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# **THEN CAME DEATH AND TOOK THE BUTCHER**

jeremy rapaport-stein  
string quartet | 15' | 2018  
after frank stella

## Instructions

Accidentals are repeated within the bar for clarity, except in the case of immediate repetition.

The duets at D1 and D2 are meant to be played simultaneously, with no alignment between the two pairs. Each musician should be in the same tempo as their duet partner, however.

The 4 solos at K1-4 are meant to be played simultaneously, with no alignment among the parts.

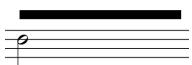
There are many moments where the texture or mood switches abruptly. In all these fast switches and cuts, make the transitions as sudden as possible - imagine a quickly turning radio dial.

## Legend

A.F.A.P. - As Fast As Possible



- "Fingered Glissando" -- a smoky, approximate, fast run, halfway between a true gliss. and a fingered chromatic scale. Play as if "faking" a chromatic scale.



- overpressure

SP / MSP - sul ponticello / molto sul ponticello

ST / MST - sul tasto / molto sul tasto



- any extremely high sound on the given string. If no particular string is given, assume I.



- approximate or indeterminate pitches

## Program Notes

*Then Came Death and Took the Butcher* was inspired by Frank Stella's vibrant, collage-like print of the same title, which is from a series of his works inspired in turn by El Lissitzky's illustrations of Had Gadya, a Passover song. Had Gadya is a cumulative children's rhyme in which one character after another is "taken" by a successively larger creature, from a small goat all the way up to G-d. Extrapolating metaphorically from Stella's work and the original poem, my piece plays with formal and emotional themes that struck me about both the source material and the process of multiple adaptations: transcendence, collage, loss, and recursive forms.

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# THEN CAME DEATH AND TOOK THE BUTCHER

Jeremy Rapaport-Stein

c.  $\text{♩} = 124 - 136$  (the faster the better)  
 neon blues and yellows, lines and curves crossing from every direction

Violin I

Violin II

Viola

Violoncello

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

1.

2.

8 (0) (scratch) 4/8

Vln. I *mf*

Vln. II *mf*

Vla. non-vib. *mf*

Vc. non-vib. *mf*

*8va* (jete) 4/8

Vln. I *f pos.*

Vln. II *f pos.*

Vla. *8va* (jete)

Vc. *8va* (jete)

13 ORD 4/8

Vln. I *mp* *f*

Vln. II *mp* *f*

Vla. *mp* *f*

Vc. *mp* *f*

16 *pp*

16 *f*

16 *pp*

16 *f*

16 *pp*

16 *f*

16 *f*

16 → SP ORD  
 Vln. I 5 16 ♯ 7 8 ♯ pp mf  
 Vln. II 5 16 ♭ 7 8 ♭ pp mf  
 Vla. 5 16 ♭ 7 8 ♯ pp mf  
 Vc. 5 16 ♭ 7 8 ♯ pp

A non vib.  
 19 Vln. I 4 pp  
 Vln. II 4 pp  
 Vla. 4 pp  
 Vc. 4 mf pp

23 pizz. f arco  
 Vln. I 5 16 ♯ 3 8 ♯ pp arco I.  
 Vln. II 5 16 ♭ 3 8 pp arco  
 Vla. 5 16 ♯ 3 8 pp  
 Vc. 5 16 ♭ 3 8 f

27

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

*f* *pp*

highest sul A

pizz.

arco

31

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

ST

ORD

ST

ORD

ST

ORD

mp

mf

mp

mf

mp

mf

mp

mf

mp

mf

mp

mf

35

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

ST

ORD

ST

ORD

ST

ORD

mp

mf

mp

mf

mp

mf

mp

mf

mp

mf

mp

mf

38

Vln. I      

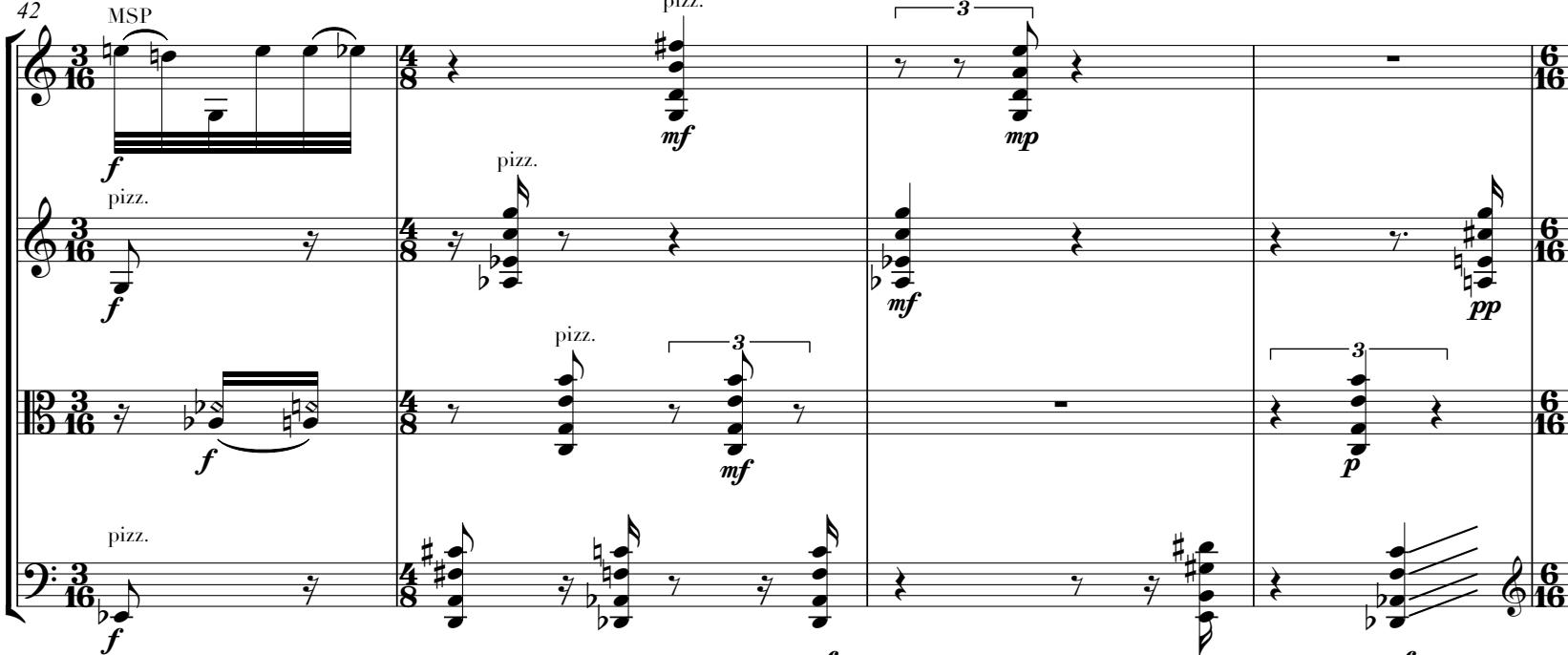
Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

42

MSP

Vln. I      

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

**B**

46

arco (ORD)

Vln. I      

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

49 arco

Vln. I 7 16 # 5 16 7 16 4 8  
Vln. II 7 16 5 16 7 16 4 8  
Vla. 7 16 5 16 7 16 4 8  
Vc. 7 16 5 16 7 16 4 8

IV (sempre)

52

Vln. I 4 8 p

Vln. II 4 8 III (sempre) ff mp f p

Vla. 3 4 8 p

Vc. 4 8 ff mp f p

55

Vln. I

*ff*

Vln. II

highest sul D

Vla.

*ff*

Vc.

highest sul C

C

$\frac{6}{16}$   $\frac{5}{16}$   $\frac{5}{16}$   $\frac{7}{16}$

$\frac{6}{16}$   $\frac{5}{16}$   $\frac{5}{16}$   $\frac{7}{16}$

$\frac{6}{16}$   $\frac{5}{16}$   $\frac{5}{16}$   $\frac{7}{16}$

$\frac{6}{16}$   $\frac{5}{16}$   $\frac{5}{16}$   $\frac{7}{16}$

II III  
III  
I II  
III IV

*mp* SP *mp* *mp* SP

58

Vln. I

$\frac{7}{16}$   $\frac{6}{16}$   $\frac{5}{16}$   $\frac{7}{16}$   $\frac{6}{16}$

*mf* SP *mp* ORD MSP *mf*  $\frac{7}{16}$   $\frac{6}{16}$

Vln. II

$\frac{7}{16}$   $\frac{6}{16}$   $\frac{5}{16}$   $\frac{7}{16}$   $\frac{6}{16}$

*f* *ff* *f* *ff*  $\frac{7}{16}$   $\frac{6}{16}$

Vla.

$\frac{7}{16}$   $\frac{6}{16}$   $\frac{5}{16}$   $\frac{7}{16}$   $\frac{6}{16}$

*mf* *mp* *mp* *mf* *fp*  $\frac{7}{16}$   $\frac{6}{16}$

Vc.

$\frac{7}{16}$   $\frac{6}{16}$   $\frac{5}{16}$   $\frac{7}{16}$   $\frac{6}{16}$

*f* *ff* *fp* *f* *SP*  $\frac{7}{16}$   $\frac{6}{16}$

II III  
III  
I II  
III IV

SP *ff* *ff* *fp* *f* *SP*

62

Vln. I      ORD II III  
6 16 *mp*      5 16 *mp* *f* *mf*      II III  
ORD SP  
Vln. II      f *fp* *f* *ff* *mp*  
ORD III IV  
Vla.      6 16 *f* *mp* *f* *mf* III IV  
ORD SP  
Vc.      6 16 *f* *fp* *f* *ff* *mp* SP  
pizz.

66 areo SP ORD SP ORD  
Vln. I      *mf* *p* *mf* *p* *mf* *f*      3 4  
ORD SP ORD SP ORD  
Vln. II      *mf* *p* *mf* *p* *mf* *f* *p*      3 4  
SP  
Vla.      *p* *mf* *p* *mf* *f* *p* *mf* *f* *p*      3 4  
ORD SP ORD SP ORD  
Vc.      *p* *mf* *p* *mf* *f* *p* *mf* *f* *p*      3 4

70

Vln. I

Vln. II → ORD

Vla.

Vc. → ORD

Measure 70: Vln. I has a rest. Vln. II starts with a eighth note followed by sixteenth-note pairs. Vla. and Vc. play eighth notes. Dynamics: pp, mp, pp, > pp < mp, pp, mp, pp. Performance instruction: → ORD.

Measure 71: Vln. I rests. Vln. II starts with a eighth note followed by sixteenth-note pairs. Vla. and Vc. play eighth notes. Dynamics: pp, mp, pp, mp, pp, mp, pp. Performance instruction: → ORD.

74

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Measure 74: Vln. I starts with a eighth note followed by sixteenth-note pairs. Dynamics: mp, pp, fpp, pp. Performance instruction: sim.

Measure 75: Vln. I starts with a eighth note followed by sixteenth-note pairs. Dynamics: mp. Performance instruction: II III sim.

Measure 76: Vln. I starts with a eighth note followed by sixteenth-note pairs. Dynamics: mp. Performance instruction: I sim.

Measure 77: Vln. I starts with a eighth note followed by sixteenth-note pairs. Dynamics: pp. Performance instruction: II III sim.

Measure 78: Vln. I starts with a eighth note followed by sixteenth-note pairs. Dynamics: pp. Performance instruction: sim.

Measure 79: Vln. I starts with a eighth note followed by sixteenth-note pairs. Dynamics: pp. Performance instruction: II sim.

Measure 80: Vln. I starts with a eighth note followed by sixteenth-note pairs. Dynamics: mp. Performance instruction: II sim.

Measure 81: Vln. I starts with a eighth note followed by sixteenth-note pairs. Dynamics: mp. Performance instruction: II sim.

Measure 82: Vln. I starts with a eighth note followed by sixteenth-note pairs. Dynamics: mp. Performance instruction: II sim.

Measure 83: Vln. I starts with a eighth note followed by sixteenth-note pairs. Dynamics: pp. Performance instruction: III IV sim.

Measure 84: Vln. I starts with a eighth note followed by sixteenth-note pairs. Dynamics: pp. Performance instruction: IV III sim.

D1

78a

Vln. I      Vln. II

*mp*      *f*      *pp*

*mp*      *f*      *pp*

81a

Vln. I      Vln. II

*mf*      *p*      *mf*

*p*      *mf*

*pp*

accel.

85a

Vln. I      Vln. II

*ff*

*ff*

*mp*

88a

Vln. I      Vln. II

*ff*

*ff*

Musical score for strings (Vla., Vc.) showing measures 78b-79. The score is in common time (indicated by '4/4' at the end of measure 79). Measure 78b starts with a dynamic of *mf* for the violins. The violins play eighth-note pairs, with the second note of each pair being higher than the first. The violoncello plays eighth notes with a dynamic of *ff*. Measure 79 begins with a dynamic of *f* for the violins, followed by a dynamic of *p* for the violoncello. The violins play eighth-note pairs, with the second note of each pair being higher than the first. The violoncello plays eighth notes with a dynamic of *ff*.

83b

Vla.

$\begin{smallmatrix} 9 \\ 6 \end{smallmatrix}$   $\begin{smallmatrix} 16 \end{smallmatrix}$

*p*

$\begin{smallmatrix} 9 \\ 16 \end{smallmatrix}$

*fp*

$\begin{smallmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{smallmatrix}$   $\begin{smallmatrix} 8 \\ 8 \end{smallmatrix}$

*fp*

Vc.

$\begin{smallmatrix} 6 \\ 16 \end{smallmatrix}$

*p*

$\begin{smallmatrix} 9 \\ 16 \end{smallmatrix}$

*fp*

$\begin{smallmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{smallmatrix}$   $\begin{smallmatrix} 8 \\ 8 \end{smallmatrix}$

*fp*

*molto accel.*

86b

Vla.

8va

3

Vc.

3

**E**

high as possible, fast as possible, loud as possible, wild indeterminate scrambling  
 once all four instruments have caught up to this point, continue for c. 8 second before moving on at cue from vln 1.

92

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

tempo primo  
 c.  $\text{♩} = 92-100$

93

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

97

Vln. I      *mf*      *ff*      5      5      5      5      5      5      *f*

Vln. II     *mf*      *ff*      5      5      5      5      5      *f*

Vla.        *mf*      *ff*      5      5      5      5      5      *f*

Vc.        *mf*      *ff*      5      5      5      5      5      *f*

100

Vln. I      non vib.      *fff*

Vln. II     *fff*

Vla.        non vib.      *fff*

Vc.        non vib.      *fff*

102

Vln. I      add pressure      *fff*

Vln. II     *fff*

Vla.        add pressure      *fff*

Vc.        add pressure      *fff*

105

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

pizz.  
mp

5

**MSP**

pp

16

7

pizz.  
mp

5

16

7

16

**F**

high as possible, fast as possible, loud as possible, wild indeterminate scrambling  
continue for c. 5 second before moving on at cue

107

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

fff

arco  
fff

arco  
fff

## A.F.A.P., independent tempi (unaligned)

108

Vln. I

Vln. II (ORD) fff

Vla. fff

Vc. fff

wait until all four have reached this measure  
then, hold for about 3 seconds and move on at cue

109

Vln. I mp

Vln. II mp

Vla. mp

Vc. mp

13

## A.F.A.P., independent tempi (unaligned)

110

Vln. I

(all harmonic touch, need not be nodal point)

Vln. II

f

Vla.

f

Vc.

f

(all harmonic touch, need not be nodal point)

*ppp**ppp**ppp*

(all harmonic touch, need not be nodal point)

*ppp*

(all harmonic touch, need not be nodal point)

*ppp**ppp*

wait until all four have reached this measure  
 then, hold for about 3 seconds  
 don't move on at cue, move on independently  
 try to move as soon as you hear the first person break

III

Vln. I

ppp

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

c.  $\text{♩} = 92-100$  (tempo primo), independent tempi (unaligned)

112 (F)

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

5

5

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

ff

3

3

3

ff

3

3

3

ff

3

3

3

ff

3

3

3

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

mf

3

3

3

pizz.

wait until all four have reached the fermata,  
then continue on cue

Vln. I  
Vln. II  
Vla.  
Vc.

**G**

c.  $\text{♪} = 124\text{--}136$  (tempo primo), tempo giusto (aligned)

114 MSP → ORD → MSP → ORD → SP → ORD → MSP  
arco  
Vln. I 6/16  $\text{ppp}$  → 5/16 → 6/16 → 5/16 → 4/8  
Molto ff  
MSP → ORD → MSP → ORD → SP → ORD → MSP  
arco  
Vln. II 6/16  $\text{ppp}$  → 5/16 → 6/16 → 5/16 → 4/8  
Molto ff  
MSP → ORD → MSP → ORD → SP → ORD → MSP  
arco  
Vla. 6/16  $\text{ppp}$  → 5/16 → 6/16 → 5/16 → 4/8  
Molto ff  
MSP → ORD → MSP → ORD → SP → ORD → MSP  
arco  
Vc. 6/16  $\text{ppp}$  → 5/16 → 6/16 → 5/16 → 4/8  
Molto ff

118 SP  
Vln. I 4/8  $\text{ppp}$  → 3 → 5 → 4/8  
mf < ff > mf  
ST  
Vln. II 4/8  $\text{ppp}$  → 3 → 5 → 4/8  
mf < ff > mf  
IV II III  
Vla. 4/8  $\text{mp}$  → 3 → 5 → 4/8  
mf < ff > mf  
Vc. 4/8  $\text{ppp}$  → 5 → 5 → 4/8  
mf < ff > mf

122

Vln. I II MSP → ORD

Vln. II IV MSP → ORD

Vla. MSP → ORD

Vc. MSP → ORD

126

Vln. I 3 pp (II)

Vln. II II pp

Vla. III IV pp

Vc. (IV) pp

130

Vln. I f 3 p

Vln. II f 3 p

Vla. f p

Vc. 3 f p

134 (F)

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

ff      fp      ff      fp      ff      fp      ff      fp      ff      fp      3pp

ff      fp      ff      fp      MSP      3pp

ff      fp      ff      fp      MSP      3pp

ff      fp      ff      fp      MSP      3pp

H

138 ORD

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

p      f      p      f      p      f      p      pp

f      p      f      p      f      p      f      pizz.

ORD      p      f      p      f      p      f      p      pizz.

p      f      p      f      p      f      p      pp

pizz.      f      p      f      p      f      p      pp

141

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

fff

arco

fff

fff

arco ORD

144

Vln. I (harm. gliss.) III *mf*  $\frac{3}{8}$   $\frac{4}{8}$   $\frac{3}{8}$

Vln. II  $\frac{3}{8}$   $\frac{3}{8}$   $\frac{4}{8}$   $\frac{3}{8}$

Vla.  $\frac{3}{8}$  *mf* *fff*

Vc.  $\frac{3}{8}$  *mf* *fff* II (harm. gliss.)  $\frac{3}{8}$   $\frac{4}{8}$   $\frac{3}{8}$

148

Vln. I  $\frac{3}{8}$  *pp* col legno battuto  $\frac{3}{4}$

Vln. II  $\frac{3}{8}$  *pp* col legno battuto  $\frac{3}{4}$

Vla.  $\frac{3}{8}$  *pp* arco (ord.)  $\frac{3}{4}$   $\frac{5}{4}$  *mf*

Vc.  $\frac{3}{8}$  *pp* col legno battuto  $\frac{3}{4}$

I 151 arco (ord.)  $\frac{3}{4}$   $\frac{5}{4}$   $\frac{5}{4}$   $\frac{5}{4}$  *fff semper* very slowly, rubato

Vc.  $\frac{2}{4}$   $\frac{5}{4}$   $\frac{5}{4}$   $\frac{5}{4}$   $\frac{5}{4}$   $\frac{5}{4}$   $\frac{5}{4}$

155 Vc.  $\frac{5}{4}$   $\frac{5}{4}$   $\frac{5}{4}$   $\frac{5}{4}$  long (c. 8'') II (semper) ST (until it becomes impossible)  $\frac{4}{4}$  *pp*

Vc.  $\frac{5}{4}$   $\frac{5}{4}$   $\frac{5}{4}$   $\frac{5}{4}$   $\frac{5}{4}$   $\frac{5}{4}$   $\frac{5}{4}$

159 Vc.  $\frac{5}{4}$   $\frac{5}{4}$   $\frac{5}{4}$   $\frac{5}{4}$   $\frac{5}{4}$   $\frac{5}{4}$   $\frac{5}{4}$

163 Vc. less long (c. 5'') heavy, exaggerated vibrato *ffff*

Vc.  $\frac{5}{4}$   $\frac{5}{4}$   $\frac{5}{4}$   $\frac{5}{4}$   $\frac{5}{4}$   $\frac{5}{4}$   $\frac{5}{4}$

166

Vln. I

Vln. II (molto vib.) *fff*

Vla. (molto vib.) *fff*

Vc.

169

Vln. I (gliss. with molto vib.) *fff*

Vln. II (gliss. with molto vib.)

Vla. (gliss. with molto vib.)

Vc. (gliss. with molto vib.)

repeat c. 9 seconds  
move on at cue from vln. 1

## independent tempi, unaligned

173 (highest sul E)  
Vln. I gliss. with molto vib.  
**ppp**  
(highest sul E)  
Vln. II gliss. with molto vib.  
**ppp**  
(highest sul A)  
Vla. gliss. with molto vib.  
**ppp**  
(highest sul A)  
Vc. gliss. with molto vib.  
**ppp**

J 174 tempo giusto very long (c. 15'')  
Vln. I  $\frac{4}{8}$  pp  
Vln. II  $\frac{4}{8}$  pizz.  $\frac{3}{4}$   
Vla.  $\frac{3}{8}$  pp arco  $\frac{3}{4}$   
Vc.  $\frac{3}{8}$  pizz.  $\frac{3}{4}$  pp

176 Vln. I  $\frac{3}{4}$  pp  
Vln. II  $\frac{3}{4}$  pp  
Vla.  $\frac{3}{4}$  pp  
Vc.  $\frac{3}{4}$  pp

179

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

pizz.

*pp*

*pp*

183

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

*mf*

186

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

pizz.

*pp*

*mf*

189

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

pizz.

*pp*

192

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

arco  
*mf*

Vc.

col legno battuto

col legno battuto

*pp*

col legno battuto

K1

## A.F.A.P.

frenetic improv  
follow the shapes/contours indicated by the noteheads

ORD

196a

Vln. I

1st time: ***f*** pos.  
2nd time: ***ff***  
3rd time: ***mf***  
4th time: ***f*** pos.  
5th time: ***mp***

197a

Vln. I

207a

Vln. I

(very high sul D)

208a

Vln. I

209a

Vln. I

(very high sul E)

210a

Vln. I

5X (in total)

**K2**

196b *areo*

Vln. II

200b

Vln. II

204b

Vln. II

208b

Vln. II

212b

Vln. II

216b

Vln. II

220b

Vln. II

K3

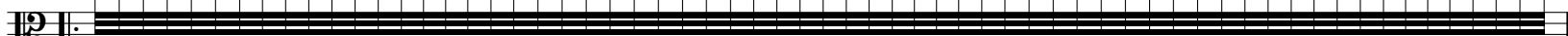
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frenetic improv

follow the shapes/contours indicated by the noteheads

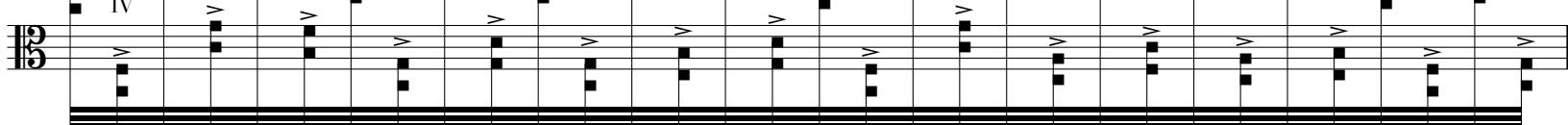
ORD  
(very high sul A)

196c

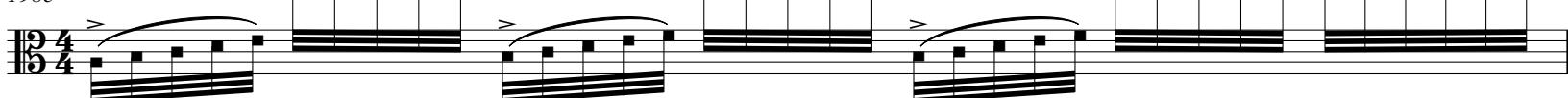
Vla. 

1st time: **f** pos.  
2nd time: **ff**  
3rd time: **mf**  
4th time: **f** pos.  
5th time: **mp**

197c sim.

Vla. 

198c

Vla. 

(very high sul D)

199c

Vla. 

I  
II

III  
IV

III  
IV

I (sim.)  
II

Vla. 

(very high sul A)

201c

Vla. 

5X (in total)

**K4****A.F.A.P.**

frenetic improv

follow the shapes/contours indicated by the noteheads

196d ORD

1st time: ***f*** pos.  
2nd time: ***ff***  
3rd time: ***mf***  
4th time: ***f*** pos.  
5th time: ***mp***

(very high sul A)

197d

Vc.

198d

Vc.

(very high sul A)

199d

Vc.

200d

Vc.

5X (in total)

**L**

once all four have arrived, repeat for a long time (c. 15'')  
then, move on at cue

c.  $\text{J} = 80$ , independent tempi

226

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

still independent tempi  
begin each of these measures together on cue, then play without alignment

227

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

230

Vln. I c. 4" 8va *ppp*

Vln. II p

Vla. ST II III

Vc. ORD III IV *p*

c. 6"

233

Vln. I 8va *ppp*

Vln. II pp

Vla. #*s*: p

Vc. III

c. 8" SP pp

Vln. II SP III

Vla. SP III pp

Vc. SP pp

c. 10" SP pp

**M**

Slower, c.  $\text{♩} = 69$ , independent tempi  
begin independently (no need for cue)

237

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

gliss. up while continuing harmonic tremolo (highest sul E)

SP IV (alternate between normal and harmonic touch)

III

SP III.IV

MSP

ppp

ppp

ppp

ppp

repeat until all four have arrived  
then, continue for c. 5 more seconds  
violin I, viola, and cello move to N1 on cue  
violin II moves independently to N2 (meditation)

Slower, c.  $\text{♩} = 60$ , independent tempi

238

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

SP

ppp

ST

ppp

SP III

ppp

N1

tempo primo c.  $\text{♩} = 94$   
tempo giusto

239 Vln. I ORD (to III) (to II) (to I) c. 4" 3X (in total)

Vla. ORD (to II) (to I) f

Vc. ORD (to I) f

con sord.  
IV (sempre)

243 Vln. I 5:8 ppp mp 7:8 pp mf 9:8

con sord.  
III (sempre)

Vla. 5:8 pp mp 7:8 pp mf 9:8

con sord.  
II (sempre)

Vc. 5:8 pp mp 7:8 pp mf 9:8

highest sul G

Violin I & Cello to O1  
Viola to O2 (Game)

c. 6"

245 Vln. I 9:8 ppp p pp f ppp highest sul G

Vla. 9:8 ppp p pp f ppp highest sul G

Vc. 9:8 ppp p pp f ppp highest sul D

**N2****Violin II****Scale Meditation, for Judy**

Starting on the open G string, play an ascending G major scale.

Each note should be a full quarter-note in duration at c.  $\text{J} = 80\text{-}84$ . Pause for 2-8 seconds between each note. Try to vary the lengths of the spaces between notes.

With each progressive note of the scale, vary one or more of the following parameters:

- Dynamic
- Intensity and/or width of vibrato
- Bow placement (ord, al pont., tasto, or on the bridge)
- Level of bow pressure (flautando vs. almost overpressure)

Using these parameters, aim for contrast with each note.

End very high on the E string. Your last note should be a C# (i.e., end the scale by going B-C#, then stop). This should be the last thing that happens in the piece. Once everyone else is done, continue playing the scale. When you get to a B, end the piece by having the next note be a C#.

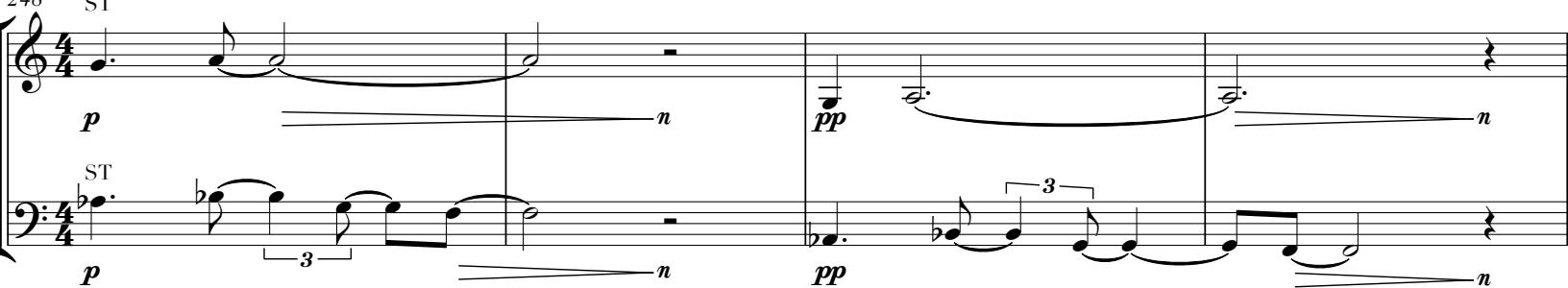
For instance, say everyone's finished playing and you've just played the pitch E. You would then continue up the scale in the same manner as you've done so far, except on the fourth degree of the scale you play a C# to end things. You'd play E-F#-G-A-B-C#.

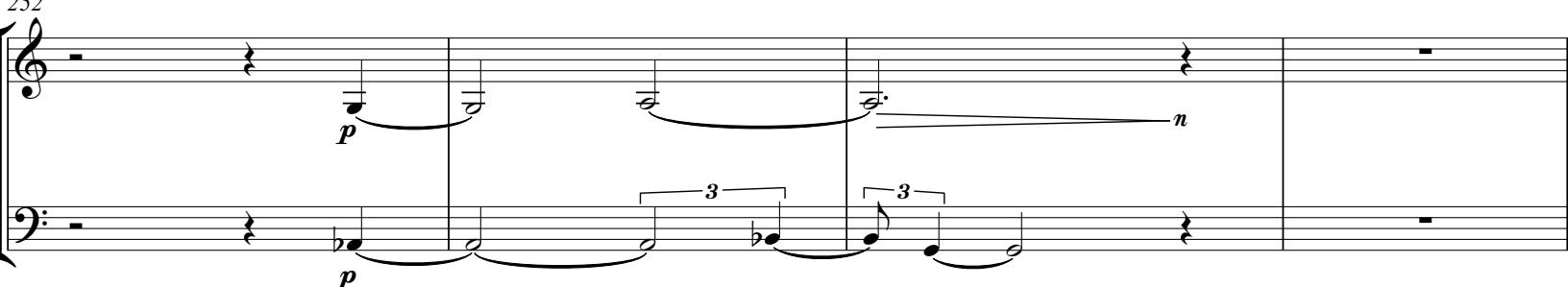
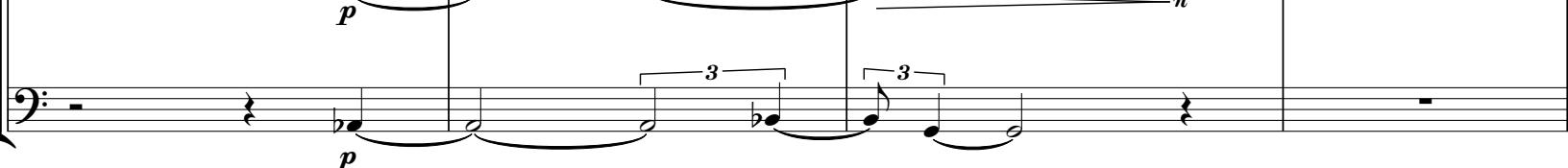
If the others are taking longer than anticipated and you're already extremely high up the E string, just keep repeat the scale at the highest octave you can until it's time to finish.

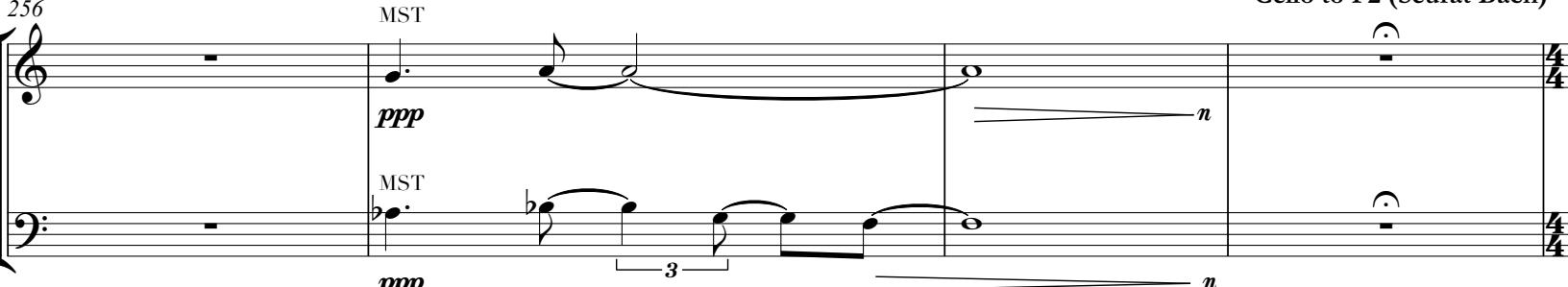
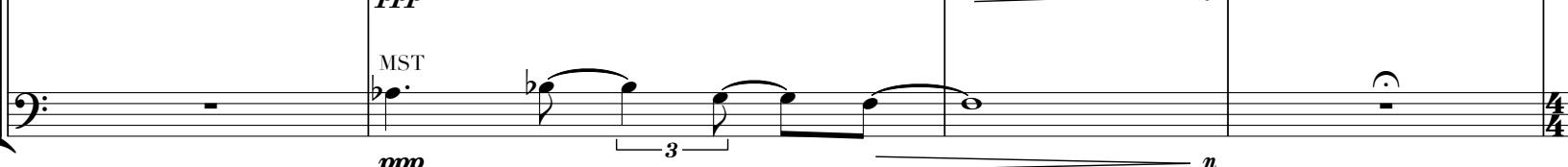
Except for noting when the others have finished, pay no attention to what's going on around you. Tune them out. Focus on the scale, your breath, and the differences in sound that occur through your actions to vary the modes of playing.

O1

Slower, c.  $\text{♩} = 80$

248 ST  
 Vln. I   
 Vc. 

252  
 Vln. I   
 Vc. 

256 MST  
 Vln. I   
 Vc. 

Violin I to P1  
Cello to P2 (Seurat Bach)

**O2****Viola****Harmonics Game, for Mark**

At a tempo of c.  $\text{J} = 72\text{-}76$ , play a constant stream of eighth notes.

Each note must be a natural harmonic. No consecutive repeated notes. Pitches may be repeated if they are produced by different fingerings.

You must change strings at least once every 3 notes.

Aim to avoid patterns and sequences. Aim to cycle through every natural harmonic you're able to sound before repeating any.

Stay at a dynamic level between pianississimo and piano

Continue playing until you hear violin I finish their part. Then, keep going for about 20" and find a nice ending.

**P1**Slower, c.  $\text{♩} = 69$  (rubato)

260 senza sord.

Vln. I

264

Vln. I

**P2****Cello****Seurat Bach, for Josh**

Play the prelude to the 2nd Bach solo cello suite as best as you remember it.

Play each pitch in a different register (i.e., displace by octaves). Don't play any two consecutive notes in the same register.

Play each note staccato.

Keep the rhythm from the original roughly the same, with lots of rubato. Play slightly undertempo from the original.

Staying in a volume range from pianississimo to piano, shape the phrasing and dynamics as you would normally.

Keep the bow over the fingerboard, between sul tasto and molto sul tasto.

Continue until the violist stops playing. Then keep going 10-15" and find a nice stopping place.