

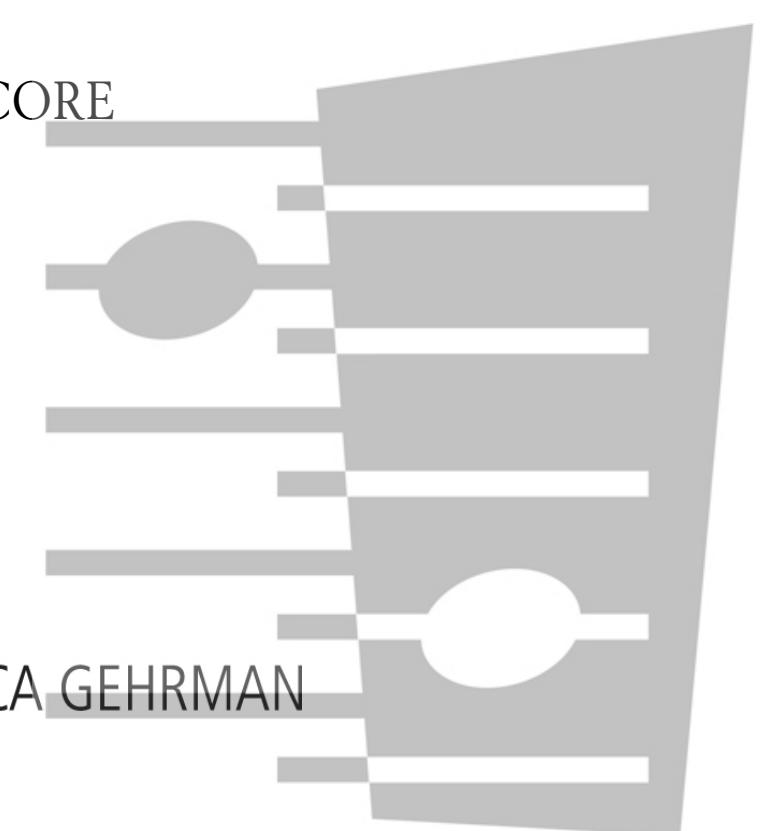
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SCORE



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s. Anni Haapaniemi.

Duration ca. 21 minutes.

**Gli strumenti:**

Oboe solo

Violini I (div. a 2)

Violini II (div. a 2)

Viole (div. a 2)

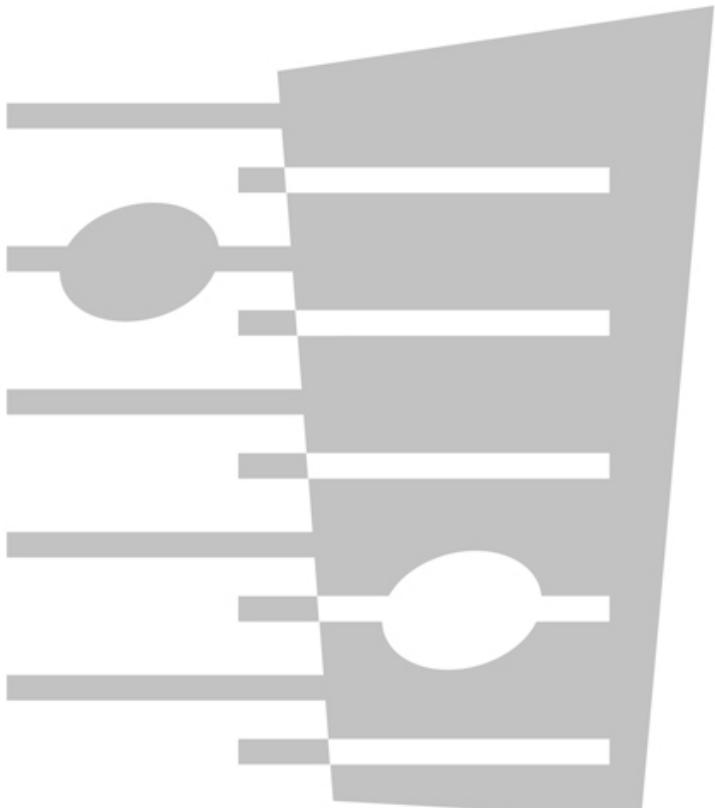
Violoncelli (div. a 2)

Contrabbassi

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Bright; Moderate  $\text{♩} = 69$

Solo Oboe

Violin I

Violin II

Viola

Cello

Double Bass

The score shows six staves. The Solo Oboe staff is at the top. Below it are staves for Violin I, Violin II, Viola, Cello, and Double Bass. The violins play eighth-note patterns. The viola has a dynamic marking "div." in the first measure. The cellos and basses provide harmonic support with sustained notes and eighth-note patterns. Measure numbers 1 through 5 are present above the staves.

\*) For balance, cellos through rehearsal mark B may use more or fewer players than indicated, at the discretion of the performers.  
The same applies to passages with this marking later.



6

Ob.

Vl. I

Vl. II

Vla

Vc.

Db.

This section begins with a single oboe line (measures 1-2). At rehearsal mark B (measures 3-4), the violins play eighth-note patterns. The viola and cello/bass lines are shaded gray. At rehearsal mark C (measures 5-6), the violins play eighth-note patterns. The viola and cello/bass lines are shaded white. Measures 7-8 show a return to the original instrumentation. Measure 9 concludes the section.

**A** Freely, whimsical  $\text{♩} = 69-80$

Ob.  $mp$

Vl. I (div.)  $pp$   $poco$   $\Rightarrow$   
 $(8^{th})$   $\circ$   $\nearrow$   $\longrightarrow$

Vl. II (div.)  $pp$   $poco$   $\Rightarrow$   
 $(8^{th})$   $\circ$   $\nearrow$   $\text{indep.}^*)$

Vla (div.)  $pp$   $poco$   $\Rightarrow$   
 $\text{indep.}^*)$

Vc.  $pp$   $poco$   $\Rightarrow$   
 $\text{indep.}^*)$

D. b.

bisbigl.

\* Individual players or stands sporadically play small but perceptible dynamic swells. The texture should not be overly active so as to not compete with the solo oboe.

Ob.  $mf$   $mf$   $mp$   $p$

Vl. I (div.)  $\longrightarrow$

Vl. II (div.)  $\longrightarrow$

Vla (div.)  $\longrightarrow$

Vc.  $\longrightarrow$

D. b.

2

Ob.

Vl. I (div.)

Vl. II (div.)

Vla (div.)

Vc.

D. b.



Ob. *mp* *mf* *mp* *mf pp*

Vl. I (div.)

Vl. II (div.)

Vla (div.)

Vc.

D. b.

(11)  

*d* = 60-66      *molto*      *rit. molto*

Ob. *mp*      *ff*

Vl. I (div.)

Vl. II (div.)

Vla (div.)

Vc

D. b.

**B** Dark, brooding *d* = 88

14 

Ob. *ff* *freely, raw, anxious*      *mp*      *f*

Vl. I (div.) *f*      *p* *colla parte*      *pp*

Vl. II (div.) *f*      *p* *colla parte*      *pp*

Vla (div.) *f*      *p* *colla parte*      *pp*

Vc *f* *tutti*      *p* *colla parte*      *pp*

D. b. *f*      *p* *colla parte*      *pp*

19

Ob. *tr.*  
mp  
*cresc. poco a poco*

Vl. I (div.)

Vl. II (div.)

Vla (div.)

Vc.

D. b.

21

A tempo ♩ = 88

Ob. *ff* — *ff freely* *mf* *multiphonic trill ad lib.* *tr.* *f*

Vl. I (div.) *f* *p* *pp*

Vl. II (div.) *f* *p* *pp*

Vla (div.) *f* *p* *pp*

Vc. *f* *p* *pp*

D. b. *f* *p* *pp*

*rit.*

**C** Still, chilly  $\text{♩} = 69$

27

Ob. *mp* mournful

Vl. I      non vibr. raw, quasi sul pont.      sul pont.

Vl. II      non vibr. raw, quasi sul pont.      sul pont.

Vla      non vibr. raw, quasi sul pont.      sul pont.

Vc.      non vibr. raw, quasi sul pont.      sul pont.

Db.      *pp* colla parte      *poco*      sul pont.

32      *poco accel.*      *poco rit.*

Ob. *mp*      *mp*      *mf*      *freely*      *f*

Vl. I      non vibr., quasi sul pont.

Vl. II      (div.) non vibr., quasi sul pont.

Vla      non vibr., quasi sul pont.

Vc.      non vibr., quasi sul pont.

Db.      *pp*      non vibr., quasi sul pont.

A tempo  $\text{♩} = 69$       accel.      a tempo

37

Ob.       $\text{mp}$        $\text{mf}$        $\text{f}$

Vl. I      ord. b. div. in 4      8      8      8      8      rit.

Vl. II      ord. b. div. in 4      8      8      8      8      rit.

Vla.      pizz. arco ord. (div. pizz. arco ord.)      8      8      8      8      a tempo

Vc.      ord. div. 6      8      8      8      8

D. b.      f      f pp

**D** Forward  $\text{♩} = 80$       rit.

43

Ob.       $p$        $\text{mf}$  freely

Vl. I      ord. fp div. in 2      colla parte

Vl. II      ord. fp div. in 2      colla parte

Vla.      pizz. fp unis. arco ord.      colla parte

Vc.      f fp

D. b.      -

**Gusting, raw**  $\text{♩} = 60-66$

rit.

47 Ob. *ff*

Vl. I non trem.  
(div.)

Vl. II non trem.  
(div.)

Vla div.  
non trem.

Vc. 1/2 section  
non trem.

D. b. -

**Forward**  $\text{♩} = 88$  rit.  $\text{♩} = 69$

51 Ob. *p*

E Forward  $\text{♩} = 76$

Vl. I (div.)

Vl. II (div.)

Vla (div.)

Vc.

D. b.

rit.

58

Ob. *mf* 3 rit. *mp* 5 *mf* 3 *mp* 5 *p*

Vl. I (div.) *poco*

Vl. II (div.) *poco*

Vla unis. *poco*

Vc.

D. b.

rit. a tempo

rit. **F** Forward  $\text{♩} = 80$

65 Ob. *mp* *f* rit. a tempo rit.

Vl. I (div.) *pp* < *mp* > *pp* *mf* *pp*

Vl. II (div.) *pp* < *mp* > *pp* *mf* *pp*

Vla div. *pp* < *mp* > *pp* *mf* *pp*

Vc. div. *pp* < *mp* > *pp* *mf* *pp*

D. b. arco *pizz.* *p*

Slightly slower  $\text{♩} = 72$

rit. a tempo rit.

71 Ob.  $p$   $\underline{\text{3}} \quad \underline{\text{6}}$   $\underline{\text{3}}$   $mfp$

Vl. I (div.)  $mp$   $pp$

Vl. II (div.)  $mf$   $p$   $pp$

Vla (div.)  $mf$   $pp$   $mp$   $pizz.$   $arco$   $pp$

Vc. unis.  $mf$   $pp$   $mp$

D. b.  $mp$

**G** Brighter  $\text{♩} = 80$

80 Ob.  $mp$   $\underline{\text{6}}$   $\underline{\text{3}}$   $mp$   $\underline{\text{6}} \quad \underline{\text{3}}$

Vl. I (div.)  $p$   $\underline{\text{6}}$   $\underline{\text{3}}$   $p$   $\underline{\text{6}}$   $\underline{\text{3}}$

Vl. II (div.)  $p$   $\underline{\text{3}}$   $\underline{\text{3}}$   $p$   $\underline{\text{3}}$   $\underline{\text{3}}$

Vla unis.  $p$   $\underline{\text{3}}$   $\underline{\text{3}}$   $p$   $\underline{\text{3}}$   $\underline{\text{3}}$

Vc.  $\underline{\text{3}}$   $\underline{\text{3}}$

D. b.  $\underline{\text{3}}$   $\underline{\text{3}}$

85

Ob. *mf*

Vl. I *mp* (div.) div. in 4 *p* non vibr. *pizz.*  
Vl. II *mp* (div.) div. in 3 *p* non vibr. *pizz.*  
Vla. *mp* div. *mp* <sup>3</sup> *p* non vibr. *pizz.*  
Vc. *pp* div. *poco f* arco non vibr. *pizz.*  
Db. *mf*

**H**

91 Ob. *mf* freely *f* 5 *mf*

Vl. I unis. *mf* *mp* *ord.* *colla parte*

Vl. II unis. *mf* *mp* *colla parte*

Vla. unis. *mf* *mp* *colla parte*

Vc. unis. *mf*

Db.

**Slow, reflective**  $\text{♩} = 60-66$

**Forward**  $\text{♩} = 72$

**rit.**

96

Ob. *mp singing*

Vl. I  
non vibr.  
div. *pp* non vibr.  
*non cresc.*

Vl. II  
*pp* non vibr.

Vla  
*pp* arco non vibr.

Vc.  
div. *pp* arco non vibr.

D. b.  
*ppp* *mp*

**Echoing**  $\text{♩} = 76$

**Slower**  $\text{♩} = 69$

102

Ob. *p*

Vl. I  
unis. ord.  
*f* molto *pp*

Vl. II  
*ff* molto *pp*

Vla

Vc. *mp* *pp*

D. b.

$\text{♩} = 76$

$\text{♩} = 69$

108

Ob. *mp*

Vl. I  
*f* pizz. molto *pp*

Vl. II  
*ff* molto *pp*

Vla

Vc. *mp* *pp*

D. b.

**J** Fast, bright  $\text{♩} = 116$

114

Ob.  $\text{mp}$  —  $\text{mf}$  perky, energetic

Vl. I  $\text{mp}$  steely

Vl. II arco  $\text{mp}$  steely

Vla  $\text{mp}$  steely

Vc.  $\text{mp}$  steely

D. b.

122

Ob.

Vl. I

Vl. II

Vla

Vc.

D. b.

130

Ob.

Vl. I

Vl. II

Vla

Vc.

D. b.

10

**K**

## Driving

138

Ob. *f wailing*

Vl. I *f rocking!*

Vl. II *div. f rocking!*

Vla *f rocking!*

Vc.

D. b.

**L**

147

Ob.

Vl. I

Vl. II *(div.)*

Vla *(div.)*

Vc.

D. b.

**L**

156

Ob.

Vl. I *ff*

Vl. II *(div.)* *ff*

Vla *(div.)* *ff*

Vc.

D. b. *ff*

*dim. poco a poco*

*dim. poco a poco*

*dim. poco a poco*

*dim. poco a poco*

*marcato, pounding, well separated*

*dim. poco a poco*

*marcato, pounding, well separated*

*dim. poco a poco*

165

Ob.

Vl. I unis. *mf* dim. *mp* dim.

Vl. II unis. *mf* dim. *mp* dim.

Vla *mf* dim. *mp* dim.

Vc. *mf* dim. *mp* dim.

Db. *mf* dim. *p* dim.

**M** Playful

176

Ob. *mf*

Vl. I *p* div. unis. *pizz.* *f*

Vl. II *p* div. unis. *f*

Vla *p* div. unis. *f*

Vc. *p* div. unis. *f*

Db. *p* div. unis. *f*

182  $\frac{6}{8}$  in 'feel'  $\text{---} \text{=}$

Ob. *mf* *pp*

Vl. I div. *arco* *pp* *mf* *pp*

Vl. II div. *arco* *pp* *mf* *pp*

Vla div. *arco* *pp* *mf* *pp*

Vc. arco *1/2 section* *pp* *mf* *pp*

Db. *pp* *mf* *pp*

## N Echoing

187

Ob. *f sub.* — *pp*      *f* — *pp*      *f* — *pp*

Vl. I unis. *p* — *f* — *pp*      *p* — *f* — *pp*      *p* — *f* — *pp*

Vl. II unis. pizz. *f* — *p*      *f* — *p*      *f* — *p*

Vla unis. pizz. *f* — *p*      *f* — *p*      *f* — *p*

Vc. — — — — —

D. b. — — — — —



193

Ob. *f* — *pp*      *mf sunny*

Vl. I *p* — *f* — *pp*      *p* div. arco

Vl. II *f* — *p*      *p* arco

Vla *f* — *p*      *p*

Vc. — — — — —

D. b. — — — — —



199

Ob. *f* — — — — —

Vl. I (div.) — — — — —

Vl. II (div.) — — — — —

Vla — — — — —

Vc. — — — — —

D. b. — — — — —

**O** Dance-like

206

Ob. *mp*

Vl. I *div.* *mp* *unis.*

Vl. II *mp*

Vla *mp*

Vc. *mp* *pizz.*

D. *mp*

≡

211

Ob. *mf*

Vl. I (div.) *p* *div. arco* *cresc.* *mp*

Vl. II *p* *cresc.* *mp*

Vla *mp play out* *arco* *cresc.* *mf*

Vc. *p* *poco marcato* *cresc.* *mp*

D. *p* *arco* *poco marcato* *cresc.* *mp*

≡

217

Ob. *cresc.* *dim.*

Vl. I (div.) *mfp* *dim.*

Vl. II *cresc.* *mfp* *dim.*

Vla *cresc.* *dim.*

Vc. *cresc.* *mfp* *dim.*

D. *cresc.* *mfp* *dim.*

223

Ob.

(div.)

Vl. I      *mp*

Vl. II      *mp*

Vla      *mp*

Vc.      *mp*

D. b.      *mp*

dim.      *pp*

dim.      *pp*

p      *p*

dim.      *pp*

dim.      *pp*



**P** Driving

230

Ob.      *mf*

Vl. I      *mp*

Vl. II      *mp*

Vla      *mp*

Vc.      *mp*

D. b.      -

unis.      unis.      div.



238

Ob.

(div.)

Vl. I

Vl. II

Vla

Vc.

D. b.

245

Ob.

(div.)

Vl. I

Vl. II

Vla

Vc.

D. b.

**Q Luminous**

$\text{d} = \text{d} \rightarrow$

252

Ob.  $mp$

Vl. I  $mp$   
altri unis.

Vl. II  $p$   
unis.

Vla  $p$

Vc.  $p$

D. b.

257

Ob.  $mp$

(solo)

Vl. I  $mp$   
(altri div.)

Vl. II  $p$   
div.

Vla  $p$

Vc.  $p$

D. b.

poco a poco rit.

262

Ob. (solo) *p*  
 Vl. I (altri) *pp*  
 Vl. II (div.) *pp*  
 Vla *pp*  
 Vc. *pp*  
 Db. -

**R**  $\text{♩} = 60-66$  rit. Forward  $\text{♩} = 72$  rit.

267

Ob. *f* *mp singing*  
 Vl. I tutti div. *f* *pp ff p*  
 Vl. II (div.) *f* *pp ff p*  
 Vla div. *f* *pp ff p*  
 Vc. div. *f* *pp ff unis.*  
 Db. *f* *pp ff p*

**S**  $\text{♩} = 116$

275

Ob. *pp* *f* *14* *mp*  
 Vl. I (div.) unis. *pp < mp* *f* *arco*  
 Vl. II (div.) *pp < mp* *f* *mf pizz.* *pp mp arco*  
 Vla *pp < mp* *f* *pizz.* *mp*  
 Vc. *pp < mp* *f* *div.* *unis. arco*  
 Db. *pp < mp*

281

Ob.

Vl. I

Vl. II

Vla

Vc.

D. b.

290

Ob.

Vl. I

Vl. II

Vla

Vc.

D. b.

300

G.P.

Ob.

Vl. I

Vl. II

Vla

Vc.

D. b.

**T** Bright, shivering  $\text{d} = 56$

308

Ob.

Vl. I     \*) (div.)  
pp — mp — sim.

Vl. II     unis.  
pp — mp — sim.

Vla     unis.  
pp — mp — sim.

Vc.

Db.

\*) Strings enter hesitantly. Not all players or notes need to sound right at the beginning of each swell gesture.



**U**

320

Ob.     *p* warm, singing, poco rubato

rit.    a tempo    rit.

Vl. I     unis.  
div.

Vl. II     unis.  
div.

Vla     div.

Vc.

Db.



a tempo    rit.    a tempo    rit.    a tempo    rit.

332

Ob.     *pp* inward

Vl. I     div.

(div.)

Vl. II     div.

Vla

Vc.

Db.

**V** a tempo rit. a tempo rit. a tempo

344

Ob. *p* — 3 — *mp*

(div.) tremolo texture progressively more together

Vl. I

(div.) tremolo texture progressively more together

Vl. II

(div.) tremolo texture progressively more together

Vla

Vc.

D. b.

Forward  $\text{♩} = 63$

356

rit. molto

Ob. — 3 — *mf*

(div.)

Vl. I

(div.)

Vl. II

(div.)

Vla

Vc.

D. b.

tutti div. *p*

*mp*

**W** Forward  $\text{♩} = 69$

367

Ob.

Vl. I *f* warm, singing div.

Vl. II poco *f* warm

Vla (div.) poco *f* warm

Vc. poco *f* warm unis.

D. b. poco *f* warm

375

Ob.

Vl. I div.

Vl. II (div.)

Vla (div.)

Vc. div.

D. b.

**X**

383

Ob. f *passionate*

Vl. I (div.) *molto p*

Vl. II (div.) *molto p*

Vla unis. *molto p*

Vc. (div.) *molto p*

D. b. div. *molto p*

388

Ob.

Vl. I (div.)

Vl. II (div.)

Vla div.

Vc. (div.) unis.

Db. div.



395 rit.

Ob.

Vl. I (div.)

Vl. II (div.)

Vla (div.)

Vc. (div.)

Db. div.

div. in 3

unis.

unis.

Y

Freely, airy (Cadenza)

401

Ob. *mp freely*

Vl. I *pp colla parte*  
(div. in 3)

Vl. II *pp colla parte*  
(div.)

Vla *pp colla parte*  
(div.)

Vc. *pp colla parte*

Db. *pp colla parte*



405

Ob. *mf*

Z *tr.*

Vl. I *mf*  
(div. in 3)

Vl. II *mf*  
(div.)

Vla *mf*  
(div.)

Vc.

Db. *mf*

accel.  
*cresc.*

26

rit.

410

Ob. *mf*

Vl. I (div. in 3)

Vl. II (div.)

Vla (div.)

Vc.

D. b.

p cresc.

rit.

accel.

413 AA

Ob. *mf* *mp* *mp* *mf* *mp* *cresc.*

Vl. I (div. in 3)

Vl. II (div.)

Vla (div.)

Vc.

D. b.

418

Ob. *f* 3 3 3 *mf* *poco dim.* *rit.* *mp* *f*

Vl. I (div. in 3)

Vl. II (div.)

Vla (div.)

Vc.

D. b.



**BB** Slow, expansive  $\text{♩} = 54-56$

424

Ob. *pp* *mp* *soaring, free*

Vl. I

Vl. II

Vla *unis. non vibr.*

Vc. *non vibr.* *p*

D. b. *p*

div. non vibr.

433

Ob.

Vl. I

Vl. II (div.)

Vla (div.)

Vc (div.)

D. b. (div.)

poco

non vibr.

div. in 3

**CC**

443

Ob. *mf*

Vl. I (8<sup>va</sup>)

Vl. II (div.)

Vla (div.)

Vc (div.)

D. b. *mp*

dim. poco a poco

**DD**

450

Ob. *mp* very freely      *p*      *pp*      *mf*

(*Solo*)

Vl. I (div.)      *pp*

Vl. II (div. in 3)      *pp*

Vla (div.)      *pp*

Vc (div.)      *pp*

D. B.      *pp*



30–60" (or more)

460

Ob. \*)

(*Solo*)

\*) Oboe continues improvising *ad lib.* around the final B, slowly fading away. Improvisation may include grace notes, *bisbigliando*, multiphonics and other figures according to the soloist's comfort level. Do not stray too far from the given E mode. Optional: soloist may slowly leave the stage while playing, and continue playing for a moment out of sight of audience.

Vl. I dim. poco a poco al niente \*\*) (div.)

Vl. II dim. poco a poco al niente \*\*) (div. in 3)

Vla dim. poco a poco al niente \*\*) (div.)

Vc dim. poco a poco al niente \*\*) (div.)

D. B. dim. poco a poco al niente \*\*) (div.)

\*\*) *Niente* dynamic for strings should only be reached just as soloist ends their improvisation.