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POLIN
for orchestra

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Instrumentation

Flute 1

Flute 2

Oboe 1

Oboe 2

Clarinet 1 in Bb

Clarinet 2 in Bb

Bassoon 1

Bassoon 2

Horn 1 in F

Horn 2 in F

Trumpet 1 in Bb

Trumpet 2 in Bb

Timpani

Percussion (2 players)

1. Sus. cymb., Snare Drum, Bass drum
2. Tubular bells, Vibraphone, Tam-tam

Harp

Strings (min. 6-4-4-4-2)

Score in C

Duration: 10 minutes

Composer's Note

POLIN (pronounced po-lin) is an expression of the story of the Polish Jews as powerfully conveyed by Warsaw's POLIN Museum of the History of the Polish Jews. The movement starts as the story of the Polish Jews starts, surrounded by the magic of pure nature one thousand years ago. Through this lens, a mythical descent from the heavens of a slip of paper urging Jews to find home in Poland is interpreted through a prolonged descent from the upper reaches of the orchestra to its lowest depths. As the piece progresses, it is both a celebration of the early, intricate development of this culture, as well as a shadow of the terrible suffering its people were to endure. The Polin melody is the central guiding element of the piece, embodied most directly through a solo oboe near the beginning of the piece. A second "faith" motif is introduced, which reaches up toward the sky, emphasizing the centrality of God and faith in Polish Jewish life. After the violent climax, the Polin melody is heard once more in a solo oboe, but this time, unable to form completely, it remains caught on one note, jumping to the end of the phrase. In the final moments, the oboe's song is joined by three solo violins, seeking a path upwards in - and through - the darkness. There is a pulse, a glow, at the end, signaling continuation - life.

POLIN

for orchestra

$\text{♩} = 40$ Largo più e più animando

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Flute 1

Flute 2

Oboe 1

Oboe 2

Clarinet in Bb 1

Clarinet in Bb 2

Bassoon 1

Bassoon 2

Horn 1

Horn 2

Trumpet in Bb 1

Trumpet in Bb 2

Percussion I

Percussion II

Timpani

Harp

Violin I
div.
a 2

Violin II
div.
a 2

Viola

Cello

Bass

Fl. 1 *mf*

Fl. 2 *mf*

Ob. 1 *p*

Ob. 2

Cl. 1

Cl. 2 *mp*

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Timp.

Violin I div. a 2

Violin II div. a 2

Viola div. a 2

Vc.

Bs.

10

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Timp.

Violin I
div.
a 2

Violin II
div.
a 2

Viola
div.
a 2

Vc.

Bs.

slow to fast

12

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

Violin I
div.
a 2

Violin II
div.
a 2

Viola
div.
a 2

Cello
div.
a 2

Bs.

Musical score page 4. The score consists of 12 staves. The top section (measures 1-11) includes Flute 1, Flute 2, Oboe 1, Oboe 2, Clarinet 1, Clarinet 2, Bassoon 1, and Bassoon 2. The bottom section (measures 12-18) includes Violin I div. a 2, Violin II div. a 2, Viola div. a 2, Cello div. a 2, and Bass. Measure 12 starts with Flute 1 and Oboe 1 playing eighth-note patterns. Measures 13-14 show various woodwind entries with dynamics like ff, f, mp, and f. Measures 15-18 transition to the lower section, featuring sustained notes and glissandos from measures 15-16, followed by dynamic markings like mf, sfp, pp, and con sord. The bassoon parts in measures 17-18 include 'gloss.' markings.

A

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

A

Violin I
div.
a 2

Violin II
div.
a 2

Viola
div.
a 2

Cello
div.
a 2

Bs.

21

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

Violin I
div.
a 2

Violin II
div.
a 2

Viola
div.
a 2

Cello
div.
a 2

Bs.

poc. tenuto

3

sim.

poc. tenuto

gliss.

poc. tenuto

3

sim.

poc. tenuto

3

sim.

poc. tenuto

3

sim.

poc. tenuto

24

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

This section shows measures 24 and 25 for the woodwind section. The instrumentation includes Flute 1, Flute 2, Oboe 1, Oboe 2, Clarinet 1, Clarinet 2, Bassoon 1, and Bassoon 2. The music consists of eighth-note patterns with grace notes and dynamic markings like *f > mf*. Measure 24 ends with a forte dynamic. Measure 25 begins with a sustained note from Bassoon 1.

Violin I
div.
a 2

Violin II
div.
a 2

Viola
div.
a 2

Cello
div.
a 2

Bs.

This section shows measures 24 and 25 for the string section. The instrumentation includes Violin I (divided into two groups), Violin II (divided into two groups), Viola (divided into two groups), Cello (divided into two groups), and Bass. The music features sustained notes with grace notes and dynamic markings like *sim.* and measure-length markings (3). Measure 24 ends with a dynamic marking of 3. Measure 25 begins with a sustained note from Cello 2.

26

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

Violin I
div.
a 2

Violin II
div.
a 2

Viola
div.
a 2

Cello
div.
a 2

Bs.

28

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

Violin I
div.
a 2

Violin II
div.
a 2

Viola
div.
a 2

Cello
div.
a 2

Bs.

30

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

This section of the musical score shows parts for Flute 1, Flute 2, Oboe 1, Oboe 2, Clarinet 1, Clarinet 2, Bassoon 1, and Bassoon 2. The music consists of four measures. Measures 1-2 show sustained notes with dynamic markings *p* and *mf > mp*. Measure 3 features eighth-note patterns with dynamics *p* and *pp*. Measure 4 concludes with eighth-note patterns and dynamics *p* and *pp*. Measure 5 begins with sustained notes.

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

Tpt. 1

This section shows parts for Horn 1, Horn 2, and Trumpet 1. All three parts are silent throughout the entire measure.

Violin I
div.
a 2

Violin II
div.
a 2

Viola
div.
a 2

Cello
div.
a 2

Bs.

This section shows parts for Violin I (divided into two groups), Violin II (divided into two groups), Viola (divided into two groups), Cello (divided into two groups), and Bass. Each group of strings plays eighth-note patterns at a dynamic of *pp*. The bass part remains silent.

B Dolente ♩ = 75

36

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob. 1 Solo *mp espres.*

Ob. 2

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

Tpt. 1

B Dolente ♩ = 75*unis.*

Vln. I

Vln. II *unis.*

Vla. *unis.*

Vc. *unis.* *pp*

Bs. *p*
(*8vb if low C extension available)

45

Fl. 1
 $\leq mf$ $> mp$ mp 3 p pp 3

Fl. 2
 mp 3 p pp $mp pp$

Ob. 1
 $> p$ pp 3

Ob. 2
 pp 3

Cl. 1
 pp 3

Cl. 2
 pp 3

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

Hn. 1
 mp *espres.* 3 mf p pp

Hn. 2
 pp 3

Tpt. 1
Solo p $<mf$ p

Tpt. 2

Timp.

Vln. I
 pp mp 3

Vln. II
 pp mp

Vla.
 pp mp

Vc.
 $(b\text{-}e)$ mp

Bs.
 pp mp

(8)-----

C Con brio ♩ = 120

59

Fl. 1 *pp sempre*

Fl. 2 *pp sempre*

Ob. 1

Cl. 1 *pp sempre*

Cl. 2 *pp sempre*

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2 *mf*

Hn. 1 (gradually stop or open as per instructions) stop → +
p → *mp*

Hn. 2 (gradually stop or open as per instructions) stop → +
p → *mp*

Tpt. 1 (gradually close or open harmon mute by inserting/removing it) (senza sord) → close → (con sord)
p → *mp*

Tpt. 2 (gradually close or open harmon mute by inserting/removing it) (senza sord) → close → (con sord)
p → *mp*

C Con brio ♩ = 120

Tim. *pp* *mf*

Vln. I *sul pont.*
senza sord. a 2

Violin II div. a 2 *senza sord.* *pp* *sul pont.* a 2 *p* unis. *pp* a 2 *p*

Viola div. a 2 *senza sord.* *sul pont.* *pp* *sul pont.* *pp* *p* *pp* *sempre*

Cello div. a 2 *senza sord.* *mf* *p* *pp* *p* *pp* *sempre*

Bs. *mf* *p* *pp* *p* *pp* *sempre*

68

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob. 1

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Vln. I

Violin II
div. a 2

Viola
div. a 2

Cello
div. a 2

Bs.

72

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob. 1

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Vln. I

Violin II
div. a 2

Viola
div. a 2

Cello
div. a 2

Bs.

78

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob. 1

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

Perc. I Sus. Cym.

Timp.

Hp. l.v.

Vln. I

Violin II div. a 2

Viola div. a 2

Cello div. a 2

Bs.

Dynamic markings: *p*, *f*, *mp*, *mf*, *gliss.*, *a 2*, *l.v.*

Performance instructions: *Sus. Cym.*, *Timp.*, *Hp.*, *Vln. I*, *Violin II div. a 2*, *Viola div. a 2*, *Cello div. a 2*, *Bs.*

82

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

Perc. I

Timp.

Hp.

Vln. I

Violin II
div.
a 2

Viola
div.
a 2

Cello
div.
a 2

Bs.

87

D

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

Cl. 1 *mp*

Cl. 2 *mp*

Bsn. 1 *mp*

Bsn. 2

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

Perc. I Bass drum *mp* *p*

Timp. *mp* *p*

Hp. *ad lib.* *mp*

D

Vln. I *mp*

Vln. II *mp*

Vla.

Cello div. a 2 *p*

Bs.

D a 2

unis.

p

a 2

unis.

p

non-div.

93

Fl. 1 *pp*

Fl. 2 *pp*

Ob. 1 *pp*

Ob. 2 *pp*

Cl. 1 *pp*

Cl. 2 *pp*

Bsn. 1 *mp*

Bsn. 2 *mp*

Hn. 1 *p*

Hn. 2 *p*

Tpt. 1 *dolce*
mp *mf*

Tpt. 2 *p*

Perc. I

Perc. II *mf*

Timp.

Vln. I *p*

Vln. II *p*

Vla.

Cello div. a 2 *p*

Bs.

This musical score page contains six systems of music. The first system features woodwind instruments (Flute 1, Flute 2, Oboe 1, Oboe 2, Clarinet 1, Clarinet 2) and bassoon (Bassoon 1, Bassoon 2). The second system includes brass instruments (Horn 1, Horn 2, Trombone 1, Trombone 2) and percussion (Percussion I, Percussion II). The third system consists of strings (Violin I, Violin II, Viola, Cello division a 2, Double Bass). The score includes dynamic markings such as *pp*, *mp*, *p*, *dolce*, and *mf*. Performance instructions include "quasi solo" for Trombone 1 and "Tubular bells" for Percussion II. Measure numbers 93 are indicated at the top of each system.

97

Fl. 1
Fl. 2
Ob. 1
Ob. 2
Cl. 1
Cl. 2
Bsn. 1&2

Hn. 1
Hn. 2
Tpt. 1
Tpt. 2

Perc. I
Perc. II
Timp.

Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Tutti
Vc.
Bs.

101

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Bsn. 1&2

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

quasi solo

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Perc. I

(Tubular bells)

Perc. II

Timp.

Hp.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Bs.

105

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Bsn. 1&2

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Perc. I

Perc. II

Timp.

Hp.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Bs.

E poco rit.

a tempo ($\downarrow = 120$)

114 **F**

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob. 1 Solo *mp* 5

Ob. 2

Cl. 1 Solo *mp* 3 3 3

Cl. 2

Bsn. 1 Solo *mp* 3 3 3

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Perc. I

Perc. II *mp*

F

Timp.

Hp. *l.v.* *mf*

Vln. I *pp* *a 2*

Vln. II *pp* *a 2* *pizz.* *ff*

Vla.

Vcl. *f* *pizz.* *ff* *arco* *port.* *pizz.* *ff*

Bs. *ff*

118

Fl. 1
Fl. 2
Ob. 1
Ob. 2
Cl. 1
Cl. 2
Bsn. 1&2

con sord.
Hn. 1
con sord.
Hn. 2
con sord.
Tpt. 1
con sord.
Tpt. 2

Snare drum (rim shot)
Perc. I
Hp.

Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Bs.

open
+ +
pp
open
pp
open
pp
mp
open
open
mp
open
open
mp
mf
mf
pizz
mp-mf
f
a 2
tutti
pizz
mp-mf
f
a 2
p
p
p
p
3
3
f
3
3
f

122

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Bsn. 1&2

Hn. 1 → stop +
stop
close

Hn. 2 p

Tpt. 1 pp
close

Tpt. 2 pp

Perc. I

Hp.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Bs.

135

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Bsn. 1&2

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Hp.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Cello
div.
a 2

Bs.

H

139

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Bsn. 1&2

mf

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

con sord

Tpt. 1

mf

p

open

Tpt. 2

con sord

Hp.

mf

l.v.

Violin I
div.
a 2

arco

cresc. poc a poc

cresc. poc a poc

Violin II
div.
a 2

arco

cresc. poc a poc

cresc. poc a poc

Vla.

arco

cresc. poc a poc

pizz.

Cello
div.
a 2

arco

mf

Bs.

mf

141

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Violin I
div.
a 2

Violin II
div.
a 2

Vla.

Cello
div.
a 2

Bs.

143

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Bsn. 1&2

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Violin I
div.
a 2

Violin II
div.
a 2

Vla.

Cello
div.
a 2

Bs.

A detailed musical score page from a symphony or orchestra piece. The page is numbered 146 at the top left. The score includes parts for Flute 1, Flute 2, Oboe 1, Oboe 2, Clarinet 1, Clarinet 2, Bassoon 1&2, Horn 1, Horn 2, Trombone 1, Trombone 2, Percussion I, Percussion II, Timpani, Bassoon, Double Bass, Violin I div. a 2, Violin II div. a 2, Viola, Cello div. a 2, and Bass. The music consists of three measures. Measures 1 and 2 show various woodwind and brass parts playing eighth-note patterns. Measure 3 features sustained notes with grace notes and dynamic markings like *f* and *ff*. The bassoon and double bass parts are prominent in the lower half of the page. Measure 3 concludes with a dynamic *ff* followed by a sus. cymb. instruction.

I Con forza

37

149

Con forza

Bass drum

Tubular bells

ff l.v.

slow to fast through tuplet

slow to fast through tuplet

Sus. cymb.

Con forza

I Con forza

molto vib. div. a 4

molto vib. div. a 3

molto vib. div. a 3

unis.

arco, div. a 2

ff

ff

154

Fl. 1

ff

Fl. 2

ff

Ob. 1

ff

Ob. 2

ff

Cl. 1

ff

Cl. 2

ff

Hn. 1

ff

Hn. 2

ff

Tpt. 1

ff

Tpt. 2

ff

Perc. I

Bass drum
ff

(Tubular bells)

Perc. II

ff

Timp.

mf ff

Hp.

f l.v.

Vln. I

=ff

Vln. II

=ff

Vla.

=ff arco

Vc.

ff

Bs.

ff

158

Fl. 1 *fff*

Fl. 2 *fff*

Ob. 1 *fff*

Ob. 2 *fff*

Cl. 1 *fff*

Cl. 2 *fff*

Bsn. 1&2 *fff*

Hn. 1 *fff*

Hn. 2 *fff*

Tpt. 1 *fff*

Tpt. 2 *fff*

Perc. I Bass drum
 ff
 Tam-tam
Perc. II *ff*

Timp. *f* *fff*

Hp. *ff* *l.v.*

Vln. I *fff*

Vln. II *fff*

Vla. *fff*

Vc. *fff* *arco*

Bs. *fff*

(Bass drum) *mf*

gradually dampen with hand

163

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Bsn. 1&2

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Perc. I

Perc. II

Timp.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Bs.

mf

f 3 *mp*

mp

mp

mp

gradually dampen with hand

mf

p *unis.* (bass)

mp *unis.* (bass) *p*

mp *p*

mf

mf

J Dolente $\text{♩} = 75$

168

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Solo
Ob. 1
mp espres.

Ob. 2

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Bsn. 1&2

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Perc. I

Perc. II

Timp.

J Dolente $\text{♩} = 75$

unis.

Solo Vln. I

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Bs.

42

179

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

Perc. I

Perc. II

Timp.

Hp.

Solo Vln. I

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Bs.

p *espres.*

p

poco rit.

(1st chair) *espres., molto legato*

mp

poco rit. *port.*

187

Fl. 1 *pp* morendo

Fl. 2 *pp* morendo

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

Cl. 1 *pp* *ppp* morendo

Cl. 2 *p* *ppp* morendo

Hn. 1 *pp* *ppp* morendo

Hn. 2 *pp* *ppp* morendo

Perc. I

Perc. II Tam-tam gradually dampen with hand

Timp. *ppp* *pp* *p* *mp* *ppp*

Hp. *pizz.* *pp*

Solo Vln. I chair 1 *p* *pp* *ppp* morendo

espres., molto legato

Solo Vln. I chair 2 *pp* *mp* *pp* *ppp* morendo

espres., molto legato

Solo Vln. II chair 1 *mp* *pp* *ppp* morendo

espres., molto legato

Solo Vln. II chair 2 *mp* *pp* *ppp* morendo

Vln. I gli altri *pp* *div. a 2* *pp* *ppp* morendo

Vln. II gli altri *pp* *div. a 2* *pp* *ppp* morendo

Vla. *pp* *pp* *ppp* morendo

Vlc. *pp* *pp* *ppp* morendo

Bs. *pizz.* *pp* *arco* *ppp* morendo