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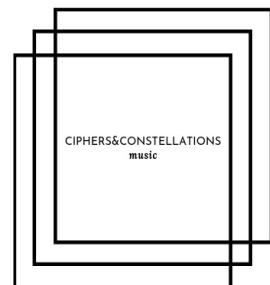
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(2019)

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## Program Notes

**A radio** is a device that conduces the invisible or theoretical into a perceivable or physical manifestation of itself. It makes all the unknown knowledge which permeates the universe, as radio waves do, briefly apparent. The conceit behind this piece is that one can be driven literally out of one's mind by these momentary glimpses of the truth, since after witnessing the horror of the cluttered, entropic tendencies of the universe towards meaninglessness, it is impossible to return to our false reality with the repercussions, the resonance of truth still ringing in our ears.

**Frank Olson** was a man who plunged to his death from a 10<sup>th</sup> story window shortly after being dosed, unwillingly and unwittingly, with an ungodly amount of LSD. He was not the first, only, or last victim of a decades-long CIA experiment which:

- 1) developed out of the adoption of torture techniques used by the Axis Powers in their death camps in Poland and Manchuria during World War II
- 2) sought to develop the biological weapon of mind control via psychotropic drugs, to be used against the USSR, which the US military-industrial complex, drunk on the triumphant assumption of unconditional superiority, believed to be the ultimate evil, requiring destruction at any moral cost
- 3) was referred to in the 1950s (though it took many shapes, intentions, and names over the years) as Project MKULTRA, spearheaded by a biochemist named Sydney Gottlieb.

**A requiem** is a musical setting of the Christian mass which commemorates the dead. It can also refer to any kind of dirge, lament, prayer, kaddish, or chant that invokes the idea of death as a not an experience or location but as the reception of ultimate silence: repose from the noise, relief from the blinding epiphanies that drive us mad.

**This piece** seeks to listen to and represent all of the above. Though there is no story, there is a narrative; though there is no setting, there is a time and a place; though there is no character, there is a text, of which all the performers are a collective manifestation. Structurally, the piece develops in episodes, over the course of which the rate of "tuning in" increases to such a rapidity that it impels only one solution: defenestration. The remainder of the piece is the suspended moment in time between a person and the pavement.

Please note that this piece is an excerpt: it represents approximately the 1<sup>st</sup> of 15 movements which will ultimately comprise an evening-length work commissioned by Toby Thatcher for Zeitgeist.

**-Maya Miro Johnson**  
November 21st, 2019

## Performance Notes

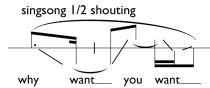
### Voice



**coloratura cadenza:** following contour with uninterrupted vocal line (in effect, a quixotic glissando). 1st time to be performed straight tone, 2nd time bel canto with possible ornamentation. Emphasize the second syllable of the word "crazy".



**Alternative Text Declamation #1, shouted:** shouting without definite pitch but still within the staff.



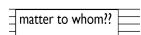
**Alternative Text Declamation #2, extroverted singsong:** somewhere between shouting, singing, and sprechstimme, a loud type of speech with great registral color in terms of indeterminate pitch given to the language.



**Alternative Text Declamation #3, introverted singsong:** a quieter and more sung, cantabile version of the above, with more definite pitch variety.



**Alternative Text Declamation #4, sprechstimme:** a classical Schoenberg sprechstimme, except with more glissando and articulation when given.



**Alternative Text Declamation #5, spoken:** directly spoken in a context-specific theatrical manner.



**gliss to or from blue note:** scooping into or away from the note in a jazz style, but with limited variety in the intervalic distance of the scoop, so as to be replicable many times in a row.



**vocal mute technique:** changing the distance between an object covering your mouth (perhaps the hand), so as to affect the sound quality, as a synthesizer would.



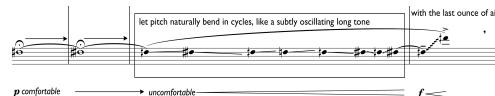
**Imitated hyperventilation:** up arrow indicates an audible breath in, thus producing an effect imitating hyperventilation.

## Performance Notes Cont'd

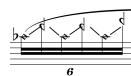
### **Winds & Brass**



**air tone:** produce breath sound with no pitch.



**trumpet cadenza:** hold a strong tone for such a long time that the pitch begins to bend in cycles. Rip upwards with the last ounce of breath.



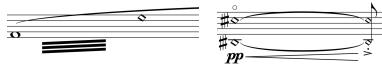
**crowing reed:** remove reed and blow into it, creating wild high-pitched glissandi within a 3rd, as if testing a new reed.



**flutter-tongued line:** shadowing the singer's line exactly, using flutter tongue and glissandi (where convenient) to craft an agitated but uninterrupted line.



**key clicks:** clicking the keys audibly loosely in the given rhythm, alternating valves.



**multiphonic/partials:** for the oboe, a controlled but rough sound is desired; for the flute, an uncontrolled sound.



**mouthpiece slap:** slap the mouthpiece percussively with the palm of the hand.



**sucking on reed:** create a wet breath tone by sucking air in through only the reed.



**tongue ram:** tongue ram without clear pitch.



**crescendo to tongue ram:** transitioning from open to closed, or vice versa, and ending with a clear stoppage of the sound in a tongue ram.

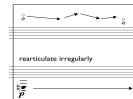


**tremolando:** creating a vague imitation of a line. Either flutter tongue into the instrument or buzz freely into the mouthpiece.

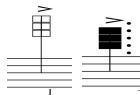
### **Piano**



**pedal slam:** pressing down on the sustain pedal percussively, also creating a resonant ring after the impact of the foot.



**glissando of partials inside the piano:** moving the right hand up and down vertically along a single string (G), while playing the key of the same note quickly on the keyboard (do not create a rhythmic pattern) to glissando through the overtone series. Do not create a specific pattern, but follow the given contour.



**piano fist clusters:** a cluster played with the fist in rhythm, with pitch based roughly on relative location to the stave.



**slap the string:** hit the lowest few strings with the palm of the left hand.



**piano cadenza:** completely ad libitum; lead from one note to the next with irregular spacing, highlighting connections between disparities. Take more time between each note at the beginning and the end of the bar.



**brushing the strings, #1:** scratching lowest strings vertically slowly and deliberately.



**ghost pedal effect:** engaging the sustain pedal immediately after playing the notes.



**brushing the strings, #2:** brush strings with fingers gently, creating resonant atmosphere.



**brushing the strings, #3:** strum the lower strings inside piano in direction indicated, allowing overlap to occur with the left hand keyboard notes.

## Performance Notes Cont'd

### Strings



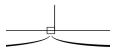
**overpressure:** playing into the string in order to distort the sound and bring out lower partials; this is not intended to be an ugly sound but either an a) resonant or b) energetic one.



**almost not moving bow:** playing ord. left hand with minimal vertical bow movement, so as to almost create an overpressure sound.



**white noise:** using 1/4 pressure in both right and left hands to create a white noise texture without clear pitch or timbre.



**bow the tailpiece:** drag the bow downward across the tailpiece, creating a friction sound.



**glissando against unison harmonic:** the rate of the glissando is up to the performer, being spatially notated, but the number of pitches per bar should be observed.



**almost not moving bow:** tugging strings back and forth with both pad and fingernail into collisions, creating extraneous noise through uncoordinated left hand hammer-ons. Relocate this motion up and down the fingerboard constantly; this effect should be frantic and messy and completely improvised.

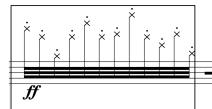


**harmonics:** natural harmonics are notated with an "o" and a diamond notehead. The microtones should not be purposefully played by the performer, but should instead result naturally from the partial, which is inferred by finger placement. Artificial harmonics are notated in the usual manner.

### Tutti



**snapping fingers:** in a stylized rag-time pulse. Rhythmic integrity is not required.



**indeterminate gestures in the upper register:** play as fast as possible, with energy, alternating left hand fingers.



**speaking from the ensemble:** vocalizing in a raised speech, also while playing from the ensemble; notated as a libretto line.

The first performance of this piece was given at the Curtis Institute of Music on December 11th, 2019 in Field Concert Hall, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA

Alize Rozsnyai, soprano  
 Calvin Mayman, flute  
 Sarrah Bushara, oboe  
 Martina Smith, horn  
 Justin Bernardi, trumpet  
 Emma Carina Meinrenken, violin  
 Chase Park, cello  
 Yangyang Ruan, piano  
 Drew Schlegel, electronics  
 Maya Miro Johnson, conductor

Thanks to Julien Belanger, Sarrah Bushara, Andrew Moses, and Drew Schlegel for their assistance in creating the field recordings that comprise the electronics.

Duration: ca. 22'

### **N.B.**

This piece, with the exception of the coda, is the first of fifteen movements from an in-progress, evening-length work comissioned by the conductor Toby Thatcher for his London-based project, *Zeitgeist*.

4 transistor radios capable of producing a strong static sound are required for the performance of this piece, placed in various configurations throughout the performance space.

A MIDI Controller, or some other form of quick-triggering live electronics playback is required, and the corresponding .wav files can be accessed, with permission, at <https://drive.google.com/open?id=1XqT30BfSvpNMpXiwnkhFun6qdbJEQ97t>.

Score is in C, and all accidentals apply throughout the bar until cancelled by another accidental. Notes without accidentals are presumed to be natural.

Spatial notation is employed from CC to the end. The conductor should use a stopwatch to coordinate with the electronics, and all gestures from the ensemble should be given by cue. Overlap between gestures is desirable.

Commissioned by Toby Thatcher and Zeitgeist

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$\text{♩} = 132$  manic

*ffff almost shouting*

Voice: Do you want do you want do you want what do you want I don't know what you do want

Flute: *sff* 5 *sff* 5 *sff* 5 *sff*

Oboe: *p*

Horn in F: + → o *sfp* → *sf* + → o *sfp* → *sf* + → o *sfp* → *sf* *mf* 3

Trumpet in C: *fff* harmon mute, stem in *sfp* *sf* tongue stop *sfp* 3 *sf* sim.

Violin: almost overpressure *ff* III at the frog *v* *v* 3

Violoncello: *sff* *sfp* → *sf* *sfp* → *sf* *sfp* → *sf*

Electronics: I: drums, sirens, speech, typing, white noise

Piano: *sf* cluster slapping the lowest strings *p* 6 *p* 6 bell tone

5

Voice      with me I know not what when they took off their masks      why want you want why would you

singsong 1/2 shouting

Fl.      sff      3      sff      5      sff      5

Ob.

Hn.      sfp      sf      sfp      sf      sfp      sf      sfp

Tpt.      sfp      sf      sfp      sf      To Tape

Vln.      almost overpressure III ff      sf      sf      sf      OP

Vc.      sf      sf      sf      sf

Tape

Pno.      sf      3      3      3

*10*

Voice      want want you wouldn't want

Fl.

Ob.

Hn. *sfp*

Tpt.

Vln. *OP*

Vc.

Tape

Pno.

Voice      *mf* almost genteel, like a doctor giving instructions  
I want for you to I want for you to I

Fl. *tr*

Ob. *pp*

Hn. *tr*

Tpt. *pp*

Vln. *f*

Vc. *f*

Vln. *sf*

Vc. *sfp* *sf*

Tape

Pno. *mf* bell tones *Red.*

14

Voice

want for you to I want for you to I want for you to I want for you to

(tr).....

Fl.

pp

(tr).....

Ob.

pp

Hn.

Tpt.

pp

Vln.

mf

OP

f

slow bow

OP

Vc.

sfp

sfp

Tape

Pno.

mute all 5 strings between C# and F with RH

play alternating notes from RH muted cluster in the given rhythm

5

5



22 **A**

Voice *sfp*  
I want for you to (o) me and you shouted

Fl. tongue ram *sf* *ppp*

Ob. *sf*

Hn. mouthpiece slap *sf* shh *pp*

Tpt. mouthpiece slap *sf* *ppp*

Vln. *f* ONLY LH frantic fingernail sounds traversing fingerboard, pulling strings into collisions

Vc. pizz. *sf* ONLY LH frantic fingernail sounds traversing fingerboard, pulling strings into collisions

Tape (muttering)

Pno. scratching lowest strings vertically slowly and deliberately *mf*

27 *cantabile* 4 how could you how could you IPA: a to belting 4 a *mf suffused*

Fl. 4 *sfp* 5 4 4

Ob. 4 *sfp* 5 4 4

Hn. 4 *sfp* 5 4 4

Tpt. 4 *sfp* 5 4 4 harmon mute out

Vln. 4 *sfp* 5 4 4

Vc. 4 *sfp* 5 4 4

Tape 4 (bowed tam-tam) 5 4 4

Pno. 4 *sfp* 5 4 4

33

Voice

Fl.

Ob.

Hn.

Tpt.

Vln.

Vc.

Tape

Pno.

*mf*

a

allow higher partials to emerge as a result of overblowing

*pp*

*pp quivering*

*pp*

**I:01**

This musical score page contains eight staves, each representing a different instrument or tape track. The instruments are: Voice, Flute (Fl.), Oboe (Ob.), Horn (Hn.), Trumpet (Tpt.), Violin (Vln.), Cello (Vc.), and Piano (Pno.). The score is divided into measures by vertical bar lines. Measure 33 begins with a sustained note on the Voice staff, indicated by a dot and a curved line. This is followed by sustained notes on the Flute and Oboe staves, also indicated by dots and curved lines. The Violin staff has two instances of 'pp quivering' dynamics, shown with a 'pp' marking and a wavy line. The Cello staff also has a 'pp' marking. Measure I:01 begins with a sustained note on the Tape staff, indicated by a double bar line. The Flute and Oboe staves continue their sustained notes. The Violin and Cello staves show 'pp quivering' dynamics. The Tape staff is present throughout. The score includes dynamic markings like 'mf', 'a', and 'pp', and performance instructions like 'allow higher partials to emerge as a result of overblowing'.

39

*mf*

Voice

Fl.

Ob.

Hn.

Tpt.

Vln.

Vc.

Tape

Pno.

9

**B**  $\text{J}=104$  poco meno mosso

Voice 45      shouted sing-song speaking, mezza voce ten.  
*mf*

Fl.

Ob.

Hn.

Tpt.

Vln.

Vc.

Tape 1:28

Vln.  $p$  cajoling

Vc.  $p$  cajoling

2: aphasia overlapped whispers

Pno. **B**

$mf$  bell-like

C  $\downarrow = 132$

**Voice** ca. 8" poco accel. shouted **mp**

**Fl.** multiphonic stop the sound roughly **flz.** **pp**

**Ob.** **pp**

**Hn.** **pp**

**Tpt.** **sfp**

**Vln.** bow the tailpiece **p** but with much RH force and tension  
bow the tailpiece **p** but with much RH force and tension

**Vc.**

**Tape** 0:12

**Pno.** pedal slam **sf**

D

54

Voice      why\_\_\_\_ why\_\_\_\_\_ wouldn't you like to I know you want to

Fl.      flz. pp

Ob.      pp p-f-p

Hn.      + p +

Tpt.      + p pp ff

Vln.      pp ff

Vc.      pp ff

Tape      0:22 (chord) 4

Pno.      D mf f jangly, like a cimbalom  
slapping the lowest strings

*f l.v.*

**E**

60 *f* careening

Voice *ff* bouncy, interrupted sim.

why would you think you don't know you guess You- (ou) (ou) (ou) you want us to

*gliss.*

Fl. *p* static, ethereal

Ob. *f*

Hn.

Tpt. *pp* *sf* *ppp* *p* *mp* *ppp* *sf*

Vln. *p* <> <> *pp* *sf* *p* static, ethereal

Vc. *pp* *sf* *p* static, ethereal

Tape 0:31

**E**

stopped harmonics

Pno. *p* static, ethereal

14

**F** $\text{J} = 96$ 

68

**Voice** *ff shouting* don't you want to know don't you want us to know you don't want us to know us (s)

**G** $\text{J} = 50$ 

*f f molto*

**Fl.**

**Ob.**

**Hn.**

**Tpt.** *flutter tongue with half valve*  
*f loud but not overexerting; supporting singer*

spoken firmly

us

spoken firmly

us

spoken firmly

us

us

us

us

us

us

us

us

Flute

**Vln.**

**Vc.**

**Tape**

III/II

IV/III

f pp musty

f pp musty

0:07

[3: manmade sounds, quiet muttering and exhalations]

**Pno.**

**F**

strum strings inside piano (overlap with LH keyboard notes)

**G** $\text{J} = 50$ 

*rearticulate irregularly*

**Pno.**

*pp* *ped.*

poco rit.

**H** ♩ = 104 Subito

15

72 *f* *molto*      *mf* *largo, ugly; becoming a croak*      *p* *needling/wheedling*

we\_\_\_\_\_ why\_\_\_\_\_ not\_\_\_\_\_ me\_\_\_\_\_ me\_\_\_\_\_ me\_\_\_\_\_ why\_\_\_\_\_ me\_\_\_\_\_

Fl.      Ob.      Hn.      Tpt.      Vln.      Vc.      Tape      Pno.

*p needling*

0:07

4: crotales/glock cluster chord      5: glissandi on violin D string, whole fingerboard

with paper placed over the strings in order to create a metallic, muted sound, almost like a mallet instrument

$\text{♩} = 60$  Pulling back

Voice      *mf*  
 why don't you want      me me me us ma me mat  
*rit.*

*mp sostenuto; largo, becoming uglier*

Fl.      *flz.*      half breath, half tone  
*p*

Ob.      *p*

Hn.

Tpt.

Vln.      *p needling*  
 (in old tempo)

Vc.      *3*      *6*      (in old tempo)

Tape      0:05      (friction sound of bowed tam-tam)      0:20

Pno.      *mf*      pedal slam  
*p*      *pedal*

**I** = 104   **Subito**  
**82**

**Voice**: *ff* spat out, as if tasting something bitter  
*(approximate pitch)*  
*does - n't mat - -*

**Fl.**: *pp shimmering*  
**Ob.**: *pp shimmering*  
**Hn.**: *pp shimmering*  
**Tpt.**: *pp shimmering*  
 microscopic bow motion, playing the notes without really moving the bow; scratchy sound  
**Vln.**: *pp as compact as possible*  
 microscopic bow motion, playing the notes without really moving the bow;  
**Vc.**: scratchy sound  
*pp as compact as possible*  
 6: typewriter sounds, manmade sounds signifying busywork or anxious chaos  
**Tape**:  
**Pno.**: *mf*  
 secco, with bounce but the individual pitches obscured

86

Voice

ter doesn't (s) (n) (t) mat - ter

**mat** - **ter** \_\_\_\_\_

Fl

8b

11

1

Tape

Pno.



89

Voice      spoken theatrically, agitatedly, confusedly  
no\_\_\_\_ thing\_\_\_\_ real\_\_\_\_ ly\_\_\_\_ mat\_\_\_\_ ters\_\_\_\_ matter to whom?? when I went

Fl.      flz.      pp      sf

Ob.      o multiphonic      o stop the sound roughly      f 6 sf

Hn.

Tpt.      sff      ff rip sf

Vln.      (d) sf

Vc.      (d) pizz. sf

Tape      0:13

Pno.      J      sf

**J** sprechstimme  
**ff** 3 ,

7: aphasia VIII-XIII

15"

**K**

93 straight tone

Voice cra zy to go see crazy *(♩ = 120)* sprechstimme 3 3 sf

Fl. crowning reed 2 4 4 5 4 sff fp

Ob. p but crazy 6 6 2 4 4 5 4 sff fp

Hn. buzzing into mouthpiece 2 4 4 5 4 sff fp

Tpt. buzzing into mouthpiece 2 4 4 5 4 sff fp

Vln. pp 2 4 4 5 4 sff fp

Vc. arco 3 3 2 4 4 5 4 sff fp

Tape 0:15 2 4 4 5 4 8: subliminal information (PPP ghosts of speech)

Pno. f 2 4 4 5 4

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The musical score page 97 consists of eight staves. From top to bottom, the instruments are: Voice, Flute (Fl.), Oboe (Ob.), Horn (Hn.), Trumpet (Tpt.), Violin (Vln.), Cello (Vc.), and Tape. The piano part is at the bottom, spanning two systems. The score is in common time (indicated by '4'). Measure 1 starts with a whole rest for the Voice. Measures 2-3 show the Flute, Oboe, and Horn playing eighth-note patterns with dynamic markings 'sf' and 'fp'. Measures 4-5 show the same instruments continuing their patterns. Measures 6-7 show the Flute, Oboe, and Horn again. Measures 8-9 show the Flute, Oboe, and Horn. Measures 10-11 show the Flute, Oboe, and Horn. Measures 12-13 show the Flute, Oboe, and Horn. Measures 14-15 show the Flute, Oboe, and Horn. Measures 16-17 show the Flute, Oboe, and Horn. Measures 18-19 show the Flute, Oboe, and Horn. Measures 20-21 show the Flute, Oboe, and Horn. Measures 22-23 show the Flute, Oboe, and Horn. Measures 24-25 show the Flute, Oboe, and Horn. Measures 26-27 show the Flute, Oboe, and Horn. Measures 28-29 show the Flute, Oboe, and Horn. Measures 30-31 show the Flute, Oboe, and Horn. Measures 32-33 show the Flute, Oboe, and Horn. Measures 34-35 show the Flute, Oboe, and Horn. Measures 36-37 show the Flute, Oboe, and Horn. Measures 38-39 show the Flute, Oboe, and Horn. Measures 40-41 show the Flute, Oboe, and Horn. Measures 42-43 show the Flute, Oboe, and Horn. Measures 44-45 show the Flute, Oboe, and Horn. Measures 46-47 show the Flute, Oboe, and Horn. Measures 48-49 show the Flute, Oboe, and Horn. Measures 50-51 show the Flute, Oboe, and Horn. Measures 52-53 show the Flute, Oboe, and Horn. Measures 54-55 show the Flute, Oboe, and Horn. Measures 56-57 show the Flute, Oboe, and Horn. Measures 58-59 show the Flute, Oboe, and Horn. Measures 60-61 show the Flute, Oboe, and Horn. Measures 62-63 show the Flute, Oboe, and Horn. Measures 64-65 show the Flute, Oboe, and Horn. Measures 66-67 show the Flute, Oboe, and Horn. Measures 68-69 show the Flute, Oboe, and Horn. Measures 70-71 show the Flute, Oboe, and Horn. Measures 72-73 show the Flute, Oboe, and Horn. Measures 74-75 show the Flute, Oboe, and Horn. Measures 76-77 show the Flute, Oboe, and Horn. Measures 78-79 show the Flute, Oboe, and Horn. Measures 80-81 show the Flute, Oboe, and Horn. Measures 82-83 show the Flute, Oboe, and Horn. Measures 84-85 show the Flute, Oboe, and Horn. Measures 86-87 show the Flute, Oboe, and Horn. Measures 88-89 show the Flute, Oboe, and Horn. Measures 90-91 show the Flute, Oboe, and Horn. Measures 92-93 show the Flute, Oboe, and Horn. Measures 94-95 show the Flute, Oboe, and Horn. Measures 96-97 show the Flute, Oboe, and Horn.

Voice

Fl.

Ob.

Hn.

Tpt.

Vln.

Vc.

Tape

Pno.



**M**

♩ = 112 pulling back slightly into a swing time

23

*f* somewhat hilariously laid back despite the circumstances

Voice 108 I wan - na be wan - na be I wan - na be I wan - na so close so far

Fl. ♯v *sf* air tones *p* finger snapping

Ob. *sf*

Hn. *sf* finger snapping

Tpt. *sf* *pp*

Vln. *sf* finger snapping

Vc. *sf* ord. on the back of the beat *pp* subdued

Tape

**M**

Pno. *pp*

vocal mute: holding hand (or comparable large object) in front of mouth and adjusting distance

**N** ♩ = 132 **Tempo primo**

114

Voice (r) I wan - na be when I went

Fl. ord. f sff 5

Ob. ord. mf p

Hn. ord. mf sfp sf

Tpt. sfp sf

Vln. ord. f at the frog  
pizz. arco. sfp sf

Vc. ff

Tape 10: snapping extremely quietly

Pno. pp  
**N** sff cluster 3  
mf dry and bouncy but without definition mf

119

*sprechstimme*

Voice: back I went back to go back went I must back go went back now when I went back

Fl. f ff p sff mf sf remove reed

Ob. p

Hn. sfp sf sfp sf

Tpt. sfp sf pp sf sf

Vln. f

Vc. sfp sf sfp sf

Tape 0:11

Pno. f p 3 f p sf Ped.

 ♩ = 80 with the gesture

124

Voice      singsong **p** cloing  
back? \_\_\_\_\_

Fl.      pleading  
back \_\_\_\_\_

Ob.      aching  
go back now!

Hn.      an air tone articulated with pitch contour via fingerings  
**pp**

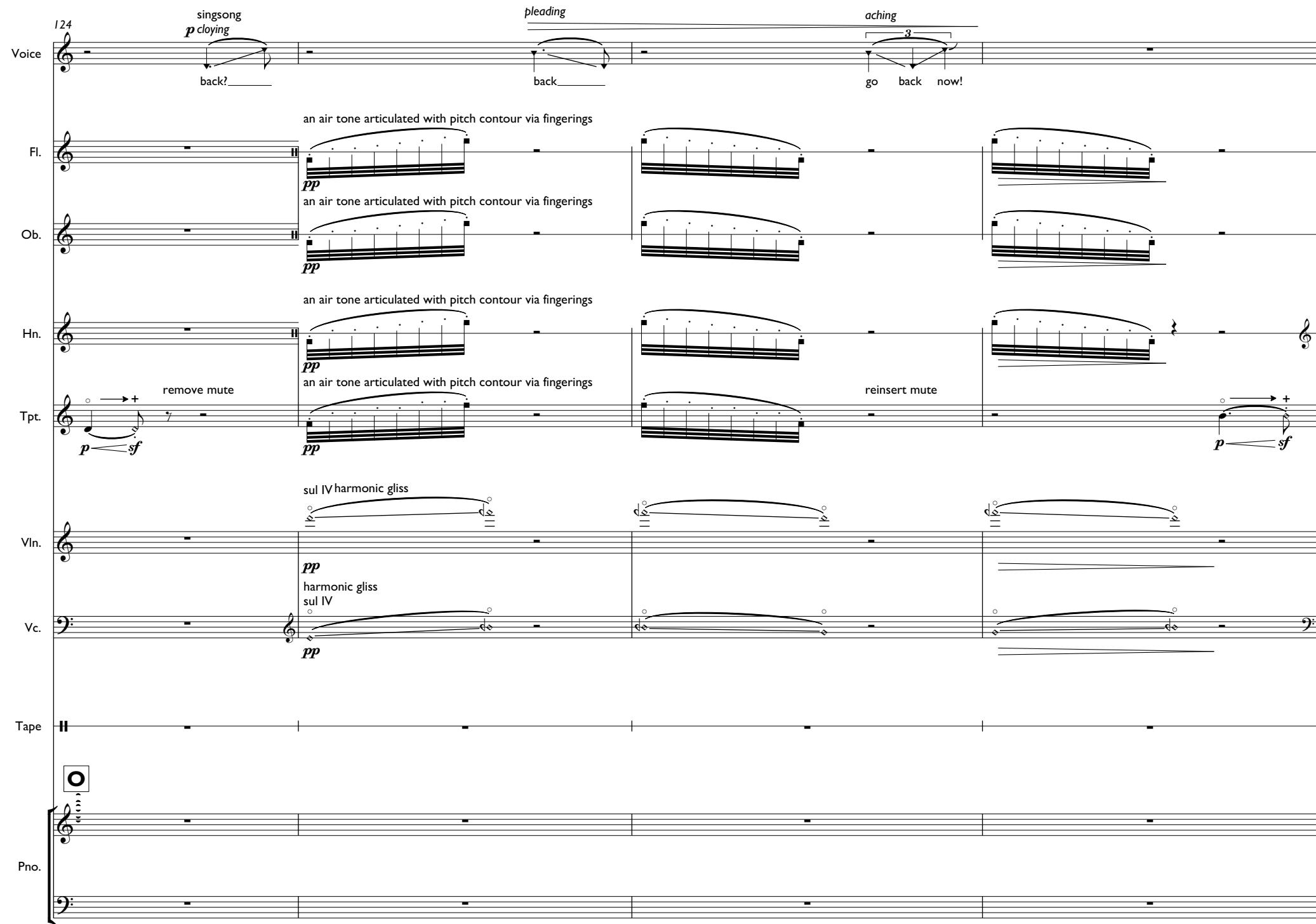
Tpt.      remove mute  
**p**   
an air tone articulated with pitch contour via fingerings  
**pp**      reinsert mute  
**p** 

Vln.      sul IV harmonic gliss  
**pp**  
harmonic gliss  
sul IV

Vc.      **pp**

Tape

Pno.



whispered

**P**  $\text{♩} = 132$

128 **PPP** **f** *bel canto sfp* to belting

Voice but where did I come from? I see it all now (w)

Fl. indeterminate gestures in the upper register; as fast as possible  
**ff**

Ob. indeterminate gestures in the upper register; as fast as possible  
remove reed  
**ff**

Hn. indeterminate gestures in the upper register; as fast as possible  
**ff**

Tpt. remove mute  
indeterminate gestures in the upper register; as fast as possible  
**ff**

Vln. indeterminate gestures in the upper register; as fast as possible  
**ff**

Vc. indeterminate gestures in the upper register; as fast as possible  
**ff**

Tape II: rain stick, tam tam 2, paper crumpling, pencil, etc. 0:08

Pno. **P** **sf** indeterminate gestures in the upper register; as fast as possible  
**ff**

**like channel surfing, spend no more than 6" on each bar**

**Q**  $\text{J} = 132$

138 *spp* to belting *sf* (o)

Voice: go

**R**  $\text{J} = 80$

*fp* *f sostenuto molto*

Fl. reinsert reed

Ob. harmonics *p*

Hn.

Tpt.

Vln. ONLY LH frantic fingernail sounds traversing fingerboard, pulling strings into collisions *p (f in execution)*

Vc. ONLY LH frantic fingernail sounds traversing fingerboard, pulling strings into collisions *p (f in execution)*

Tape (whispers) 0:26 with felt placed over the strings in order to create a metallic, muted sound, almost like a mallet instrument dead, no pedal, choked

Pno. **Q** *p* *sf* *ff* *b>* *p>*

*ped.*



149 *f*

Voice in (n) whispered, almost entirely air *pp* why me?

Fl.

Ob.

Hn.

Tpt. remove plunger, take harmon mute, stem out

Vln. IV  
a - gain gain a -  
*f p*  
Vc. sul IV  
a - gain a - gain gain a -  
*f p*

Tape 0:46 (harmonic glisses) 1:00

Piano

gain a a - gain a gain a a - gain a

**S** $\text{J} = 72$ 

**Voice** 155      10" sing-song speech *p*  
 cuz I'm special?  
 cuz I'm spe - cial?

**Fl.**

**Ob.**

**Hn.**

**Tpt.**

**Vln.** bow freely; time spent during gliss is relatively indeterminate and should be organic  
*mp* quietly unfaltering, unfazed  
**Vc.** III  
*n* sul III  
 bow freely; time spent during gliss is relatively indeterminate and should be organic  
*mp* quietly unfaltering, unfazed

**Tape** 0:10 (crotale on timpani) 0:19 (silence)

**Pno.** **S**

**Pno.**

161

almost unintelligible  
*pp* exhausted

*when I want when I want*

*pp*

*I want when I want I*

Fl.

Ob.

Hn.

harmon mute, stem removed

poco hairpins throughout the note

Tpt.

*n* — *pp*

*pp* 3

*pp*

Vln.

Vc.

0:23  
(crotales on timpani, higher octave)

0:28  
(string glisses)

Tape

0:40

Pno.

*ppp l.v.*

*whispered*

167      ***pp***      elongating the soft, indistinct noise of the aspirated "wha" sound,

**Voice**      **wan-na wan-na wan-na wan-na**      **wan - na wan - na wa - na wan-na wan-na wan - na wan - na wan - na wan - na na wan - na**

**Fl.**      -

**Ob.**      -

**Hn.**      -

**Tpt.**      **mf**      **pp**      **pp**      **mp**      **whh**  
***ppp***  
**remove mute**  
**shh**  
***ppp***

**Vln.**      bring LH down fingerboard in same pattern      **gloss.**      lightening LH pressure to almost nothing

**Vc.**      bring LH down fingerboard in same pattern      **gloss.**      lightening LH pressure to almost nothing

**Tape**      (only exhalation)      **0:53**

Remove prepared material

**Pno.**

173

**Voice**

got - ta      need to      go now

**Fl.** *ppp* whh

**Ob.**

**Hn.**

**Tpt.**

*p* comfortable → *uncomfortable* → *f*

let pitch naturally bend in cycles, like a subtly oscillating long tone  
with the last ounce of air

**Vln.** bow with no RH or LH pressure at all,  
skimming the string and producing only friction  
IV

**Vc.** bow with no RH or LH pressure at all,  
skimming the string and producing only friction  
IV

**Tape**

**Pno.**

T

 $\text{♩} = 132$  tempo primo

36

*f but not with too much exertion*

Voice: you need I went

Fl.: *sff* 5 *sff* *f* *sff* 5

Ob.: *p* *sf*

Hn.: *sf* (rip) *sfp* *sf* *sfp* *sf*

Tpt.: *sff* plunger mute *sfp* *sf* rougher than before

Vln.: almost overpressure *ff* *ff* *f* at the frog

Vc.: *sfp* *sf* pizz. arco. *sfp* *sf*

Tape: *pp*

Pno.: *sff* *sff* cluster *f* 3 loco *mf* secco, with bounce but the individual pitches obscured

**13: paper crumpling, pencil scratching, aphasia (pp), friction, violin, inhalations, glass, tambourine**

184

Voice: when I went crazy (y) *sforzando*

Fl.: *f* *sf*

Ob.: *p* *p staccatissimo*

Hn.

Tpt.: *sfp* *sf* *sfp* *sf* *pp* *sf*

Vln.: *f* *pizz.* *sf*

Vc.: *sfp* *sf* *sfp* *sf*

Tape:  $\frac{2}{4}$   $\frac{4}{4}$   $\frac{5}{4}$   $\frac{4}{4}$   $\frac{3}{4}$

Pno.: *f* *p* *f* *p*

(8)

*ff* ossia 8va

Want them to see want them to stop // G.P. stop

**U**  $\text{♩} = 72$  oddly methodical, without emotion  
spoken low in the voice  
*mf* very dry

Fl. ff sf

Ob. ff sf

Hn. ff sf

(open) Tpt. ff remove plunger mute sf

Vln. ff sf

Vc. ff sf

Tape 0:15 //

Pno. f 3 secco // **U** *sfp* ghostly place the pedal slightly after the attack *ped.*

(8)-----J



197

Voice      stop      *p*      stop      stop      *pp*      stop      wait

Fl.      *meno f*      *mp*      *p*      ord.

Ob.      *meno f*      *mp*      *p*      *pp*

Hn.      sim.      *meno f*      *p*

Tpt.      sim.      *meno f*      *p*      *sf*

Vln.      OP      *meno f*      *mp*      *p*      *pp*

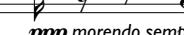
Vc.      *meno f*      *mp*      *p*      arco      *pp*

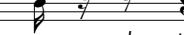
Tape       $\frac{6}{4}$        $\frac{4}{4}$        $\frac{5}{4}$

Pno.      *meno f*      *mp*      *p*

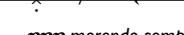
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Voice  wait

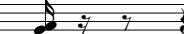
Fl. 

Ob. 

Hn. 

Tpt. 

Vln. 

Vc. 

Tape 

Pno. 

207

Voice

Fl.

Ob.

Hn.

Tpt.

Vln.

Vc.

Tape

Pno.

**V** *mf*  
stop

*sff*

*sff*

*sff*

harmon mute, stem out

pizz.  
*sff*  
pizz.  
*sff*

*sff*

*s*

This musical score page contains eight staves of music for an orchestra and tape. The instruments listed are Voice, Flute (Fl.), Oboe (Ob.), Horn (Hn.), Trumpet (Tpt.), Violin (Vln.), Cello (Vc.), and Tape. The piano part is also included. The score is numbered 42 and measures 207. The vocal part has a melodic line with sustained notes and grace notes. The woodwind parts (Flute, Oboe, Horn) play eighth-note patterns. The brass part (Trumpet) has sustained notes with grace notes. The strings (Violin, Cello) play eighth-note patterns. The Tape part has sustained notes. The piano part has sustained notes with grace notes. Dynamic markings include *mf*, *sff*, harmon mute, stem out, pizz., and *s*. Measure 207 concludes with a dynamic *s*.

212

Voice

Fl.

Ob.

Hn.

Tpt.

Vln.

Vc.

Tape.

Pno.

want (t)

stop

want (t)

*p* wistful and willfully ignorant of all but trumpet

phrase off as if continuing the same conversation

phrase off as if continuing the same conversation

arco

pizz.

arco

arco

14

14

mf

217

Voice - want (t) stop want stop

Fl. fp sf mf fp sf mp

Ob.

Hn. fp sf mf fp sf mp

Tpt. 3

Vln. fp sf mf fp sf mp

Vc. fp sf mf fp sf mp pizz.

Tape 14 fp sf 14 fp sf

Pno. mf mp

This musical score page shows a multi-measure section starting at measure 217. The vocal line features sustained notes with dynamic markings and specific attack instructions like 'want (t)' and 'stop'. The woodwind section includes flute, oboe, and horn parts with dynamics such as forte (fp), sforzando (sf), mezzo-forte (mf), and piano (mp). The brass section has a trumpet part with grace notes and dynamics. The string section consists of violin, cello, and tape parts, with the tape part featuring two distinct sections labeled 14. The piano part provides harmonic support with sustained notes and dynamics. Measure 217 concludes with a piano dynamic of mp.

222

Voice - stop wait wait stop

Fl. *p* pp

Ob. 3

Hn. *p*

Tpt. 3

Vln. *p* pizz. arco III pp

Vc. arco I pp

Tape

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

227

Voice *stop* *wait* *want* *ppp semper*

Fl. *pp* *p*

Ob. *pp* *p* *ppp semper*

Hn.

Tpt. *pp* *p* *ppp semper*

Vln. *pp* *p* *ppp semper*

Vc. *pp* *p* *ppp semper*

Tape

Pno. *pp* *p* *ppp semper*

This musical score page contains eight staves of music for an orchestra and piano. The vocal part (Voice) has lyrics: 'stop', 'wait', and 'want', each preceded by a dynamic marking 'ppp semper'. The flute (Fl.) and oboe (Ob.) provide harmonic support with sustained notes at dynamics 'pp' and 'p'. The trumpet (Tpt.) and violin (Vln.) also contribute with sustained notes at 'pp' and 'p' dynamics. The cello (Vc.) plays a sustained note at 'pp' followed by a dynamic 'p'. The piano (Pno.) provides harmonic support with sustained notes at 'pp' and 'p' dynamics. The tape part (Tape) consists of a series of vertical bars. Measure 227 concludes with a dynamic marking 'ppp semper' for the piano.

232

Voice

Fl.

Ob.

Hn.

Tpt.

Vln.

Vc.

Tape

Pno.

want

want

air tone to tongue stop

ppp

III

n

sim.

*n* but overpressure

sim.

n

238

ca. 8"

**W** ca.  $\text{J} = 50$  **ad lib.** *silky, bel canto*

Voice      wan - na be \_\_\_\_\_ up there down be - low

Fl.

Ob.

Hn.

Tpt.      *ppp poss.*      air attack      remove harmon mute

Vln.

Vc.

Tape      **I5: cluster chord beating to sizzle cym.** (sizzle cymbal/resonance)

Pno.

## Piano ad lib (but no more than 35")

2

3

4

5

♩ = 112 accel.

243      whispered  
          ***ppp***

Voice     everywhere...     why me/cuz I'm special/when I want/when I want/you need/I went/when I went crazy/for ya/about ya/for ya/want you to see/want you to stop/stop/stop/stop/stop/want/want  
me to what/what is this thing/my god/are you trying to kill me/say, what's in this drink?

Fl.        breathe ad lib

Ob.        remove reed  
          air tone  
          shh  
***ppp feathery***

Hn.        air tone  
          breathe ad lib  
          whh  
***ppp feathery***

Tpt.      breathe ad lib  
          breathe ad lib  
          ***pppp feathery***

Vln.      1/2 pressure in LH, sul tasto  
          ***ppp feathery***

Vc.        ***p***  
          1/2 pressure in LH, sul tasto  
          ***ppp feathery***

Tape

Pno.      Solo  
          ***p***     accel.

**X** ♩ = 132 Manic

50

250 **ff** over-articulate the Ts (more aspirated)

Voice

want want want \_\_\_\_\_ want \_\_\_\_\_ must want have must long term \_\_\_\_\_

This section shows the vocal line starting at measure 250. The vocal part consists of sustained notes with slurs and grace notes. The lyrics are: "want want want \_\_\_\_\_ want \_\_\_\_\_ must want have must long term \_\_\_\_\_. The dynamic is marked as ff. A note above the staff says "over-articulate the Ts (more aspirated)". Measure numbers 3 and 4 are indicated above some notes.

Fl.

**ff** 5 **ff** 5 **ff** 5 **ff** 5 **ff** 5

The flute part consists of sustained notes with slurs. The dynamic is ff. Measure numbers 5 are indicated above some notes.

Ob.

**p**

The oboe part consists of sustained notes with slurs. The dynamic is p.

Hn.

reversed mouthpiece

twh **f** twh twh **f**

The horn part consists of sustained notes with slurs. The dynamic is f. The instruction "reversed mouthpiece" is written above the staff. Measure numbers 3 and 4 are indicated above some notes.

Tpt.

**ff** **sfp** **sf** **sfp** **sf** **sfp**

The trumpet part consists of sustained notes with slurs. The dynamics are ff, sfp, sf, sfp, sf, sfp.

Vln.

almost overpressure III. **ff**

The violin part consists of sustained notes with slurs. The dynamic is ff. The instruction "almost overpressure" is written above the staff.

Vc.

**ff** **sfp** **sf** **sfp** **sf** **sfp** **sf**

The cello part consists of sustained notes with slurs. The dynamics are ff, sfp, sf, sfp, sf, sfp, sf.

Tape

I6: 3/4 of all sounds

The tape part consists of a single sustained note. The time signature is 3/4. The instruction "I6: 3/4 of all sounds" is written above the staff.

Pno.

**s**

slapping the lowest strings

cluster **f** jangly, like a cimbalom 6 6

The piano part consists of sustained notes with slurs. The dynamic is s. The instruction "slapping the lowest strings" is written below the staff. The instruction "cluster" is written above the staff. The dynamic is f. The instruction "jangly, like a cimbalom" is written below the staff. Measure numbers 3 and 6 are indicated above some notes.

254

Voice (m) game plan (n) end game (m)

Fl. 5 sff

Ob.

Hn. twh f twh twh f twh f twh f wh- wh- wh- wh- wh- wh- wh- wh- p-

Tpt. sf p pp

Vln. 6 almost overpressure III ff at the frog

Vc. sf sf sf sf

Tape

Pno.



262

**Voice**

**Y**

*f cantabile* 3

end of the line end of the line (n) plans a -

**Fl.**

**Ob.**

**Hn.**

**Tpt.** *ff*

**Vln.**

**Vc.** *ff* overpressure, slow and heavy bow, without losing energy OP V

**Tape** I7: tutti field recordings

**Pno.** *fff* *v* 5 *pp* *8vb*

267 **Z** accel.

Voice *bass* stray plans a - stray (y) plans a - stray (y) plans a - stray (y) plans

Fl.

Ob.

Hn.

Tpt.

Vln.

Vc.

Tape

Pno.

268

**AA**

♩ = 160

273

Voice      a - - stray plans a - - stray (y) a - - stray (y) a - - stray

Fl.      f 3 fpp ff pp ff

Ob.      f 3 fpp ff pp ff

Hn.

Tpt.      f 3 fpp ff pp ff

Vln.      f 3 fpp ff pp ff

Vc.      f 3 fpp ff pp ff

Tape

Pno.      f 3

*fff vicious sf*

(pitch approx.)

indefinite high note,  
not quite a scream

278

**Voice**

(y) a - stray (y)

a (ossia 8vb)

**Fl.**

**Ob.**

**Hn.**

**Tpt.**

**Vln.**

**Vc.**

**Tape** 0:32

**Pno.**

**BB**

283 *sforzando*

Voice (y) shouted *ffff poss.* bombs a - - way descending into mad laughter

Fl. *sf* *sff*

Ob. *sf* *sff*

Hn. *sf* *sff*

Tpt. *sf* *sff*

Vln. beyond the fingerboard *sf* *fff* *gliss.*

Vc. beyond the fingerboard *sf* *fff* *gliss.*

Tape

**BB** Pno. *sf* *mf* *ff leggiero*

whispered  
*ppp*

why not?

287

Voice

Fl.

Ob.

Hn.

Tpt.

Vln.

Vc.

Tape

Pno.

whispered  
*ppp*  
why not?

gliss.  
*ff leggiere*

shake  
*tr*  
*ff*

shake  
*tr*  
*ff*

gliss.  
*ff*

gliss.

OP  
*sfpp*

OP  
*sfpp*

gliss.  
*sfpp*

gliss.

gliss. inside the piano (alternating hands so as to circumvent the plate beams)

*ped.*

# I. b) Defenestration\*

59

CC

0:25

304  
Voice.

Fl.

Ob.

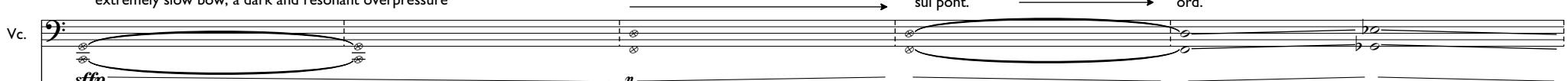
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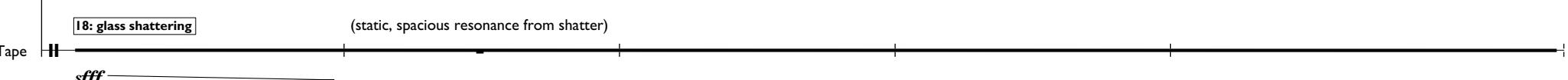
Tpt.

Vln.

**1**

extremely slow bow, a dark and resonant overpressure

Vc. 

Tape 

**18: glass shattering** (static, spacious resonance from shatter)

**2**

Piano  
brush lowest strings with fingers gently, creating resonant atmosphere



Pno.

0:40

309

Voice

4

Flute

air tone  
whh

6

Voice

shh

0:55

1:15

Fl.

Flute

shh

Ob.

Oboe

Hn.

slow, relaxed flutter tongue

Tpt.

3

Vln.

6

extremely slow bow

Horn

pp

Vc.

6

extremely slow bow

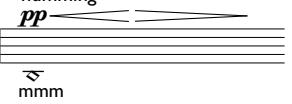
→ overpressure

Tape

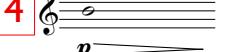
Pno.

0:22

3/3  
Voice

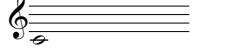
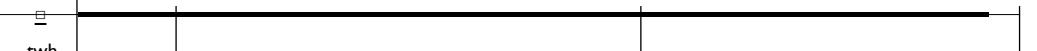
**5** Voice *humming*  
*pp*   
*mmm*

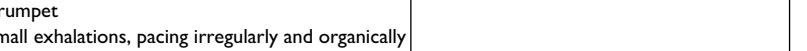
**Fl.** 

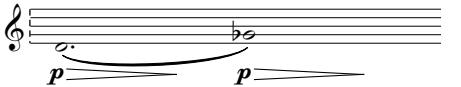
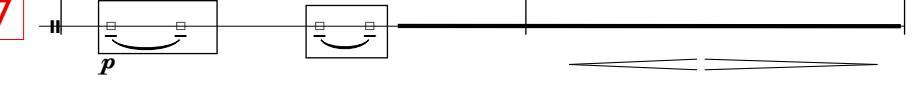
**Flute** **4**   
*p* 

**Ob.**

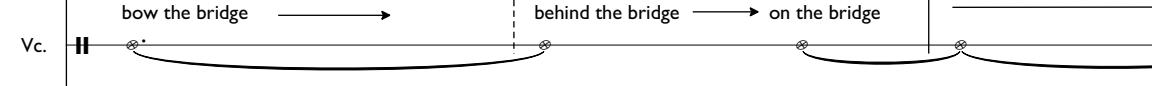
**6** Oboe   
*n* 

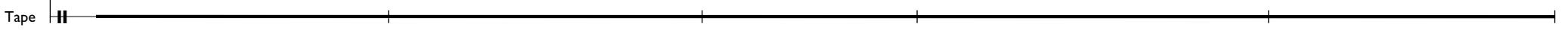
**Horn** **3**   
*p* 

**Horn** **5**   
*twh twh*   
*p* 

**Tpt.** **2** **Trumpet**   
*p* 

**Vln.** **1**   
→ sul pont. → on the bridge → behind the bridge

**Vc.** **1**   
bow the bridge → behind the bridge → on the bridge → overpressure sul pont.

**Tape** **1** **21 :start of speech** 

**Pno.**

307

**1** Voice  
shh

**2** Violin  
*p*

**3** Horn  
*p*

**4** Flute  
*p*

**5** Voice  
*pp*

**6** Trumpet  
*p*

**7** Violin bow the tailpiece  
*pp* *sempre*

**8** Violoncello  
*p*

**9** mix of spit, air, and pitch

**10** Horn  
*p*

Ob.  
*p*

Hn.

Tpt.

Vln.

Vc.

Tape

**1:10**

323

Voice | shh

**1**

Fl.

Ob. | remove reed

Hn. | 3

Tpt. | 4

Vln. | behind the bridge → on the bridge → sul pont. → overpressure

Vc. | 2

Tape | "FALL"

Pno. | z | brush lower strings, creating resonance | ppp

**1:16**

Voice | shh

**4**

Flute | 5

Ob. | small exhalations, pacing irregularly and organically

Horn in F | 7

Trumpet | 8

**1:28**

Voice | mmm

**9**

1:40

318

Voice **1** Voice **5**  
*p* fall *+* *mmm*

Fl.

Oboe **2** reinsert reed Oboe **4** Flute  
*p*

Hn. **10** Horn **3** Trumpet  
*p*

Tpt. **1** Violin IV **4** *p*  
*p*

Vln. **1** *p* behind the bridge *p* on the bridge *p* sul pont.

Tape

Pno. **1** Piano pedal slam *p* l.v. poss. *p* Red.

This musical score page shows a multi-layered composition. The top layer features vocal parts (Voice 1 and Voice 5) with dynamic markings like 'p' and 'fall' for Voice 1, and '+' and 'mmm' for Voice 5. The middle layer includes woodwind parts (Flute, Oboe, Horn, Trumpet, Trombone, and Tpt.) with specific performance instructions such as 'reinsert reed' for Oboe and 'behind the bridge' for Violin IV. The bottom layer consists of a Tape track and a Piano track, with the Piano track featuring a 'pedal slam' instruction. The piano part also includes dynamics like 'p l.v. poss.' and 'Red.'

1:50

2:05

65

334  
Voice

**5** Voice  
+ o -  
mmm

Fl.

**8** Flute

Ob.

Oboe  
breathe irregularly and organically

Hn.

**8** Horn

Tpt.

**7** Trumpet

Vln.

**6**

Vc.

overpressure

sul tasto

Tape

**2** Violoncello

**4** Violin

"MORE"

Flute part 8: Treble clef, 4 sharps, eighth-note slurs, dynamic pp.

Oboe: Bass clef, dynamic pp, instruction to breathe irregularly and organically.

Horn part 8: Treble clef, 4 sharps, eighth-note slurs, dynamic pp.

Trumpet part 7: Treble clef, 1 sharp, dynamic p, instruction overpressure.

Violin part 4: Treble clef, 1 sharp, dynamic pp, instruction sul tasto.

Violoncello part 2: Bass clef, dynamic pp, instruction overpressure.

Other instruments: Bass clef, dynamic pp.

2:14

2:20

2:35

2:55

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Voice

**6**

Fl.

reinsert reed

**3**

Oboe

**6**

Flute

**7**

Voice

shh

Ob.

Hn.

**pp**

**6**

Tpt.

**4**

Trumpet

**1**

Violin

**no LH pressure**

**p**

**molto sul pont.**

**overpressure**

**2**

Violoncello

**5**

**"A"**

**"HARD"**

**"SUR-"**

**"FACE"**

Tape

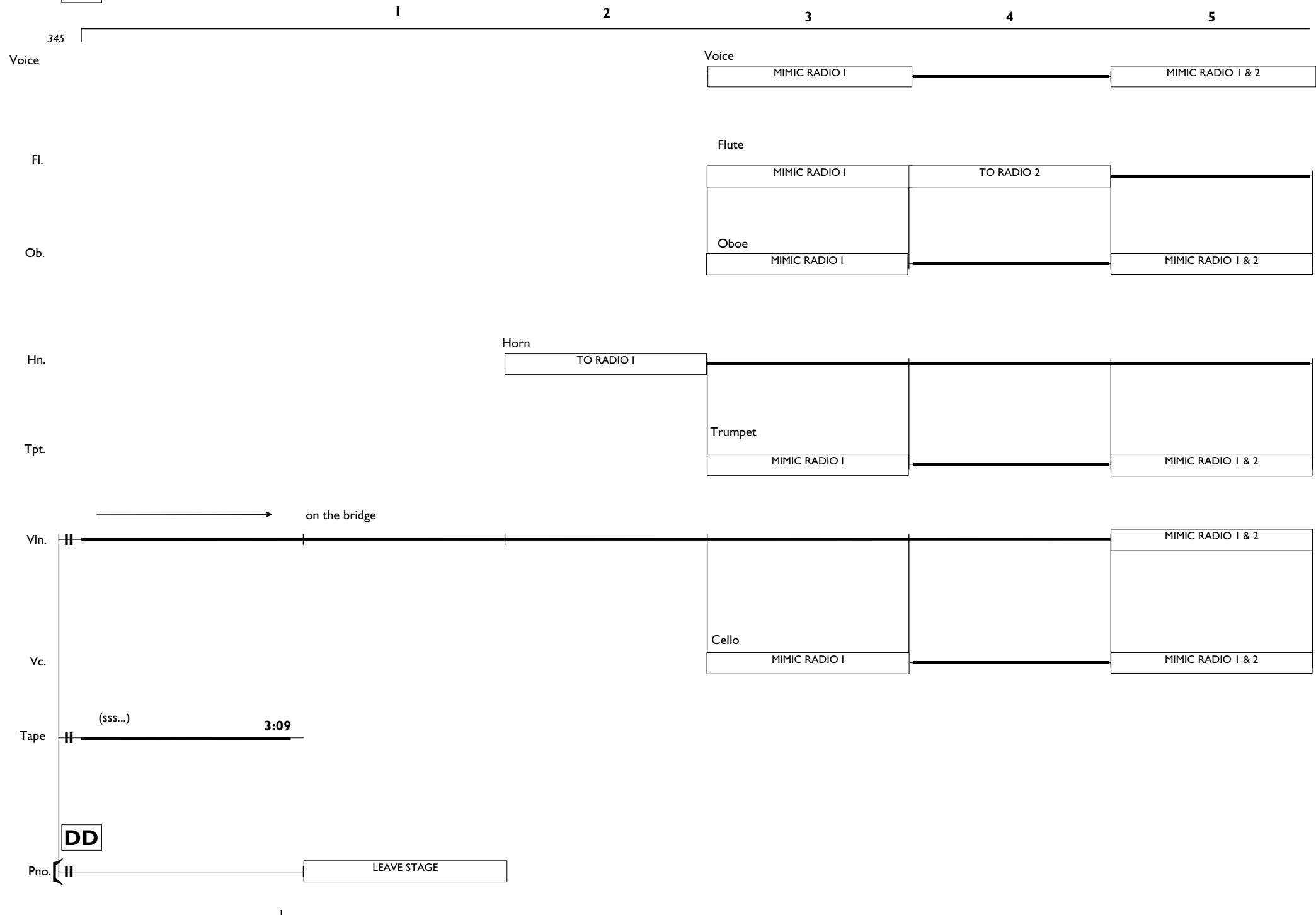
Pno.

**I**

pedal slam

**p l.v. possible**

**Lv.**

**DD Coda**

CONDUCTOR LEAVES STAGE

