

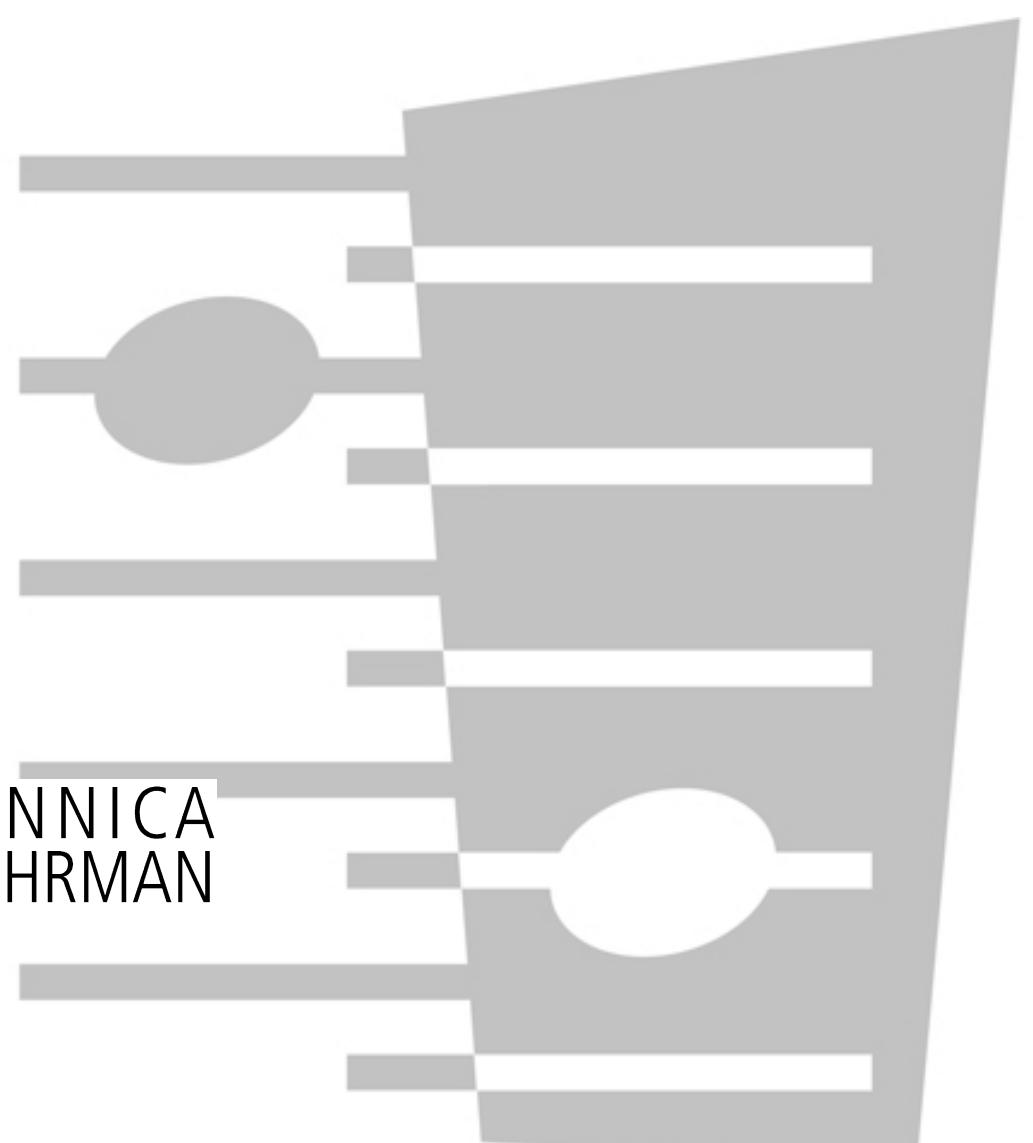
Žibuoklė Martinaitytė

SAUDADE

For symphony orchestra



FENNICA
GEHRMAN



Performance notes

It's uncanny how one single word can trigger one's creative imagination. Now and then I've come across mystifying and alluringly sounding foreign words that seemingly contained much larger and more complex set of meaning than their equivalent in other languages. When the ascribed profundity of the word started resonating with the emotions or experiences lived through, it almost begged to be translated into music.

Saudade in Portuguese means a deep emotional state of nostalgic or profound melancholic longing for an absent something or someone that one loves. One English translation of the word is *missingness*, although it might not convey the feeling of deep emotion attached to the word *saudade*. It can be described as emptiness, when someone (parents, friends) or something (places, experiences) that should be there in a particular moment is missing, and the individual feels this desire for presence as opposed to absence. It brings sad and happy feelings together: sadness for missing and happiness for experiencing the past.

According to the writer A.F.G. Bell, the famous *saudade* of the Portuguese is a vague and constant desire for something that does not and probably cannot exist, for something other than the present, a turning towards the past or towards the future; not an active discontent or poignant sadness but an indolent dreaming wistfulness.

Saudade has evolved into a philosophical concept that means "nostalgia for nostalgia", a meta-nostalgia, a longing oriented toward the longing itself. As poetess Florbela Espanca put it "*I long for the longings I don't have.*"

In my personal experience this notion of *Saudade* symbolizes the stratum of multiple yearnings that have started layering with the "blue period" - death of my father and immigration to USA. For the last decade this thread of longing has been woven into my life coloring all experiences with the myriad hues of blue.

Instrumentation

2 Flutes
2 Oboes
2 Clarinets in B♭
Bass Clarinet in B♭
2 Bassoons
Contrabassoon

4 Horns in F
3 Trumpets in B♭
3 Trombones
Tuba

Timpani (with large cymbal + contrabass bow)
Percussion (2 players)

I: Tubular Bells (F4, E4), Bass Drum, Snare Drum
II: Vibraphone, 2 Cymbals (medium and large), large Gong (f or d, or Tam-tam), Tubular Bells (F4, E4)

Harp

Strings (minimum 10-8-6-6-3)

Duration 16'

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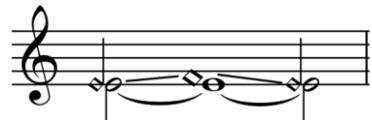
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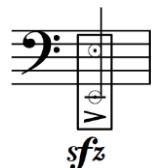
BRASS



Sing the upper voice (diamond-shaped notes) while playing the bottom notes.

HARP

Gong effect



A powerful strike of the strings between designated notes.

Harmonics

The harmonics are written in the score at sounding pitch. In the part they are written in the octave they are played and sound one octave higher.

TIMPANI

Cymbal on the drum

Place a cymbal upside down on a Timpani (23-24 inches/ 58-61cm). Play a tremolo roll while continuously making pedal glissando up and down in free rhythm.

Bowed cymbal

Place a cymbal on a Timpani and bow cymbal while doing continuously pedal glissando up and down in free rhythm.

PERCUSSION

Percussion I and II are placed on the opposite sides in the back of the orchestra.

Percussionist can choose different mallets depending on the acoustics of the hall. Tubular Bells are very important in this piece and even in "*p*" dynamic they need to be somewhat audible. The soft dynamics mostly refer to the overall emotional context.

STRINGS

The strings are divided by a block (front desks are playing 1st staff of the part, and back desks 2nd staff).

Tremolos are always fast and unmeasured

Shimmering effect

Trill natural harmonic(s) with finger while doing tremolo with bow and slowly move between sul ponticello and ordinario. The resulting shimmering timbral colour will be unpredictable and uncalculated.

The score is written in C.

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SAUDADE

With palpable inner longing

"I long for the longings I don't have" (Florbelo Espanca)

Žibuoklė Martinaitytė (2019)

With palpable inner longing

$\text{♩} = 60$

Flute 1

Flute 2

Oboe 1

Oboe 2

Clarinet 1

Clarinet 2

Bass Clarinet

Bassoon 1

Bassoon 2

Contrabassoon

Horn 1-2

Horn 3-4

Trumpet 1-3

Trombone 1-3

Tuba

Timpani

Percussion I:
Tubular Bells

Percussion II:
Vibraphone

motor on

p

cresc.

With palpable inner longing

$\text{♩} = 60$

div.
sul tasto
 ppp

Violin I

Violin II

Viola

Violoncello

Double Bass

div.
sul tasto
 ppp

div.
sul tasto
 ppp

div.
sul tasto
 ppp

div.
sul D
 pp

ord.

ord.

ord.

ord.

sul A

p

p

Tempo rubato

Fl. 1
Fl. 2
Ob. 1
Ob. 2
Cl. 1
Cl. 2

Hn. 1-2
Hn. 3-4
Tpt. 1
harmon mute (stem out)
(remove mute)

Timp.
Cymbal on the timpani
bowed while doing continuos pedal glissando
gliss.
pp

Perc. I:
Tub. B
Perc. II:
Vib.
mp

Harp
mp

Vln. I
sul pont.
ord.
pp
ord.
unis.
sul tasto
ord.
pp

Vln. II
sul pont.
ord.
pp
ord.
sul tasto
ord.
pp

Vla.
sul pont.
ord.
pp
sul D
shimmering effect
sul pont.
ord.
p

Vc.
mp
shimmering effect
sul D
ord.
pp
sul pont.
ord.
pp

Db.
mp
ord.
p
sul D
ord.
p
sul A
ord.
p

17

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Hn. 1-2

Hn. 3-4

Tpt. 1

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Timp.

Perc. I: Tub. B.

Perc. II: Vib.

mp

p

pp

p

pp

p

sul pont.

ord.

p

ord.

p

shimmering effect
sul pont.
sul D

pp

p

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vcl.

Db.

28

B *a tempo*
♩ = 70

Fl. 1
Fl. 2
Ob. 1
Ob. 2
Cl. 1
Cl. 2

Hn. 1-2
Hn. 3-4
Tpt. 1-2
Tpt. 3
Tbn. 1
Tbn. 2

Tim. (remove cymbal)

Perc. I:
Tub. B.
Perc. II:
Vib.

Harp

Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Db.

Musical score page 33, featuring the following staves:

- Fl. 1
- Fl. 2
- Ob. 1
- Ob. 2
- Cl. 1
- Cl. 2
- Hn. 1-2
- Hn. 3-4
- Tpt. 1-2
- Tpt. 3
- Tbn. 1
- Tbn. 2
- Timpani
- Perc. I:
Tub. B.
- Perc. II:
Vib.
- Harp
- Vln. I
- Vln. II
- Vla.
- Vc.
- D. b.

The score includes dynamic markings such as *p*, *mp*, *mf*, *frull.*, *ord.*, *sul pont.*, and *div.*. The page is divided into measures by vertical bar lines.

Musical score for orchestra, page 38, section C. The score includes parts for Clarinet 1, Clarinet 2, Bass Clarinet, Bassoon 1, and Bassoon 2. The bassoon parts feature sustained notes with dynamic markings *p* and *mf*, and performance instruction *vibr.* with wavy lines above the staff.

Hn. 1-2

Hn. 3

vibr.

Hn. 4

vibr.

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Tbn. 3

57

E With gravity

Fl. 1

Fl. 2 *mf*

Bass Cl. *p* *mf*

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

Hn. 1 *sffz*

Hn. 2

Hn. 3 *sffz*

Hn. 4 *mp* *sffz*

Tbn. 1 *mp* *sffz*

Tbn. 2 *mp* *sffz*

Tbn. 3

Tba. *mp* *sffz*

Tim. *ppp* *mp* *pp*

Perc. II: Vib. *3* to Gong

E With gravity

Vln. I *f* *sul pont.* *p*

Vln. II *mp* *f* *sul pont.* *p*

Vla. *mf* *f* *mf* *sul pont.* *legato* *p*

Vc. *mf* *f* *sul pont.* *ord.* *3* *3* *mp* *sul pont.*

Db. *mf* *fp* *3* *mf*



70

Bass Cl. 6 6 6 6 pp f frull. p f p f p 5 mf

Cbsn. mfp f f p f p 5 mf

Hn. 3 mf

Hn. 4

Tbn. 1 pp f

Tbn. 2 p f p f

Tbn. 3

Tba. 3 3 3 3 3 mp

Tim. 3 3 3 3 3 mp mf with large soft beaters

Perc. I: B. D. pp

Vc. sul pont. ord. mf sul pont. tr. sul pont. tr.

D. b. sul pont. mp ord. f tr. (tr) sul pont. mp

75 frull. F Tenebroso

Bass Cl. f

Cbsn. frull. f fp mf f

Tbn. 1

Tba. 3 f

Tim. mf mp

Perc. I: B. D. p mp pp play below the gong nipple

Perc. II: Gong ppp

Harp pp mf

Vc. sul pont. f (tr)

D. b. sul pont. tr. ord. fmp

(play while singing indicated vowels,
the length is ad lib.)
a e i o i

F Tenebroso

82

Cbsn. *fp* *f* *mp* *f*

Tba. *p* *a—e—i—o—i* *p* *a—e—i—o—i*

Perc. I: B. D. (circular movements with the superball mallet)

Perc. II: Gong *pp* *mf* *pp* *mf* *p* *mf*

Harp *(s)* *mf* *pp* *mf*

Db. *f* *sul pont.* *ord.* *sul pont.*



91 [G] When heart is filling up with impossibility

Bsn. 1 *p*

Bsn. 2 *p*

Cbsn. *mp*

Hn. 4 *p* *p*

Tbn. 1 *pp* *p* *p*

Tbn. 2 *p* *p*

Tbn. 3 *pp* *p* *p*

Tba. *p* *sul pont.* *p* *p*

Tim. *pp* *mp* *p* *p*

Perc. I: B. D. with soft beaters *pp* *mp*

Harp *p* *sul pont.* *mp* *mf* *mp* *mf* *mp*

[G] When heart is filling up with impossibility

Vla. div. ord. *p*

Vc. div. in 3 ord. *pp* *sul pont.* *mf* *p* *mf* *sul pont.*

Db. *fp* *mf*

98

Fl. 1
Fl. 2
Ob. 1
Ob. 2
Cl. 1
Cl. 2
Bsn. 1
Bsn. 2
Hn. 1
Hn. 2
Hn. 3
Hn. 4
Tpt. 1
Tpt. 2
Tpt. 3
Tbn. 1
Tbn. 2
Tbn. 3
Tba.
Timp.
Perc. I:
B. D.
Perc. II:
Gong
Harp
Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Db.

H With nostalgia for things faraway
— 60

3 **11** ♩ = 60

132

vibr.

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Bsn. 1

Hn. 1

(sing the upper notes and play the bottom note)

Hn. 2

Hn. 3

Tpt. 1

harmon mute (stem out)

Tpt. 2

Tbn. 1

Tim.

Cymbal upside down on the timpani
play roll with timpani mallets
while doing gliss. in free rhythm

gloss.

Perc. I:

Tub. B.

Vibraphone

Perc. II:

Vib.

Harp

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Db.

ord.

sul pont.

shimmering effect sul pont. sul D

unis.

ord.

sul pont. sul D

shimmering effect sul pont. sul D

141

vibr.

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Bass Cl.

Bsn. 1

Hn. 1-2

Hn. 3-4

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Tim.

Perc. I:
Tub. B.

Perc. II:
Vib.

Harp

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

D. b.

149

Fl. 1 *p*

Fl. 2 *pp*

Ob. 1 *p*

Ob. 2

Cl. 1 *vibr.*

Cl. 2 *p*

Bass Cl. *mp*

Bsn. 1 *p*

Hn. 1 *pp*

Hn. 2 *pp*

Hn. 3

Hn. 4

Tpt. 1 *pp*

Tpt. 2

Tbn. 1 +

Tbn. 2

Tim. *pp*

Perc. I: *pp*

Tub. B.

Perc. II: *mp*

Vib.

Harp

Vln. I *ord.*

Vln. II *pp*

Vla. *ord.*

Vc. *sul pont.*
sul D

Db. *p*

I

(sing the upper notes and play the bottom note)

shimmering effect
sul pont.
sul D

I

164

Fl. 1
Fl. 2
Ob. 1
Ob. 2
Cl. 1
Cl. 2
Bass Cl.
Bsn. 1
Bsn. 2

Hn. 1
Hn. 2
Hn. 3
Hn. 4
Tpt. 1
Tpt. 2
Tpt. 3
Tbn. 1
Tbn. 2
Tbn. 3
Tim.
Perc. I:
Tub. B.

Harp

Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Db.

171 J Overwhelmed by the sudden wave of emotions

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Bsn. 1

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

Hn. 3

Hn. 4

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Tbn. 3

Timpani

Perc. I:
Tub. B.

Harp

J Overwhelmed by the sudden wave of emotions

Vln. I
div.

Vln. II

Vla.
div.

Vc.

Db.

175

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

Hn. 1
Hn. 2
Hn. 3
Hn. 4
Tpt. 1
Tpt. 2
Tbn. 1
Tbn. 2
Tbn. 3

Timp.

Harp

Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Db.

179

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

Hn. 3

Hn. 4

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Tpt. 3

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Tbn. 3

Tim.

Harp

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Db.

Decisively

183 K ♩ = 75

Bass Cl.

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

Cbsn.

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

Hn. 3

Hn. 4

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Tpt. 3

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Tbn. 3

Tba.

Tim.

Perc. I:
B. D.

Perc. II:
Cym.

Harp

poco accel.

Decisively

K ♩ = 75

Vln. I

Vln. II
div. in 4

Vla.
ord.

Vc.
div. fmf

D. b.

poco accel.

190 L Breathlessly. With restless forward motion $\text{J} = 140$

Bass Cl.

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

Cbsn.

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

Hn. 3

Hn. 4

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Tpt. 3

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Tbn. 3

Tba.

Tim.

Perc. I:
B. D.

Perc. II:
Cym.

Harp

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Db.

(8.)

to Snare Drum

L Breathlessly. With restless forward motion $\text{J} = 140$

div.

$\frac{\text{p}}{\text{p}}$ div.

$\frac{\text{p}}{\text{p}}$

196

Vln. I *p* unis.

Vln. II *p*

Vla.

Vc.

D. b.

201 Snare Drum
Perc. I: S. D.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

D. B.

buzz roll
ppp

unis.
div. *p*

div. *p*

div. *p*

p sub. div.

div. *p*

p sub.

div. *p*

p sub.

211

Timp.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

D. b.

f

f

f

f

f

f



227 O

Hn. 1-2

Hn. 3-4 a2 mp f

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2 double tonguing mf f

Tpt. 3

Tbn. 1 double tonguing pp f

Tbn. 2 p mf f

Tbn. 3 p mf f

Tba.

Tim. pp f

Perc. II: Cym to Tubular Bells

O

Vln. I

(div.) *mp*

Vln. II

(div.) *mp*

Vla.

mp sub.

Vc.

mf

Db.

mp sub.

f

f

f

f

f

f

f

f

The score consists of six staves of music. The top staff is for the Oboe (O). The second staff is for Violin I (Vln. I). The third staff is for Violin II (Vln. II). The fourth staff is for Viola (Vla.). The fifth staff is for Cello (Vc.). The bottom staff is for Double Bass (Db.). The music is divided into six measures. Measures 1 and 2 are rests. Measures 3 and 4 begin with sixteenth-note patterns. The dynamic for these measures is marked as *mp* (mezzo-piano). In measure 4, the dynamic changes to *mf* (mezzo-forte). Measures 5 and 6 continue with sixteenth-note patterns. The dynamic for these measures is marked as *f* (forte). The score uses a combination of solid gray shading and white circles to indicate performance techniques or specific notes to be played.

233

Hn. 1-2

Hn. 3-4 *fmp* *mf*

Tpt. 1 *fmp*

Tpt. 2 *fmp*

Tpt. 3 *fmp*

Tbn. 1 double tonguing *mp*

Tbn. 2 double tonguing *mp*

Tbn. 3 double tonguing *fmp* *fmp*

Tba. *fmp* *mf*

Timp.

Perc. I: Bass Drum *pp* medium beaters

Vln. I (div.) *mp* (div.) *mp*

Vln. II *mp sub.*

Vla. (div.) *mp*

Vc. *mp sub.*

Db. *mp sub.*

243 Q

Hn. 1-2 *f* *fp*
Hn. 3-4 *f* *fp* *f*
Tpt. 1 *f*
Tpt. 2 *f* *fp* *fp* *fp*
Tpt. 3 *f* *fp* *fp* *fp*
Tbn. 1 *f* *fp* *fp*
Tbn. 2 *mp* *f* *fp* *f*
Tbn. 3 *mp* *f* *fp* *f*
Tba. *f* *fp* *fp*

Tim. *pp* *cresc.*
Perc. I: S. D. *f* to Bass Drum

Q

Vln. I *f* *sfnf* (div.)
Vln. II *f* *sfnf* (div.)
Vla. *f* *sfnf*
Vc. *f* *sfnf*
Db. *f* *sfnf*

273

Fl. 1 *p* frull.

Fl. 2 *p* frull.

Ob. 1 *pp* *p* frull.

Ob. 2 *pp* *p* frull.

Cl. 1 *p* frull.

Cl. 2 *p* frull.

Bass Cl. *x x* *p*

Cbsn. *x x*

Tba. *i*

(to soft mallets)

Timp. Cymbal upside down on the timpani
play roll with timpani mallets while doing continuous gliss.

Perc. I: B. D.

Vibraphone

Perc. II Vib. *pp* *mp* *ppp* *ppp*

Harp

Vln. I *pp* ord. sul E *sul pont.* *ppp*

Vln. II *p* ord. *sul pont.* *ppp*

Vla. *col legno* *p*

Vc. *sul pont.* shimmering effect arco sul pont. *sul D*

Db. *pp* *p* *ppp* ord.

40

Delicato **S** **♩ = 60**

283

poco rit.

15"-20"

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

Timp.

Perc. I:
B. D.

Perc. II:
Vib.

Harp

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Db.

soft large beaters

to Tubular Bells

Tubular Bells with soft mallets

1.v.

bisbigliando

sul pont.

p

pp

poco rit.

15"-20"

altri

sul D

p

pp

p

sul pont.

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