## **UCLA**

## **Contemporary Music Score Collection**

### **Title**

Retro Non

### **Permalink**

https://escholarship.org/uc/item/29g6k4hv

### **Author**

Amiryan, Tatev

## **Publication Date**

2020

# TATEV AMIRYAN

String Quartet

Retro Non

(No way back..)

**Duration: 10 min.** 

Copyright © 2012 by Tatev Amiryan

### **Program notes**

Retro Non (in Latin - "no repeat") is about the life-changing choices that we have to make sometimes unwillingly. It's about the places left behind where we can no longer return to because we are no longer a part of them, and because they are no longer the same. It's about the longing, the sorrow, and the feeling of loss that we carry inside, along with the memories of all those places, during all our life. Retro Non is about the feelings and experiences of all the people who have been forced to leave their homeland for different reasons, and who are trying to create a new life on foreign land.

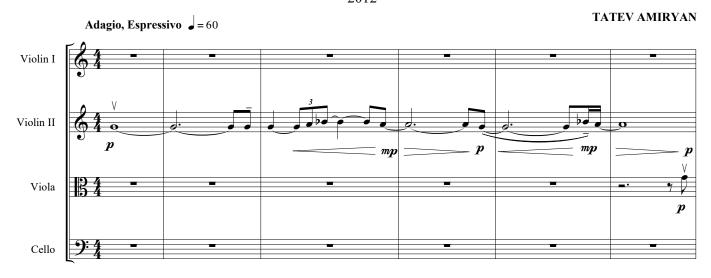
The music in the piece combines Armenian traditional modes and scales with Western contemporary harmonies. It incorporates elements typical to Armenian traditional music (folk melodies, sacred music) and resembles ornamental patterns similar to Armenian traditional art forms such as miniature paintings and cross stones. Every small particle in the ornament is essential and plays an important role in creating the whole. Thus, all the short notes in the piece need to be treated individually, as a part of the melody, not as an embellishment, and need to be played deeper and emphasized, without slurs and legatos.

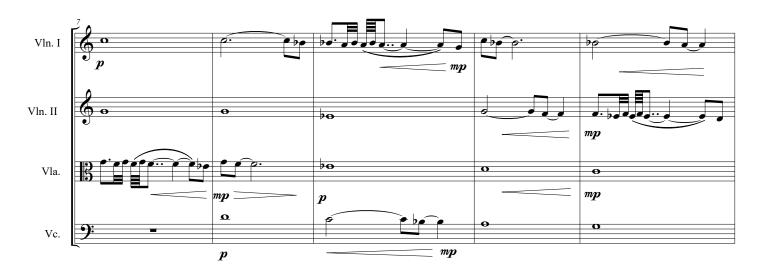
*Retro Non* received the 1<sup>st</sup> prize at Chamber Music Composition Competition at University of Missouri-Kansas City Conservatory of Music and Dance in 2012 and was premiered by Carpe Diem String Quartet. In 2018 it was awarded the 1<sup>st</sup> Prize at Abundant Silence Composition Competition in Chamber Ensemble category and was performed by Playground Ensemble in Denver, CO. In 2019 it was published by Abundant Silence. In 2019, *Retro Non* won Juventas New Music Ensemble Call for Scores and was performed by Juventas New Music Ensemble at "Voices of America" concert in Boston, MA.

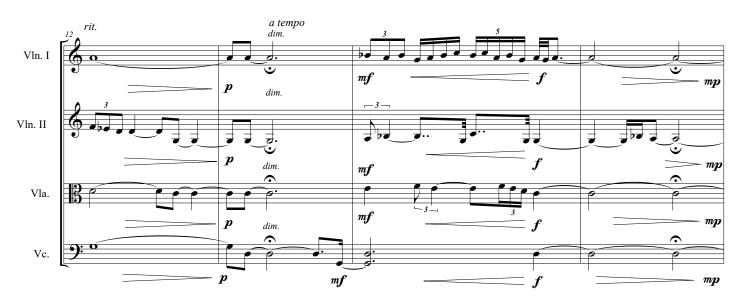
## String Quartet

# Retro Non

(No way back..) 2012

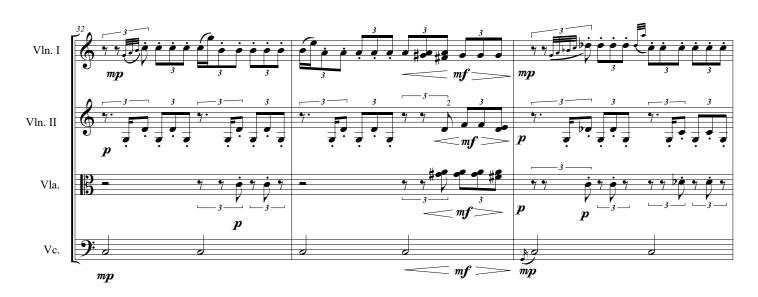






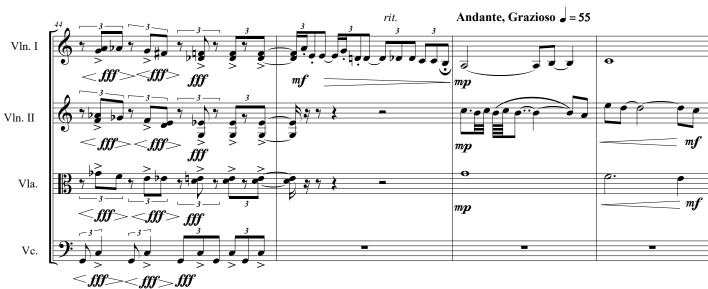




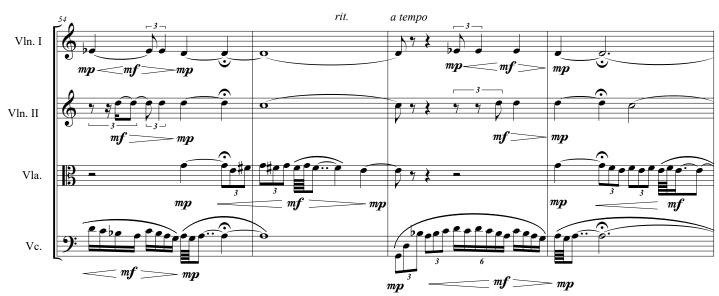




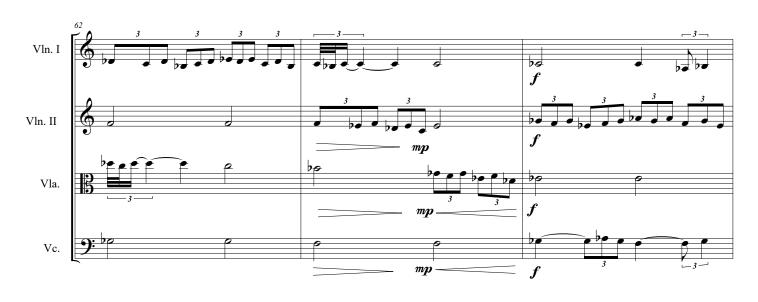




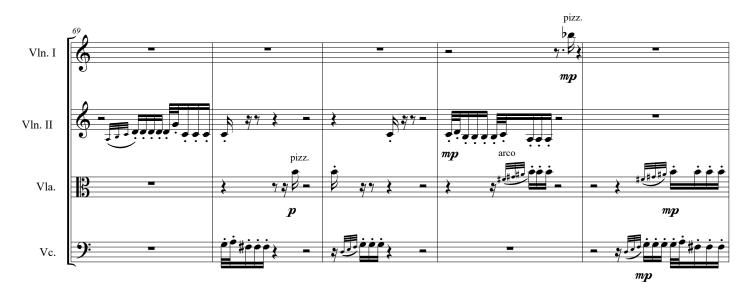






























12 Retro Non

