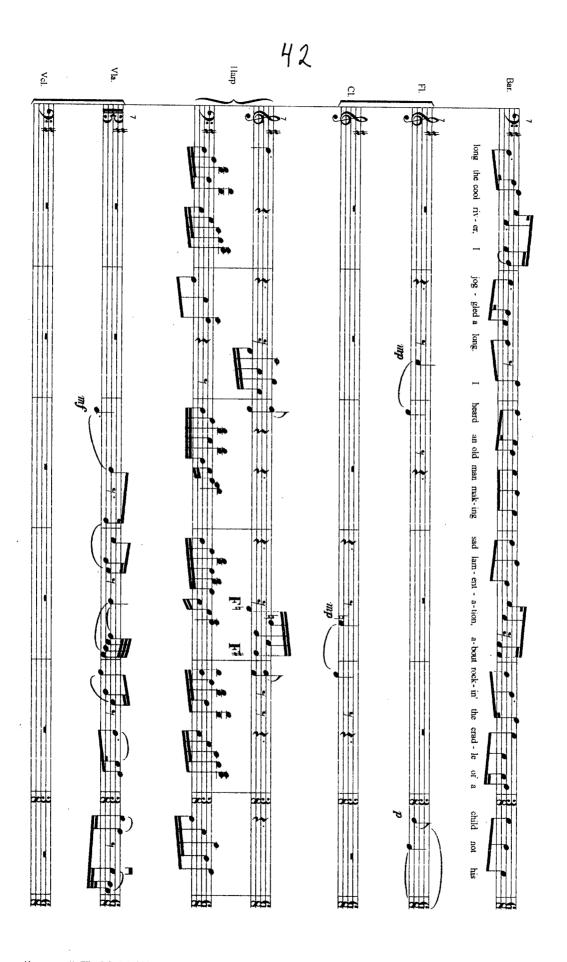
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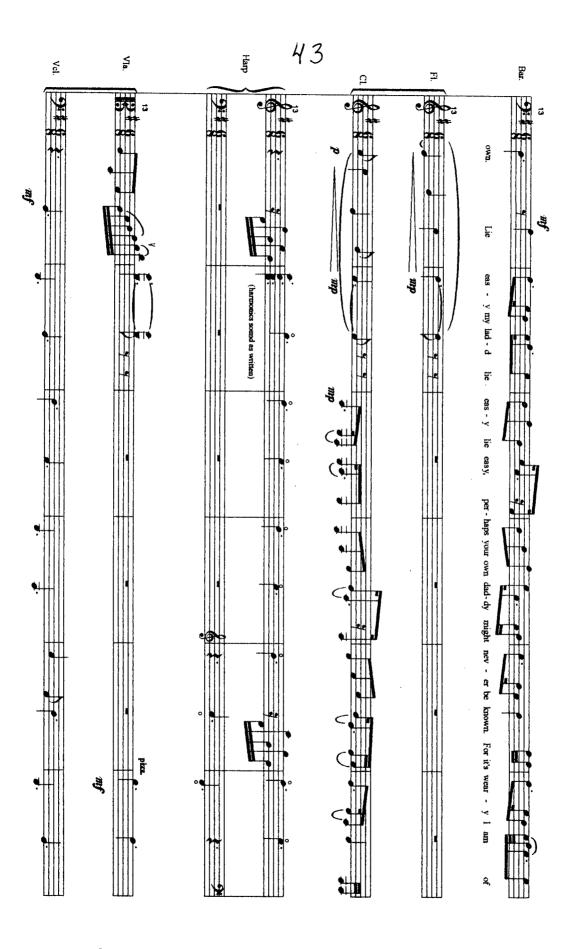
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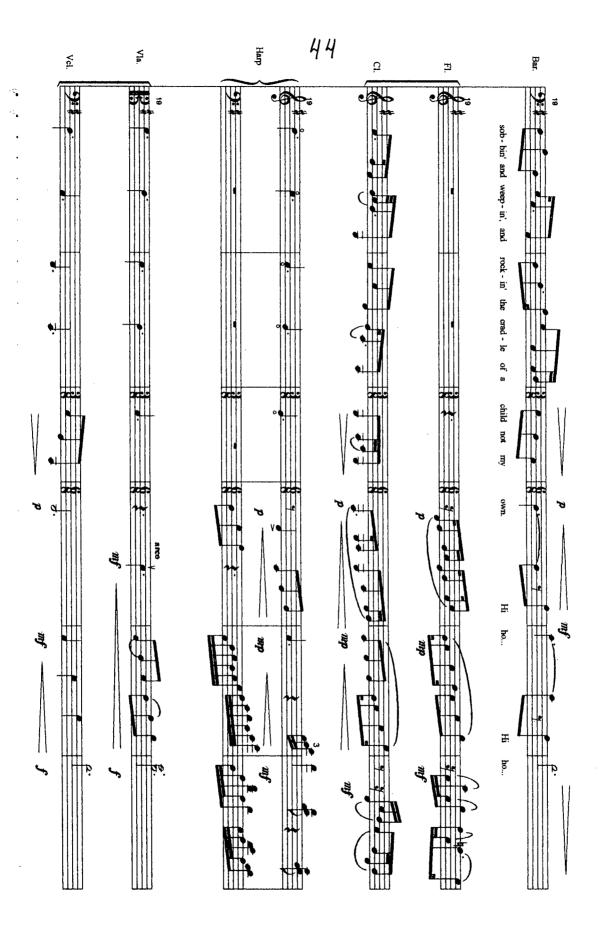
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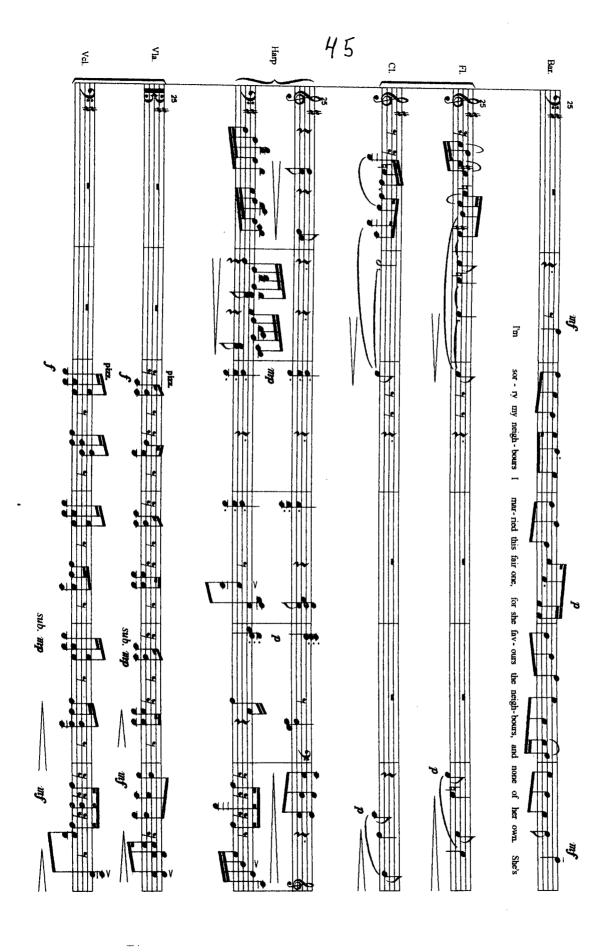
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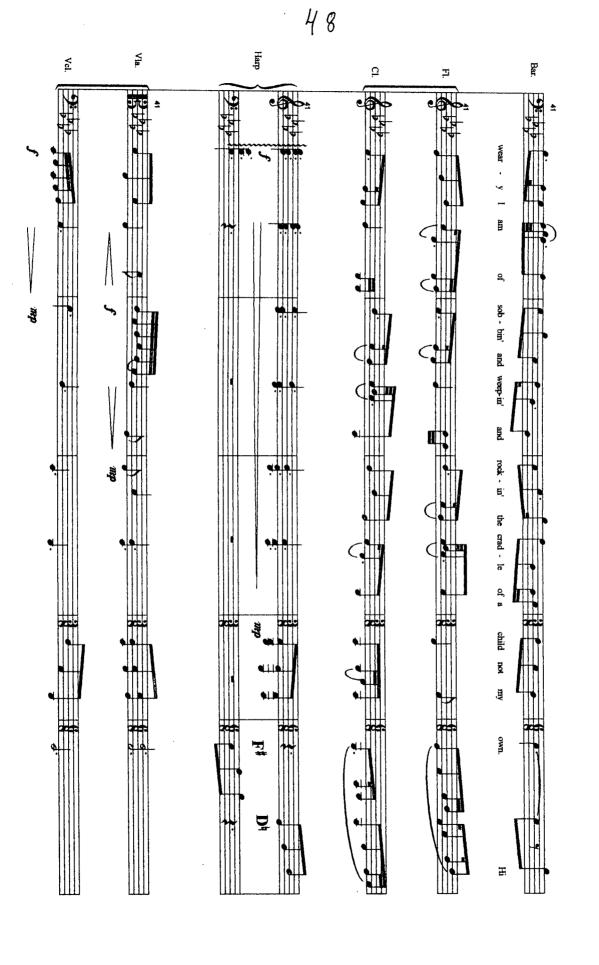


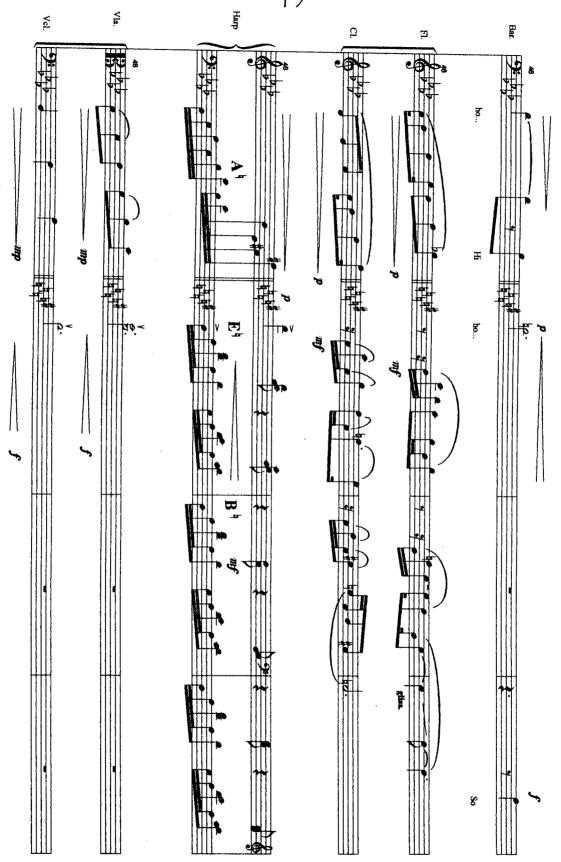


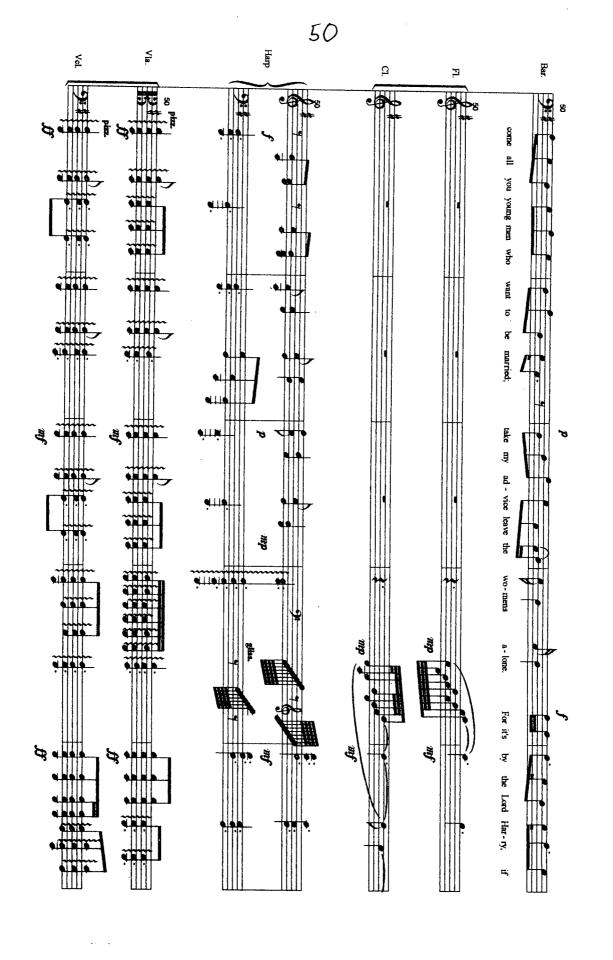


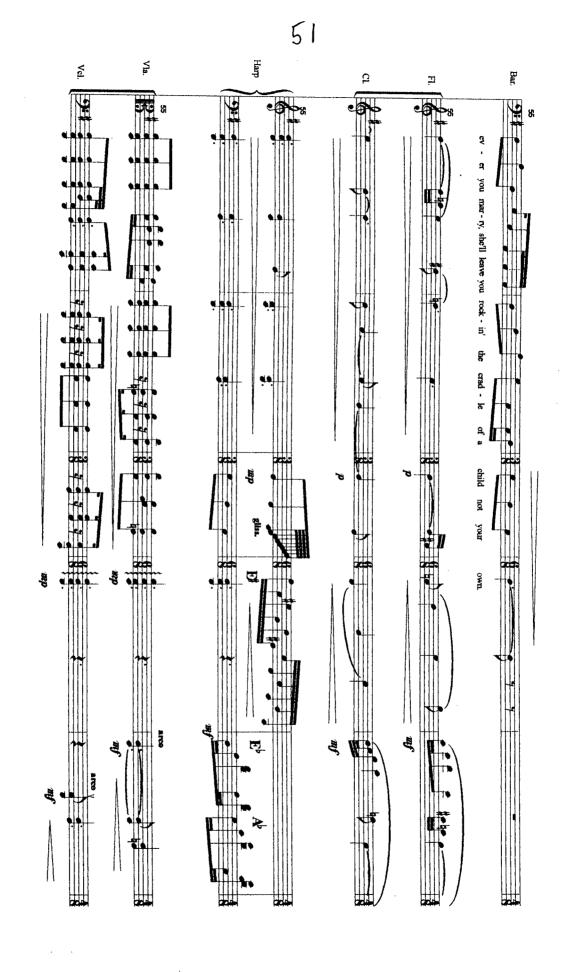


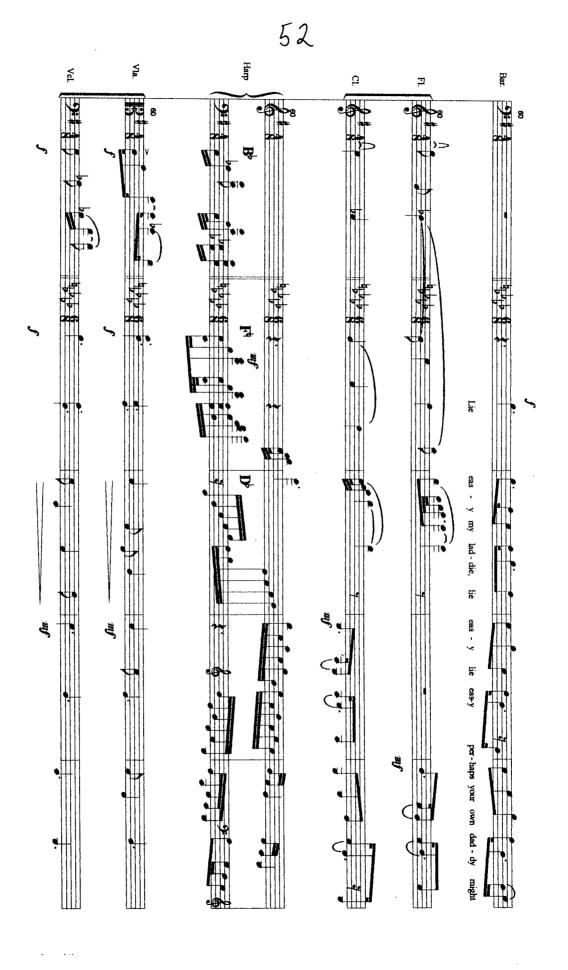




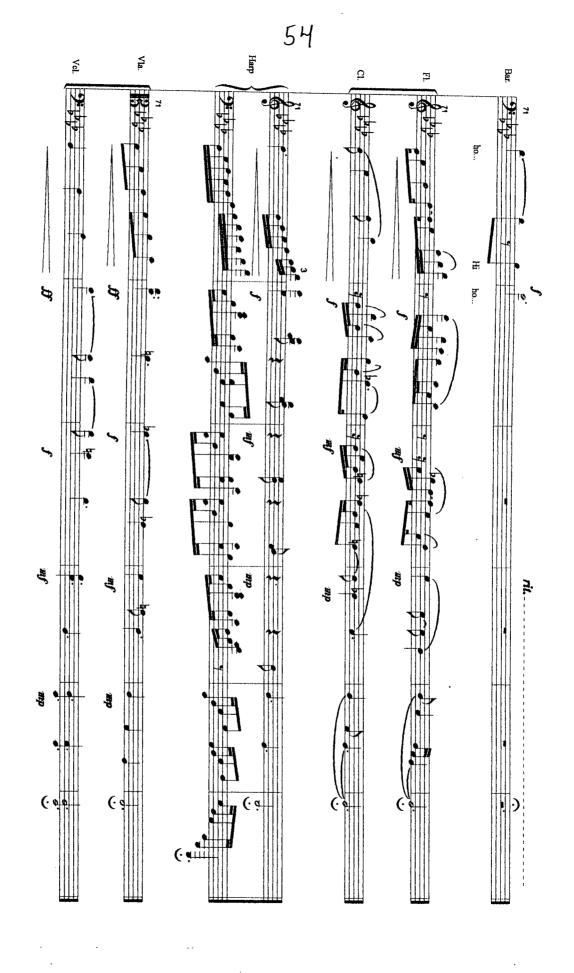












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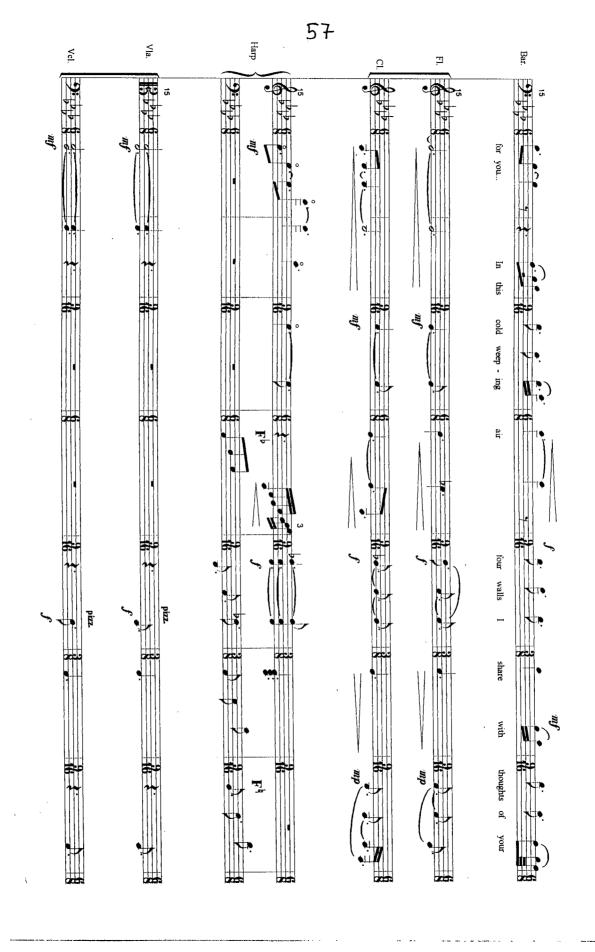
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for Chamber Ensemble
Bantone voice, Flute, Clarinet, Harp,
Viola and 'Cello

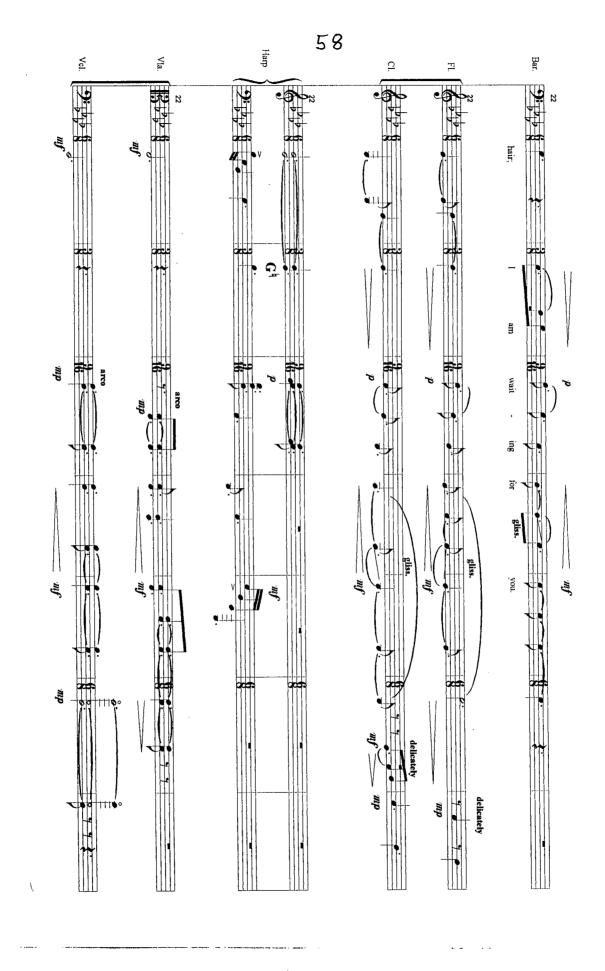
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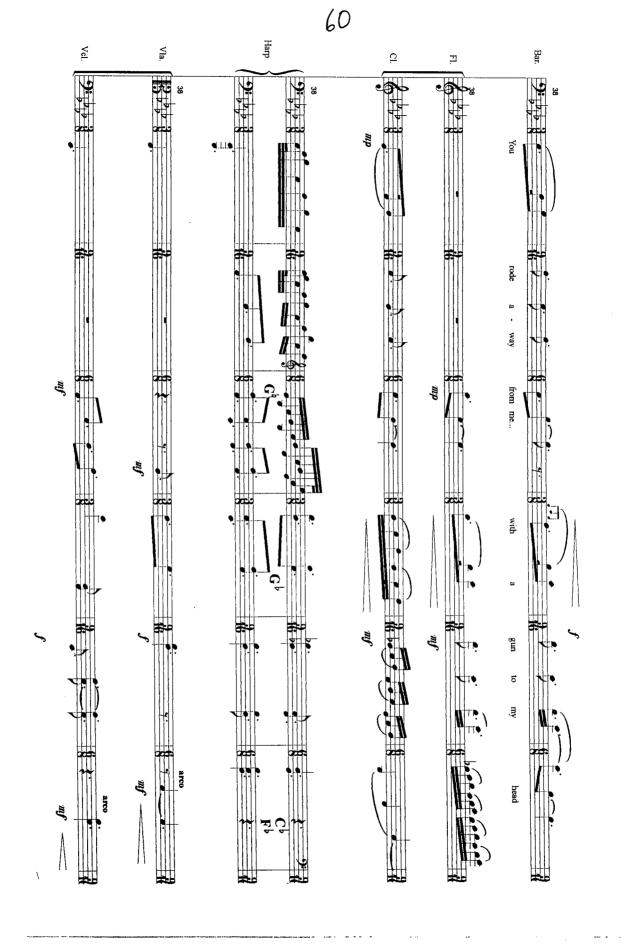


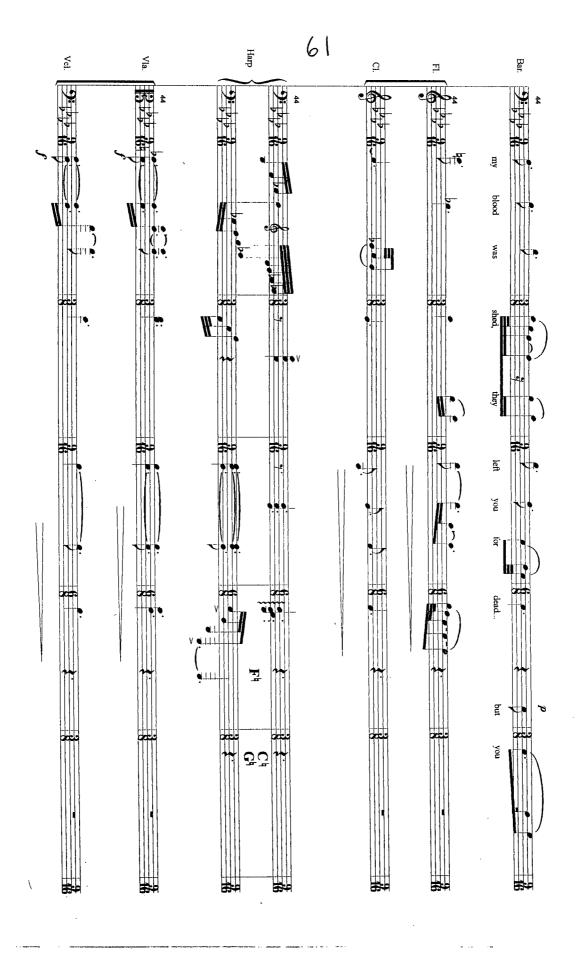
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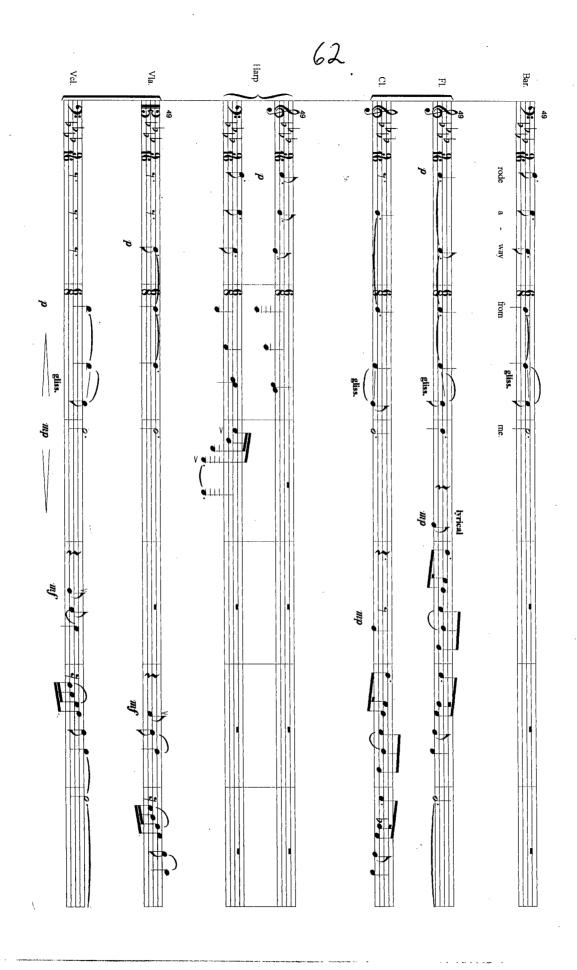




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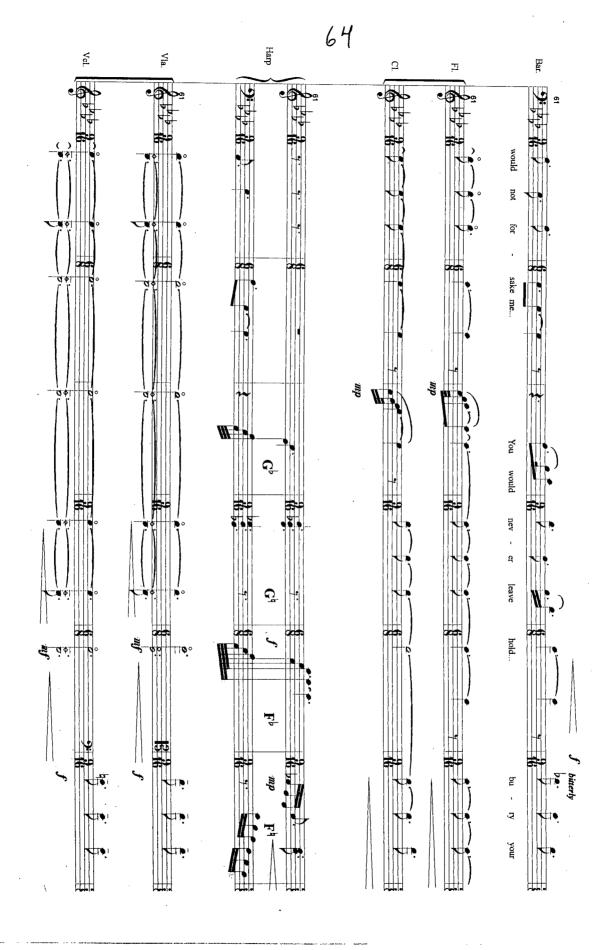


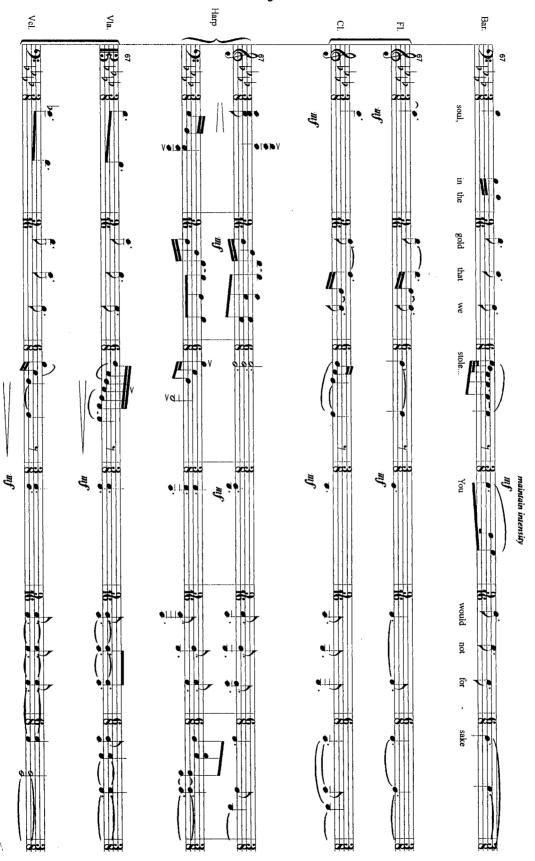




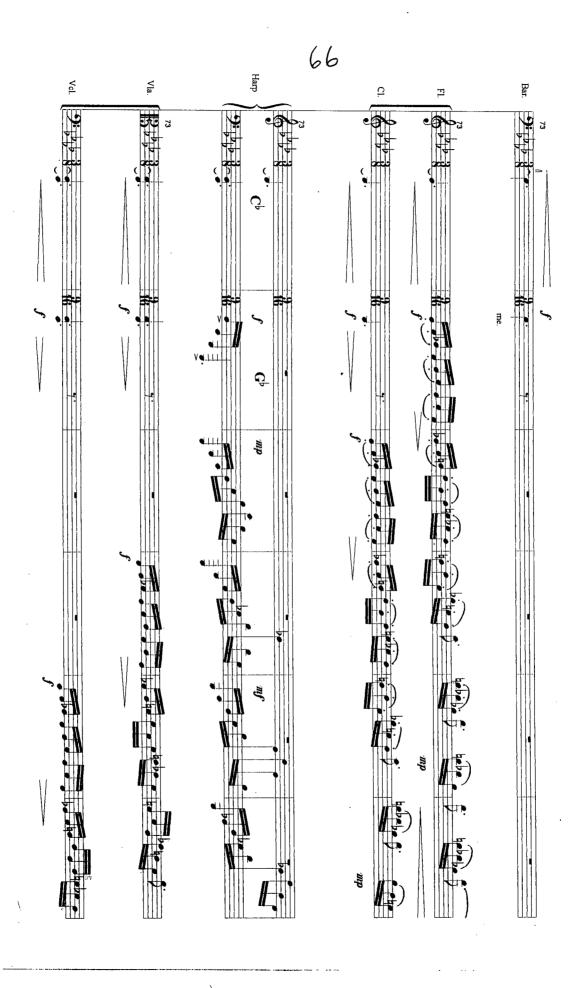
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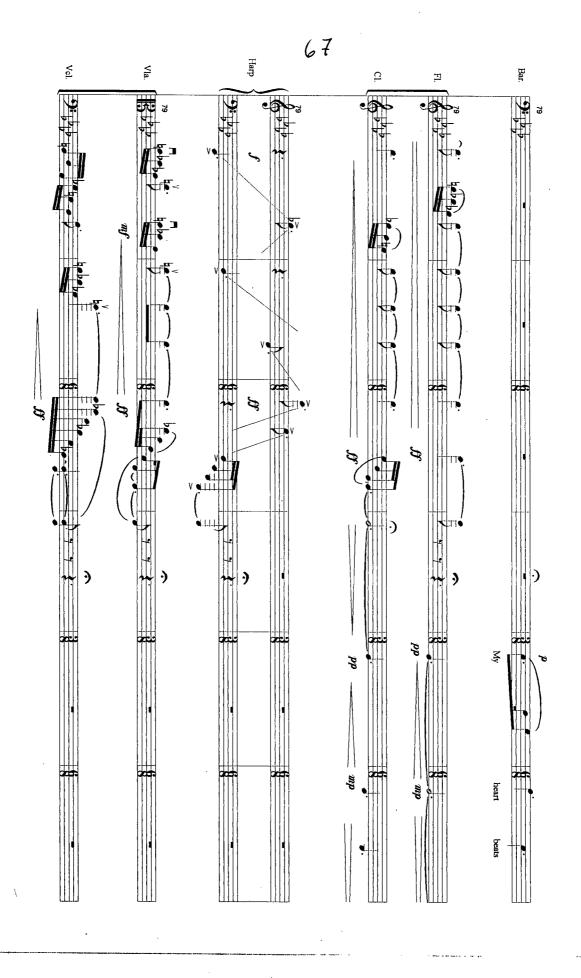
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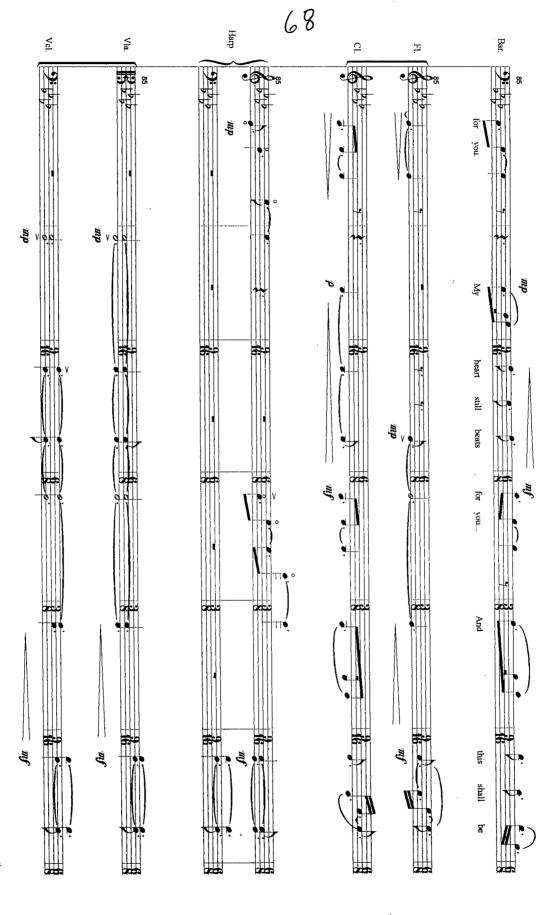


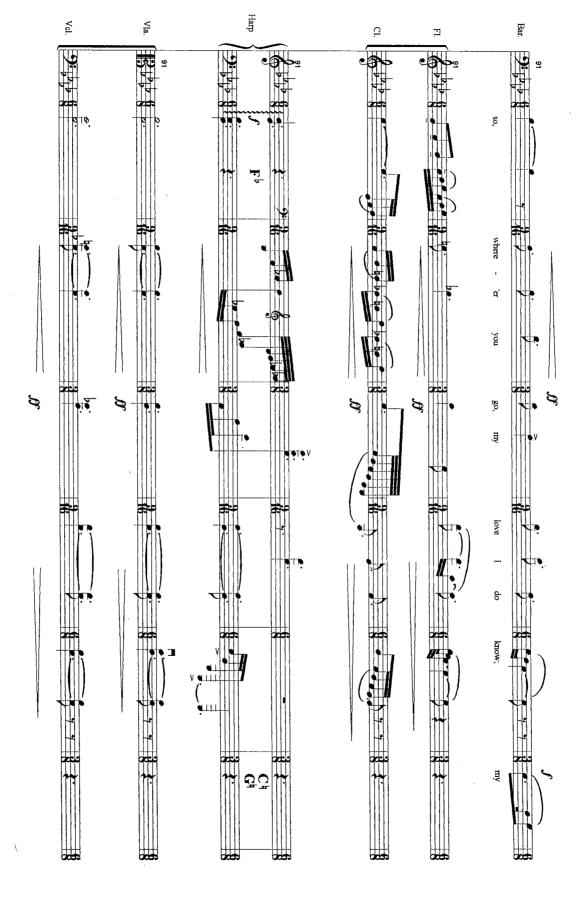


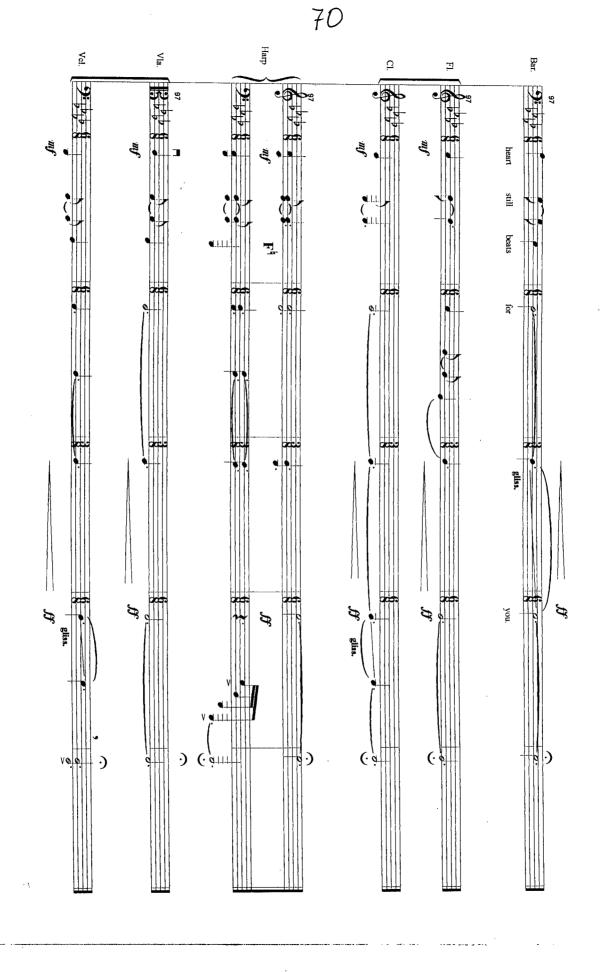
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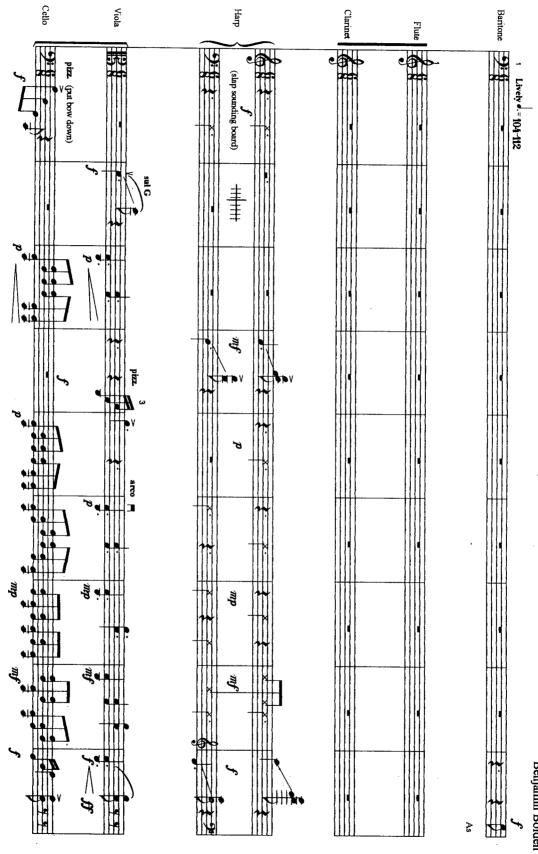


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Sixteen Come Sunday for Chamber Ensemble Baritone voice, Flute, Clarinet, Harp, Viola and Cello

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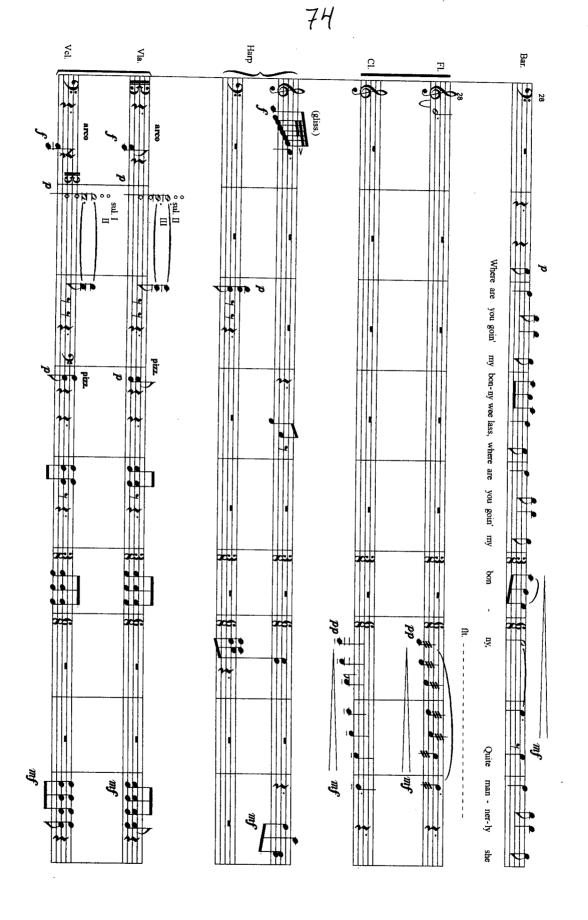


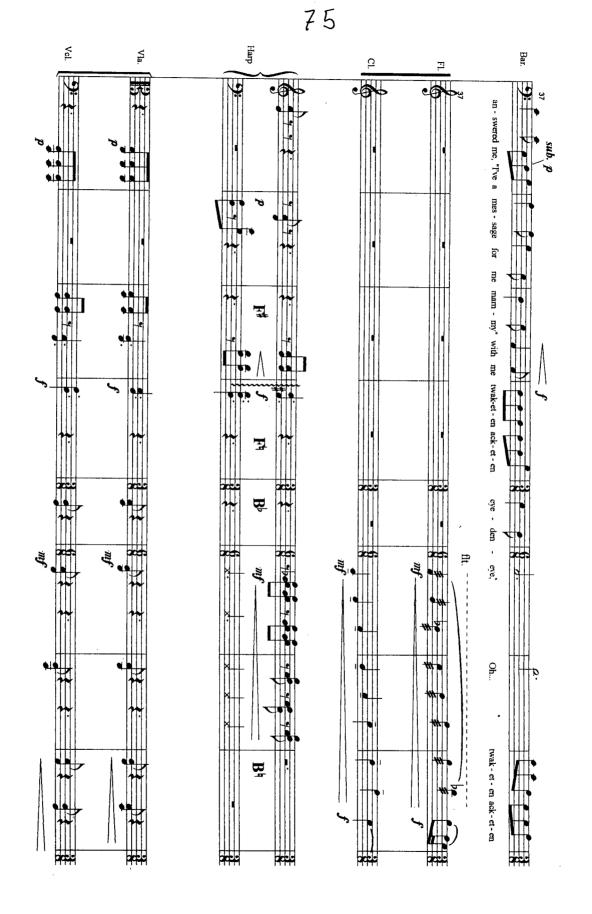


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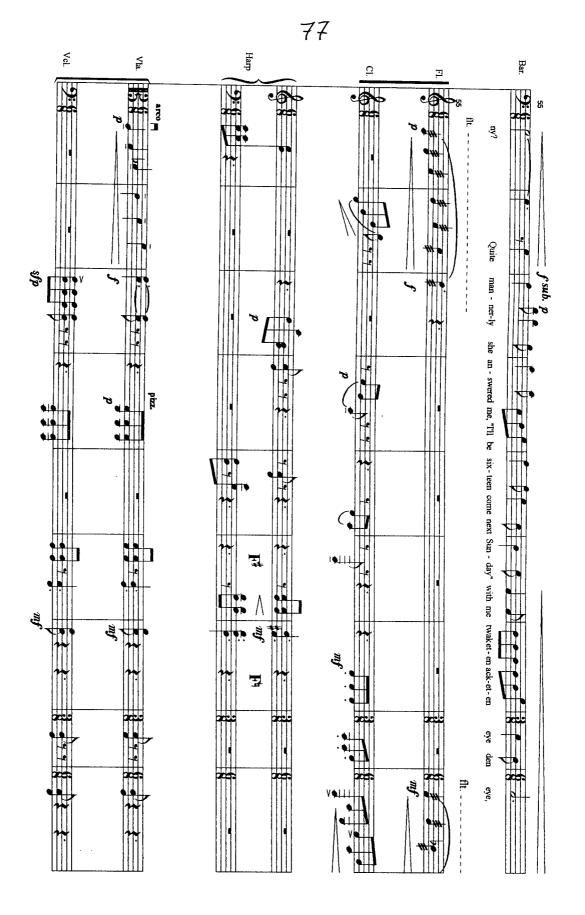


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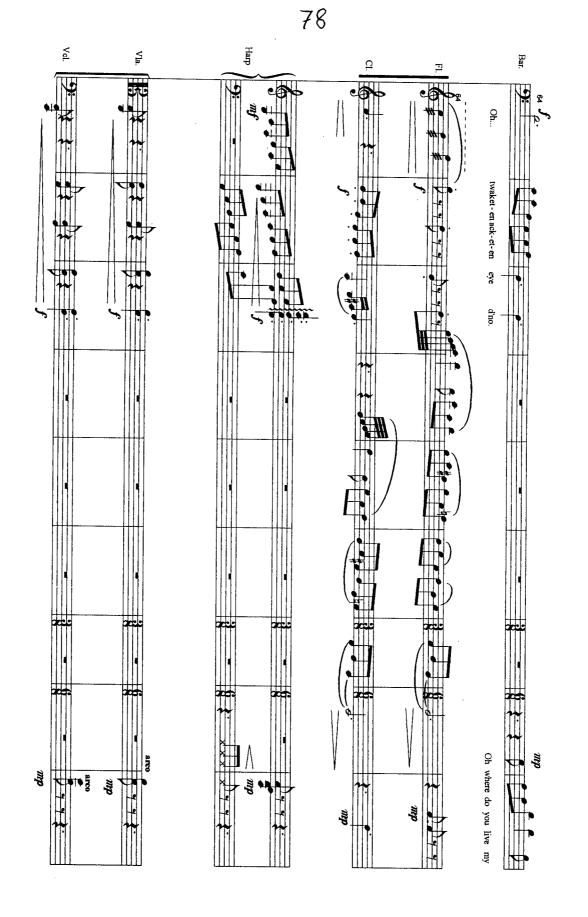


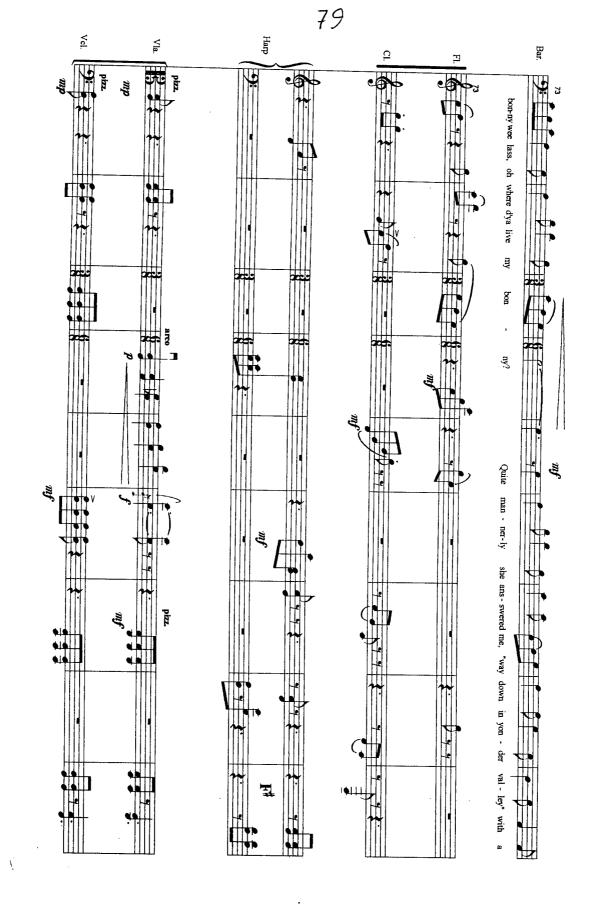


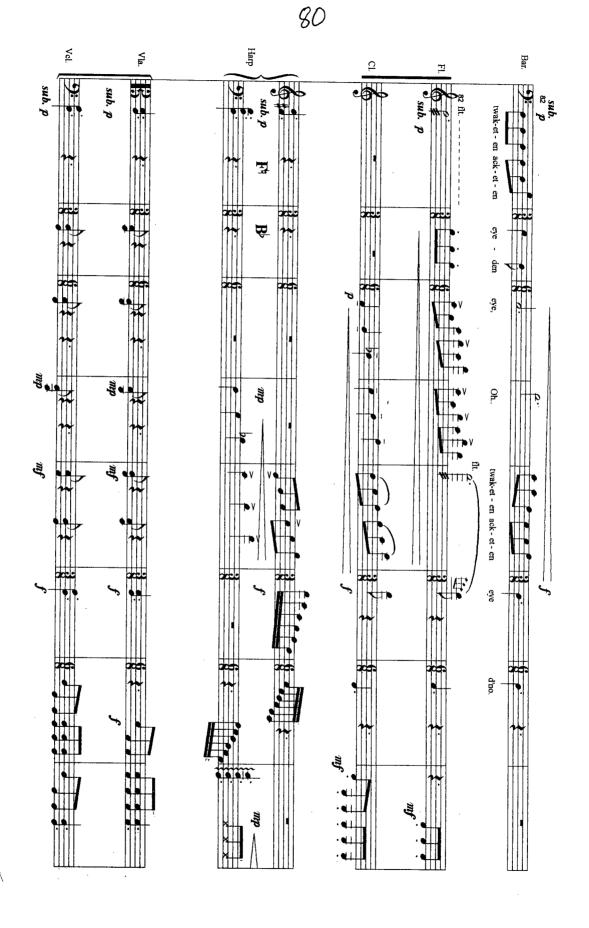




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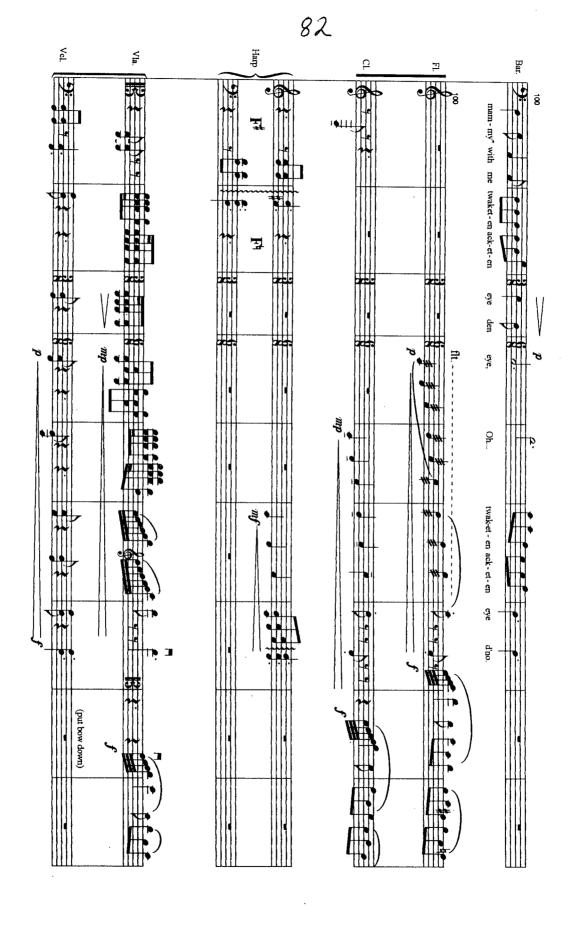


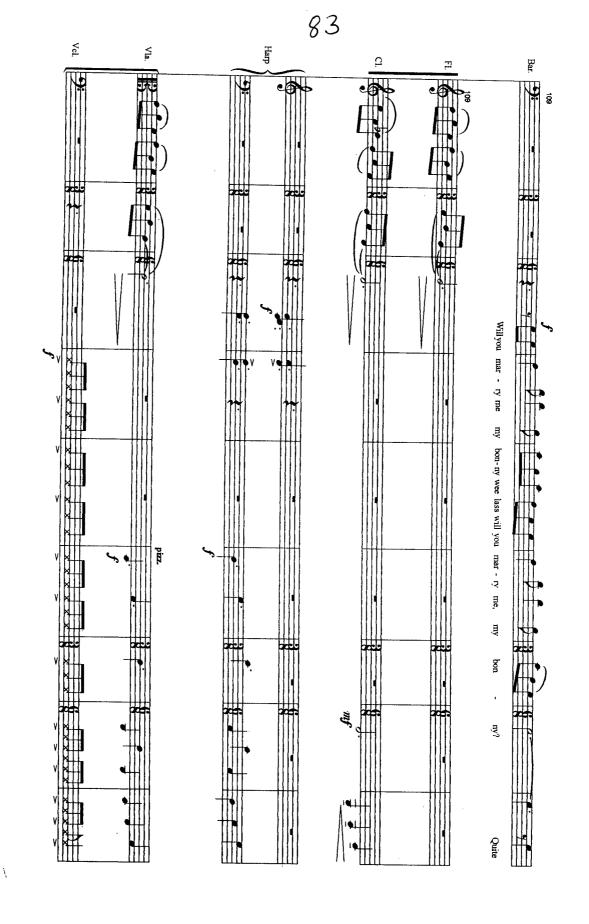




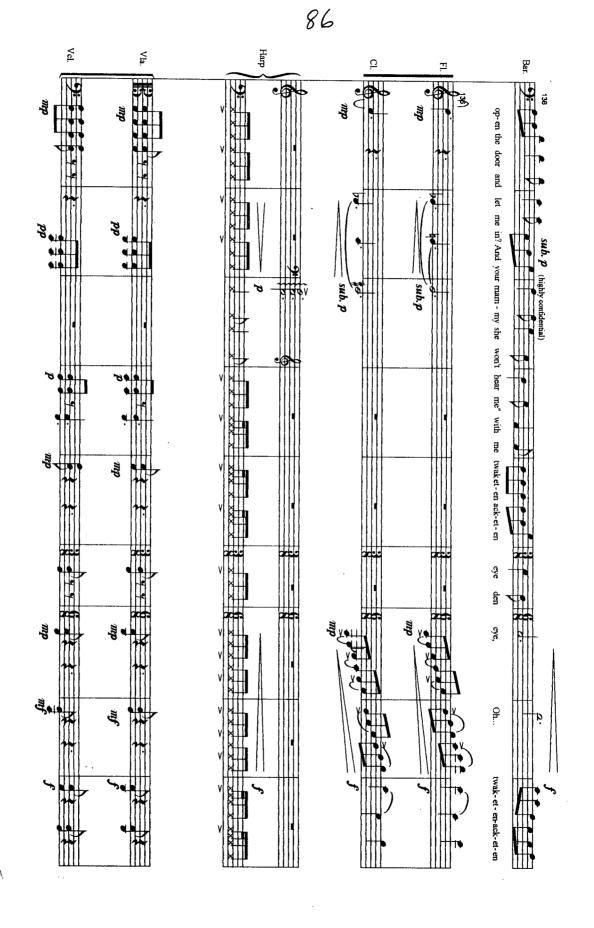
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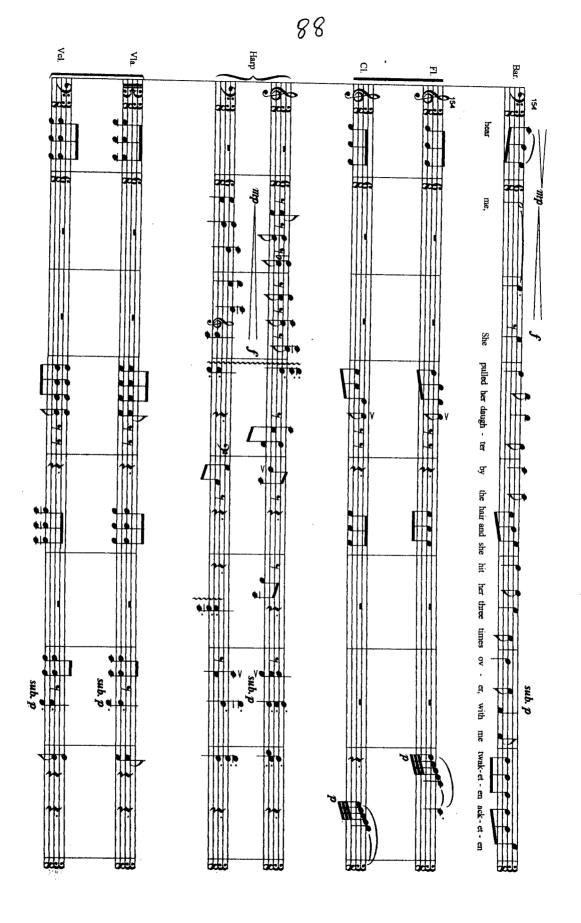








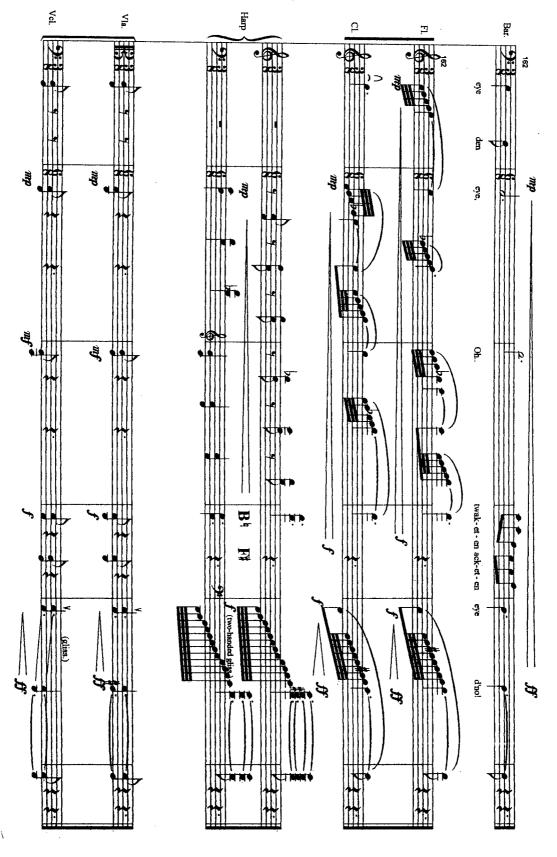




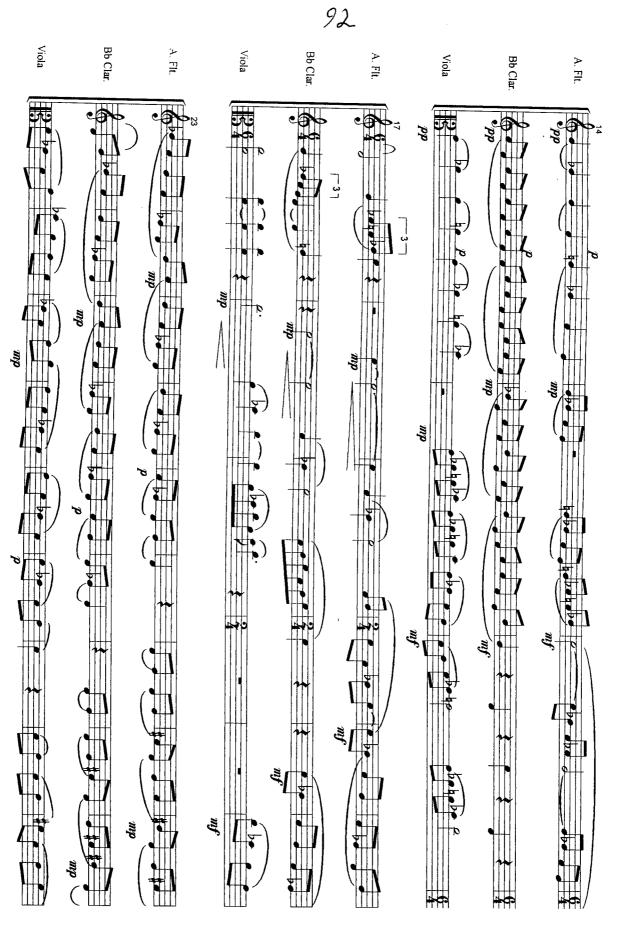
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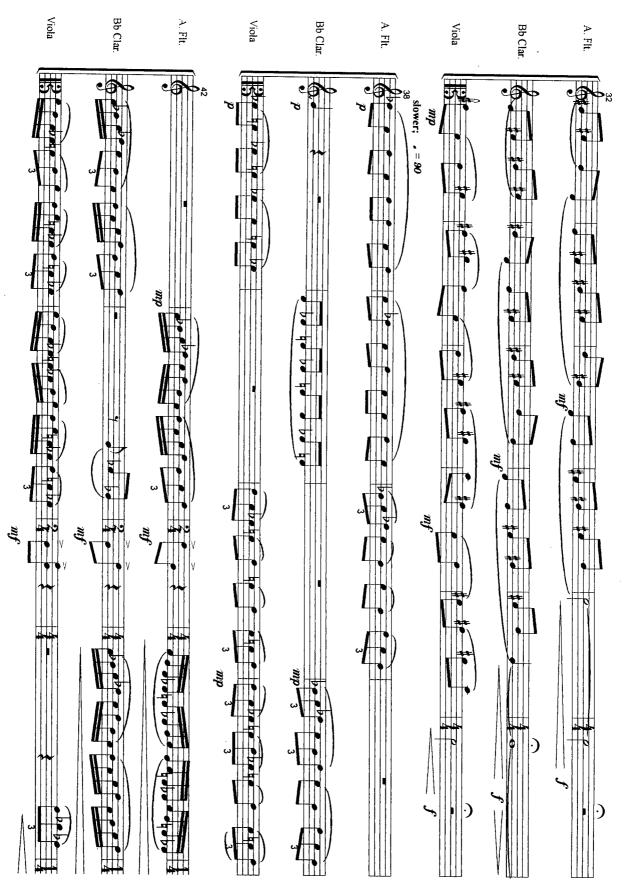
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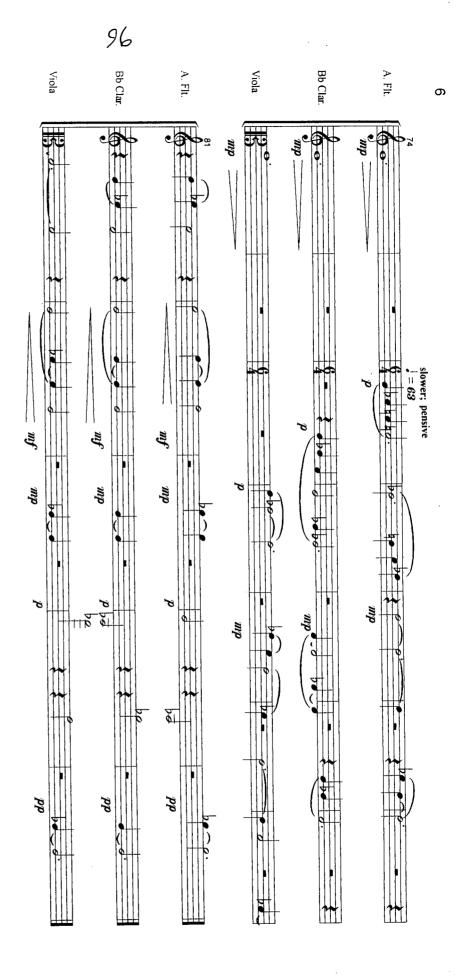
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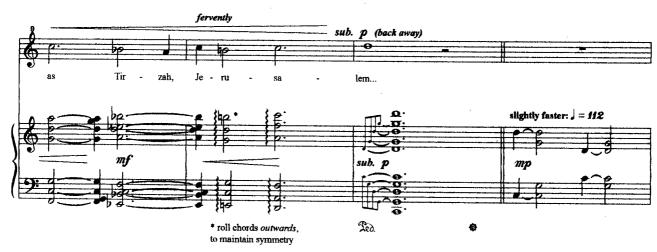


The Song of Songs, which is Solomon's Vocal Solo with Piano

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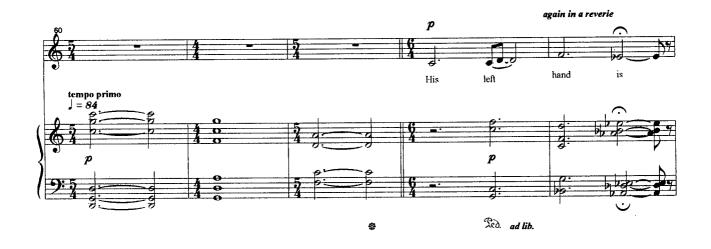
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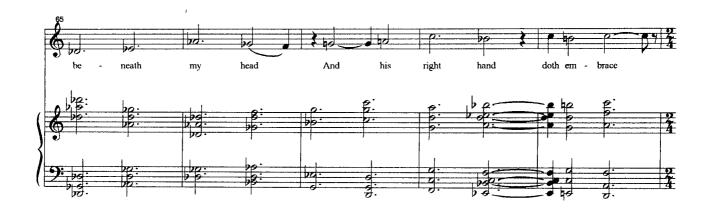


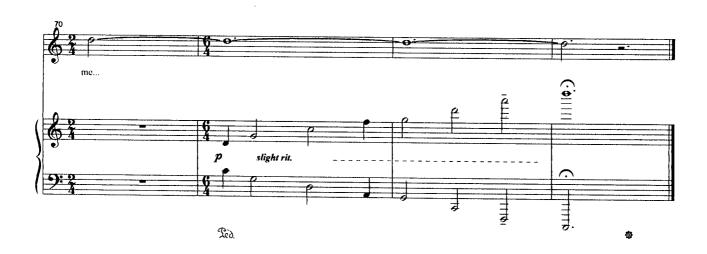












Three Nieces for Solo Harp

by Benjamin Bolden

- 1. Drifting
- 2. But Then...
- 3. Dance of the Toads

Drifting

















But Then ...

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Dance of the Toads

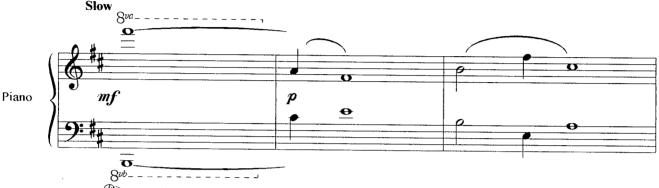






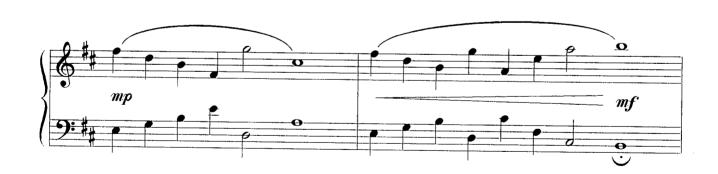
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20. (sustain throughout the piece with the Sostenuto pedal)





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Partly for Rebecca

for orchestra

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Duration: 3'-4'

ORCHESTRA

- 2 flutes
- 2 oboes
- 2 clarinets
- 2 bassoons
- 4 horns in F
- 2 trumpets
- 2 trombones

percussion 1: Crotales, Chimes, Med. Sus. Cymbal percussion 2: Marimba, Timpani (1 28" drum)

harp

pianoforte

violin 1 violin 2 viola violincello double bass

score in C



