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### ABSTRACT OF THE DISSERTATION

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This dissertation documents three compositions: *Bless This Mess* for flute, clarinet, violin, cello, piano and percussion, *Wonderful Things* for soprano, guitar and vibraphone, and *Music is My Life* for electric guitar and drum machine. *Bless This Mes*s contrasts disjunct gestures to create ecstatic static textures that develop in musically eccentric manners. *Wonderful Things* 

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consists of four movements that contain interrupting themes from the remaining three movements. *Music is My Life* uses heavy metal vocabularies, repetition and physically exhausting performance demands to create a work of ecstatic stasis.

## Introduction

This final dissertation paper reflects on my three compositions *Bless This Mess*, *Wonderful Things* and *Music is My Life*, and makes some conclusions on strategies, techniques and approaches that I have developed during my time in San Diego, and how that will affect the music I will make in the future.

First I would like to talk briefly about coming into UCSD. I remember at the first "welcome" meeting, the chair of the department John Fonville asked us to introduce ourselves and describe our area of research. At that time it was very hard for me to succinctly describe what I was doing in all of my pieces. I knew I was drawn to experimental, avant garde, or what I would like to call critical music, but I did not know how my music fit into this work.

With the three pieces presented here I will show how I realized what I wanted to accomplish musically and also how to articulate these ideas.

#### Bless This Mess

The title of this piece refers to two things: the nature of the musical material and formal organization of this piece as well as a larger aesthetic trend that I have developed in my recent music. Concerning the material, all the individual gestures in the beginning of the piece rarely respond or react to each other. They are isolated events that have an aggressive discontinuity to be discussed in detail later. On a larger formal level, the development, transitions and order of the sections are often deliberately unprepared or unexpected. This continual unpreparedness begins to create its own type of consistency by the end of the piece.

On a more conceptual/aesthetic level, I am interested in material that is constructed of isolated incidents of dissonance but result in one consonant mass. In this example the material is in complete opposition with the form or the result of the treatment of the material.

## Three Material Types in *Bless This Mess*

The beginning of the piece consists of three types of material: directional, static and idiomatic. The directional material is always either ascending or descending using major scales. Examples of this material can be heard in m. 14 in the violin, m. 18 in the flute or m. 43 in the piano. These passages contain a rhythmic acceleration or deceleration. Within this material type there is a feeling of the music having direction and leading to an arrival point.

The static material focuses around one pitch with slight variations in timbre or pitch. Examples of this material can be heard in m. 22 in the violin, m. 13 in the flute or m. 15 in the clarinet. While there is a small detail of change, the overall material seems to remain stationary and without direction.

The idiomatic material is quite different from the other two types of material because its compositional construction is determined by the nature of the instrument. In this respect, the audible results from a gesture on the violin or clarinet can be dramatically dissimilar. Examples of this type of music can he heard in m. 24 with the cello overpressure on open strings, m. 15 with the clusters in the piano, or m. 33 with the white bar glissandos in the xylophone. These gestures oftentimes reference the playing of an amateur or child (for example: using too much bow pressure on the violin or cello).

These three gesture types have existing connections that often blur the material type identity of a specific gesture. Some gestures could be identified with two of the material types. For example, many of the idiomatic gestures are static, such as the piano clusters heard in m. 92. These idiomatic gestures seem directional, for example the piano and vibraphone gestures that are heard throughout the work. In this way the idiomatic gestures serve as a strong tool to blur the nature of the three material types.

Finally, there is an extreme simplicity to most of these gestures because they are intentionally one-dimensional. There is a sense of disposability to these gestures and they almost seem naïve in their obvious compositional construction

and individual functionality. This is to create a tension between the gestures and bring our attention away from the specific details to the larger relationships of the "mess".

## A Formal Analysis of *Bless This Mess*

The first section of the piece goes through rehearsal letter G and consists of an obsessive, continual presentation of the three material types. I took care to present an even, balanced quantity of each type. Besides the contrasting material types, the gestures also clash with each other through abrasive, discordant shifts in harmony (A-flat major scale in the cello against the B-natural and A-natural in m. 60) and rhythm (the percussion 32<sup>nd</sup> notes versus the flute quintuplet 32<sup>nd</sup> notes in m. 52). There are no points of satisfying harmonic or rhythmic counterpoint and very few points of unison playing (m. 70 between the flute and clarinet).

The first section of the piece is under more restraint than just the limitation of three material types. The entire section is limited to gestures that move back and forth between the dynamics of piano and forte. They maintain a dynamic space of moderation and "good standing". Pitch space is also limited and controlled before letter G. The material never goes above an A above the treble clef and never below a G on the bass clef. Not only does this limit the pitch range but it also greatly affects the nature of the writing of the instruments. This compositional filter does not affect all instruments equally. For example in this

first section, other instruments cover up the flute because it plays in its lower register. The flute will finally be heard in the third section.

The second section of *Bless This Mess* begins at letter G marked "Suddenly Distant, Aloof" and goes through letter H. Here the same material is re-presented in mm. 111-137. However, it has been submitted to a series of distortion/transformations. The entire dynamic range has been dwarfed to pianissimo and pianissississimo. There has also been register compression so that now only notes G to B-flat are heard. Finally the actual phrases have been diminished. The endings of each phrase are chopped off and the remaining fragments are connected. This happens in the section from letter G through H.

The third section starts at letter H marked "Raucous!" The material from the beginning of the piece (mm. 1-54) is re-presented and expanded in many of the same ways it was compressed in the second section. The dynamics are expanded now with most gestures going from forte to fortissimo. The pitch range has expanded and is bumped to the outer octaves, completely abandoning the inner pitch space of the second section. The flute and clarinet players even switch to auxiliary instruments here (piccolo and bass clarinet respectively) to further execute the extremity. Finally the lengths of the phrases are extended and expanded. Gestures that were once 2 measures long are now 4 or 5 measures. For example, the xylophone gesture, which initially appears as two measures (mm.2-3) in the first section, appears extended into five measures (mm.153-157) in the third section.

Through these three large sections we have witnessed a transformation of material. The material types are intentionally not strikingly interesting in isolation. Rather, interest lies in the relationships between the three material types, which create a sort of stasis of discontinuity. However, this local state of confusion and discord has gone through 3 very clear, explicit transformations.

At letter K we break with the ideas and expectations that have been created elsewhere in the piece. Here is another transformation, yet it comes from a different set of logic and parameters than the "filters" from the earlier sections. The concept that is maintained from the previous section is not the material types but the energy, the "ecstatic stasis" that was created through expansion. In fact, all of the three material types are abandoned. One might see the piano scalar figures as a transformation or distortion of the directional material, but it is so striking and individualistic that it sounds like a new musical object, even if it is distantly related. There is even a compositional transformation in the percussion as the player's part is now free in time and he/she is instructed to perform given figures "as fast as possible" on the snare drum and sizzle cymbals (letter K).

Possibly the most striking transformation at letter K is the final arrival to a sense of ensemble. While the music is still very rhythmically complex, we hear the group working together to create one flowing musical texture. The pianist is heard as a soloist with the remaining members of the ensemble creating a wild,

buzzing accompanimental texture, while on top of this the pianist shreds arpeggios.

The section beginning at letter K is a complexity constructed of simplistic materials. The winds are playing just one note in very regular rhythms (see the flute at m. 207), the strings are playing these very benign open string-crossing gestures (again a reference to the amateur or the practice room), and the percussionist is wailing on a series of similar, specific gestures. However, when all of these naïve ideas/gestures come together it creates an excitingly rich musical texture.

The final section starts at letter O marked "Deliberate and Manner". This section is signaled by a transformation. First it is punctuated by a "loud" silence in m. 261, the first silence we have heard in a piece full of busyness (much sounding quite careless and raucous). Following the silence we hear a C major chord in root position. This gesture of order is striking and unexpected, but at that moment this shift is appropriate. A transformation that is large and unprepared seems almost necessary after the care, perverse logic and deliberation in the previous sectional transitions.

This repeated C major chord gesture is quite referential. Both through instrumentation (violin, cello, and piano) and spelling it vaguely references the rich repertoire of classical and romantic piano trios. In this way, the gesture functions like some type of quotation yet it is so removed and fragmented from the literature that it could point to several different composers and pieces. We

are suddenly drawn to a place of critical listening where we are exposed to the disturbing, terrifying but exciting place of a contemporary listener.

As a listener we go through different psychological musical spaces as the chord insistently continues. At first it seems amusing, largely due to the non-sequitarian nature of the chord compared to the dissonance and independence of the orchestration in the previous sections. Then it is psychological musical fragments for many listeners: to some it seems dull and aggressively displeasing, to others it seems tragic in its stagnancy, to some it seems disturbing in its almost naïve position in the piece. The material is even heartbreaking for its earnestness that seems pointless or ineffective in a piece with such formal and local complexities.

I have played this recording for many people and witnessed these various reactions. In the most extreme case, the French composer Allain Gaussin immediately laughed out loud and shook his head in disgust at letter O but by m. 282 he was focused and emotionally invested in the piece more than before.

Besides this startling C major chord, a second layer of complexity is heard in the dissonant long tones played by the piccolo and bass clarinet. These gestures were constructed from partials from the natural harmonic series, but function less as harmonic pitch objects/constructions/harmonies and more as gestural and timberal collisions with the C major chord in the piano and strings. The listening experience is an engagement with an extremely displaced interval contrasting with a chord rather than any particular pitch relationships. A new

point of contrast has been created: not of the three material types but rather now from this referential C major chord with the lifeless winds.

These two new characters are insistent but in strikingly different ways.

The C major chord is unchanging and repetitive, until it finally fades away in pizzicato form (letter P, another mass transformation, suggestive of the earlier large scale compositional processes). The winds repeat in a rather dull and lifeless matter, adding space between gestures but never really giving up or changing.

From out of these textures comes a very unusual character/instrument. The triangle emerges from the C major chord, initially doubling the rhythm. As time passes, the triangle develops its own rhythmic and expressive language. The instrument is marked "solo" at letter P. Here an instrument that is often used in the back of the orchestra is brought to center stage as a soloist. With this material I ask the question "can an instrument that was constructed for nonsense/distaste or low art cultural associations become expressive and emotional?" I posed this question in my percussion quartet *The Possibility of Excellence* in which four unlikely percussion instruments (whip, ratchet, vibraslap, and flex-a-tone) were instructed to play very expressive emotional lines. It was a demonstration in a beautiful, epic failure.

One non-sequitor is answered by another as the piece concludes with a strikingly unusual triangle solo which is jarring for a few reasons. The piece ends with a new transformation: a concept of a soloist. The idea was hinted at with the

piano material at letter K but throughout the entire work the six musicians have been playing together with unclear hierarchical relationships. Like the three material types from the beginning, this strikingly unusual soloist puts us in an uncomfortable, questionable space.

Was this music blessed? Or was it just a mess? I think these types of formal and local relationships create situations for listeners to be put into a place of reflection rather than discovery of clear, explicit answers. This music asks questions rather than dictates solutions. It creates a space for the listener to reflect critically not only on this piece but on much of their entire listening experience with music and noise.

## Wonderful Things

I choose this text for a few different reasons: first, I wanted to choose a text that ran the gamut of suggestive imagery from the amusing to the sacred, often blurring the lines between. This goes back to the idea of critical listening discussed above. This type of material happens throughout the work but is clear at the end of the poem when Padgett writes "Where I may go at will, And sit down and tap, My forehead against the sunset, Where he takes off the uniform, And we see he is God, God get out of here, And he runs off chirping and chuckling into his hand..."

Second, I love the way this poem re-contextualizes itself. A verse will initially have one meaning, but be followed by a verse that totally recontextualizes the previous statement. For example, one line says, "Yes, I think of you" but it is followed by "with very little in mind". The meaning is changed from one of complete admiration and sincerity to bitterness and sarcasm. This transformation of meaning is analogous to what I am interested in musically with quotation and contrasting musical gestures.

Finally I chose this text for the formal complexity. In my analysis, the poem has four large sections that fill the page in very different ways. The first section ("Anne, who are dead") has lines that float back and forth around the page with different amounts of space between each verse. This is in complete contrast to the second section ("So I've been sleeping lately"), which is very

ordered and compressed into one tiny square of text. This was a perfect fit for my musical vision, which would reference the four movements of a symphony.

## Formal Organization for Wonderful Things

The orchestration of this piece is unusual due to the commission, which was generously offered by the UCSD music department in the fall of 2009. I wanted the formal organization of the piece to reference the complexity and confusion of the ensemble in that it would fall between a kind of symphony/large ensemble piece and art song.

The piece is divided into four short movements. The first movement is an introduction, which serves as a quasi-overture. The guitar and vibraphone present musical fragments (in its exact quotation) that appear in the remainder of the piece. The second movement is an Adagio, almost referencing the slow movement of Mozart's *Divertimento Concertante*. The third movement is a scherzo and trio with repetitions of musical material. And the final movement is a long finale in which one final gesture is deconstructed/destroyed/distorted over time.

While these referential symphonic formal movements are clear, the tradition of the voice as soloist from the art song is always present with the voice serving as an instrument to push the music forward, transforming the musical background. The role of the voice is rather strange. When it does participate it is often the soloist and its role becomes the focus of the piece. There are huge

sections of the piece where the voice does not participate and the vibraphone and guitar are shredding away at their own warped vision of a duo symphony.

## 1<sup>st</sup> movement: Introduction ("Overture")

The first movement consists of a contrasting dialogue between two instrumental groups and materials: the soprano against the guitar and vibraphone. In this movement the soprano's delivery is very natural, almost speech-like. This is the only time in the entire piece in which we hear the soprano alone. This is also the only time in which we hear her functioning lyrically and generating her own melodic material that is independent of the surrounding instrumental material.

The guitar and vibraphone serve as interruptions to this wandering, ascending vocal line. Each brief instrumental gesture is a direct quotation from a moment in music in the next three movements. For example, the guitar and vibraphone quote from m. 2 is taken from the fourth movement (the second half of m. 84 into m. 85).

The trajectory of the first movement lies in the vocal line. It starts in the low register of the soprano's range, and as the short movement progresses, ascends into the higher register. The dynamic also expands as the soprano becomes more emotional.

There is a compositional logic, an almost stubbornness, to the functionality of this movement. The soprano and opposing instrumental group continue to

alternate back and forth but neither is responding to one another. This type of anti-musicianship/anti-ensemble appears many times in this piece and in many of my other pieces, including the three material types in the beginning of *Bless This Mess*.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> movement: Andante

This movement loosely references the 2<sup>nd</sup> movement of Mozart's *Divertimento Concertante* in its clear relationship between harmony and melody and in this way references the entire classical tradition. The movement sets up another dichotomy: harmony/accompaniment (vibraphone and guitar) against melody (voice). Now the two groups that were in temporal successive opposition in the first movement are brought together in a new hierarchical relationship. This movement outlines the compositional construction of the remainder of the piece. Each movement will be interrupted by gestures (either original or distorted) from another movement. An example of this phenomenon can be heard in the guitar in the second half of m. 36. This D-sharp minor chord (and the double stop following) is taken from m. 18 of the 3<sup>rd</sup> movement.

The pauses in mm. 22 and 26 reference the pauses in the poetry. They are amplified in this musical setting since so much of this piece is constant musical ideas.

3rd movement: Scherzo and Trio

The third movement references the form and construction of a scherzo. There are a series of short melodies that undergo quick shuffling and reconstruction. However, these elements are once again interrupted by themes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3rd movements. An example of this can be heard at the beginning of the piece when a sustained E minor chord clashes with the modal D-sharp passage.

The 1<sup>st</sup> theme is heard twice, once at the beginning of the piece and then again at letter A. The 2<sup>nd</sup> theme is heard for the first time at letter B and is followed in traditional form with a return to the 1<sup>st</sup> theme at letter C. The 2<sup>nd</sup> theme returns again at letter D followed by a return to the first theme at letter E. Letter F marks the beginning of the 3<sup>rd</sup> theme and the entrance of the voice in this movement. This is greeted with a fragmentation of that theme at H, almost a 4<sup>th</sup> theme. Finally, there is a return to the 3<sup>rd</sup> theme at letter I.

Letter J marks a return of the 1<sup>st</sup> theme, although it is almost completely deconstructed and destroyed. K marks the return of the 2<sup>nd</sup> theme followed by the 1<sup>st</sup> theme again at L. The 3<sup>rd</sup> theme from the trio returns at letter M and is followed by its complete fragmentation at letter N to close the movement.

### 4<sup>th</sup> Movement: Finale

The fourth movement is unique because the material that is interrupted is already disjoint. The main contrasting ideas are the sustained clusters in the upper register of the vibraphone clashing with the barbaric chords heard in the

guitar in mm. 1-2. There is not only a contrast in character but also pitch and instrumental tactility (the guitar part is idiomatic, almost a cliché in its "folkness", while the vibraphone part is thorny and not reflective of the construction of the instrument). The result is a music that suggests multiplicity distorted and transformed to further levels of disjointedness. These further levels of complexity come from the interjections from the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> movements.

The entire 4<sup>th</sup> movement consists of a repetition of one gesture (1<sup>st</sup> heard in mm. 1-4), which is transformed. The tempo is literally slowed down from quarter note equals 90 to 80 to 72 to 60. The rests between each gesture expand and become larger. The rhythmic complexity of the guitar gradually simplifies until the player is just strumming one chord per measure (letter H until the end). The pitch complexity of the guitar gradually changes so by the end of the piece the guitarist is only playing on open strings, as if the left hand has completely given up. The result is extremely resonant. The vibraphone transforms through the piece as well. It descends from its upper register down to its lower register (m. 84). The interruptions from movements 2 and 3, entirely disappear from letter F until the end of the work.

## Reflections on Wonderful Things

Writing a piece in this manner was a new strategy that helped systemize, organize and realize many of the ideas that I had flirted with in earlier

compositions. The piece is referential to tradition, but at the same time it constantly quotes itself. These quotes end up destroying the composition.

This was a challenging piece to compose because it was like writing three pieces: the first was a construction of the ideas of the original 3 movements. The second process included the fragmentation and interruption of each movement. The third level of work was a kind of standardization and musical evaluation of each new deconstruction. Does transforming and interrupting all of this material in the end create a composition that works as music?

In this composition I wanted a balance between the interruptions and the core or actual musical material belonging to that movement. I wanted the listener to ask "why am I hearing themes from the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> movement in the 4<sup>th</sup> movement", but to still hear a hierarchy of the material of the 4<sup>th</sup> that actually belongs there. There are certainly moments when this idea is challenged. The end of the third movement is almost identical to the beginning of the fourth movement. However, for the most part, we hear these interruptions as not belonging in an established musical environment.

While I feel that the results of this compositional process were interesting and successful, I'd like to take this idea further in the direction of fragmentation and identity deconstruction. I could imagine a work in which the fragmentation was much smaller and the interruptions more frequent. The result would be a four (or more) movement work in which each movement would sound very similar to the next. Each movement would be a different telling/sounding/construction of

the same piece. There would be no hierarchy and no feeling of material belonging to one movement or another. I hear this music as shifting and changing character, pitch center, texture, and creating a buzzing musical object that would align itself to a moment of ecstatic stasis.

## Music is My Life

The final part of my dissertation is *Music is my Life*, which is a piece I wrote for drum machine and guitar. The piece differs in a few ways from the other two works in that I wrote it for me to perform in various contexts (not necessarily the concert hall, however one of the earliest performances was on a UCSD music concert held at the loft), and I collaborated with artist Jacob Ciocci to make a video for the work.

Performance has been an important part of my life. In high school I played in rock bands, as an undergraduate in college I was a double bass performance major, and after college I played drums and electronics in the noise art rock group Extreme Animals (with Jacob Ciocci). Performance is something I want to continue doing once I leave UCSD and something that I think is one small but important distinction between me and other composers. Not only do I have the experience of the player's perspective (which is always helpful for the composer) but I am also performing in a variety of different contexts from filthy basements to snooty galleries to dive bars and concert halls. I am interested in making (and performing) music that reacts and responds (or stubbornly refuses) to these different environments.

There are many aspects of this piece that reference traditions outside of contemporary concert music. Most notably would be the heavy metal references in the piece and the video. However the work also uses elements/techniques that I use in my concert music. For example, this contains characteristics of

ecstatic stasis. All elements are there: the physicality, the volume, the repetition, the abrasive timbre, etc.. In fact this piece has a lot in common with the work OV by Orthrelm, which I sited as a clear example of this music phenomenon in my qualifying exams.

Second, the role of heavy metal in this work serves more as a kind of appropriation and quotation rather than a gut wrenching, sincere declaration of the subgenre. The music is necessary and site specific; it could not be replaced by any other form of music. However there is a severe critical distance created by the construction of the form and the relevance of the guitar and drum machine gestures that suggest quotation or appropriation, techniques that are the basis of *Bless This Mess* and *Wonderful Things*.

After I wrote the music for this piece, Jacob Ciocci and I went on and presented this composition. We thought a video might support the piece as the other work on the tour was going to include videos by Jacob and music by him and me. We talked about how to strengthen the music/be analogous to the music but also use techniques that he had developed. These techniques include use of Youtube footage and a flicker effect, in which the series of images are alternated back and forth.

The implications of the piece go back to the connection of the physical to the spirit. This is manifested in two ways: first in the guitar shredding and the duration of this act of superhuman virtuosity. The piece really becomes a duration study and a challenge to the body. Second is the video, which is filled

with wild head banging. This act is the ultimate expression of wild chaotic physical enactment of the music.

More importantly than this idea of spirit and body is the connection between the mundane (or ordinary) and the spirit. This is manifested in the work through the use of repetition, which becomes hypnotizing and almost removes the musical material from its context. This stubborn lack of change shows an absurd stasis. Second, this connection of mundane and spirit is emphasized by the video, which features children and teenagers in their everyday lives and environments using cheap accessible technology to document themselves, expressing their love and passion for music.

### Conclusion

In conclusion, I will continue to compose music exploring ideas that were developed at UCSD, realized in these three dissertation pieces and discussed in this accompanying document. Such elements include the ecstatic stasis that sound in the blur *of Bless This Mess*, or the loud repetition of *Music is My Life*, and also the use of quotation and appropriation that is heard in *Wonderful Things* from movement to movement, or of metal culture heard in *Music is my Life*. These are aesthetic areas that I wish to explore further by making more saturated environments and finding new relationships between contrasting compositional materials.

I would like to thank the UCSD music community for their continued support and for challenging me. When one enters an environment where everyone is doing his or her own specific, particular research, it can be very challenging to understand one's place. This environment helped me realize what is important (and not important) to me and helped me become a focused composer and musician.

Finally, I will keep performing and collaborating with artists. Both practices have come very naturally over the years and have created some of my most interesting works. These experiences have helped me reach audiences outside the contemporary art music scene, something that has been very rewarding.

## Bless This Mess

for flute, clarinet, violin, cello, percussion, piano

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for the Red Light Ensemble

## **Bless This Mess**





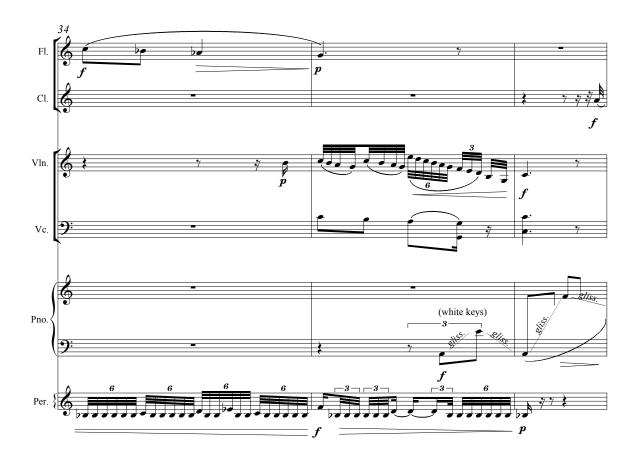




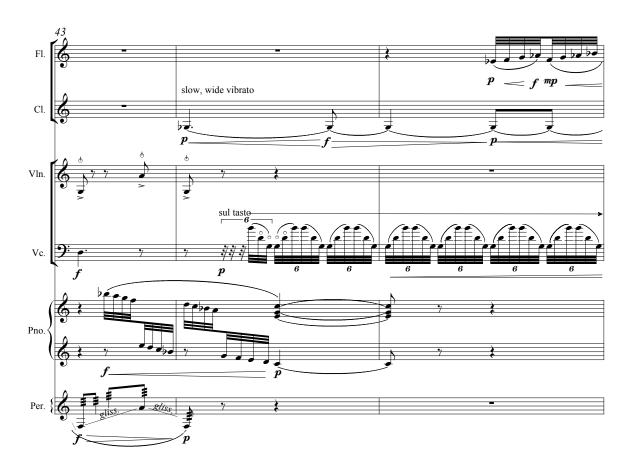






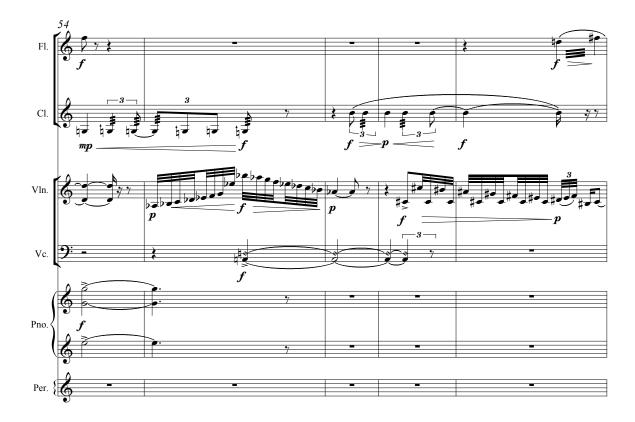












































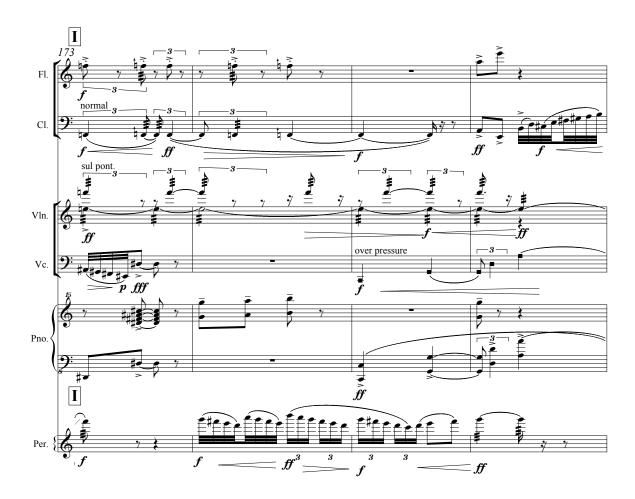


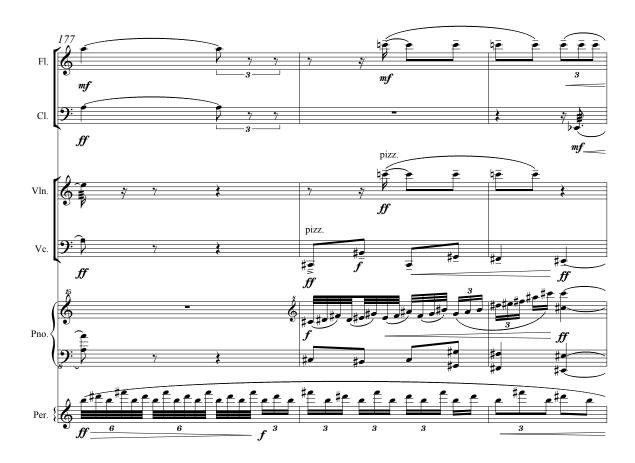




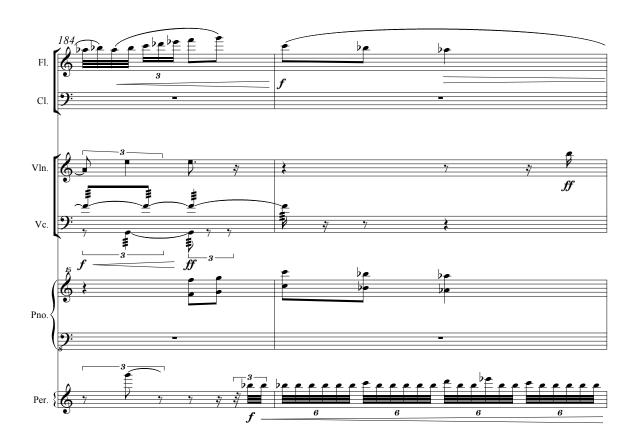


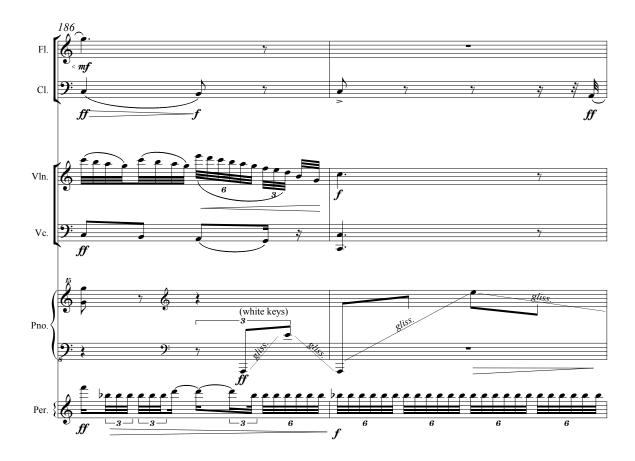






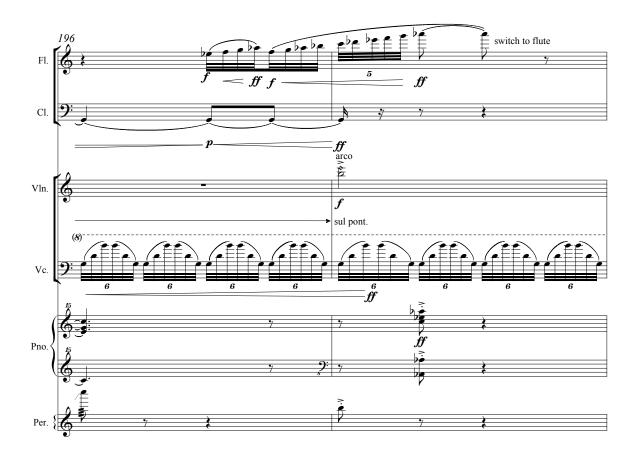








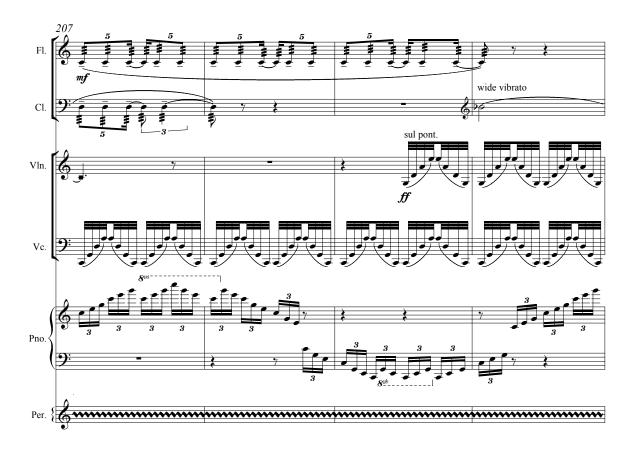


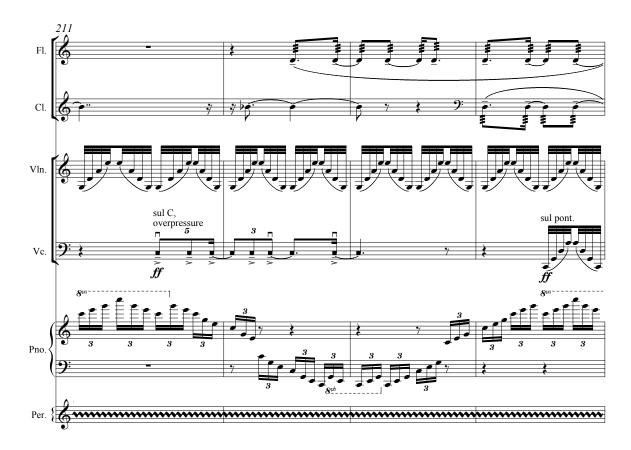


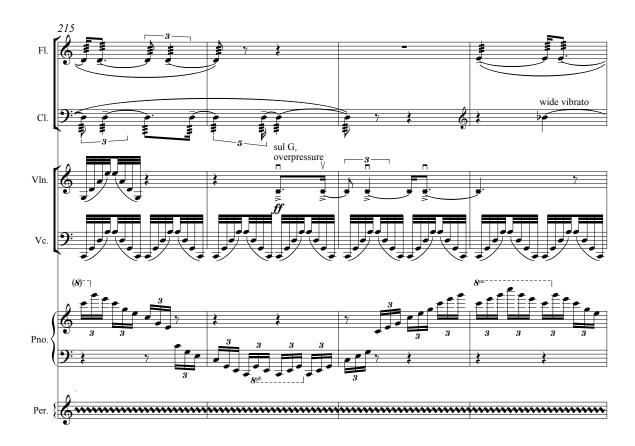


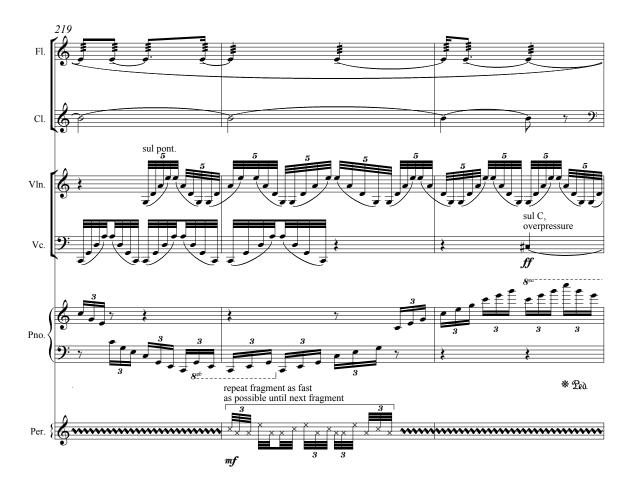








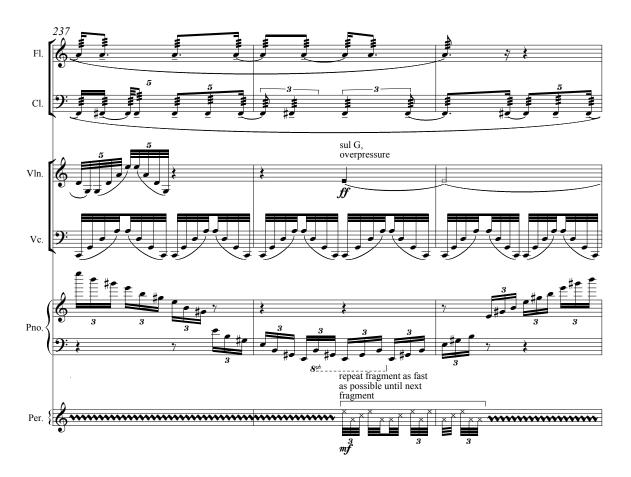


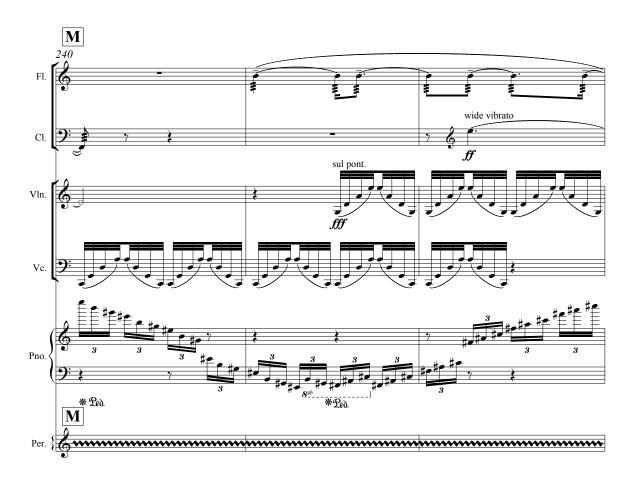


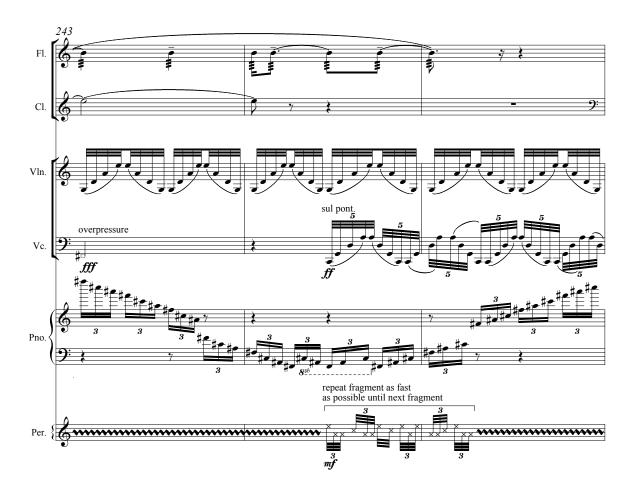


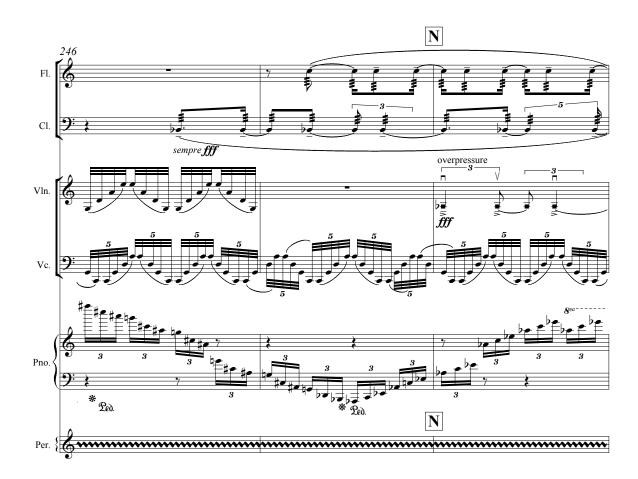


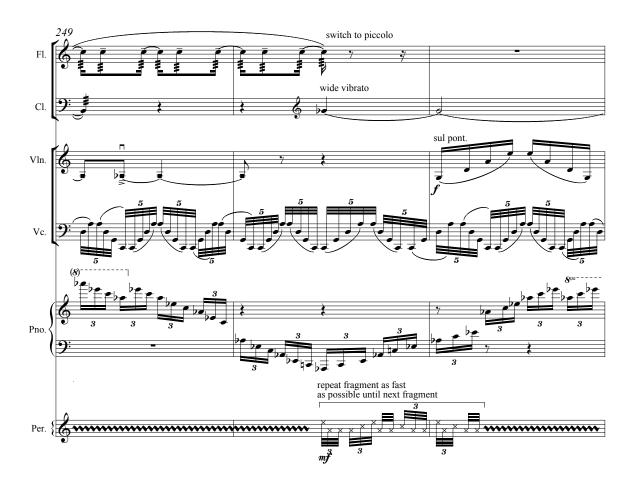


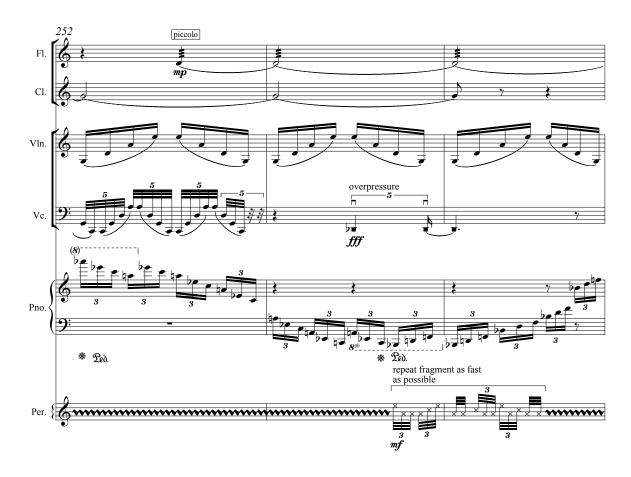


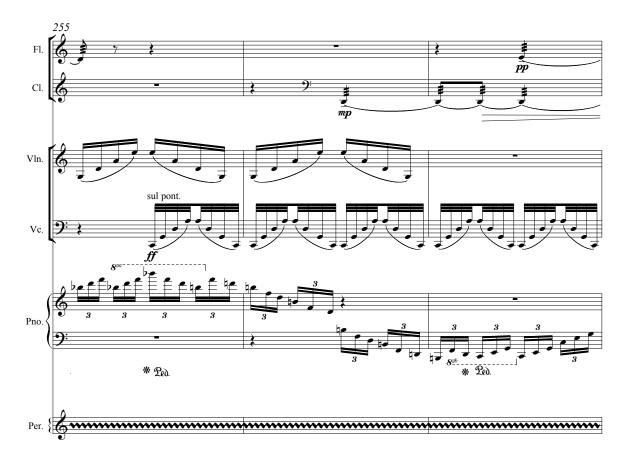








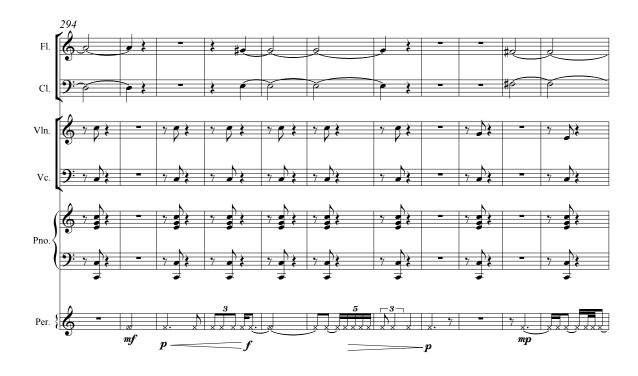




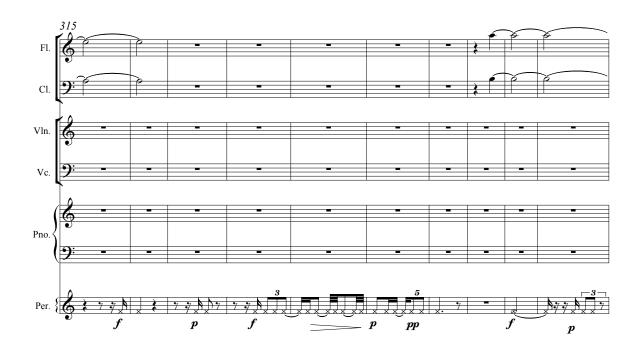


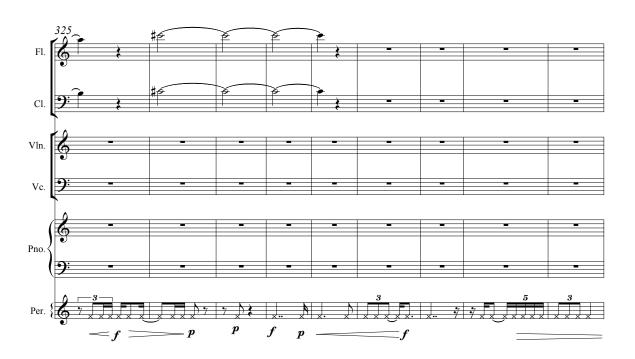


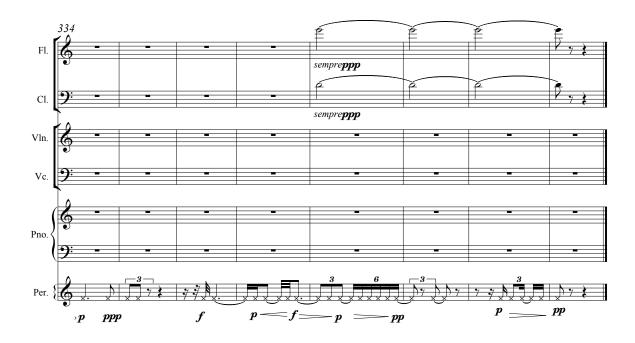












## Wonderful Things

for soprano, guitar, percussion

David Wightman

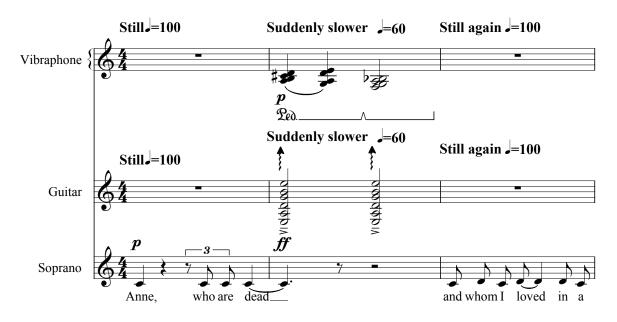
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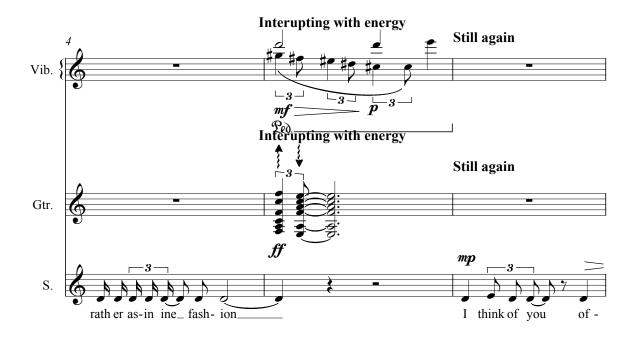
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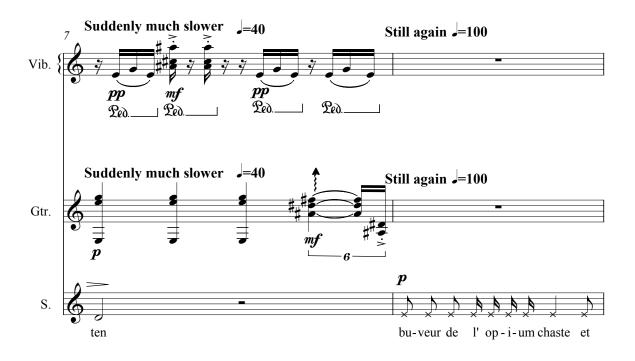
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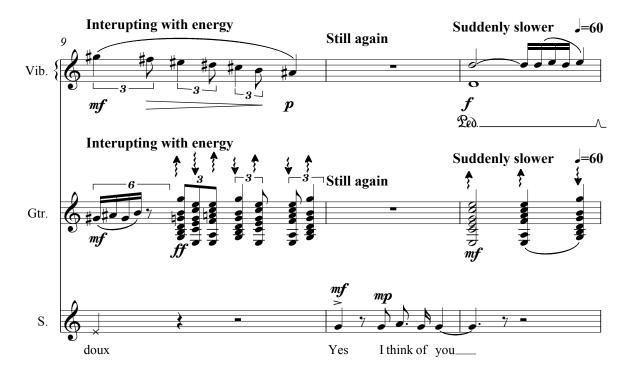
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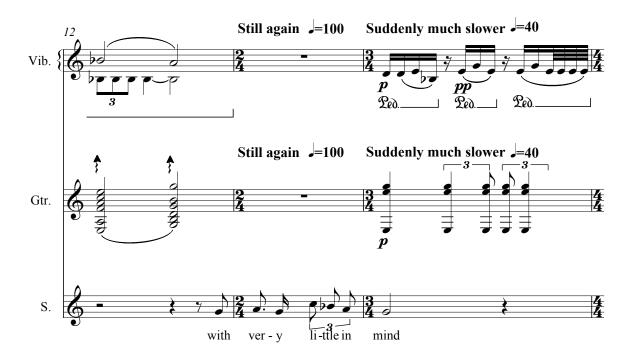
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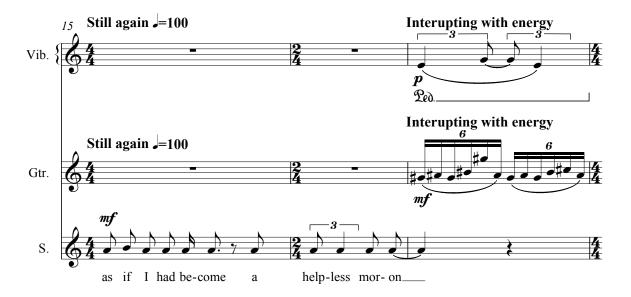


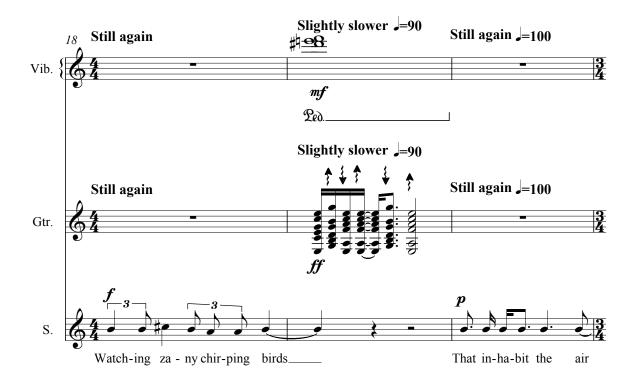


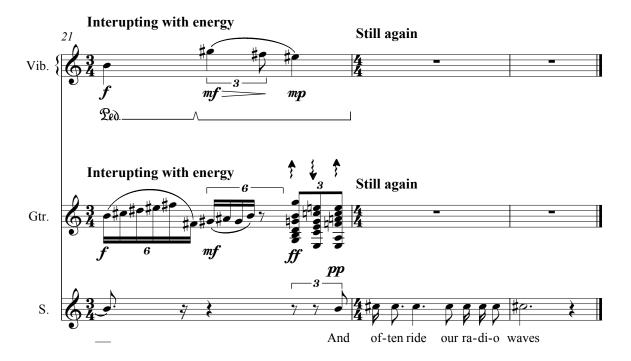




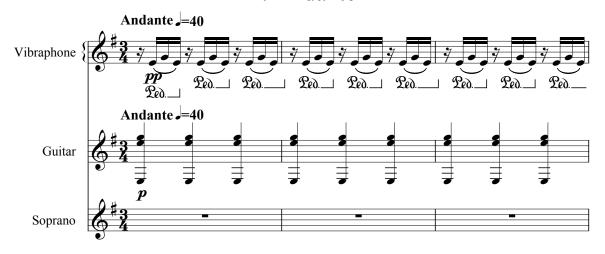




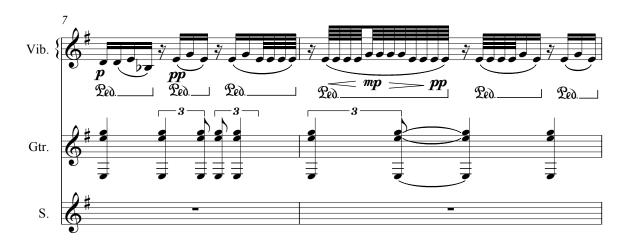


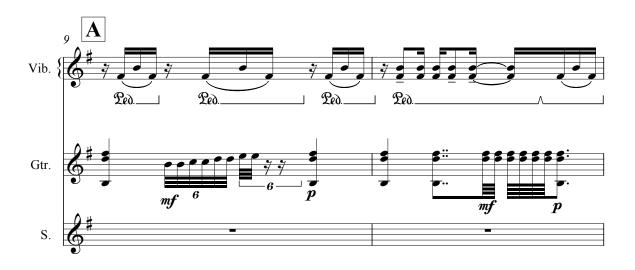


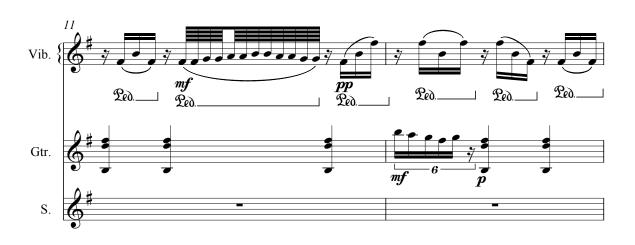
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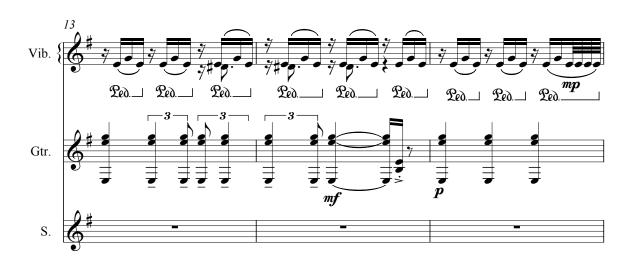


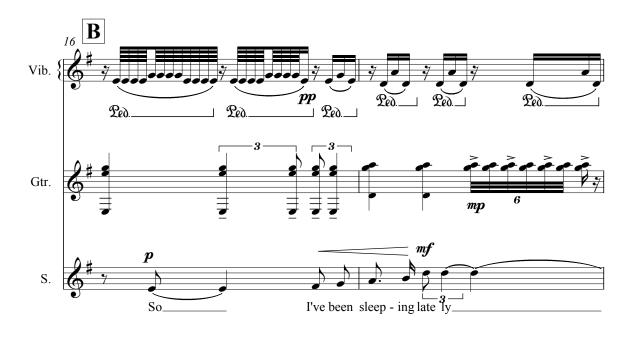


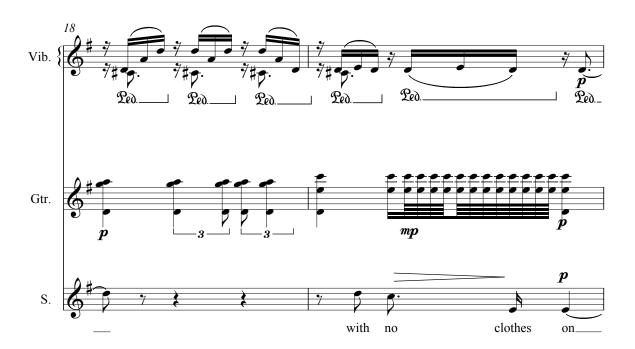


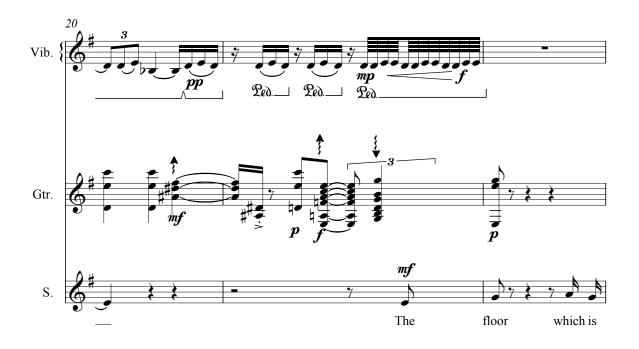


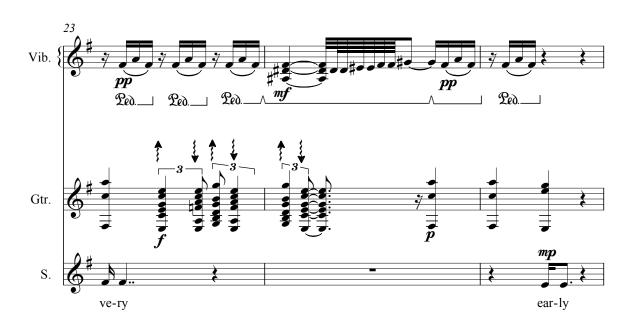


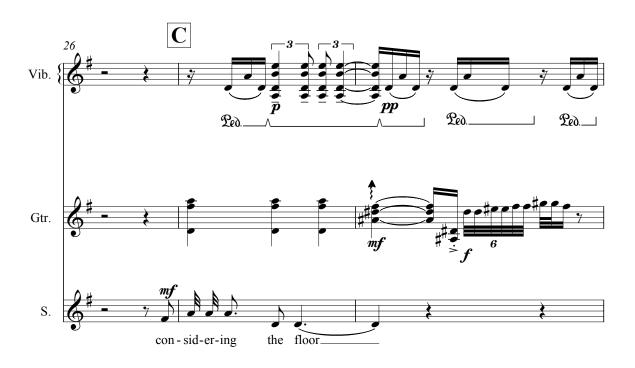


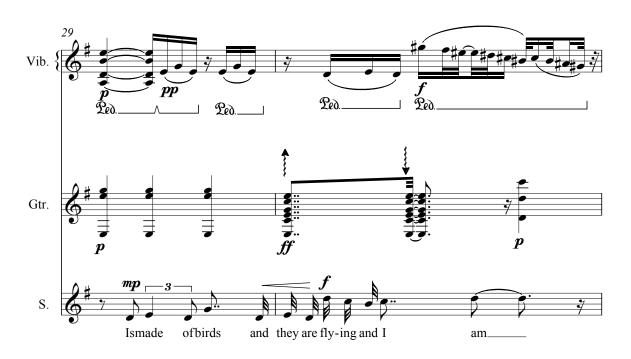


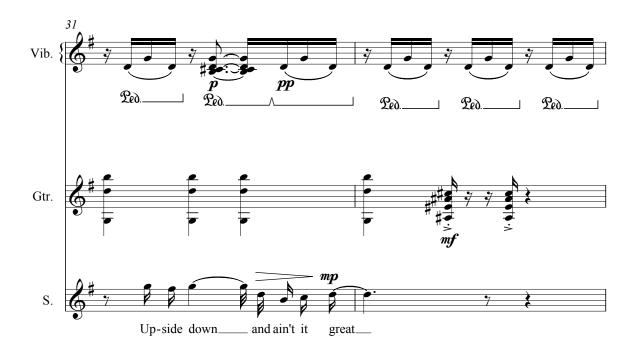


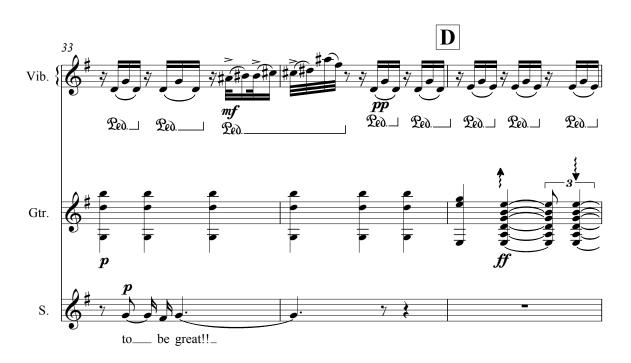


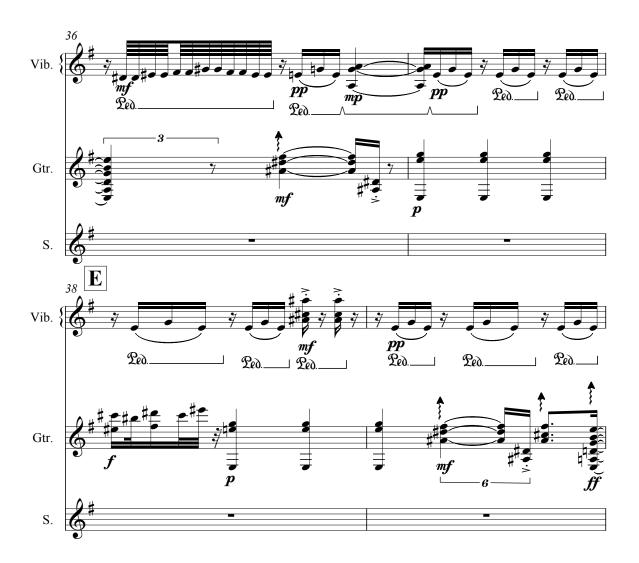


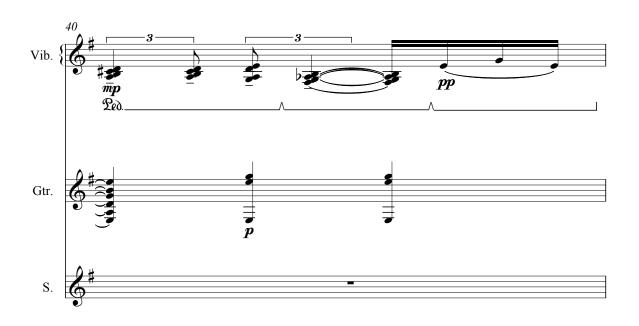


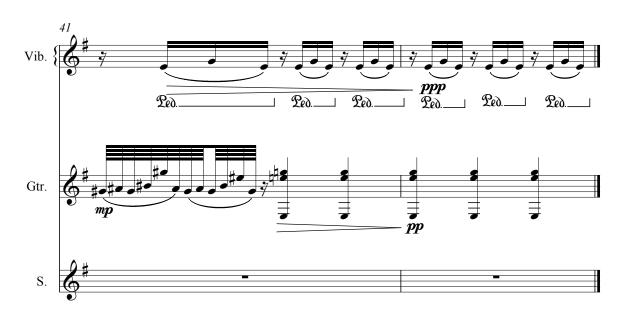












III: Scherzo

