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for large chamber ensemble

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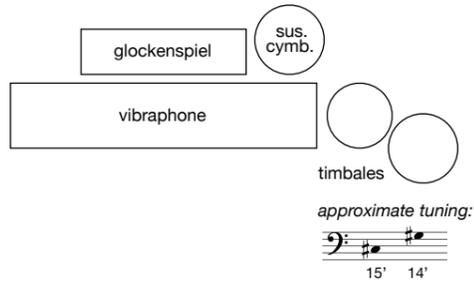
Score in C

## Instrumentation

1 Flute (doubling piccolo)  
 1 Oboe  
 2 Clarinets in B $\flat$  (II $^{\circ}$  = Bass Clarinet)  
 1 Alto Saxophone  
 1 Tenor Saxophone  
 1 Bassoon

1 Horn (F)  
 1 Trumpet (C)  
 1 Bass Trombone

Glockenspiel  
 Vibraphone  
 2 Timbales (14', 15')  
 Suspended cymbal (16')

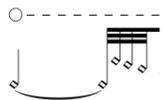


Strings (1/1/1/1/1)

## Performance notes

- It is recommended that the flute is amplified to ensure that the ["Speak-flute"] sections are clearly audible.
- All speech rhythms notated in the score (be it whispered or spoken) may be interpreted with relative flexibility; in sections where the speech rhythm increases (especially bb. 23–29), players are encouraged to whisper / speak the words à la natural speech (i.e. not 'chant' the rhythms notated).  
  
In particular, where whispering into the instrument is indicated for the horn, it is suggested that the player leaves a small gap between the mouth and mouthpiece—this should allow the word to be more clearly enunciated.

## Notation remarks



Air (breath) sounds, completely unpitched:  
 woodwinds: the notes shown on this full score correspond to the actual fingerings on the instruments  
 brass: as a convention the unpitched notes are always notated on the top line of the staff



Whispered (unpitched) or spoken words:  
 as a convention, these are always notated on the top line of the staff throughout the score



Repeat the bracketed fragment until the end of the line

Other symbols used in the score:

for percussion —

hit at the edge of cymbal     hit near the nib of cymbal

swipe swiftly from nib to edge of cymbal

damp cymbal immediately

'ricochet' roll: hit timbale with force, allow the stick to bounce, then continue rolling

for strings —

half-stop (i.e. depress with reduced pressure)

Duration: ca. 9'

## Programme note

My life closed twice before its close—  
It yet remains to see  
If Immortality unveil  
A third event to me

So huge, so hopeless to conceive  
As these that twice befell.  
Parting is all we know of heaven,  
And all we need of hell.

— *Parting*, by Emily Dickinson (1830–1886)  
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In the face of inevitable goodbyes, Dickinson's words resound with weighty, mortal resignation. Yet beyond the pall of desolation there is a sliver of light—that ever so ineffable vision of transcendence, of which we can merely fathom with our temporal minds. In this piece, I allow Dickinson's poem to fill my imagination as I give vent to that equivocal sense of anguish and yearning.



Fl. 5

Ob.

Cl. I

Cl. II

Alto Sax.

Ten. Sax.

Bsn.

Hn.

Tpt.

B. Tbn.

Perc.

Vin. 1

Vin. 2

Via.

Vc.

Db.

[whisper]\* without instrument

see

ff

f

p

sf

f sempre

(f)

f

f

p

sf

p

5

5

valve flutter

gradually

f

sf

ftz.

mf

[oo] ee oo

f

[oo] ee oo ee

f

p

(ppp)

(ppp)

(ppp)

(ppp)

(ppp)

\* As a convention the (unpitched) whispered notes are always notated on the top line of the staff throughout the score. The words are to be whispered outside of the instrument unless otherwise stated. As the speech rhythm gradually increases (especially b. 23 onwards), players are encouraged to whisper/speak the words à la natural speech (i.e. not 'chant' the rhythms notated).

9 [ ]

Fl. see *ff*

Ob. *f* *p*

Cl. I° *f* [ ] see *ff* [ ]  
 Cl. II° *f* *f* *f*

Alto Sax. *sf* *f* *p*

Ten. Sax. *f* *f*

Bsn. *f* *mf* *p* *f*

Hn. [ ] see *sf* [ ] take mouthpiece out again and place it in reverse direction [ ] fiz. [ ]

Tpt. breath attack (slightly pitched) *f* *mf* *p* *mf* breath attack *f*

B. Tbn. [ ] [ ] see *sf* [ ]

Perc. *ppp* *p*

Vin. 1 *pp* sempre

Vin. 2

Vla. sul G sempre 3 3 3

Vc.

Db.

13

Fl. *see ff*

Ob. *[whisper] without instrument see ff*

Cl. I° *see ff*

Cl. II° *[whisper] without instrument see ff*

Alto Sax. *[whisper] without instrument see ff*

Ten. Sax. *[whisper] without instrument see ff*

Bsn. *[whisper] without instrument see ff*

Hn. *replace mouthpiece onto instrument, but not inserting it fully [whisper into instrument] see ff (sim.) see ff*

Tpt. *mf p*

B. Tbn. *(sim.) see ff*

Perc. *PPP pp p mfp pp*

Vln. 1

Vln. 2 *pp sempre*

Vla. *pp sempre*

Vc. *pp sempre*

Db.

17

Fl. *re - mains to see* *f sf* *re - mains - (ss)* *f* *re - mains to see* *f sf*

Ob. *see* *ff* *re - mains to see* *f sf*

Cl. I° *see* *ff* *mains to* *f* *see* *ff*

Cl. II° *to see* *f ff* *see* *ff*

Alto Sax. *see* *ff* *re - mains - (ss)* *f* *re - mains to see* *f sf*

Ten. Sax. *re - mains to see* *f sf* *re - mains to see* *f sf*

Bsn. ("helicopter tonguing") *f* *mf* *p*

Hn. *see* *ff* *see* *ff*

Tpt.

B. Tbn. *see* *ff* *see* *ff* *see* *sf*

Perc. *p* *mf* *p* *pp*

Vln. 1 *sul D sempre* *p sempre*

Vln. 2 *sul D sempre* *p sempre*

Vla. *3* *3* *3* *3* *3* *3* *3* *3*

Vc. *p sempre*

Db. *f* *(sounding)* *V II* *mf* *f* *V II* *mf* *f* *V I* *f sempre*



25

Fl. *[speak]* yet! *sfz* un - veill. *f sf* yet! *sfz* un - veill. *(f) sfz*

Ob. *[speak]* yet! *sfz* *[whisper]* re-mains to see *f sempre* see; re-mains to see; re-mains to see; re-mains to see; *[speak]* re-mains to see *(f)* re-mains to see re-mains to see

Cl. I° re-mains to see *(f)* re-mains to see; un - veill. *sf* re-mains to see; re-mains to see; re-mains to see; *[speak]*

Cl. II° re-mains to see *(f)* re-mains to see; re-mains to see un - veill. *sf* re-mains to see; *[speak]*

Alto Sax. re-mains to see *(f)* re-mains to see yet! *sfz* re-mains to see *f* yet! *sfz* re-mains to see *f* un - veill. *sfz* re-mains to see; *(f)*

Ten. Sax. re-mains to see *(f)* re-mains to see; *[speak]* re-mains to see *f* see un - veill. *sfz*

Bsn. see *(f)* re-mains to see re-mains to see *[speak]* re-mains to see *f* re-mains to see re-mains to see re - mains to see re-mains to see re- *p*

Hn. to see *(f)* re-mains to see un - veill. *sf* re-mains to see; *(f)* re-mains to see; *[speak]* to see; re-mains *f*

Tpt. mains to see *(f)* re-mains to see re - mains to see; *[speak]* re-mains to see *f* un veill. *sfz* re-mains to see; *(f)* to see;

B. Tbn. re-mains to see *(f)* re-mains to see; *[speak]* re-mains to see *f* un - veill. *sfz* un -

Sus. cymb. *mf* *p* (let ring sempre) *f* *p*

Perc. Timbales *p* *mf sempre*

Vin. 1 *sul E* *mf* *f* *(mf)*

Vin. 2 *sul E* *mf* *f* *(mf)*

Vla. *(p)* *mf* *f* *(mf)*

Vc. *(f)* (change bow every note) II

Db. *(f)*

**B**

["Speak-flute"]  
whisper the word forcefully over the  
mouthpiece while fingering given pitches

29

Fl. un - veil! *sfz*  
hea - - ven; *fff sempre*  
hea - ven; hea ... hea -

Ob. re-mains to see; re-mains to see; to see; re-mains to!  
*p* *ff*

Cl. I° see; *(f)* re-mains to see re-mains to see re-mains!  
*p* *ff*

Cl. II° mains to see; *(f)* to see; re-mains to see; re-mains to see!  
*mf* *ff*  
take clarinet in B $\flat$

Alto Sax. re-mains to see; *(f)* re-mains to see; re-mains to see; re!  
*p* *ff*

Ten. Sax. un - veil! *(f)* *sfz* re-mains to see re-mains to!  
*mf* *ff*

Bsn. (repeat as quickly as possible; stop just before downbeat  
of next bar, regardless of which syllable you end up on)  
mains to see ... *ff*

Hn. (repeat as quickly as possible; stop just before downbeat  
of next bar, regardless of which syllable you end up on)  
re-mains to see... *p* *ff*  
replace mouthpiece properly

Tpt. re - mains *(f)* to see it un - veil - ing; un - veil!  
*ff*  
(insert harmon mute)

B. Tbn. veil! *sfz* re-mains to see; to see re-mains to see; re-mains!  
*mf* *ff*

Perc. (Sus. cymb.) *mf* *p* *ff*  
damp!  
(let ring sempre)  
*p sempre leggiero*

**B**

Vln. 1 *f* *(mf)* *fff* *mf* *ff* *(mf)* *ff* *ff* *ff* *ff* *ff* *ff*  
(change bow every note)  
'glowing'

Vln. 2 *f* *(mf)* *fff* *fff* *mf* *ff* *mf* *ff* *(mf)* *ff*  
'glowing'

Vla. *f* *mf* *fff* *mf* *ff* *(mf)* *ff* *ff*  
'glowing'

Vc. *fff* *mf* *ff* *(mf)* *ff* *ff*

Db. *f* *fff* *mf* *ff* *(mf)* *ff* *ff*  
'glowing'

34

Fl. *fff* ven; hea - - - - ven.

Perc. *(p)*

Vln. 1 *ff* *(mf)* *ff* *ff* *ff*

Vln. 2 *ff* *(mf)* *ff* *ff* *ff* *f*

Vla. *ff* *(mf)* *ff* *ff* *ff* *ff*

Vc. *ff* *(mf)* *ff* *ff* *ff*

Db. *(mf)*

38

Fl. *f* ven; hea *fff*

Cl. I *ff* 'glowing' *fff*

Cl. II (clarinet in B $\flat$ ) *ff* 'glowing' *fff*

Perc. *(p)*

Vln. 1 *fff* *fff* *f* *poco accel.*

Vln. 2 *fff* *fff* *f* *poco accel.*

Vla. *fff* *fff* *f* *poco accel.*

Vc. *fff* *fff* *f* *poco accel.*

Db. *fff* *fff* *f* *poco accel.*

(loco) timbral trill

C

♩ = 63-66 Slightly faster now

Fl. *(fff)* ven *tr* *senza vib.* *p*

Ob. *(multiphonic)* *f* *ff*

Cl. I° *fff* *p sempre leggiero*

Cl. II° *fff* *p sempre leggiero*

Alto Sax. *ff* *f ff*

Ten. Sax. *ff* *f ff*

Bsn.

Hn. *f sempre brillante*

Tpt. *harmon mute on* *f sempre brillante*

B. Tbn.

Perc. *f* *p* *ff* *p* *f*

C

♩ = 63-66 Slightly faster now

Vln. 1 *fff* *ff* *mf* *ff*

Vln. 2 *fff* *mf* *ff*

Vla. *ff* *mf* *ff*

Vc. *ff* *p* *fff* *p*

Db. *ff* *mf* *ff*

46

Fl. *p sempre leggiero*

Ob.

Cl. I° *(p)* *f* *p*

Cl. II° *(p)* *f* *p*

Alto Sax. *f* *p*

Ten. Sax. *f* *p*

Bsn. *f sempre leggiero*

Hn. *(f)* *ffz* *f*

Tpt. *ffz* *f sempre* *ffz* *mf*

B. Tbn. *f sempre brillante*

Perc. *ff* *use yarn mallets* *Vibraphone* *(let ring sempre)* *f sempre* *ped.*

Vln. 1 *f staccatissimo* *(trem. as fast as possible)* *ff* *mf sempre*

Vln. 2 *mf* *staccatissimo* *(trem. as fast as possible)* *ff* *mf sempre*

Vla. *f staccatissimo* *(trem. as fast as possible)* *ff* *mf sempre*

Vc. *staccatissimo* *(trem. as fast as possible)* *ff* *mf sempre*

Db. *mf* *staccatissimo* *ff* *f*

Fl. *p* *tr* *molto legato* *p sempre*

Ob. *p sempre leggiero* *ff*

Cl. I° *ff* *p sempre leggiero* *fff* *(p) sempre* *molto legato*

Cl. II° *ff* *p sempre leggiero* *ff*

Alto Sax. *ff* *p sempre leggiero* *fff*

Ten. Sax. *ff* *p* *fff*

Bsn. *f* *ff* *fff*

Hn. *f* *ff* *ffz*

Tpt. *ffz* *ff* *f* *ffz*

B. Tbn. *f* *p* *fffz*

Perc. *f*

Vln. 1 *(mf)* *ff* *mf* *ff* *detaché* *(as quickly as possible)* *p*

Vln. 2 *(mf)* *ff* *gradually no trem.* *mf* *ff* *detaché* *(as quickly as possible)* *p*

Vla. *(mf)* *ff* *mf* *ff* *detaché* *(as quickly as possible)*

Vc. *(mf)* *ff* *gradually no trem.* *mf* *ff* *detaché* *(as quickly as possible)*

Db. *fff*

**D**

54 **poco rit.** ♩ = ca. 56 (come prima)

Fl. *(p)*

Ob. (senza vib.) *mf*

Cl. I° *(p)*

Cl. II° *p* *molto legato*

Alto Sax. (senza vib.) *mf*

Ten. Sax. (senza vib.) *mf*

Bsn. (senza vib.) *p*

Hn. *f* *mf*

Tpt. *f*

B. Tbn. *mf*

Perc. *(f)* *p* *mf*

**D**

**poco rit.** ♩ = ca. 56 (come prima)

Vin. 1 *(p)* *f* *pp*

Vin. 2 *(p)* *f* *pp*

Via. *p* *f* *pp*

Vc. *p* *f* *pp*

Db. *ff*

Fl. *(p)* *p* *f* *(h)* *f* *(h)*

Ob.

Cl. I° *(p)* *p* *f* *(h)* *f*

Cl. II° *(p)* *p*

Alto Sax. *f*

Ten. Sax.

Bsn.

Hn. *f* *p* *(o)*

Tpt. *p* *f*

B. Tbn. *f*

Perc. *p sempre* *'floating, drifting'* *(b)*

Vln. 1 *(pp)* *ff* *(con sord.)* *f* *(con sord.)*

Vln. 2 *(pp)* *ff* *(con sord.)* *f* *(con sord.)*

Vla. *(pp)* *ff* *(con sord.)* *f* *(con sord.)* III

Vc. *(pp)* *ff* *(con sord.)* *f* *(con sord.)* I

Db. *ff*

62

Fl.

Ob.

Cl. I°

Cl. II°

Alto Sax.

Ten. Sax.

Bsn.

Hn.

Tpt.

B. Tbn.

Perc.

Vin. 1

Vin. 2

Via.

Vc.

Db.

(p)

pp smorz.

(sim.)

(p)

p

p

p

f

p

f

(p)

portato

f

f

f

f

f

ff

ff



70

Fl. *p* *p* *mf* so so so huge, so

Ob. *mf* *pp* *mf*

Cl. I° *p* *pp*

Cl. II° *p* *pp*

Alto Sax.

Ten. Sax.

Bsn.

Hn.

Tpt.

B. Tbn.

["Speak-flute"]  
so  
sub. *fff*

Hn.

Tpt.

B. Tbn.

Perc. (Glock.) *p*

Vin. 1 *ff* *pp* *ff* *ff* *pp* (change bow every note)

Vin. 2 *ff* *pp* *ff* *ff* *pp*

Vla. *ff* *pp* *ff* *pp* *ff*

Vc. *ff* *pp* *ff* (senza sord.)

Db.

74

Fl. *hope - less to [speak] con-ceive; to con-ceive; to [whisper] con;* *take piccolo*

*(ff)* *ff* *p* *ff*

*voice trailing off...*

Ob.

Cl. I°

Cl. II°

Alto Sax.

Ten. Sax.

Bsn.

Hn.

Tpt.

B. Tbn.

Perc. *(p)* *mf* *f* *mf sempre*

Vln. 1 *ff* *pp* *ff* *pp* *ff* *senza sord.*

Vln. 2 *ff* *(senza sord.)* *senza sord.* *f* *pp* *ff*

Vla. *(senza sord.)*

Vc.

Db.

**F**

poco accel. . . . . ♩ = 60-66 **Now faster, energetically**

79 piccolo

Fl. *pp* *f* *ff* *f*

Ob. *p* *f sempre*

Cl. I° *pp* *f sempre*

Cl. II° *pp* *f sempre*

Alto Sax. *p* *f sempre*

Ten. Sax. *p* *f sempre*

Bsn. *f* *ff no dim.*

Hn. *f* *ff no dim.*

Tpt. *ff sempre brillante* (mute off)

B. Tbn. *f* *ff no dim.*

Perc. *sub. sfz: ff* *p* *use drumstick rods (right hand)* *sfz* *ff* *p* *now using both hands (drumstick rods)*

still using bell mallets (left hand) (left hand)

to Timbales 'ricochet' roll

**F**

poco accel. . . . . ♩ = 60-66 **Now faster, energetically**

Vin. 1 *fff* *ff sempre*

Vin. 2 *ff sempre*

Vla. *ff sempre* senza sord. II

Vc. *ff sempre* senza sord. III *detaché*

Db. *ff* *ff sempre*

82

Fl. *f* [d.] *f* [d.] *f* [d.]

Ob. *f* [d.] *f* [d.] *f* [d.]

Cl. I° *f* [d.] *f* [d.] *f* [d.]

Cl. II° *f* [d.] *f* [d.] *f* [d.]

Alto Sax. *f* [d.] *f* [d.] *f* [d.]

Ten. Sax. *f* [d.] *f* [d.] *f* [d.]

Bsn. *f* *ff* no dim. *f* sempre

Hn. *f* *ff* no dim. *f*

Tpt. *ff* *ff* sempre *ff*

B. Tbn. *ff* *fff* no dim. *ff* *fff* no dim.

Perc. (Timb.) *ff* *sub. p* *pp* *fff* *mf* *ff*

Vin. 1 *ff* *ff* detaché

Vin. 2 *ff* *ff* detaché

Via. *ff* *ff*

Vc. *ff* *ff*

Db. *fff*

85

Fl.

Ob.

Cl. I<sup>o</sup>

Cl. II<sup>o</sup>

Alto Sax.

Ten. Sax.

Bsn.

Hn.

Tpt.

B. Tbn.

Perc.

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vc.

Db.

*f*

*(f)*

*ff*

*f sempre*

*p*

(insert harmon mute)

harmon mute on

*f*

*ff*

*mf*

*ff*

*mf*

to Sus. cymb.

(drumstick rods)

*ffp*

*ff*

*mf*

G

88

Fl. *f*

Ob. *f*

Cl. I° *ff*

Cl. II° *ff*

Alto Sax. *mf*

Ten. Sax. *mf* (multiphonic) *ff*

Bsn. *f* *ff*

Hn. *f* *ff*

Tpt. *ff* *ff*

B. Tbn. *ff*

Perc. (let ring sempre) *p* *ff* *p* *pp*

G

Vin. 1 *ff*

Vin. 2 *ff*

Vla. *ff*

Vc. *f* *ff* *p*

Db. *f* *ff*

92

Fl. *ff* *ff* take flute

Ob. *f* *ff* remove reed

Cl. I° *f* *ff* remove mouthpiece

Cl. II° *f* *ff* take bass clarinet (with mouthpiece still removed)

Alto Sax. *ff*

Ten. Sax. *ff*

Bsn. *f* *ff no dim.*

Hn. *f* *ff no dim.* take mouthpiece out again and place it in reverse direction valve flutter gradually *f* *ff*

Tpt. *sfz* *ffz* (remove harmon mute) mute off flz. *ff*

B. Tbn. *f* *ff no dim.* [oo ee oo] *ff*

Perc. *pp* *ff* *pp* *ff* sub. *pp*

Vin. 1 *fff sempre*

Vin. 2 *fff sempre*

Via. *fff sempre*

Vc. *f* *ff* *fff sempre*

Db. *f* *fff sempre*

H

♩ = 56-60 Very slightly slower

96

Fl.

Ob.

Cl. I<sup>o</sup>

Cl. II<sup>o</sup> (bass clarinet)

Alto Sax.

Ten. Sax.

Bsn.

Hn.

Tpt.

B. Tbn.

Perc.

H

♩ = 56-60 Very slightly slower

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vc.

Db.





108

Fl. *fff* sss close *fff* sss

Ob. *ff* we know

Cl. I<sup>o</sup> *ff* we know

Cl. II<sup>o</sup> *ff* we know

Alto Sax. *ff*

Ten. Sax. *ff*

Bsn. *ff* we know

Hn. *ff* we know

Tpt. *ff* we know

B. Tbn. know *ff* we know

Perc. *p* *sfz* *pp* *f*

Vln. 1 *ff* we know

Vln. 2 *ff* we know

Vla. *ff* we know

Vc. *ff* we know

Db. *ff* we know

I

112

Fl. *close* (*fff*) *sss*

Ob. (*ff*) *ff sempre*

Cl. I° (*ff*) *ff sempre*

Cl. II° (*ff*) *ff sempre*

Alto Sax. (*ff*) *ff sempre*

Ten. Sax. (*ff*) *ff sempre*

Bsn. *no ff*

Hn. (*ff*) *valve flutter* *gradually* *f* *ff no dim.*

Tpt. (*ff*) *fiz.* *ff no dim.*

B. Tbn. (*ff*) *valve flutter* *ff no dim.*

Perc. *sfz* *f no dim.* (let ring) *pp*

I

Vln. 1 (*ff*) *no ff*

Vln. 2 (*ff*) *no ff*

Vla. (*ff*) *no ff*

Vc. (*ff*) *no ff*

Db. (*ff*) *no ff*

