

THE WHITENING OF THE OX

poems by K.V. Skene music by Jeffrey Ryan

for baritone and large ensemble

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Instrumentation:

baritone voice

flute (doubling alto flute)

oboe (doubling English horn)

Bb clarinet (doubling Bb bass clarinet)

bassoon

horn in F

trumpet in C

tenor trombone

percussion (1 player):

glockenspiel

vibraphone

marimba

medium tom-tom

bass drum

lion's roar

triangle

finger cymbal

suspended cymbal

2 temple bowls (different relative pitches)

medium tam-tam

harp

2 violins

viola

violoncello

contrabass

Performance notes:

Total performance time ca. 32 minutes.

Score in C. All instruments sound as written, except for contrabass (which sounds an octave lower) and glockenspiel (which sounds two octaves higher); harp harmonics sound one octave higher.

-  note ends with a breath accent for voice and winds; no bow change for strings
 give note a slight rhythmic and dynamic stress
 ^{a.} use an alternate fingering (used in conjunction with a timbral trill)
c.l.b. strings = col legno battuto
s.t./s.p. strings = sul tasto/sul ponticello

Violins, viola and violoncello require metal practice mutes for movement V.

All glissandi begin immediately after the first pitch is sounded; glissandi of duration greater than a quarter note are notated with an opening eighth note along with the required duration.

In *senza misura* sections, accidentals apply only to the note immediately following and within each beamed group. Grace notes take their own time and are therefore notated full-size. At the end of each *senza misura* section, an approximate timing is indicated.

Other performance notes are given as required in the score and/or part.

Programme note:

The story of the oxherd taming his wild ox comes from Zen Buddhism, and has provided (and continues to provide) the inspiration for many different series of images. The ox, representing the untamed mind and ego, is gradually brought under control by the oxherd. In many versions, as the ox is tamed it turns progressively whiter until it becomes transparent and vanishes, and a perfect circle of Enlightenment is achieved.

Centuries later, these images inspired Canadian poet K.V. Skene to write a set of ten poems as a contemporary response to these images and this story. When I discovered these poems in an issue of *Descant*, I was drawn to the richness and the musicality of her poetry, that evoked her inspiration in language both timeless yet thoroughly of our own time.

The half-hour journey of this work takes us from chaos to order, complexity to simplicity, frenetic to focused, dark to light. The multi-layered first movement, *Overhead Thunder Clouds*, opens with scattered energy, a large-ranging vocal line depicting the oxherd's inner duality, and an instrumental emphasis on lower register and darker colours. As the music proceeds from song to song, the oxherd meets, faces, and forges a relationship with the ox, frequently represented by the solo bassoon. By the fifth song, *Fade to Winter*, the oxherd is able to untie and embrace the ox, which both frightens and liberates him, and in the sixth song, he wonders whether he made the right choice in undertaking this journey, fearing that *Nothing Has Changed*. But as the ox disappears, the oxherd finds a new sense of calm, release and detachment, culminating in the warm colours, simplicity and cohesion of the final song, *Echoes of Light Shining*.

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K.V. Skene
The Whitening of the Ox
(Inside the Zen Ox Pictures)

1. Overhead Thunder Clouds

Think in a circle. Think of ox (large horned, cloven-footed ruminant). Ox is black. Overhead, thunder clouds pile upon rock, grass and a single pine. I am

a runaway child, greedy for ox; ready to plunge into spring, snort, pant, dig up dirt with sharp hooves, gorge on ox

blood and bone — heart beating, lungs bellowing, wrap thick ox hide around me as if it were my own

skin, my own darkness, heavy and wet.

3. To the End of the World

Ox is following my rope, following my footsteps, through a tumbling stream, around mountain paths, to the edge

of the sea, to the end of the world. Ox is now white-headed. The colours of birth dissolve in wind, water. We could go on

hitch-hiking highways and byways, dumping each used day like roadside trash. We could stop

now if we wanted to, if we tried to, if we could only remember how.

2. Ungovernable As My Heart

Great-grandfather mountain snubs his million million offsprings; born wild as the spring flowering plum, beautiful as ox, ungovernable as my heart beat. I thread a grass rope

through the nose of ox, raise my whip, pull death out of the universe.

Joined by one fear, one hunger, we could find a lonesome place, grow veins like knotted roots, become god for a day.

4. A Seed Planted in Me

Ox turns to look at me. I look at ox. We have nothing left to say to each other, nowhere left to go. Ox is now half white.

I tie the rope in ox's nose to a willow tree, sit by the tree and wait. Ox is a seed planted in me — anything can happen now.

The sun pulls gold between the branches, my eyes open wider, I listen harder. Leaves fall. The wind grows teeth and bites. I am afraid.

I have become ox.

5. Fade To Winter

framed by the naked willow,
the blue, teeth-chattering brook,
the hunched-back, hoary mountain,
I untie ox, caress thick hairy
haunches, bone hard chest, hear
hot blood pounding, smell
breath-stench, feel

the power of ox,
the potency of ox and taste
a dangerous freedom. Life
slips from green to yellow to brown.
Ox and I back-track

to safe pastures,
still waters. Home,
before the whole valley fades
to winter.

I can live without a reason,
without a god
to love.

7. A Circle Bending

The plum tree bows
to the wind. The sun drops too low
for daylight, too near
for sleep. I sit by a stream . . .

. . . water flows. Ox is all white.
Here, there is thick grass
for grazing, cool water for thirst,
songbirds to chase a stubborn soul
to sleep. I forget

when seasons turn, why birds fly south
who raised this sky, planted this earth,
how old I am. I remember

a dream repeating, a path
bending back on itself — life
for death and always a god
further on
just beyond where I am.

6. Nothing Has Changed

I sit under a tall pine tree
and play my flute — my song
is cold mountain water, running
from sun
to sea. Ox is old, tired

only its tail
is still black. We speak
with our eyes, our hearts open
like the needles on the pine. Ox

sleeps. Nothing has shifted
but shadows, nothing has faded
but light. I move
into the simple pulse-beat
of home —
so full of death. Perhaps
it would have been better
never to have left.

8. White Shadows Without Shape

The moon is my Mother, Mother
of the left side of the world, She
and the stars are lovers, white
shadows without shape

of form. Night is home now,
blackskinned and wild, with claws
to grip my skin. My eyes erase
my footsteps, I will never
see them again, never stumble

back to father's house — fireproof
security blanket, overblown Mustang
blocking the drive. Ox

is transparent, casts no shadow,
is barely here at all, but still
stalks the periphery of my dreams,
beyond good and evil.

9. The Gate of My Home

Seven stars circle the moon,
Ox is gone. I remain.
I am a small cloud drifting
over the mountain peaks, a plum tree
rooted deep in the earth,

a hermit,
the ox. I am looking
for the entrance to heaven, the gate

of my home. I am wise and have
wide open eyes. I clap my hands
and the mountain sings, point
at winter branches and millions
of flowers burst open. I am old,

a fool that laughs at the moon
and runs in the wind.
my bones and flesh drift to ash

to dust, the returning path
is curving around and I have forgotten
where my feet are treading.

10. Echoes of Light Shining

Even stars collapse, even
light returns to its source,
spiral time and memory
into the blackhole
behind my eyes. A soft beat
in the centre of nothing, echoes

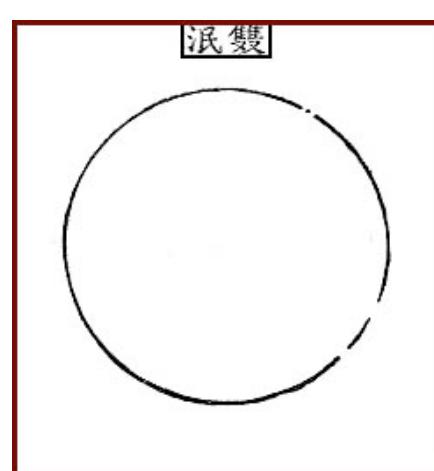
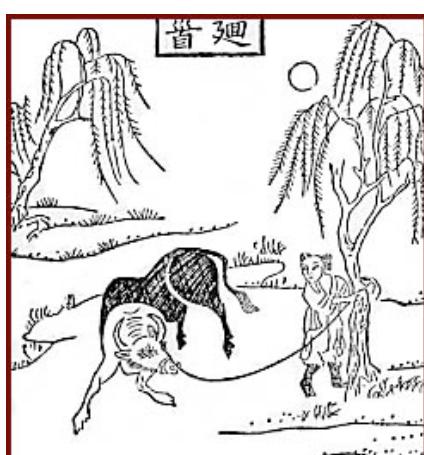
of light shining — soon to gather dust,
fill with grass, lilies, trees,
surge with wind, rain
and thunder storms, burst

into a rage of growing things
roaring/singing things, bleeding
things . . . and
a runaway child. Think

in a circle. Think
of ox.

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THE WHITENING OF THE OX

I: Overhead Thunder Clouds

music by Jeffrey Ryan

Senza misura
spoken (deliberately, trying
to quiet a noisy mind)

mf

Think in a cir - cle.

A tempo $\bullet = 150$

Primal, the background a seething, turbulent mass

mf

Think of ox

(sung) **mf** somewhat growled

(large horned,

The musical score consists of ten staves, each representing a different instrument or voice. The instruments listed from top to bottom are: afI (Alto Flute), Ehn (English Horn), bcl (Bass Clarinet), bn (Bassoon), hn (Horn), tpt (Trumpet), trb (Trombone), perc (Percussion), hp (Double Bass), I (Violin I), vn (Violin II), II (Violin II), va (Viola), vc (Cello), and cb (Double Bass). The score is divided into four measures, numbered 1 through 4 at the bottom. Measure 1 starts with a vocal line in *Senza misura* (indicated by a wavy line) with dynamic **mf**. The lyrics "Think in a cir - cle." are written below the staff. Measure 2 begins with *A tempo* at $\bullet = 150$, dynamic **mf**, and the lyrics "Think of ox". Measure 3 continues with dynamic **mf** and the lyrics "(large horned,". Measure 4 concludes with dynamic **mf**. Various performance instructions are included: "brush non-artic.", "con sord.", "str. mute", "MARIMBA med. yarn mallets", and specific pitch markings like "D**b**C**#**B**h**" and "E**b**F**g**G**h**A**h**". Measure 1 also includes a dynamic **mf** above the staff.

[1]

[2]

[3]

[4]

clo
 ven-foot-ed ru - mi-nant)

(alto fl.)

afl
 Ehn
 bcl
 bn
 hn
 tpt
 trb
 perc
 hp

I
 vn
 II
 va
 vc
 cb

5 6 7 8 9

A *mf*

Ox is _____

afl

Ehn (Eng. hn.) *mp*

bcl *mp*

bn *f* *f* *mp*

hn str. mute

tpt *mp*

trb

perc *mf* *mf*

hp *p*

I arco

vn *mp* pizz. *mf*

II arco *mp* *mf*

va *mp*

vc arco *mp* pizz. *mf* arco

cb *mp* *mf* *mp*

10 11 12 13 14

black.

afl

Ehn

bcl

bn

hn

tpt

trb

perc

hp

I

vn

II

va

vc

cb

p ————— *mf*
 Black, —————

p ————— *mf* **B** —————
 Black, ————— O - ver -

afi
 Ehn
 bcl
 bn
 hn
 tpt
 trb
 perc
 hp

I
 vn
 II
 va
 vc
 cb

open

(str. mute)

mp

mp

p

mp

C

rock, grass _____ and a sin - gle —

afl

Ehn

bcl

bn

hn

tpt

trb

perc

hp

(⊕ D C♯ B♭ | E ♯ F G A ♮)

I

vn

II

va

vc

cb

arco □ V

mf* p

* short gl. to next note

mf **D**

— pine.

afl

Ehn

bcl

bn

hn

tpt

trb

perc

hp

I

vn

II

va

vc

cb

MED. TAM TAM

p

mf let ring

35

36

37

38

39

Musical score page showing parts for various instruments across five systems (measures 40-44). The instruments listed on the left are: afl, Ehn, bcl, bn, hn, tpt, trb, perc, hp (grouped by a brace), I vn, II vn, va, vc, cb. Dynamics include *pp* (pianissimo) and *mf* (mezzo-forte). A large diagonal watermark "Perusal Copy" is present.

Measure 40:

- afl: dynamic *pp*
- Ehn: dynamic *pp*
- bcl: dynamic *pp*
- bn: dynamic *pp*
- hn: dynamic *pp*
- tpt: dynamic *pp*
- trb: dynamic *pp*
- perc: dynamic *pp*
- hp: dynamic *pp*
- I vn: dynamic *pp*
- II vn: dynamic *pp*
- va: dynamic *pp*
- vc: dynamic *pp*
- cb: dynamic *pp*

Measure 41:

- afl: dynamic *pp*
- Ehn: dynamic *pp*
- bcl: dynamic *pp*
- bn: dynamic *pp*
- hn: dynamic *pp*
- tpt: dynamic *pp*
- trb: dynamic *pp*
- perc: dynamic *pp*
- hp: dynamic *pp*
- I vn: dynamic *pp*
- II vn: dynamic *pp*
- va: dynamic *pp*
- vc: dynamic *pp*
- cb: dynamic *pp*

Measure 42:

- afl: dynamic *pp*
- Ehn: dynamic *pp*
- bcl: dynamic *pp*
- bn: dynamic *pp*
- hn: dynamic *pp*
- tpt: dynamic *pp*
- trb: dynamic *pp*
- perc: dynamic *pp*
- hp: dynamic *pp*
- I vn: dynamic *pp*
- II vn: dynamic *pp*
- va: dynamic *pp*
- vc: dynamic *pp*
- cb: dynamic *pp*

Measure 43:

- afl: dynamic *pp*
- Ehn: dynamic *pp*
- bcl: dynamic *pp*
- bn: dynamic *pp*
- hn: dynamic *pp*
- tpt: dynamic *pp*
- trb: dynamic *pp*
- perc: dynamic *pp*
- hp: dynamic *pp*
- I vn: dynamic *pp*
- II vn: dynamic *pp*
- va: dynamic *pp*
- vc: dynamic *pp*
- cb: dynamic *pp*

Measure 44:

- afl: dynamic *pp*
- Ehn: dynamic *pp*
- bcl: dynamic *pp*
- bn: dynamic *pp*
- hn: dynamic *pp*
- tpt: dynamic *pp*
- trb: dynamic *pp*
- perc: dynamic *pp*
- hp: dynamic *pp*
- I vn: dynamic *pp*
- II vn: dynamic *pp*
- va: dynamic *pp*
- vc: dynamic *pp*
- cb: dynamic *pp*

E *mp* gasping * short gl. to next note
 **approx. pitch *mf* sub.

I, _____ I, _____ I, _____ I _____ am

afl Ehn bcl bn hn tpt trb perc hp

GLOCK.
pp let all notes ring *pp* let all notes ring

I vn II va vc cb

change bow imperceptibly as needed

pp *pp* *pp*

mf sub.

a ____ run - a - way ____ child, I, ____ I, ____ I, ____ I ____ am

afl

Ehn

bcl

bn

hn

tpt

trb

perc

hp

I

vn

II

va

vc

cb

50 51 52 53 54

(*opt. falsetto*)

Sheet music for orchestra and choir, page 10. The score includes parts for Bassoon (Bassoon), Clarinet (Clarinet), Double Bass (Double Bass), Flute (Flute), French Horn (French Horn), Oboe (Oboe), Percussion (Percussion), Trombone (Trombone), Tuba (Tuba), Violin I (Violin I), Violin II (Violin II), Viola (Viola), and Cello (Cello). The vocal parts are for Soprano (Soprano), Alto (Alto), Tenor (Tenor), and Bass (Bass). The vocal parts include lyrics such as "gree", "dy", "menacing", and "str. mute". The score features various dynamic markings like *sfp*, *sfpp*, *p*, *mf*, and *pizz.*

to _____ 5 _____ plunge _____ 5 _____ in _____ 5 _____ to _____ 5 _____ spring, _____ 5 _____

afl
 Ehn
 bcl
 bn
 hn
 tpt
 trb
 perc
 hp
 I
 vn
 II
 va
 vc
 cb

G

f

snort,
pant,

afl

Ehn

bcl

bn

hn

tpt

trb

perc

hp

I

vn

II

va

vc

cb

dig _____ up _____ dirt _____ with _____ sharp _____ hooves, _____

afl
 Ehn
 bcl
 bn
 hn
 tpt
 trb
 perc
 hp
 I
 vn
 II
 va
 vc
 cb

mf(aside) *f* *mf* *f*

dig up dirt, dig up, dig up dirt,

afl

Ehn

bcl

bn

hn

tpt

trb

perc

hp

I

vn

II

va

vc

cb

H*f*

gorge, gorge on —

af^l

Ehn

bcl

bn

hn

tpt

trb

perc

hp

I

vn

II

va

vc

cb

MARIMBA
med. yarn mallets

ox. Blood and I
 afi
 Ehn
 bcl
 bn
 hn
 tpt
 trb
 perc
 hp

B. DR. \oplus
 mf
 \oplus
 \oplus

vn
 II
 va
 vc
 cb

J

bone, hearts beat-ing, lungs bel-low-ing, _____

afl Ehn bcl bn hn tpt trb perc hp I vn II va vc cb

sim.

gl.

f

94 95 96 97 98 99 100

mf rocking

wrap _____ thick ____ ox ____ hide ____ a - round ____ me ____ as if ____ it were ____ my ____

afl
Ehn
bcl
bn
hn
tpt
trb
perc
hp

I
vn
II
va
vc
cb

Perugia COPY

[101] [102] [103] [104] [105] [106] [107]

K

pp

own skin, my own dark - ness, hea -

afl

Ehn

bcl

ppp

bn

ppp

hn

ppp

ppp

tpt

trb

str. mute

ppp

(B. DR.)

ppp < *pp*

perc

hp

pp

I

vn

II

va

vc

cb

ppp

108 109 110 111 112 113 114

*pp spoken, muttering,
all in one breath*
 vy ————— and wet. ————— (Think in a cir-
cle think in a

afl
 Ehn
 bcl
 bn

ppp non-vib.
ppp

hn
 tpt
 trb

MARIMBA
med. yarn mallets
p

perc
 hp

vn
 II
 va

non-vib.
ppp non-vib.
ppp non-vib.
ppp non-vib.

vc
 cb

ppp

grad. change to → *whispered*

circle think in a circle...)

afl Ehn bcl bn hn tpt trb perc hp

I vn II va vc cb

Measure 122: Circle think in a circle...)

Measure 123: Circle think in a circle...)

Measure 124: Circle think in a circle...)

Measure 125: Circle think in a circle...)

Measure 126: Circle think in a circle...)

II: Ungovernable As My Heart

a = 72 Plaintive A = 48 Stentoriously

af^l Ehn bcl bn hn tpt trb perc hp I vn II va vc cb

Great

open

LION'S ROAR (LOW)

D^bC^bB^b | E^bF[#]G[#]A^b

mf mp s.p. p f

mf³ mf mf **rapid natural harmonic arpeggio s.p. p

1 2 3 4 5

♩ = 48 sub. ♩ = 72 sub. rit. to - - - - - ♩ = 48 [B] ♩ = 72 sub. rit. to - - - - -

born_ wild_ as the spring flow - 'ring_ plum,_(m)

afl Ehn bcl bn hn tpt trb perc

hp I vn II va vc cb

open

let all fade

12 13 14 15 16

♩ = 48 ♩ = 72 sub. rit. to - - ♩ = 48 ♩ = 72 sub. rit. to - - - - - ♩ = 48
p caressing *ox,* _____ *un - go - ver - na - ble as my* *heart beat.*

afl Ehn bcl bn

hn tpt trb perc

hp I vn II va vc cb

con sord.
p str. mute *p* str. mute *p*
 D \sharp C \flat B \natural | E \flat F \flat G \sharp A \flat *pizz.*

17 18 19 20 21 22

C $\text{♩} = 72$ sub. Defiantly

f

I thread a grass rope through the

afl

Ehn $\text{♩} = 72$

bcl $\text{♩} = 72$

bn $\text{♩} = 72$

hn $\text{♩} = 72$

tpt $\text{♩} = 72$

trb $\text{♩} = 72$

trb $\text{♩} = 72$

perc $\text{♩} = 72$

(LION'S ROAR)

hp $\text{♩} = 72$

I $\text{♩} = 72$

vn $\text{♩} = 72$

II $\text{♩} = 72$

va $\text{♩} = 72$

vc $\text{♩} = 72$

cb $\text{♩} = 72$

open

mp

p < *f* > *p*

p < *f*

mp

tr

sl.

tr

III

p < *mf* 3

mf > *p*

3

p < *mf* *tr* (o)

p < *mf* *tr* (o)

arco *tr* *s.p.* (o)

p < *f*

D

nose — of _____ ox, raise — my — whip, — pull — death —

afl
Ehn
bcl
bn
hn
tpt
trb
perc
hp
I
vn
II
va
vc
cb

sim.

p < f *p < f*

p < mf *p < mf*

mf > p

p < mf *p < mf*

p < mf *p < mf*

p < mf *p < mf*

p < mf *ord.*

p < f *mf*

[28] [29] [30] [31] [32]

if needed
(*)*

— out — of — the — u — ni — verse. —

afl tr ~~~~~ tr (bass) ~~~~~

Ehn

bcl *p* < *f* *p* < *f*

bn *mf*

hn *mf*

tpt

trb

perc

hp *tr* ~~~~~

F♯ G♯ A♯

I

vn *mf* > *p* *mf* ³ > *p*

II

va *p* — *mf* *p* — *mf*

vc gl.

cb

E

9: *tr* (bassoon)

p < *f* *p* < *f*

Ehn

bcl

bn

hn

tpt

trb

(LION'S ROAR)

perc

hp

I

vn

II

va

vc

cb

f

rit. to - - - - - $\bullet = 48$

F *mp hollow*

Joined

afl
 Ehn
 bcl
 bn
 hn
 tpt
 trb
 perc
 hp
 I
 vn
 II
 va
 vc
 cb

a soft cry
con sord.
cup mute espr.
str. mute mp
(LION'S ROAR) gently
(harmonics sound 8ve up)
p
p
>pp
p
>pp
p
>pp

by one — fear, one — hung - er, ———

afl Ehn bcl bn hn tpt trb perc hp

I vn II va vc cb

con sord.

pp

con sord.

pp

G *mp*

we could find a lone - some place, grow veins like knot - ted roots,

afl

Ehn

bcl

espr.

p

espr.

bn

p

hn

tpt

trb

perc

hp

I

vn

II

con sord.

pp

va

vc

con sord.

pp

cb

be-come god, _____ god _____ for a day. _____

afl Ehn bcl bn hn tpt trb perc hp I vn II va vc cb

(LION'S ROAR) *moaning*

p

change bow imperceptibly as needed

0

con sord. *change bow imperceptibly as needed*

pp

pp

54 55 56 57 58

III: To The End of the World

$\bullet = \bullet \cdot = 42$ Moving gently but resolutely forward; a pilgrimage

simple and reverent

p

simple and reverent

p

*con sord.
a mere whisper of sound*

*ppp semper
con sord.
a mere whisper of sound*

*ppp semper
con sord.
a mere whisper of sound*

*ppp semper
con sord.
a mere whisper of sound*

ppp semper

Musical score page 38 featuring ten staves of music. The instruments are: bassoon (bass clef), flute (treble clef), horn (treble clef), bassoon (bass clef), bassoon (bass clef), bassoon (bass clef), trumpet (treble clef), trumpet (bass clef), percussions (two staves), harp (two staves), violin I (treble clef), violin II (treble clef), viola (bass clef), cello (bass clef), and double bass (bass clef). The score is divided into three measures by vertical bar lines. Measures 1 and 2 show active musical activity across most instruments, with some rests. Measure 3 shows mostly rests or very low notes. A large diagonal watermark "Perusal Copy" is visible across the page.

musical score page 39

instruments listed from top to bottom:

- afl
- Ehn
- bcl
- bn
- hn
- tpt
- trb
- perc
- hp (two staves)
- I vn
- II vn
- va
- vc
- cb

Measure 1:
afl: eighth-note pairs, grace notes
Ehn: rests
bcl: eighth-note pairs, grace notes
bn: rests
hn: rests
tpt: eighth-note pairs
trb: rests
perc: eighth-note pairs
hp: rests
I vn: eighth-note pairs, grace notes
II vn: eighth-note pairs
va: eighth-note pairs, grace notes
vc: eighth-note pairs, grace notes
cb: rests

Measure 2:
afl: eighth-note pairs, grace notes
Ehn: rests
bcl: eighth-note pairs, grace notes
bn: rests
hn: rests
tpt: eighth-note pairs
trb: rests
perc: rests
hp: rests
I vn: eighth-note pairs, grace notes
II vn: eighth-note pairs
va: eighth-note pairs, grace notes
vc: eighth-note pairs, grace notes
cb: rests

Measure 3:
afl: eighth-note pairs, grace notes
Ehn: rests
bcl: eighth-note pairs, grace notes
bn: rests
hn: rests
tpt: eighth-note pairs
trb: rests
perc: rests
hp: rests
I vn: eighth-note pairs, grace notes
II vn: eighth-note pairs
va: eighth-note pairs, grace notes
vc: eighth-note pairs, grace notes
cb: rests

A **p** gently steadily

Ox _____

afl

Ehn

bcl

bn

hn

tpt

trb

perc

hp

I vn

II vii

va

vc

cb

MED. TAM-TAM

D \flat C \sharp B \sharp | E \flat F \sharp G \flat A \sharp superballs on sticks (or mallets)

p

pp

(**ppp**)

(**ppp**)

(**ppp**)

(**ppp**)

is fol - low -
 afl Ehn bcl bn hn tpt trb perc hp I vn II va vc cb

p mp p mp p pp pp

ing _____ my _____ rope, _____ fol - low - ing _____

afl Ehn bcl bn hn tpt trb perc

hp { I vn II va vc cb

p

p — **mp**

p

16 17 18

B

— my foot - steps —

afl Ehn bcl bn hn tpt trb perc hp I II va vc cb

(TAM-TAM)

ord. p

con sord.

change bow imperceptibly as needed

ppp

Perusal Copy

af^b

Ehn

bcl

bn

hn

tpt

trb

perc

hp

I

vn

II

va

vc

cb

C *mf*

through _____

afl

Ehn

bcl

bn

hn

tpt

trb

perc

hp

I

vn

II

va

vc

cb

ord. $\bullet \rightarrow \circ$ air
(bend)
spoken, calling out to soloist, rhythm approx. f

through a

p

+

harmon, stem in *ppp* *grad.* *mf*

harmon, stem in *ppp* *grad.* *mf*

SUSP. CYMB. *soft mallets* *ppp* *mf* *pp*

n. *mf*

pp

non-vib.

pp

(ppp)

(ppp) *pizz. II*

pp

p *p* *mf* *p* *p*

a - round _____ to the

afl *tr* *mf* *pp* *mf*

Ehn tum-bl-ing stream!

bcl

bn *mf* *p* *mf*

spoken, calling out to soloist, rhythm approx. *f*

hn a - round moun-tain paths!

tpt

trb *pp*

perc *g*

hp

I vn *pp*

II vn *pp*

va

vc

cb II I

mf — *p*

p — *mf* — *p*

edge _____ to the end _____

afl *pp*

Ehn *f* to the end of the world!

bcl spoken, calling out to soloist, rhythm approx. *f* to the edge of the sea! to the end of the world!

bn *p*

hn spoken, calling out to soloist, rhythm approx. *f* to the end of the world!

tpt

trb *pp*

perc spoken, calling out to soloist, rhythm approx. *f* to the edge of the sea! *in time f* to the end of the world!

hp

I

vn *pp*

II spoken, calling out to soloist, in time *f* to the end of the world!

va

vc

cb

Senza misura
(Time moves in slow motion)

(ca. 20") **E** ♩ = 60 sub. Burgeoning

world. Ox _____ is now white-head-ed. The co - lours of birth dis -

afl

Ehn

bcl

bn

hn

tpt

trb

perc

hp

I

vn

II

va

vc

cb

poco stringendo —————

$\text{♩} = 42 \text{ sub.}$

solve in wind, wa - ter. We could go

afl p mf pp
Ehn p mf pp
bcl p mf pp
bn p mf pp

hn mf
tpt mf
trb mf

perc MED. TAM-TAM
hp D_bC#B_# E_#F#G_#B_# ff thunder mf
I p mf ppp
vn p gl. mf ppp
II p mf ppp
va p gl. mf ppp
vc p mf ppp
cb p pp

G

mp

used day like road - side trash. We could stop

afl

Ehn

bcl

bn

hn

tpt

trb

perc

(TAM-TAM)

p

hp

mf

ped. gl.

p

I

vn

II

va

vc

cb

now if we want - ed to, if we

afl

Ehn

bcl

bn

hn

tpt

trb

perc

hp

I vn

II

va

vc

cb

49

50

tried to, if we could on - ly re - mem - ber

afl

Ehn

bcl

bn

hn

tpt

trb

perc

hp

I vn

II

va

vc

cb

H

how.

afl

Ehn

bcl

bn *solo*

hn

tpt

trb

(TAM-TAM)

perc

pp
superballs on sticks
(or mallets)

hp

I

vn

II

va

vc

cb

bn I vn II va vc cb

This musical score page contains two staves of music. The top staff covers measures 55 and 56. The bottom staff begins at measure 56. The instruments listed from top to bottom are bassoon (bn), strings I (vn), strings II (II), viola (va), cello (vc), and double bass (cb). Measure 55 starts with a bassoon line, followed by a string section. Measure 56 continues with the strings and includes a bassoon entry. Measures 55 and 56 conclude with a bassoon solo.

55

56

=

bn I vn II va vc cb

This musical score page contains three staves of music. The top staff covers measures 57, 58, and 59. The middle staff begins at measure 57 and ends at measure 58. The bottom staff begins at measure 59. The instruments listed from top to bottom are bassoon (bn), strings I (vn), strings II (II), viola (va), cello (vc), and double bass (cb). Measures 57 and 58 feature a continuous line from the strings I, II, and viola. Measure 59 begins with a bassoon entry.

57

58

59

IV: A Seed Planted in Me

A $\bullet = 138$ *Lightly*
mf

ca. 3" ca. 3" ca. 3" ca. 3"

Ox turns to look at me

afl
Ehn
bcl
bn
hn
tpt
trb
perc
hp
D C B | E F G A | *p* let all ring (to m. 22)

(senza sord.) ca. 3"
I
vn (senza sord.) ca. 3"
II
va (senza sord.) ca. 3"
vc (senza sord.) ca. 3"
cb (senza sord.) ca. 3"

mf

B

*stop air—do not
change vowel

(Look at me) I _____ look at ox

afl

Ehn

bcl

bn

hn

tpt

trb

perc

hp

I

vln

II

va

vc

cb

mf

C

(Look at ox) We have no - thing left ___ to say ___

afl

Ehn

bcl

bn

hn

tpt

trb

perc

hp

I

vn

II

va

vc

cb

D

— to each o - ther (Say — to each o - ther) No -

afl

Ehn

bcl

bn

hn

tpt

trb

perc

hp

I

vn

II

va

vc

cb

mf

p

p

p

pp

pp

where, no - where left ___ to, no - where left ___ to go.

afl Ehn bcl bn hn tpt trb perc hp I vn II va vc cb

p

p

mf

D C B B | E F G A |

E *mf*

Ox _____ is now Ox _____ is now half Ox _____ is now half

afl
Ehn
bcl
bn
hn
tpt
trb
perc

hp

I
vn
II
va
vc
cb

42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49

F

white.

afl

Ehn

bcl

bn

hn

tpt

trb

VIB. *motor off*
med. mallets

perc

hp

(senza cresc.)

(**p**) *let all ring*

p hold pedal down

I

vln

II

va

vc

cb

50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58

G

afl
Ehn
bcl
bn
hn
tpt
trb
perc
hp
I
vn
II
va
vc
cb

H *mp*

I tie the rope in ox-'s nose to a wil-low tree,

afl

Ehn

bcl

bn

hn

tpt

trb

perc

keep pedal down,
release once sound faded

hp

let all fade

I

vn

II

va

vc

pizz.

cb

p

68 69 70 71 72 73 74 75 76

I*mp*

sit by the tree, — sit by the tree and wait. —

afl

Ehn

bcl

bn

mp

hn

tpt

trb

perc

hp

I

vn

II

va

vc

pizz.

cb

p

K *p*

— is a seed plant - ed in me— a - ny - thing

afl Ehn bcl bn hn tpt trb perc hp I vn II va vc cb

Perusal Copy

95 96 97 98 99 100 101 102

Bassoon

can hap-pen now, a - ny-thing can hap-pen now, a - ny-thing can hap-pen now, can hap-pen now.

afl
Ehn
bcl
bn

hn
tpt
trb
perc

hp

I
vn
II
va
vc
cb

change bow imperceptibly as needed

L**M***mp*

The sun pulls —

afl

Ehn

bcl

bn

hn

tpt

trb

VIB. *motor off*
med. mallets

perc

hp

I

vn

II

va

vc

cb

N

— gold _____ be - tween the bran - ches, _____ my eyes o - pen

afl

Ehn

bcl

bn

hn

tpt

trb

perc

hp

I

vn

II

p

va

p

vc

p

cb

Perusal copy

wi - der, I lis - ten har - der,

afl *p* *p*

Ehn

bcl

bn

hn

tpt *p*

trb

perc

hp

I

vn

II *p* *p*

va *p* *p*

vc *p* *p*

cb

O

mp

mf

mp

har - der. Leaves _____ fall, leaves _____

afl

Ehn

bcl

bn

hn

tpt

trb

perc

hp

D \sharp C \sharp B \sharp | E \sharp F \sharp G \sharp A \sharp

p

I

vn

II

p

va

p

vc

p

cb

74

P

mf

fall. The wind grows — teeth, the wind grows — teeth, — and

afl

Ehn

bcl

bn

hn

tpt

trb

perc

hp

I

vn

II

va

vc

cb

accel. to

afl **Ehn** **bcl** **bn** **hn** **tpt** **trb** **perc** **hp** **I vn** **II vn** **va** **vc** **cb**

Q $\text{♩} = 138 \text{ sub.}$

bites, and bites, and bites, and bites.

f **ff**

f **ff**

screaming

ff screaming

ff

MED. TOM-TOM snare stick

mf **f**

ff let fade

change bow imperceptibly as needed

pp

pp

pp

pp

ff

157 **158** **159** **160** **161** **162** **163** **164**

p fearfully

R **p**

I am

afl

Ehn

bcl

bn

hn

tpt

trb

perc

TAM-TAM single scrape with triangle beater

con sord.

pp < mp

str. mute

pp < mp

str. mute

pp < mp

sim.

p

p

hp

I

vn

II

va

vc

cb

pizz. ord.

let ring

sim.

p

165 166 167 168 169 170 171 172 173 174 175

p

I _____ am _____ a

afl

Ehn

bcl

bn

hn

tpt

trb

perc

hp

I

vn

II

va

vc

cb

pp < mp

p

D C | G A

176 177 178 179 180 181 182 183 184 185 186

S

fraid. _____ I am a - fraid

bn

VIB. *motor off
med. mallets*

perc

hp

p

pp *hold pedal down*

pp *let all ring*

187 188 189 190 191 192 193 194

T **p**

I am a - fraid _____ I have be - come ox.

bn

p

perc

hp

195 196 197 198 199 200 201 202

p **U**

grad. close to "m"

I have be - come _____ (m) _____

bn

p

perc

hp

203 204 205 206 207 208 209 210

becoming forced *mf*

V *p* *darkly*

bn

perc

hp {

211 212 213 214 215 216 217 218 219

=

Ehn

bcl

perc

hp {

220 221 222 223 224 225 226 227 228 229 230

mf

mf

mf

(pedal still down)

let all ring



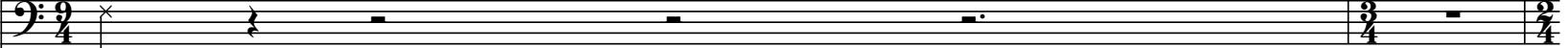


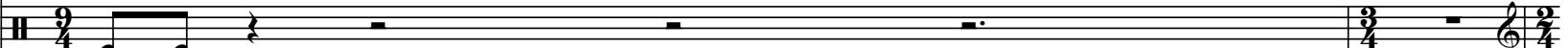
V: fade to Winter

**A distant, icy, metallic sound. Indicated dynamics are the desired result—due to the mute, "louder" playing will be required to achieve them.*

rit. to -----
replace reed

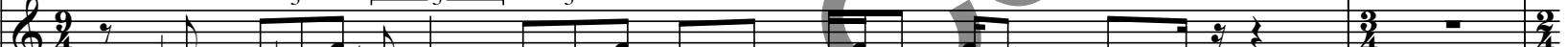
$\bullet = 36$

bn 

perc 

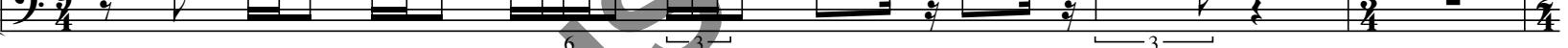
hp { 

I 

vn 

II 

va 

vc 

p

7

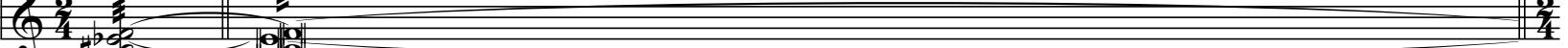
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A

Senza misura $\bullet = \text{ca. } 54-60$
p simply, with freedom (ca. 15")

MBA.
soft mallets
a gentle burr

Framed by the na-ked wil-low, the blue, teeth - chat-ter-ing brook, the

perc 

pp

9

10

A = 60 *A tempo*

rit. to -----

B = 42 *non-vib.*
pp airy, ghostly

hunched - back, — hoar - y moun - tain - (n), I un - tie ox,

afl

Ehn

cl (clar.)

bn

hn

tpt

trb

perc

hp

I

vln

II

va

vc

cb

11

12

13

14

15

16

C

p tenderly

ca-res - thick hair - y

afl

Ehn

cl

bn

hn

tpt

trb

perc

hp

I

vn

II

va

vc

cb

dolce

p

mf

mf

mf

p

accel. poco a poco to - - - - -

mp

haun - ches, _____ bone _____ hard _____ chest, hear hot _____ blood _____

afl dolce
Ehn *p*
cl *p*
bn *mp* *mp*
hn
tpt
trb
perc
hp
I 9
vn 6
II 6
va 6
vc 6
cb

(accel.)

mf

pound - ing, smell breath - stench, feel the

afl

Ehn

cl

bn

mf

dolce

p

open

p

perc

hp

I

vn

II

9

6

6

3

5

9

6

6

6

9

6

6

6

vc

cb

D ♩ = 60 Rapturously *f*

rit. to ————— ♩ = 48 sub.
non-vib., poco falsetto *p*

po-*wer* of ox, the po-*ten-cy* of ox and taste a dan - ger - ous free - dom.

afl *mf*

Ehn *mf*

cl *mf*

bn *mf*

hn *mf*

tpt *mf*

trb *mf*

perc

B. DR. *rute, single circular stroke*

mf <*f*

hp D♯ C♭ B♯ | E F♯ G♯ A♯ *p*

I *ff*

vn *ff*

II *ff*

va *ff*

vc *ff*

cb *ff*

mf *mf* <*f*

28

29

30

31

32

[E] ♪ = 42 poco meno mosso
Mournful, distant

rit. to - - - - $\text{♩} = 36$ ($\text{♩} = 72$) ***mp*** *caressing* *poco accel.*

Life slips from

----- rit. back to ----- ♩ = 36

F Senza misura ♩ = ca. 54-60
p simply

♩ = 72 rit. to ----- ♩ = 36
A tempo

green to yel - low to brown.
Ox and I back - track to safe pas - tures,

afl
Ehn
cl
bn
hn
tpt
trb
perc

38 39 40 41

Senza misura, sim. ♩ = 36 A tempo

p pp mp

still wa - ters. Home, be - fore the whole val - ley_ fades to win - ter._

perc

hp { D♭ C B ♯ | E ♭ F G ♯ A ♯

42 43 44 45

G

 $\bullet = 60$ sub.

rit. to

mp convincing yourself

 $\gg p$ $\bullet = 36$

I can live with-out a rea-son, with - out a god _____ to love. _____

af^f $\text{2} \overline{3}$ p $\gg pp$ switch to oboe

Ehn $\text{2} \overline{3}$ p $\gg pp$

cl $\text{2} \overline{3}$ p $\gg pp$

bn $\text{2} \overline{3}$ p $\gg pp$

hn $\text{2} \overline{3}$ p open $\gg pp$

tpt $\text{2} \overline{3}$

trb $\text{2} \overline{3}$ p open $\gg pp$

perc $\text{2} \overline{3}$

hp $\text{2} \overline{3}$ (p) $\gg pp \odot$ mf $\gg pp$ let all ring \odot

I $\text{2} \overline{3}$

vn $\text{2} \overline{3}$ p via sord.

II $\text{2} \overline{3}$ p via sord.

va $\text{2} \overline{3}$ p via sord.

vc $\text{2} \overline{3}$ p via sord.

cb $\text{2} \overline{3}$ pizz. p $\gg pp$

VI: Nothing Has Changed

$\bullet = 63$ Ceremonially

$\bullet = \circ = 126$ Liquid

af^f ob cl bn

solo breath accents

hn tpt trb

con sord.

perc

TRIANGLE \oplus (on downbeat)

hp

(pedal gl.)

D \sharp C \sharp B \flat | E \flat F \natural G \sharp A \sharp

I

vn II

(senza sord.)

va

(senza sord.)

vc

(senza sord.)

cb

\bullet very even change bow imperceptibly as needed \bullet

p

$\text{d} = \text{d} = 63$

B $\text{d} = 126 \text{ } mf$
legato, chant-like

I _____

afl ob cl bn hn tpt trb perc hp I vn II va vc cb

<mf *p* *(sord.)* *p* *(str.)* *p* *f* *(TRI.)* *med. tom-tom mf* *hard mallet, dead stroke*

c.l.b. *arco* *non-vib.* *p* *p* *p* *p* *p* *p*

senza cresc.

— sit — un - der the tall pine tree and play —

afl

ob

cl

bn

hn

tpt

trb

perc

hp

I

vn

pizz. **p**

II

pizz. **p**

va

pizz. **p**

vc

pizz. **p**

cb

pizz.

C *mf*

— my — flute — my — song — is —

afl ob cl bn hn tpt trb perc hp

p

I vn II va vc cb

arco non-vib. *change bow imperceptibly as needed*

p *non-vib.* *change bow imperceptibly as needed*

(non-harm.)

p *non-vib.* *change bow imperceptibly as needed*

— cold _____ moun - tain wa - ter, run - ning _____ from sun _____

afl ob cl bn hn tpt trb perc hp I vn II va vc cb

40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47

D

to sea. _____

solo

afl

ob

cl

bn

hn (sord.)

tpt

trb

perc

hp

I

vn

II

va

vc

cb

p

p sub.

p

c.l.b.

p

c.l.b.

p

c.l.b.

p

c.l.b.

p

$\text{d} = \text{d} = 63$

mp gently

E $\text{d} = 126$

Ox is old, _____

afl (oboe) mp mf p sub.

cl mf p sub.

bn mf p sub.

hn str. mute mf p sub.

tpt (str.) mf p sub.

trb (TRL) f

perc

hp f

I arco non-vib.

vn mf p sub. vib. ord.

II arco non-vib. p vib. ord.

va mf p sub. p

vc mf p sub. p

cb

mp

(“ty-erd”)

old, ti - red ti - red on - ly its tail

afl
ob
cl
bn
hn
tpt
trb
perc

vib. ord.

I
vn
II
va
vc
cb

[63] [64] [65] [66] [67] [68] [69] [70]

F

is still _____ black, _____ still black. _____ We speak

solo

mp

p

p

open

open

open

p

p

p

hp

I

vn

II

va

vc

cb

G

mf > mp

on the pine. _____

afl
ob
cl
bn
hn
tpt
trb
perc
hp
I
vn
II
va
vc
cb

85 **86** **87** **88** **89** **90** **91**



I

 $\bullet\cdot = 126$ *p* sadly, defeated

af $\text{F} \frac{6}{8}$ No - thing has shift - ed but sha - dows, no - thing has fad - ed but light.

ob $\text{G} \frac{6}{8}$ No - thing has whisper *p* crisply No - thing has shift - ed but sha - dows,

cl $\text{G} \frac{6}{8}$ No - thing has whisper *p* crisply No - thing has shift - ed but sha - dows,

bn $\text{B} \frac{6}{8}$ No - thing has shift - ed but sha - dows,

hn $\text{C} \frac{6}{8}$ con sord. *p* No - thing has shift - ed but sha - dows,

tpt $\text{G} \frac{6}{8}$ whisper *p* crisply No - thing has shift - ed but sha - dows,

trb $\text{B} \frac{6}{8}$ whisper *p* crisply No - thing has shift - ed but sha - dows,

perc $\text{F} \frac{6}{8}$ whisper *p* crisply No - thing has shift - ed but sha - dows,

hp $\text{G} \frac{6}{8}$ whisper *p* No - thing has shift - ed but sha - dows,

I $\text{G} \frac{6}{8}$ flaut. I No - thing has shift - ed but sha - dows,

vn $\text{A} \frac{6}{8}$ flaut. II No - thing has shift - ed but sha - dows,

II $\text{A} \frac{6}{8}$ flaut. III No - thing has shift - ed but sha - dows,

va $\text{B} \frac{6}{8}$ flaut. IV No - thing has shift - ed but sha - dows,

vc $\text{B} \frac{6}{8}$ flaut. V No - thing has shift - ed but sha - dows,

cb $\text{C} \frac{6}{8}$ *pp* No - thing has whisper *p* No - thing has

shift - ed but sha - dows, no -

afl No - thing has shift - ed but sha - dows, no - thing has fad - ed but light.

ob no - thing has fad - ed but light.

cl fad - ed but light. whisper **p** No - thing has shift - ed but sha - dows, no - thing has

bn No - thing has shift - ed but sha - dows, no - thing has

hn

tpt sha - dows, no - thing has fad - ed but light.

trb light. No - thing has shift - ed but sha - dows, no - thing has fad - ed but

perc No - thing has shift - ed but sha - dows, no - thing has fad - ed but light.

hp no - thing has fad - ed but

I

vn

II

va

vc

cb shift - ed but sha - dows, no - thing has fad - ed but

thing has fad - ed _____

afl No - thing has shift - ed but sha - dows, no - thing has fad - ed but light.

ob shift - ed but sha - dows, no - thing has fad - ed but

cl fad - ed but light. No - thing has shift - ed but sha - dows, no - thing has

bn fad - ed but light. No - thing has shift - ed but

hn

tpt No - thing has shift - ed but sha - dows, no - thing has

trb light. No - thing has shift - ed but sha - dows, no - thing has fad - ed but

perc No - thing has shift - ed but sha - dows, no - thing has fad - ed but light.

hp light. No - thing has shift - ed but sha - dows,

I

vn

II

va

vc

cb light. No - thing has shift - ed but sha - dows,

J*mp*

— but light. I move _____ in - to the

afl No-thing has shift-ed but sha-dows. play **p**

ob light. play **p**

cl fad-ed but light. play **p**

bn sha - dows. **p**

hn

tpt fad - ed but light. play **p**

trb light. play **p**

perc

hp ed but sha - dows. play **p**

D \natural C \sharp B \flat | E \flat F \flat G \sharp A \natural

I

vn

II

va

vc

cb no - thing has fad - ed but light.

K**p** *emptily*

sim - ple pulse - beat _ of home - so full of death,

afl **p**
ob **p**
cl
bn **#p**
hn
tpt
trb
perc
hp { *spoken,
somewhat muttered*
p So full of death
*spoken,
somewhat muttered*
p So full of death

I
vn **p**
II
va
vc
cb

so full of death, so full of death, so full

afl ob cl bn hn tpt trb perc hp

So full of death So full of death So full of death
spoken, somewhat muttered **p** So full of death So full of death
 death So full of death So full of death So full of death
spoken, somewhat muttered **p** So full of death So full of death
 death So full of death So full of death So full of death
spoken, somewhat muttered **p** So full of death So full of death
 death So full of death So full of death So full of death

I vn II va vc cb

spoken, somewhat muttered **p** So full of death So full of death So full of death
 death So full of death So full of death So full of death

L

M

would have been bet-ter

afl So full of death
ob death So full of death
cl So full of death
bn So full of death
hn So full — of death
tpt So full of death
trb full of death So full of death So full of death
perc *p* *p*

hp *p* \oplus D \flat G \flat C \sharp F \sharp *p*

I full of — death So full of death So full of death
vn full of — death So full of death So full of death
II So full of death So full of death So full of — death
va So full of death So full of death So full of — death
vc death So full — of death So full — of death
cb So full of death So full of death So full of death

measures 151-155

mp *p*

ne ver
grad. change to

afl So full of death
ob So full of death
cl full of death
bn So full of death
hn grad. change to
death So full of death
tpt So full of death
trb So full of death
perc So

p

hp B \sharp , E \sharp p C \flat , F \flat

I So full of death
vn grad. change to
II death So full of death
va grad. change to
full of death
vc So full of death
grad. change to
cb So full of death

So full of death So full of death So full of death

151 152 153 154 155

weakening... N $\text{d}=63$ The ox sleeps
quasi-spoken tone ***ppp***

pp

left.

switch to flute

afl: So full of death
ob: death
cl: So full of death
bn: So full of death
hn: So full ___ of death
tpt: So full of death
trb: full of death

perc: ***p*** B. DR. ***pp*** ***pp***

hp: ***p*** D \sharp A \sharp sim. ***p***

I: full of ___ death So full of ___ death
II: So full of death
va: So full of death
vc: death So full ___ of death
cb: So full of death

9:

afl
ob
cl
bn
hn
tpt
trb
perc
hp
I
vn
II
va
vc
cb

mime only—the last of the ox turns white

mime only—the last of the ox turns white

[161] [162] [163] [164] [165] [166] [167]

VII: A Circle Bending

• = 54 Searching

(flute)

fl
ob
cl

1 2 3 4

=

fl
ob
cl

5 6 7 8

=

A

fl
ob
cl

9 10 11 12

B Senza misura, $\text{♩} = \text{ca. } 54$ (wait until harp has mostly faded) ***mf*** quasi parlando

The plum tree bows to the wind.

MBA.
soft mallets

pp let fade

D**♯**C**♯**B**♭** | E**♭**F**♯**G**♯**A**♯**

C *A tempo, poco più mosso* $\text{♩} = 66$

(ca. 20")

mf

The sun _____ drops too low for day - light, too _____ near for sleep.

I sit by a stream...

fl

ob

cl

bn

hn

tpt

trb

perc

hp

I

vn

II

va

vc

cb

open

p

on cue

on cue

mf > p

mf > p

on cue

on cue

mf > p

mf > p

on cue

**short gliss. to next note*

rit. to -----

 $\bullet = 54$

...wa - ter flows. Ox _____ is all _____ white, all ___ white.

fl
ob
cl
bn
hn
tpt
trb
perc
hp
I
vn
II
va
vc
cb

Perusal Copy

D *Più mosso, ♩ = 72*

p

Here, — there is thick grass for graz-ing, cool wa-ter for thirst, song-birds ___ to chase

fl

ob

cl

murmuring ♩. repeat pattern

bn

hn

tpt

trb

p

perc

hp

pp murmuring repeat pattern

I

vn

change bow imperceptibly as needed

II

pp

va

vc

change bow imperceptibly as needed

0 pp pizz.

cb

pp

E

< mp > p

p quasi-spoken tone 3

— a stub-born soul to sleep. I for - get when sea - sons turn, why

fl
ob
cl
bn
hn
tpt
trb
perc
hp
I
vn
II
va
vc
cb

SUSP. CYMBAL soft mallets

pp — p

change bow imperceptibly as needed

tr IV

pp

gl tr III

pp

(b•) gl (b•)

**change pattern on downbeat regardless of previous pattern*

sing ord.
p < **mp** >

birds fly south, who raised this sky, plant-ed this earth, how old I am. I re -

fl
ob
cl
bn
hn
tpt
trb
perc
(CYMB.)
pp

hp
vn
II
va
vc
cb

gl.
gl.

F**p****p** (quasi-spoken)

mem-ber a dream re-pea-t-ing, a path bend-ing back on it-self— a life for

fl ob cl bn hn tpt trb perc hp

MBA. *murmuring* repeat pattern

I vn II va vc cb

pp *arco* *p* *p*

ord.
p

death and always a god fur-ther on just be-yond where I

fl
ob
cl
bn
hn
tpt
trb
perc
hp

I
vn
II
va
vc
cb

3 ten. ten.

(finish pattern)

(finish pattern)

D♭ C♯ | E ♯ F ♯

non-vib.

non-vib.

non-vib.

non-vib.

non-vib.

non-vib.

pp

G *Senza misura*

close to

am. (m)

solo pp let all ring

47a

(ca. 12") **H** *A tempo ♩ = 54, a memory*

ob

perc

hp

TEMPLE BOWLS

ca. 5" f let fade

(8^{va}) repeat pattern

47b 48 49 50 51

=

ob

hp

< mp p

p (pedal gl.) let fade

52 53 54 55 56

VIII: White Shadows Without Shape

$\text{♩} = 108$ Gently flowing

A **p** calmly, with an observer's detachment

The _____ moon _____

simply, unemotional

fl

ob

cl

bn

hn

tpt

trb

VIB.
motor off, med. mallets

perc

hp

I

vn

II

va

vc

cb

harmon, stem in

pp

pp let all ring
→ hold pedal down to m. 30

pp let all ring

D**♯**C**♯**B**♭** | E**♯**F**♯**G**♯**A**♭**

III to m. 30, s.t. sempre
simply, unemotional

IV to m. 30, s.t. sempre
simply, unemotional

pp

pp

pp

— is — my — Mo — ther, —
 Mo — ther of the left — side of the world, —

fl
 ob
 cl
 bn
 hn
 tpt
 trb
 perc
 hp
 I
 vn
 II
 va
 vc
 cb

p
 —
 8 —
 4 —
 +
 pp
 pp
 (s.t.)
 pp
 (s.t.)
 pp
 (s.t.)
 pp

B

She _____ and _____ the

simply, unemotional

pp

stars are lo - vers, —
 white sha - dows

fl
 ob
 cl
 bn
 hn
 tpt
 trb
 perc
 hp
 vn
 II
 va
 vc
 cb

p
 pp
 pp

p

with - out _ shape _____ or ___ form. _____

fl
ob
cl
bn
hn
tpt
trb
perc
hp
I
vn
II
va
vc
cb

pp

pp

(ped.)

pp

pp

pp

pp

pp

pp

25 26 27 28 29 30

C *mp*

Night is home now, black-skinned_and wild, with claws_to grip my_skin.

fl
ob
cl
bn
hn
tpt
trb
perc
hp

con sord.

pp

grad.

harmon, stem in +

*MBA.
med. mallets*

pp

IV to m. 46

I
vn
II
va
vc
cb

pp

III to m. 46

pp

change bow imperceptibly

pp

D *mp* *p sub.*

My eyes e-rase ___ my foot - steps, I ___ will ne - ver see ___ them a-gain, ___

fl

ob

cl

bn

hn

tpt

trb

perc

hp

I vn

II

va

vc

cb

p

ne - ver _ stum - ble back _ to fa - ther's _ house -

fl
ob
cl
bn
hn
tpt
trb
perc
hp

I vn
II vn
va
vc
cb

E*mf*

fire - proof se - cu - ri - ty blan - ket, o - ver-blown Mus - tang block-ing the drive.

fl
ob
cl
bn
hn
tpt
trb
perc
hp
I
vn
II
va
vc
cb

F *p*

Ox _____ is _____ trans - pa - rent, _____ casts _____ no _____ sha - dow, _____

fl
ob
cl
bn
hn
tpt
trb
perc
hp
I
vn
II
va
vc
cb

(s.t.) III to m. 63

pp

pp

pp

pp

pp

pizz.

arco

pp

pp

pp

is __ bare - ly __ here __ at __ all, __

fl: *p*
 ob:
 cl: *p*
 bn: *p*
 hn:
 tpt:
 trb:
 perc:
 hp: *p*, \oplus
 I vn:
 II vn:
 va:
 vc:
 cb:

G *p*

but still stalks _____ the peri - phery

fl

ob

cl

bn

hn

tpt

(harmon)

trb

(harmon)

perc

hp

I

vn

II

va

(s.t.)

vc

(s.t.)

cb

of my — dreams, _____

fl

ob

cl

bn

hn

tpt

trb

perc

hp

I

vn

II

va

vc

cb

pp

Perusal Copy

67

68

69

70

71

H *p*

be - yond _ good _____ and e - vil.

fl

ob

cl

bn

hn

tpt

trb

VIB.
motor off, med. mallets

perc

hp

I

vn

II

va

vc

cb

Perusal Copy

fl
ob
cl
bn
hn
tpt
trb
perc
hp
I
vn
II
va
vc
cb

(sord.)

pp

pp

(ped.)

pp

(s.t.)

pp

(s.t.)

pp

s.t.

pp

77 78 79 80 81

IX: The Gate of My Home

= 54 Calm and spacious

mp

Se - ven stars cir - cle the moon, _____

fl

ob

cl

bn

hn

tpt

trb

VIB. motor off
arco*

perc

hp

I

vn

II

va

vc

cb

pp

pp

pp

pp

con sord.

pp

str. mute

pp

str. mute

pp

p *sempr* hold pedal down, let all ring

*durations are for ease of reading. Always draw bow at same speed,
approx. one quarter note per stroke. Use one or two bows as desired.

p.d.l.t. sempr

p *5*

p.d.l.t. sempr

D *C* *B* *B* | *E* *F* *G* *A*

A

$< m_f$

Ox is gone.

I re - main.

fl

ob

cl

bn

hn

tpt

trb

perc

hp

Denusal Copy

I

vn

II

con sord.

*non-vib. sempre,
a whisper*

pp

va

*con sord. non-vib. sempre,
a whisper*

pp

vc

*con sord. non-vib. sempre,
a whisper*

pp

cb

B

ed deep in the earth, _____ a hermit, the ox. I am looking

I am look-ing for the en-trance to hea-ven, the _____ gate of my _____ home. _____

fl

ob

cl

bn

hn

tpt

trb

perc

hp

I

vn

II

va

vc

cb

<mf

C

I am wise

fl

ob

cl

bn

hn

tpt

trb

perc

hp

I

vn

II

va

vc

cb

D

mp I _____ clap my hands and the moun - tain __sings, _____ <*mf* point _____

fl

ob

cl

bn

pp

hn

tpt

trb

perc

hp

I

vn

II

pp

va

vc

cb

<mf mf

— at winter bran-ches and mil - lions of flow - ers burst, _____ burst _____ o - pen. _____

fl
ob
cl
bn
hn
tpt
trb
perc
hp
I
vn
II
va
vc
cb

Perusal Copy

E *mf*

I am old, a fool that laughs at the moon, laughs at the moon and runs in the wind, runs

fl
ob
cl
bn
hn
tpt
trb
perc
trb
hp
I
vn
II
va
vc
cb

in the wind. My bones _____ and flesh _____ drift _____ to ash _____ to dust, _____

fl
ob
cl
bn
hn
tpt
trb
perc
hp

I
vn
II
va
vc
cb

3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3

I have for-got-ten, I have for-got-ten, I have for-got-ten, I have for-got-ten, I have

fl
ob
cl
bn
hn
tpt
trb
perc
hp
I vn
II vn
va
vc
cb

< mp > p

for-got-ten, I have for-got-ten where my feet are tread - ing.

fl
ob
cl
bn
hn
tpt
trb
perc
hp
I
vn
II
va
vc
cb

pp

pp

pp

pp

pp

pp

(ped.)

mf

ord. **p** let all ring

pp

pp

pp

pp

pp

pp

pp

pp

(via sord.)

(via sord.)

(via sord.)

(via sord.)

p

(via sord.)

X: Echoes of Light Shining

♩= 72 Serene, hymnlike**mp** meditatively

E-ven stars col-lapse, e-ven light re-turns ___ to its source, spi-ral time and me-

fl **p sempre**
ob **p sempre**
cl **p sempre**
bn **#2**

hn **p sempre**
tpt **switch to cup mute**
trb **str. mute**
perc

hp **pp sempre** **non-arp.** **sempre** **non-arp.** **sempre** sim.

I **pp sempre**
vn **con poco vib. (no open strings)**
II **pp sempre**
va **con poco vib. (no open strings)**
vc **pp sempre**
cb

D♯**C**♯**B**♯** | E**♯**F**♯**G**♯**A**♯****
con poco vib. (no open strings)

A

mp

mo-ry in-to __ the black - hole be-hind my eyes. __ A soft __

fl
ob
cl
bn
hn
tpt
trb
perc
hp
vn
II
va
vc
cb

cup mute solo
mf

con poco vib.

pp sempre

mp

— beat in the cen - tre of — no - thing, — e - choes of light shin - ing

fl
ob
cl
bn
hn
tpt
trb
perc
hp
I
vn
II
va
vc
cb

solo
mf
3

B*mp*

soon to ga-ther dust, fill _____ with grass, li-lies, trees,

fl

ob

cl

bn

hn

solo

tpt

mf

trb

perc

hp

I

vln

II

va

vc

cb

surge ____ with wind, rain and thun-der storms, ____ burst ____ in-to a ____rage ____ of grow-ing things, ____

fl
ob
cl
bn
hn
tpt
trb
perc
hp
vn
II
va
vc
cb

solo
mf 6

C

*No playing. Sing concert G
above or below middle C
(G4 or G3) only, performer's
choice (contrabass plays C3)

mp 3

— Think in a cir-cle. Think in a cir-cle.

stagger breathe as necessary

fl ob cl bn

stagger breathe as necessary

hn tpt trb

stagger breathe as necessary

GLOCK.

p let all ring

p let all ring

stagger breathe as necessary

I vn II va vc cb

stagger breathe as necessary

stagger breathe as necessary

change bow imperceptibly as needed

spoken *mp*

3

3

spoken *mp*

Think in a cir - cle.

Think in a cir - cle.

Think of ox.

hum

mm hum

mm hum

mm hum

mm hum

mm hum

mm hum

mm

⊕

⊕

hum

mm hum

mm hum

mm hum

mm

I

vn

II

va

vc

cb