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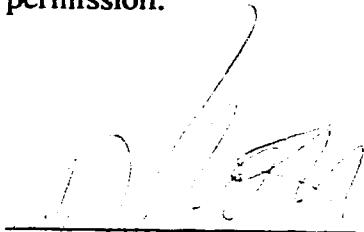
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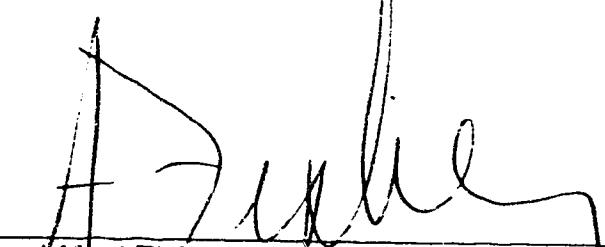
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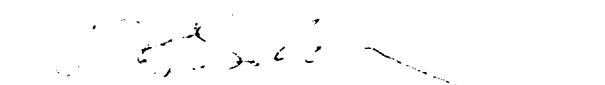
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Abstract

Arras: a Garden of Cinema is a musical setting of the poem "Arras," by P. K. Page. The work is scored for mezzo-soprano, string orchestra, string quartet, harp and three percussionists. It is comprised of two movements which are eight and twenty minutes long respectively and are to be performed without pause. An analysis accompanies the musical work.

Movement one is predominantly instrumental, utilizing the larger forces of the ensemble. The string orchestra and percussion I and II are featured prominently in this introductory movement and represent a force in opposition to the string quartet, harp and third percussion: movement I is characterized mainly by the idea of "process."

The second movement makes use of the voice as a focal point accompanied by small "concertante" chamber groups. String quartet, harp and percussion III are cast against the backdrop of the larger ensemble and play both in opposition to and in concert with it. The text utilized in movement II governs the direction and character of the music completely.

The setting of text is, essentially, the transformation of text and, as such, demands subtle, far-reaching interpretive decisions of the composer. I became aware of this as the poetry revealed itself to me over repeated readings and have designed the musical setting so as not to undermine the delicacy and subtlety of the text.

Arras: a Garden of Cinema envelopes a world invented by P. K. Page. This musical setting can be thought of as a shell built around a pre-existent structure. The music transforms and links the text into a larger formal unit which encloses and develops further its many ideas.

D. S.

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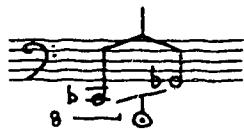
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Notes

Notation, concerning harp



Gong effect. Strike loudly with the palm a group of lowest wire strings. (Actual pitches not important).



Damp relevant strings



Muffle all strings



Muffle chord



Pedal glissando



Senza misura



Trill the two written pitches for duration of bracketed rest. Used in *senza misura* sections.

P.d.l.t.

Pres de la table
(play near the sounding board)



Waves through whole range of instrument according to curved outline.



Right hand plays pitch normally, left hand strikes the most resonant part of the sounding board with third finger.

Notation concerning other instruments and voice



Stringed instruments: play behind the bridge
(strings 2 and 3)



Stringed instruments: highest and lowest possible pitch.



All instruments and voice: senza misura



Percussion instruments: "spin" used on cymbals and tam tams. Scrape beater in quick, circular pattern along the face of instrument (not on the edge).



Percussion instruments: used on cymbals and tam tams. Scrape beater from centre of instrument to outer edge.

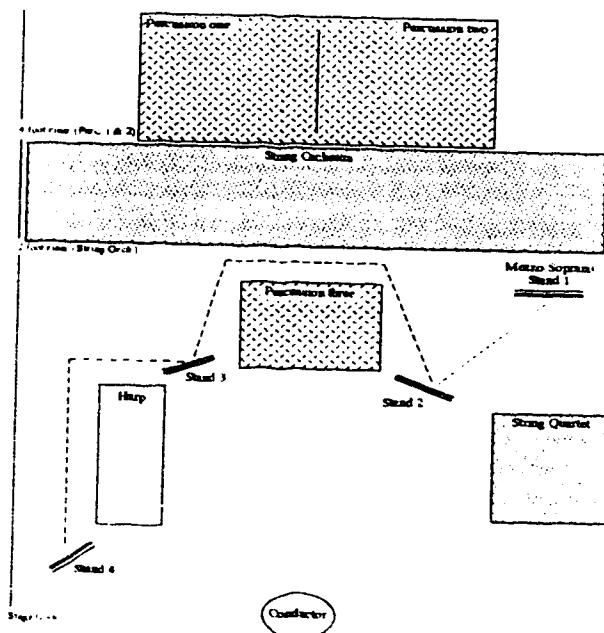


Percussion instruments: used on cymbals and tam tams. Slow circular motion with beater for duration notated.

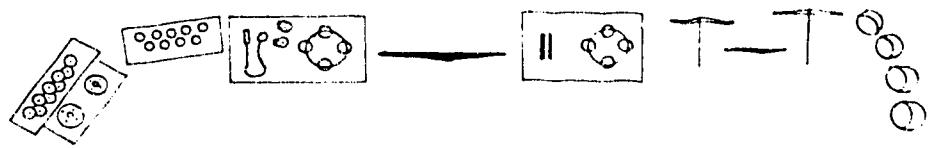


Percussion instruments: damp vibration of instrument. Symbol can be used with directive "damp gradually."

Stage Set-up



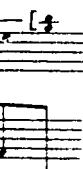
Percussion Set-up and Requirements



Percussion #1

- Brake Drums (2) —
Castanets —
Tambourine —
Large Tam Tam (shared)
Jawbone —
Four Tom Toms —
Bass Drum (mounted) —
Timpani (30", 28", 25", 23") —
Tubular Bells —
Crotales —
Vibraphone (shared)

Notation

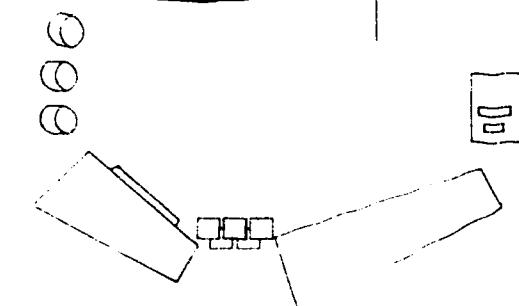


Notation



Percussion #2

- Cymbal (14" sus. med. weight)
Cymbal (16" sus. med. weight)
Metal Wind Chimes —
Tambourine —
Small Tam Tam —
Large Tam Tam (shared)
Wooden Wind Chimes —
Claves —
Four Tom Toms —
Marimba —
Xylophone (shared)



Percussion #3

- Cymbal (16" sus. med. weight)
Large Tam Tam.
Woodblocks (high and low).
Temple Blocks (5)
Three Tom Toms
Vibes
Marimba

Notation



Mallets

	Triangle Beater
	Bass Bow
	Chime Hammer (2)
	Metal Hammer (2)
	Rubber Mallets (soft, medium, hard)
	Yarn Mallets (soft, medium, hard)
	Timpani Mallets (soft, medium, hard)
	Timpani Mallets used on Timpani and other instruments (soft, medium, hard)
	Ride Drum and Tam Tam Beater

Arras: a Garden of Cinema

A

$\text{J}=92$

I

David R. Scott

This is a handwritten musical score for an orchestra and ensemble. The score is divided into sections by instrument groups:

- String Section:** Violin I, Violin II, Viola, Cello, Bass.
- Percussion:** Percussion I, Percussion II, Percussion III.
- Vocal:** Mezzo-Soprano.
- String Quartet:** (represented by four staves).
- Harp:** Includes markings like "EYEGEAD DCCG B" and "mp".

The score includes dynamic markings such as fff , ff , f , mf , mp , and pp . There are also performance instructions like "slmp" and "Cymbal". The tempo is marked as $\text{J}=92$.

2

This page contains ten staves of handwritten musical notation. The instruments listed on the left are: Vln I, Vln II, Vla, Vc, B, PERC I, PERC II, Mx, STN, and HRP. The notation includes various note heads, stems, and rests, with many dynamics like *f*, *p*, *pp*, and *mp*. There are also performance instructions such as "shmp" and "xyle". Measure numbers 3 and 5 are circled.

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc

B

PERC I

PERC II

Mx

STN

HRP

3

5

xyle

shmp

D[#], C_b

5

A page of handwritten musical notation for orchestra and percussion. The score is organized into sections:

- Section I:** Features parts for Vln I, Vln II, Vla, Vc, and Drums. The drums play eighth-note patterns. Dynamics include *p*, *pp*, *mf*, *sfpp*, and *fff*. The section ends with a dynamic of *pp*.
- Section II:** Features parts for Perc I and Perc II. Perc I includes Tom-Toms and Crotales. Perc II includes Snare and Bass Drum.
- Section III:** Features parts for Snare, Bass Drum, and Percussion. The snare and bass drum play eighth-note patterns. Percussion includes a dynamic of *mf*.

The notation uses standard musical symbols like quarter notes, eighth notes, and sixteenth notes, along with specific markings for dynamics and performance techniques. The page is filled with dense musical lines across ten staves.

4

1 (cont.) *p* *f*
 VLN I *mp* *p*
 VLN II *p* *diss.* *p* *f*
 VLA *n*
 Vc *p* *p* *p* *p*
 Vcl. *p* *p* *p* *p*
 PERC J *p* *b* *b* *b* *b*
 Tom-Toms *f*
 Timpani *sub-p* *p*
 Bd. Drm. *p*
 Marimba *ff* *mf* *ff* *mf* *ff*
 cymbal
 AS
 STR
 HDP *p* *p* *p* *p*
 C4. C6
 AB *mf* *p* *p* *p* *p*

B

= 120

5

Accel.

Vln I Vln II Vla Vc B PERC I PERC II M/S HORN STN MET STN MET PERC III

El → El, A → F

22

4 5 4 4

EFFECTS
DRUMS

D

Handwritten markings and text are present throughout the score, including "Accel." at the top left, dynamic markings like "mp", "f", and "ff", and various performance instructions for the instruments.

6

Vln I
Vln II
Vln III
Vcl
Vla
Vc
Pft I
Pft II
MS
Hpf

Vibes ff

ppp mf

44

(26)

98

44

OFF

JET

OFF

JET

(30)

This page contains six staves of handwritten musical notation. The staves are labeled on the left: 'ORCH.', 'STR.', 'PERC. I', 'PERC. II', 'PERC. III', and 'PERC. IV'. The notation includes various note heads, stems, and rests. Dynamics such as 'mp' (mezzo-piano), 'mf' (mezzo-forte), and 'ff' (fortissimo) are indicated. Measure numbers '5' and '6' are written above the staff lines. Measures 5 and 6 show complex rhythmic patterns with many eighth and sixteenth notes.

(31)

This page contains six staves of handwritten musical notation, continuing from page 30. The staves are labeled: 'ORCH.', 'STR.', 'PERC. I', 'PERC. II', 'PERC. III', and 'PERC. IV'. The notation shows sustained notes and chords. Measures 4 and 5 are indicated by large black numerals. Measures 4 and 5 feature sustained notes with dynamic markings like 'p' (pianissimo) and 'ff' (fortissimo). Measures 6 and 7 are also indicated by large black numerals.

8

36

STR. dec.
PIA.
PERC. I
PERC. II
HDP

C

39

STR. GET.
PIA.
STR. STAMP
HDP

wood blocks etc.

9

VLN I

VLN II

VLA

VCL

PERCUSSION I
Bongo Drums, Jawbone, Tom-Toms, Timpani, BD. H.

CLAVES

MS

(42)

PERCUSSION II
Side, Cymbal, Tam-Tam

HARP

10

VLN I VLN II VLA VC B
 8 9 10 11 12
 PER. I PER. II STR. STR. PER. III

Vibes (motor 1 and 2)
 m6

5
4

4

25746588
 D1 C# B9

48
 VIOLIN I
 VIOLIN II
 VIOLA
 CELLO
 DOUBLE BASS I
 DOUBLE BASS II
 HARPS

51
 VIOLIN I + II
 VIOLA
 CELLO
 DOUBLE BASS
 DOUBLE BASS II
 HARPS

Measures 48 and 51 of a musical score. The score is for orchestra, featuring parts for Violin I, Violin II, Viola, Cello, Double Bass I, Double Bass II, and Harps. Measure 48 starts with dynamic ff in the upper strings and basses. It includes instructions like (Pizz.) and (Arco) for various instruments. Measure 51 begins with a dynamic ff and includes dynamics such as ff, mf, f, mp, and ff. The harp part in measure 51 features sustained notes with grace notes and dynamic markings like ff, ff ff, ff ff ff, and ff ff ff ff.

54

12

VLN I + II
VLA
VC
DB
PERC. I
PERC. II
HARP

57

54

ARCH
STB
PERC. I
PERC. II
HARP

Detailed description: This is a handwritten musical score page, likely page 54 of a larger work. It features ten staves of music. The top section (measures 54) includes staves for VLN I + II, VLA, VC, DB, PERC. I, PERC. II, and HARP. The bottom section (measures 55-56) includes staves for ARCH, STB, PERC. I, PERC. II, and HARP. The notation is dense with various note heads, stems, and rests. Dynamic markings such as *pizz.*, *pizz. (div.)*, *pizz. (div.) Aria*, *f*, *mp*, *mf*, *ff*, and *sf* are scattered throughout. Measure 54 ends with a forte dynamic (ff) and measure 55 begins with a piano dynamic (p). Measure 56 concludes with a ff dynamic.

13

(60)

Vln I
Vln II
Vla
Vc
Vcl
Vcl II
Perc I
Perc II
Harp

5

D (63)

CFTR
STR.
PERC I
PERC II
Harp

Tabular Cells TT
Na - SSZ

Marimba ♩

(66) 14

ORCH.

STR.

PERC. I

PERC. II

H.P.

H.P.

(67) 14

ORCH.

STR.

PERC. I

PERC. II

H.P.

(72)

R.I.

15

art. N.
STR
PERL I

(76)

 $J = 46$

Vln II Vln I
Vc
B8
PERL I
Met. Wind Chimes
MS
STR
GTR
PERL II
Tom Tom
KDP

Musical score page 76. The top section shows staves for Vln II, Vln I, Vc, and B8. The middle section shows staves for PERL I (Met. Wind Chimes) and MS. The bottom section shows staves for STR, GTR, PERL II (Tom Tom), and KDP. The score includes dynamic markings like f, ff, p, pp, and mf. Text in the middle section includes "No", "one.", and "No one". Measures 47 through 51 are shown.

MUSIC SHEET 79

STR. — QUIET

P.III f

B.1st m^f

B.2nd p

Alto # [#] ^o

ord. p

ord. (P) ³

sfp ³

sfp (S) mp ³

Large Tam-Tam ff ³

mp

PERC. I

ms pp

join

No one joins those figures

Harp mp

Cymbal (blown) mp f

Vibes ff (motor oil)

PERC. III

STR. — QUIET

ff p mp pp pp p

ff p (P) ff p

ff p (P) ff p (P) mp

ff p pp p mp

ms

Harp cb cb cb cb cb cb cb cb

PERC. III

86

Vibes
Xylophone

(Lester on Vibes)

pian. I
pian. II
M. S.
C. S.
S. S.
M. S.
Pian. III

pian. I
pian. II
M. S.
C. S.
S. S.
M. S.
Pian. III

87

pian. I
pian. II
M. S.
C. S.
S. S.
M. S.
Pian. III

88

pian. I
pian. II
M. S.
C. S.
S. S.
M. S.
Pian. III

1. VLN I
2. VLN II
3. ULA
4. VC
5. PERC I
Tambourine (th roll)
6. PERC II
Marimba
7. MUS
the fu-ture
on-this
or-eas
8. QTET
9. STR
10. HRP
11. PERC III
Cymbal

(95)

Vln I
Vln II
Vla
Vc
Perc I
Perc II

Tambourine (th roll)

fear

the future

Tom Tom

5 2

77 $\text{B} = \text{j} = 126$
 20

VLN II VLN I
 VLA
 Vc
 PERCU I
 PERCU II Marimba

109

VLN I
 VLN II
 VLA
 Vc
 PERCU I
 PERCU II

104

STR. ORCH.

21

STR.

PERC. I

PERC. II

105

STR. ORCH.

PERC. I

PERC. II

110

22

STR. ORCH.

Perc. I

Perc. II

STR. ORCH.

Perc. I

Perc. II

Harp

5
4

111

5
4

116

23

117

118

119

120

DRCN

STR

PFLC I

PFLC II

MHP

DRCN

STR

PFLC I

PFLC II

122 RIT $\text{J}=100$
 24 (molto)

5
 4

(Ancl) STR. VLN. I VLA. Vc. O PERCUSSION I

wooden windchimes
 xylophone $\uparrow\downarrow$
 Large tamtam $\alpha \beta$
 (imp)

125

STR. QTET
 Pizz. pp mp Sol & Pizz. β
 Sust. Area
 pp mp pp pp mp

HARP
 EFF. GTR. DO C B7
 eb fb

vibraphone pp pp

Part I

Bass drum ff

(mf)

Part II

ms

Part III

p mf ff
The spinning world 15

STR. (mf) f pp (b) (c) ff
(mf) f pp (b) (c) ff
Harp (mf) f pp (b) (c) ff
Part II (Vibes) pp

Part I (130)

vibes ff

ms

Struck upon its poles

ms 3 3 mp 3 3 3 3
fear the

Congord
concord
concord
concord
ms 3 3 3 3
shmp ff
ms 3 3 3 3
shmp ff
ms 3 3 3 3
shmp ff
Part II

(135)

PERC. I

PERC. II

ms.

GRET

STR

TUBA

stop

su-ture

ppp

mp

f

mf

mp

pp

attacca

A

 $J=42$ 

Con Sord. (1-3)

Violin I

Violin II

Viola

Cello

Bass

vibes 3:2 PP PP

Percussion I

Tom Tom (large) $\alpha \text{ ff}$

Percussion II

Mezzo-Soprano

Singer move to stand 2 Ah

(Con Sord.) pp mp

String Quartet

Harp

vibes ff pp

Percussion III

Detailed description: This is a handwritten musical score page. At the top left is a square rehearsal mark. In the center is a tempo marking 'J=42'. The score consists of ten staves. From top to bottom: Violin I, Violin II, Viola, Cello, Bass, Percussion I (with a vibraphone part), Percussion II (with a tom-tom part), Mezzo-Soprano (with a vocal instruction 'Singer move to stand 2 Ah'), String Quartet (with a dynamic instruction '(Con Sord.)'), Harp, and Percussion III (with a vibraphone part). Various dynamics like 'pp', 'mp', 'ff', and 'ff ff' are written above the staves. Measure numbers '1' and '3' are written above the first and third measures respectively.

28

5

VLN I
VLN II
PERCU
PERCU II
MS.
STR.
CHRT
HARP
B

(con sord.) *(con sord.)* *(con sord.)* *(con sord.)*

d=50 *mp* *s* *Con-si - der a new - ha - bit*

11

fp *p*

29

(16)

mf 3 3
clas - si - cal

2 3 2 3 2 3
4 8 4 4 4 4

STR STR STR STR STR STR

mf 3 3
clas - si - cal

2 3 2 3 2 3
4 8 4 4 4 4

STR STR STR STR STR STR

(21)

p mf
and trees es - sa - li - ered on the wall

mp sub pp mf 3
like - Can - da - la bra

3 2 3
4 4

STR STR STR STR STR STR

mf p
and trees es - sa - li - ered on the wall

mp sub pp mf 3
like - Can - da - la bra

STR STR STR STR STR STR

(25)

30

Handwritten musical score for orchestra and vocal parts. The score includes staves for Oboe, Clarinet, Bassoon, Cello, Double Bass, Trombone, Percussion I, Percussion II, Vibraphone, and Voice. The vocal part has lyrics: "How Still up - on that lawn". Measure numbers 25 and 30 are indicated at the top right. Various dynamics like pp, f, mf, and ff are used throughout the score.

(30)

Handwritten musical score for orchestra and vocal parts. The vocal part continues with lyrics: "San - dalled feet". Measures 30 and 31 are indicated at the top left. The score includes staves for Oboe, Clarinet, Bassoon, Cello, Double Bass, Timpani, Tam Tam (small), Tam Tam (large), Vibraphone, and Percussion. Dynamics include pp, mp, fff, ff, and ffz.

35

Musical score page 35, system 1. The page contains six staves of music. The first two staves are for Picc. I and Picc. II. The third staff is for M. The fourth staff is for STR (String Quartet) with parts for STB (String Bass), STA (String Alto), SVA (String Violin), and SVI (String Violin). The fifth staff is for PER. I (Percussion I). The sixth staff is for PER. II (Percussion II). The music includes dynamic markings like f (fortissimo), ff (fortississimo), p (pianissimo), pp (pianississimo), and mf (mezzo-forte). Text in the music includes "Horn still", "B4, E6, C4", "Sez. Sord", "Picc. (1)", "mf (Arco) (1)", "(Arco) (3) mp", "mp", "mf", and "Marimba". There are also several large, hand-drawn black arrows pointing downwards towards the bottom of the page.

31

132

Musical score page 31, system 2. The page contains seven staves of music. The first five staves are identical to the ones on page 35. The sixth staff is for PER. I. The seventh staff is for PER. II. The music includes dynamic markings like f, ff, p, pp, and mf. Text in the music includes "f", "Picc. (1)", "mf (Arco) (1)", "(Arco) (3) mp", "mp", "mf", and "Marimba". There are also several large, hand-drawn black arrows pointing downwards towards the bottom of the page.

(49)

mezzo-soprano, under the branch) *pp*

(whisper, under the branch)

(Arco) (1) *pizz. (1-3)*

(4) (Arco) *pizz. (4,5)*

bz

(1-3) *div. (1-2)*

Arco (3) *gloss.*

(1) *bz*

(2) *bz*

(1) *bz*

(Tamtam, bowed) *mp* *f*

wooden wind chimes *mp* *sl. s.*

7 3

8 4

Arco *pizz. mp*

pizz. *mp*

pizz. *sp*

Instrumentalists repeatedly whisper the line "Through whose eye did it insinuate in furtive disguise..." for the duration indicated. The actual words will not be clearly audible.

" Instrumentalists repeatedly whisper the line "Through whose eye did it insinuate in furtive disguise..." for the duration indicated. The actual words will not be clearly audible.

53

(57)

Musical score page 35, system 57. The score is for orchestra and choir. The top section shows multiple staves with various instruments and voices. The middle section has two staves for 'PERCUSSION I' and 'PERCUSSION II'. The bottom section has two staves for 'STR. CHIT.' and 'PERCUSSION III'. The page is filled with musical notation, dynamics like ff, f, mp, and mf, and performance instructions. A large number '885' is handwritten on the right side.

56

Rit.

(61)

ORCH.

PERCUSSION I

PERCUSSION II

PERCUSSION III

MARIMBA

(whisper, under the breath)

Brake Drum

wooden wind chimes

Pont. 3 5

p cres.

Tam Tam pp pp

pp - s

Marimba

3

* Instrumentalists recite as mm. 49 and 54 (but slightly more urgently) the line "Through whose eye did it insinuate in furtive disguise to shake its jewels and silk upon that grass (?)". (Do not inflect the question mark at the end of the sentence).

D J = 96 37

VCLAS
TR
PERC I PERCUSSION (FRENT)
PERC II PERCUSSION (FRENT)

J = 96 2 4 3 4

M.S. But a pea - cock pea - cock ratt - ling his rat - tan

(ord.) (ord.) CTR STP PER III

mf pizz. Arco pizz. Arco

pizz. Arco pizz. Arco

pp

ff mf tail and Sorea - ming has found a point of entry

Arco pizz. Arco Arco pizz. Arco Arco pp

Arco pizz. Arco Arco pizz. Arco Arco pp

Eb 5 C 6 HARP

Rit — — — — $\text{J} = 84$

38

75

mp
p — mf — ff
Through whose eye

5 7
8 3

STR — off
b7
b7

p
(s) (s)

PERC III HARP
Cymbal & C
p — mf

76

mp
mf — s2 — p
did it in — sin — u — ate in

3 7
4 8

Aria
STR — off
b7
b7

mp
ff
Dg. Eb
Dg. Eb
mp
Vibes
p

PERC III

39

(15)

M. 5
forte
dis - guise

(16)

STR. forte
Harp
PERCUSSION

(17)

to shake his jewels and silk

(18)

STR. forte
Harp

40

(90) *that grass*

5 **8** **2** **4**

Sopr. Sopr. Arco
Harp Harp EH Cb

13 *Arco I* *Arco II* *(1, 2, 3)* *th*
Tom-Toms *pp*
BD. III *pp*

5 **8** **2** **4**

Sopr. Sopr. Pizz. Pizz.
Harp Harp Arco
Percl. II

bd. stop
sss *p* *g* *an* *ff* *mf*

Tamtam *pp* *mp*

F

(97)

L-58

Rit.

Violin I
Violin II
Cello
Double Bass
Trombone
Perc. I
Perc. II
String
Wind
Brass

(1-3) Punt. *s*
(4-5) Punt. *f*
(1-3) Punt. *s*
(4-5) Punt. *f*
(1-3) *s*
mp
(1-3) *s*
mf
(1-3) *f*
mf
ff
S.p.d. (1-3) *mf*
ff
ffff
Perc. I *s*
Perc. II Metal wind chimes *p* Wooden wind chimes *mp* Tom Tom *p*
ffff
p
String *mf* *pizz.* *pp*
pizz. *pp*
p *pizz.* *pp*
Wind *fff* *pp*
Brass (damp gradually) *ffff* *ppp*

L=50

(101)

Rit. - - - - A Tempo

ord. (1,2) 

STR. I

PERCU. I

PERCU. II

MS.

ATP.

STR. III

PERCU. III

(damp gradually)

The peaches hang like lanterns.

egyptian (chanted)

(106)

orch. *p* *pp*

(pp) *gliss.* *p* *pp* *gliss.* *p* *pp*

STR. *p* *pp*

Vibes (motor, k. sp.) *p* *p*

MAR. *p* *f*

PERC. *p* *p* *p* *p* *p* *p*

5 *mp* *f*

No - one joins these *fi - gures* *on*

Arc. *p* *mp* Arc. *p* *mp* Arc. *p* *mp* Arc. *p* *mp*

STR. *p* *p* *p* *p* *p* *p*

MUS. *p* *mf*

112

perc.

(2) p gliss.
pizz. (3,4,5)

(1) p
pizz. (3,4,5)

(1,2) gliss.
pizz. (3,4,5)

(2) p
gliss.

(1) p
gliss.

(1,2) p
gliss.
pizz.
(1) p
gliss.
pizz. (1,2)

3 9 16 4 3 5 8 4

the ar - ras

mp sub pp
on the ar - ras

str. ott.

mf —
mf —
mf —
mf —

mp —
mp —
mp —
mp —

pp —

[F]

Accel. — — — — (♩ = 60) — Accel. — — — — molto — — —

(118)

Orch.

(4) (1, 2, 3) (4, 5) (1, 2, 3) (4, 5)

Str.

4 4 3 2

meas.

Orff

meas.

119

46

(♩ = 80) ♩ = 50

(124)

ORCH.

STR.

Perc I

Bass drum

Bass drum ♩

Perc II

Tam-tam ♩

Singer moves to Wand 3

2

4

7

8

3

0

ATT.

STR.

ELF GUITAR
DC 7 02

Harp

Perc II

vibes

pp

[G]

$\text{J} = 63$

STR 1st
STR 2nd

Very free (rhapsodic)

Harp

MAR II

Harp

Harp

Harp

ppp
ff
mf
mp
ff
pp
ff
f

130 $(\text{♩} = 63)$ Rit. 49

Vln I
 Vcl I
 Vcl II
 Crotal.
 Vibes
 2 4 5 4 2 0

Gtr I
 Gtr II
 Harp
 Temp. blocks

$\text{♩} = 63$

Rit. — A tempo ($\text{♩} = 63$)

135

(137)

Musical score for orchestra and vibraphone (Vibe). The score consists of six systems of staves.

- System 1:** Percussion (Perc), Percussion (Perc), Percussion (Perc), Percussion (Perc), Percussion (Perc), Percussion (Perc). Measures show various rhythmic patterns with dynamics like f , ff , fff , pp , and mf .
- System 2:** Percussion (Perc), Percussion (Perc), Percussion (Perc), Percussion (Perc), Percussion (Perc), Percussion (Perc). Measures show sustained notes and dynamic markings like pizz. , mf , and bass .
- System 3:** Percussion (Perc), Percussion (Perc), Percussion (Perc), Percussion (Perc), Percussion (Perc), Percussion (Perc). Measures show eighth-note patterns with dynamics like ff , f , pp , and mp .
- System 4:** Vibraphone (Vibe). Measures show eighth-note patterns with dynamics like ff , f , pp , and mp . The staff is labeled "Vibe" with a double slash "VV".
- System 5:** Blank staff.
- System 6:** Blank staff.

The score is numbered 49 at the top right and 137 in a circle at the beginning of the first system. The vibraphone part is labeled "Vibe" with "VV" above it.

(1-5) #
(1-6)

STR.

PERCU.

PERCU. I

Castanets
Claves

DRST.

STR.

HARP.

PERCU. II

D=76 Pizz.
D=63 Pizz.
mp

C 12"
C 14"

Acc.
duet

Temple blocks 99

H_c H₃

OBOE
BASSOON
TROMBONE
PERCUSSION
Cymbal (s)
Bass Drum

Alto
Tenor
Bass

H_c *H₃*

105 106 107 108 109 110 111 112 113 114 115

ff f mp ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff

116 117 118 119 120 121 122 123 124 125 126

ff ff

* repeat pattern 3 times (*mf* — *p*) overall.

** when pizz. (str. orch.) stops, wait c. 2", then begin pattern.

*** begin new pattern c. 2" after cello (str. qtet.) entry.

(143)

$\frac{1}{2} = 138$

Rit. -----

STR. *PERC. I* *PERC. II* *PERC. III* *PERC. IV*

repeat 5 times (f \longrightarrow pp), hold last note.

J=120

(145)

DELM
PERC I
PERC II
PERC III
PERC IV

146

147

148

149

150

151

152

* conductor cue string quartet to begin at J1, then continue to lead string orchestra. String quartet and string orchestra begin to line up (rhythmically) by the end of m. 147.

*** conductor cue string quartet for change of pattern and string orchestra for downbeat tutti at J2.

K

7

(1-3)

(4-5)

(1-2)

(4-5)

(1-2)

(3)

(1-2)

(3)

(1-2)

(3)

(1-2)

K₁ *K₂* *K₃*

f=65

mp

f=69

ff

f=70

ff

mp

" conductor cue each string quartet member's entrance.

** repeat until 2nd "F" is reached in Vla (c. 15"), finish current figure, repeat once, then stop

K4 K5

7°

poco

B144 (a) 7° **

VLN I
VLN II
VCL
VLA

(b) 7° **

(c) 7° **

(d) 7° **

(e) 7° **

(f) 7° **

7°

126 (c,d)

Tom-Toms
Cymbals (2)
Tom-Toms

Repeat 3 times

148 (1st time only)
Vibes (2nd + 3rd time)
ff
mp

168 ***

STR.
DR.

(e) ff
mp
ff

* high "F" should be held until all players (string quartet) have been silent at least 3 seconds. Conductor then cues K4.

*** at 1st vibe A#, go to *pp*, at 2nd A#, crescendo *pp* — *ff*.

** at K5 all strings join single players but reduce dynamics to *mp*. Do not attempt to match (or avoid) the rhythmic patterns of the players around you. At 1st vibe A#, go to *pp*, at 2nd A#, crescendo *pp* — *ff*.

56

STR.
STR.

(1,2) Pizz
(1,2) Pizz
(1,2) Pizz

STR.
STR.
STR.
STR.
STR.
STR.
STR.
STR.
STR.
STR.

4 3 5 3 2

M.S.
who am I? or who am I be- come

STR. GUIT. STR.
STR. GUIT. STR.
STR. GUIT. STR.

E F# G A D E G B
P.L. & P.
pp mt

PERC. III
Marimba
pp

(155)

VLN I
VLN II
VCL
2 4 5 3 2 4 5 8

walk-ing here I am ob-Ser-ver oth-er

QETT
SIE
AER III

mp p (p) mp mf

PISS. ff

(1)

VLN I

(Pizz.)

VLN II

(Pizz.)

(Pizz.)

(Pizz.)

PFL. I

Vibes

PFL. II

Mariimba

MS.

3:2

Ca - mi - mi

STR. QUARTET

Aria

Aria

(6)

(6)

PERCUSSION

mf

sub mp

mf

mf

mf

mf

(163)

Aria (1)

pp

pp

pp

(1-5)

(4,5)

(1-1)

pp

Aria (4)

pp

Aria (5)

pp

(1,2)

pp

(1)

pp

VI. N. I.

VI. N. II.

VI. N. III.

Part I

Part II

Part III

M.

G.T.

S.P.

H.P.

III. (72)

58

starred

for

green

p.12

D.C. G.B.

mp

(1)

mf

(118)

Accel

VLN I

VLA

PERC I

PERC II

MUS

PERC III

38

2

4

gor den of C

mp (pizz.)

pizz.

mp

cresc

cresc

mp

M

69

ORCH

(172) 5 6 2 8 5

5 6 2 8 5

(176) 2 3 2 4

2 3 2 4

(180)

16

This is a page from a musical score for orchestra. The top staff is labeled 'ORCH'. The page contains six staves of music. Measure numbers 69, 172, 176, and 180 are indicated. Large black numbers 5, 6, 2, 8, and 5 are superimposed on the music in measures 172 and 176. Measures 176 and 180 also feature large black numbers 2, 3, and 2, 4. The music consists of various note heads and stems, with dynamics like 'f', 'mp', and 'mf' and performance instructions like 'rit.' and 'rit.'. The notation is dense and typical of a complex orchestral piece.

62

2

186

= 76

STR. ORCH.

perc I

perc II

7 3
16 4

QET

STR.

perc II

This is a page from a musical score. The top half contains measures 2 and 16, with measure 16 subdivided into measures 3 and 4. The notation includes staves for strings (labeled 'STR.'), orchestra ('ORCH.'), and two types of percussion ('perc I' and 'perc II'). The tempo is set at 76. The bottom half continues the score, featuring staves for strings ('STR.'), percussion ('perc II'), and a section labeled 'QET'. Various dynamics and performance instructions are scattered throughout the score, such as 'vibes ff' and 'maracas ff'.

65

PERCUSSION

PERCUSSION II

M

PERCUSSION III

574

(mf) ff

I ask

p

puff

ff

mf

ff

PERCUSSION

PERCUSSION II

M

PERCUSSION III

574

(mf) ff

I ask

p

puff

ff

mf

ff

16

7 2 3
16 4 4

what did they do

(mp) f Tom Toms

110 BPM

Sprechstimme: Generally follow the shape of line indicated. pitch is not important. Portray the emotional content of the text.

65

11
10
9
8
7
6
5
4
3
2
1

perc. I
perc. II
perc. III

vibes

piano

trumpet

cello

double bass

violin

clarinet

flute

woodwind

perc. I
perc. II
perc. III

in this pack?
The cards, all suites are ro-yal when I look.
my sing - ers

cello
(piano)

(trumpet)
Aria

(violin)
Aria

perc. I
perc. II
perc. III

(10)

66

Soprano
Alto
Tenor
Bass
Percussion I
Percussion II
Percussion III
Drums
Bassoon
Cello
Double Bass

mf ff sf

Slip - ping on a man - arch's face twitch and grow slack. I want a hand to clutch

P

67

(20)

A 6

DREN

(d₁) (d₂) (d₃) (d₄) (d₅) (d₆) (d₇) (d₈)

STE

PERL I

PERL II

Symbol TV

4 **3** **2** **3** **4**

M.5

heart to crack No one is moving now

GTR

CIA

sub pp

Harp

Tam Tam

Tam Tam

(20)

(p)

the Still ness

15

in

but

fi

into

2
23
23
4

STR. AMET

(212)

Accel.

mf

If I should make

sf

a

sf

a

sf

a

(whisper)

a

3
45
43
46
8

STR. AMET

EXTRAS

D.C. G.P.

mf

ff

217

48 76 69

VLN I
VLN II
VLA

(1,2)
(1)
(2) Arco *pizz.*
pizz. *pizz.*

Pizz.
(Arco)
Arco
mp

f
mp
mf

6 8 **2 4** **5 8** **6 8** **2 4** **5 8**

i
break
take to my

22

1.16

VLN I
VLN II
VLA

8 6 5 **3**

M.S. **8 6 5** **3**

Spring-y heels? But no thing moves

CRTT
STR

pizz. *pizz.* *pizz.* *pizz.* *pizz.* *pizz.*

(22)

p — 5:2d —

The Spinning world

15 stuck u - pan

16s rules

STC — QTET

mf
gliss

mf
pp

mf
pp

mf
pp

Perc III

vibes ♩♩♩ (motor ½ speed)

mp
pp

(250)

p — mp

the skill - ness

points

STC

p
mf
gliss
pp

p
mf
pp

p
mf
pp

mp
mf

71

(25)

me
s. R.
S. R.
Bass Drum

(1-3) (4-5) (1-2) (4-5) (3) (1-2) (3) (1-2)

5
4
3
2
1

a - bone - at me I - fear the fu - ture -

QTR. QTR. S. R. S. R.

EXTRA DICE AT PP - mf

400

ART II

72

(23)

250

orch.

STR.

PERC. I

PERC. II

MIS.

STR.

PERC. III

Wood Blocks

Tom Toms

Timpani

mp = f

Cymbal

metal wash chimes

mp = ff

on — this — er — eas

pp

mf

ff

mp

pp

73
d = 126
(248)

24

7 3 2 5 8 3 2 7

24

Aria

Vc

24

Vc
Snare
Subpp
P.22
P.22
Aria
m.c.

24

7 2 5 8

Singer move to grand 4

perc. I
perc. II
perc. III

Timpani
Tam Tam (lgo)
Temple Blocks

(280)

0 (Anie) (Anie)

3 4 6 8

Part I Part II Part III

(286)

Vc. (Anie) (Anie)

0 (Tom Tom) (Tom Tom)

3 4 Wooden wind chimes

Wood Block

295

VLA

PERC I

PERC II

PERC III

Tempo blocks

296

VLA

VC

Handwritten numbers: 6, 2, 8, 4, 5, 8, 6, 8

This image shows two pages of a handwritten musical score. The top page (page 295) has ten staves. The first staff is for VLA (Violin). The second staff is for PERC I (percussion). The third staff is for PERC II (percussion). The fourth staff is for PERC III (percussion). The fifth staff is for another PERC III (percussion). The sixth staff is blank. The seventh staff is blank. The eighth staff is blank. The ninth staff is blank. The tenth staff is blank. There are various musical markings such as dynamics (pp, mf, ff), articulations (staccato dots), and performance instructions (e.g., "Symbol"). Handwritten numbers are overlaid on the score: '6' and '2' above the PERC I staff, '8' and '4' below it, '5' and '8' above the PERC III staff, and '6' and '8' below it. The bottom page (page 296) has ten staves. The first staff is for VLA. The second staff is for PERC I. The third staff is for PERC II. The fourth staff is for PERC III. The fifth staff is for another PERC III. The sixth staff is blank. The seventh staff is blank. The eighth staff is blank. The ninth staff is blank. The tenth staff is blank. There are various musical markings such as dynamics (pp, ff), articulations (staccato dots), and performance instructions (e.g., "Arco"). Handwritten numbers are overlaid on the score: '5' and '8' above the PERC I staff, '2' and '4' below it, '5' and '8' above the PERC III staff, and '6' and '8' below it.

77

vla

vi

Part I

Part II

Part III

5 8 6 2 4 8

11

308

VN

5 8 6 4 2 5 8 6 2 4

CUA

(313)

Flute
Clarinet
Bassoon
Oboe
Bassoon
Trombone
(w)
Trombone
Trombone
(w)
(w)
Double Bass
Cello

2
45
86
92
48
9

Pizz.
Aria
pp
mf

Pizz.
Pizz.
mf

Handwritten musical score for orchestra, page 80. The score consists of ten staves. The first staff is for strings (Violin I, Violin II, Viola, Cello). The second staff is for woodwinds (Flute, Clarinet, Bassoon). The third staff is for brass (Trombone, Horn). The fourth staff is for percussion (Drum, Cymbal). The fifth staff is for piano. The sixth staff is for strings (Violin I, Violin II, Viola, Cello). The seventh staff is for woodwinds (Flute, Clarinet, Bassoon). The eighth staff is for brass (Trombone, Horn). The ninth staff is for percussion (Drum, Cymbal). The tenth staff is for piano. The score includes dynamic markings such as *f*, *ff*, *p*, *mp*, and *sf*. The page number 80 is circled at the top left.

Continuation of the handwritten musical score for orchestra, page 80. The score consists of ten staves. The first staff is for strings (Violin I, Violin II, Viola, Cello). The second staff is for woodwinds (Flute, Clarinet, Bassoon). The third staff is for brass (Trombone, Horn). The fourth staff is for percussion (Drum, Cymbal). The fifth staff is for piano. The sixth staff is for strings (Violin I, Violin II, Viola, Cello). The seventh staff is for woodwinds (Flute, Clarinet, Bassoon). The eighth staff is for brass (Trombone, Horn). The ninth staff is for percussion (Drum, Cymbal). The tenth staff is for piano. The score includes dynamic markings such as *f*, *ff*, *p*, *mp*, and *sf*. The page number 80 is circled at the top left. The page number 38 is written vertically on the right side of the page.

Musical score page 81, featuring five staves of music for orchestra. The staves are labeled from top to bottom: Vln I, Vln II, Vla, Vc, and Cello/Bass (indicated by a bass clef). The music consists of measures of various lengths, primarily eighth and sixteenth notes. Measure 1 starts with a dynamic of f and includes a fermata over the first measure. Measures 2-5 show rhythmic patterns involving eighth and sixteenth notes, with dynamics including mp , f , and mf . Measures 6-7 continue the rhythmic patterns with similar dynamics. Measures 8-9 show more complex patterns, including eighth-note chords and sixteenth-note figures. Measures 10-11 conclude the section with sustained notes and sixteenth-note patterns. The score is written on a grid of five staves, each with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature.

R2

(1-2)

VCL

VNL

VLA

VCL

B

Perc. I

Perc. II

Perc. III

Detailed description: This is a page from a musical score. The top half contains six staves for string instruments: Violin I (VCL), Violin II (VNL), Viola (VLA), Cello (VC), Bass (B), and three staves for Percussion (Perc. I, Perc. II, Perc. III). The notation is highly rhythmic, featuring many eighth and sixteenth note patterns. Dynamics such as mezzo-forte (mf), forte (f), piano (p), and pianississimo (ppp) are indicated throughout. The bottom half of the page features a single staff for Percussion I, which includes a dynamic marking 'mp' and a section labeled 'Tom-Toms' with a symbol. Another section labeled 'symbols' follows, with a dynamic marking 'mf'. The final section is labeled 'Toms' with a dynamic marking 'f'. The page is filled with dense musical notation, with some staves having multiple lines of notes and others having fewer.

R

228 RIT 150

OB:1
STB
PER. I
PER. II
TRNS
Harp
PER. III

6 8 3 4 4

LETTERS
D C B

st. ff mf mp p

(34)

Als

confess

It was my eye

on

4 4 2 4 5 8 5

Harp

2

(35)

2

5 8 2 4 6 8 5 2 4

5 8 2 4 6 8 5 2 4

(36)

mp

Vo - lop - ly - ous is same

2 3 5 8 2 4

2 3 5 8 2 4

(357)

mf Its head the far - rule and its love.

2 3
4 4



(356)

mf tail *p* *mp* *f* ded So Sweet - *l.*



(359)

mp *mf* It was strange - *ly* Slim *to* hit the re - ti - na *mp* *f*



362

RIT.

M. 1
Aperc. II muted wind chimes mf

M. 2
mf And then it shook And was a pea - cock f
p p.m.

M. 3
start 3 8 2 4 5 8 3 4

M. 4
start 3 8 2 4 5 8 3 4

Harp fff mp ff mp p mf

363

A TEMPO

RIT.

M. 1
no. 3 4 2 4 3 4

M. 2
start pp p no. 3 4 2 4 3 4

M. 3
start pp ppp pp ppp

Harp ff fff

370 S 87
 J = 44 J = 116
 (whisper) Does no one care?
 ma-cu-late I thought their hands might
 3 2 3 4
 STR. ORAT. HRP.
 375
 hold me is I spoke. I dreamed the bite of sing - ers in my flesh
 2 3 4
 STR. ORAT. HRP.
 C# - b ca c# c# c# - a

RIT. ----- $\text{d} = 46$

ther pock smashed by an im-age but they stand as it with-in a tre-a-ble

4

7
82
4

STR. OFF

Harp

PERCUSSION

STR.

STR.

STR.

STR.

(mp) mo-tion-less far-ding slow eyes on no-thing

2

3

4

4

4

sfz pp sfz pp sfz pp stopp

sfz pp

mf p n

89

(387)

Vln. I
Vln. II
Perc. I
Perc. II
MS
Qrt.
STR
MPC. II

(1) *B sample* →

Tam Tam (bowed)

Marimba

White they stare.

sh. pp

sh. ff

Musical score for orchestra and choir, page 90. The score consists of ten staves. The instruments include:

- Violin I (Vln I)
- Violin II (Vln II)
- Cello (Cello)
- Bassoon (Bassoon)
- Percussion I (Perc I)
- Percussion II (Perc II)
- Soprano (Soprano)
- Alto (Alto)
- Tenor (Tenor)
- Bass (Bass)

The vocal parts have lyrics written below them. The score includes dynamic markings such as *mf*, *f*, *p*, *pp*, *mp*, and *sf*. There are also performance instructions like "(Ham)" and "(Tum Tum) = D". The vocal parts are grouped together with vertical lines, indicating they sing together at certain points.

Lyrics (from top to bottom):

- "has - trolled -
- "the - encir - cling"
- "- o - ther line -

Performance instruction: *(Tum Tum) = D*

41

(Bass) (p) (pp)

(Cello) (p) (pp)

(Violin) (p) (pp)

(Harp) (p) (pp)

(Perc.) (p) (pp)

Tom Toms (5) mp — pp

Vibes

Tom Toms (3) mp

Cymbals

" "

(mp) pp

Air

(p) (pp) harp glass (p) (pp) harp glass (p) (pp)

STR (p) (pp) (p) (pp) (p) (pp)

Harp (p) (pp) (p) (pp) (p) (pp)

Perc. (p) (pp) (p) (pp) Vibes

(397)

Violin I

Violin II

Vlncl.

Perc. I

Perc. II

Cymbals

4

4

3

4

3

4

3

4

MS

an - o - ther bird

as - some

its buried

Oboe

Sax.

Harp

Vcl.

Perc. III

Tam Tam

93

INSTRUMENTS:

- VCL
- VLA
- VC
- PERL I
- PERL II
- MUS
- STRT
- SCH
- HCL
- PERL III

Performance Instructions:

- (1) harmonic gliss
- (2) mp harmonic gliss
- (1) harmonic gliss
- DACS II
- Tom Tom
- Tom Tom
- furled dis - guise
- Tom Tom
- Tom Tom

(125)

Musical score page 94, system 125. The score consists of seven staves:

- Cello I:** Starts with a dynamic **p**, followed by a measure with a dynamic **mp**. Measures 1-3 are enclosed in a bracket.
- Cello II:** Starts with a dynamic **ff**, followed by a measure with a dynamic **p**. Measures 1-3 are enclosed in a bracket.
- Viola:** Starts with a dynamic **p**, followed by a measure with a dynamic **mp**. Measures 1-2 are enclosed in a bracket.
- Violin:** Starts with a dynamic **p**, followed by a measure with a dynamic **s**.
- Percussion I:** Starts with a dynamic **pp**, followed by measures with dynamics **p** and **mf**.
- Percussion II:** Starts with a dynamic **pp**, followed by measures with dynamics **p** and **mf**.
- Percussion III:** Starts with a dynamic **pp**, followed by measures with dynamics **p** and **mf**.

Measure numbers (1-3) and rehearsal marks (125) are indicated above the staves.

93

(408)

A page of musical notation for orchestra and percussion. The page is filled with ten staves of music, each with a different instrument name written vertically to its left. The instruments are: VLN I, VLN II, VLA, VC, D8, PERC I, PERC II, and PERC III. The notation includes various musical symbols such as stems, dashes, and dots, indicating pitch and rhythm. There are also dynamic markings like *p*, *f*, *mf*, and *mp*. Some staves feature circled markings, possibly rehearsal numbers or performance instructions. The page is numbered 93 at the top right and contains a circled rehearsal number 408 at the top left.

96

(41)

MUS I
VLN II
VCL
DB
PERC I
PERC II
MS
DRUMS
PERC III
PERC IV

Music score page 96, system 41. The score consists of ten staves. Measures 1-4 show woodwind entries with dynamic markings like f, ff, and ff. Measures 5-8 feature rhythmic patterns in the percussion and drums. Measures 9-12 continue the woodwind and percussion parts. Measures 13-16 show more complex woodwind entries. Measures 17-20 conclude the section with final dynamics and endings.

47

(A.M.)

DRUMS

STR.

PERC. I

PERC. II

M.S.

Q.TET

S.TE

H.P.

Perc. III

ff

mp — pp

p

ah

ah

ah

ss

mp — pp

(A.M.)

RIT.

(417)

Oboe I
Oboe II
Bassoon
Clarinet I
Clarinet II
Bassoon
Trombone
Horn
Percussion

ff f mp pp ff sub pp ff sub pp ff mp ff mp pp

4

ff f mp pp ff sub pp ff mp pp

ff sub pp

ff mp ff mp pp

Arras: a Garden of Cinema

Music by David R. Scott

Text by P. K. Page

-Background-

Arras: a Garden of Cinema is in two movements which are to be performed without pause. Movement one is predominantly instrumental, utilizing the larger forces of the ensemble. The string orchestra and percussion I and II are featured prominently in this introductory movement and represent a force in opposition to the string quartet, harp and percussion III: movement I is characterized mainly by the idea of "process." A hierarchy of pitch relationships is set up at the outset and followed through to its logical conclusion. The harmonic material of this movement is strictly governed. This will be explored in the analysis section of the paper.

The second movement makes use of the voice as a focal point accompanied by small, flexible "concertante" chamber groups. The groups are cast against the backdrop of the larger ensemble and play both in opposition to and in concert with it. The text utilized in movement II governs the direction and character of the music completely. This is a departure from the purely abstract process of movement I. The two movements of Arras: a Garden of Cinema are eight and twenty minutes long respectively.

Analysis of the text

"Arras" by P. K. Page provides the shaping and textual content for this musical work. It is therefore necessary to look at the poem as a starting point in the understanding of the musical setting.

"Arras" has, as its central theme, the image of the garden. The garden is a metaphor rich in meaning and filled with images of self-inflicted, yet productive solitude and, conversely, forced confinement. The emotional range present in this poetry is therefore very broad.

On the surface, the narrative deals with a female figure trapped within a garden. She is menaced and manipulated by various real and imagined characters in the garden, and eventually must deal with a perception of herself through the eyes of these antagonists.

"Arras" deals also with the garden as metaphor on a number of other levels. One of the most common metaphorical gardens is the Garden of Eden. This garden, from a feminist perspective, represents the condemnation of women and symbolizes the roots of male domination. The text alludes to this with the appearance of predominantly male intruders (the peacock) and patriarchal authority figures (royalty). Another interpretation of the walled garden can suggest a place of cultivation, a place to grow food, a place to meditate and discover an inner self, a place to make art. In ancient mythology, the garden associated with Hermes is a type of sealed, enclosed world. This metaphor can be related to the making of art, as every work of art attempts, in one way or another, to create its own "world."

Page creates a multi-levelled world in "Arras," a world rich in meaning, metaphorical substance and association (please see Appendix One). In the first line we are asked to "Consider a new habit," to take an objective look and reassess our surroundings. The first stanza (see Appendix One, lines 1-3) offers a setting of boundaries between the "wall" and the "lawn" on which "our sandalled feet" are planted. Already, the image of confinement is suggested and we are drawn into the scene through the ambiguous use of the word "our" in line 3. The first character, who is male, arrogant and quite raucous, has somehow "... found a point of entry" as described in lines 4 to 7. He has gained access to the garden through a form of disguise, deception, or connection with a secret accomplice. The first nine lines of this poem present a kind of emotional curve, connecting calm to excitement, with a return to calm. This emotional curve is a feature of "Arras" and is retained throughout the poem. The opening stanzas can be viewed as a microcosm of the entire emotional range of the poem.

Line 9 represents the first major shift of tone in the text. This line, "No one joins/those figures on the arras," establishes a strong feeling of alienation. An arras, in the traditional sense, is a finely woven tapestry which often depicts animals and human beings in pastoral settings. These tapestries were hung along walls to keep out damp and brighten otherwise cold, stony rooms. In the poem, the arras represents the walled garden. There is an interplay between the figures on the tapestry and the characters standing before it. The doubt as to which is real is seen in the next stanza in which the narrator questions her identity.

Lines 10 to 24 of the text portray doubt, anger, and fear. Again, the narrator is unclear as to whether she is the observer or the observed and this dual identity is reinforced by the traditional "Gemini" image of the twins. The narrator wonders whether she is being "starred for a green garden of cinema" and manipulated as a sort of trinket or plaything. In line 14 she assesses her position and, later, at line 18, expresses her emotional needs: "I want a hand to clutch, a heart to crack." Lines 16-18, with their staccato rhythms and hard consonant sounds, are extremely powerful. The forward push enhances the accumulation of tension to a breaking point at line 18, representing an important culminating point in the dramatic tension of the poem. "(S)tillness" prevails (line 19) but the sense of calm is undermined by the narrator's attempt at escape ("If I ~~sighed~~ make a break") and by the impending doom contained in lines 22-24.

These stanzas (lines 10-24) present an image of brooding stillness . . . a stillness interrupted (lines 14-18) with unexpected emotional outbursts. The cavernous silence which is produced in the wake of such outbursts is ominous but suggests the normal state within this garden.

Another shift in tone occurs at line 25: the main character has accepted her fate and confesses her "sins." In an attempt to ally herself with her captors, she suggests that it was her adoration that opened the garden gates to the peacock. She confesses her "love" yet finds no sympathy. Again she is betrayed and seems condemned to carry on within this

lonely garden-world surrounded by strangers. Her response is the anger of lines 34-36 and this presents us with a final emotional outburst.

At the close of the poem the narrator is left alone and alienated, surrounded by the figures on the arras who, seemingly indifferent to her presence, are “folding slow eyes on nothing.” Her ultimate terror, “I fear the future on this arras” (line 8/9) has been realized: she has become invisible and absorbed into the sinister backdrop.

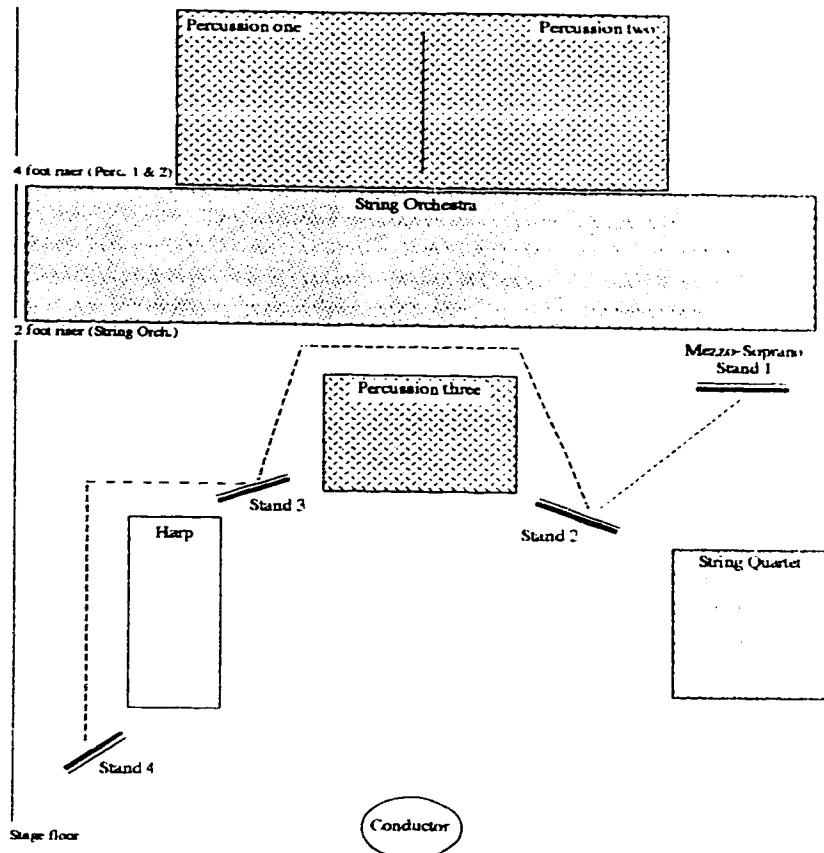
In the final two lines of “Arras,” we are left gazing skyward as “another line has trolled the encircling air,/another bird assumes its furled disguise.” Our main character has disappeared and the cycle of capture and alienation begins again.

Instrumentation and Staging

Arras: a Garden of Cinema is scored for mezzo-soprano, string orchestra (10 violins I & II, 3 violas, 3 cellos, 2 basses), string quartet, harp and three percussionists. In keeping with the narrative of the poetry, I have imposed very clear divisions on the ensemble. As we have seen in the analysis of the text, the narrative deals with a female figure entering a garden-like environment. She is faced with the problem of her identity within this enclosed space and is called upon first to identify with and then react, out to the other characters she encounters. Through the use of a distinctive stage set-up and actual movement of the mezzo-soprano about the stage during the performance, the musical setting enhances this feeling of captivity and the search for understanding.

The confines of the garden, suggested by the arras itself, are demarcated by the stage set-up of the instrumental forces. In movement I the string orchestra and two percussionists (1 and 2) clearly mark the boundaries and suggest an impenetrable wall. The use of “vocal windows” in this mass-structure offers brief glimpses of the delicate world inside the garden. Through these openings, the vocalist, harp, string quartet, and percussion III are heard. Certain fragments of text, which are carefully chosen and extracted from structural points in the poetry, are related to the unsettling, beautiful images

contained within the enclosure. The stage set-up reinforces all of these ideas through the position of the vocalist, and instrumentalists (see ex. 1).



Example 1: Stage set-up.

Percussion I and II, and string orchestra are to be placed on risers (percussion I & II at 4 feet above the stage level, string orchestra at 2 feet) which will make them visually imposing as a group and also physically separate from stage action. The three "on-stage" instrumentalists (string quartet, harp, percussion III) form a triangle around which the vocalist moves. This staging introduces the idea of intersecting triangles: the three "on-stage" instrumentalists forming one triangle, and the three percussionists forming another.

Very early in the work, this visual element comes into focus and the relationship between the various small groups and the larger forces becomes evident. String quartet, harp, percussion III, and the vocalist, who has entered the garden at the opening of movement I, are the figures at centre stage. The music further refines the relationships

amongst the various characters, already suggested in the physical arrangement of the performing forces.

The vocalist's progress about the stage is a very important aspect of the work which enhances the meaning of the text and its various allusions and images. There are four "stations" for the singer on stage represented by four music stands (see ex. 1). She enters the circle ("wall") of instruments with the completion of movement I. Her physical progression through the stage space documents a search for identity and relation. It is a search through "space" articulated by the textual/instrumental dialogue joined through the musical and physical progression from an initial placement beyond the instrumentally defined space (station 1), to vocalist/string quartet (station 2), to vocalist/percussion III (station 3), and finally and climactically, to vocalist/harp (station 4).

Movement II documents the vocalist's search for the only other real "individual" present besides herself, represented by the harp. All of the other "on stage" performers share characteristics with the tapestry figures; members of the string quartet are contained in the string orchestra, and the three percussionists share obvious common properties.

Formal Aspects

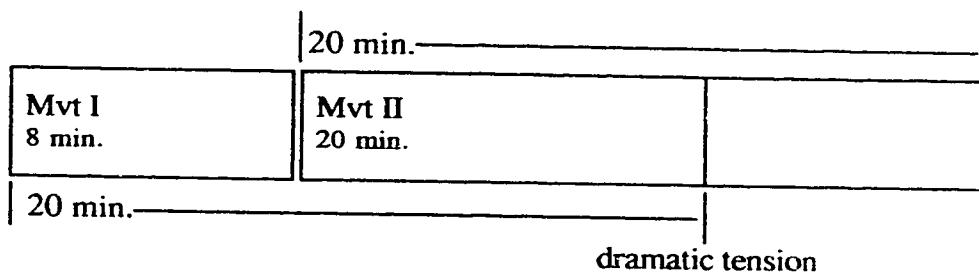
In a work of this size, proportion and balance are of great importance. I found it necessary to balance the short, instrumentally dense opening movement with a movement of more variegated textures but considerably greater duration (see ex. 2).

Mvt I	Mvt II
8 min.	20 min.

Example 2: Overall structure.

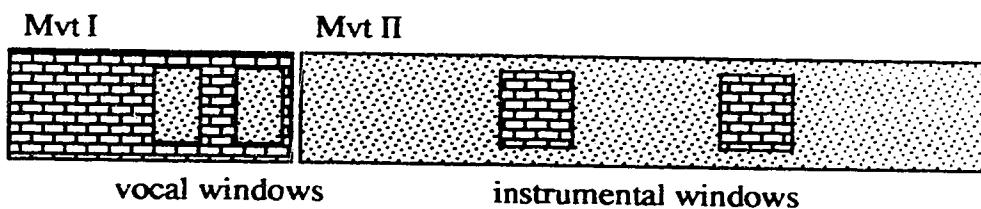
The structural divisions within movement II have been planned so as to effect a durational balance paralleling the dramatic tension of the text. A three-part structure, outlining musical

and textual dramatic shape, is superimposed over the fundamental division into two movements. The tripartite aspect described through the use of intersecting triangles in the stage set-up is seen in this overlap of sections (see ex. 3).



Example 3: Tripartite dramatic structure.

The “vocal windows” from movement I have their instrumental counterparts in movement II; these two “instrumental windows” suggest “looking out” of the garden whereas the movement I “vocal windows” “look in.” In movement I, the lines “No one joins those figures on the arras” and “I fear the future on this arras” are textual fragments associated with the “vocal windows.” The “instrumental windows” of movement II occur just after these lines are sung and therefore help make the relationship clear to the listener. The movement II “instrumental windows” appear at natural breaks in the text (rehearsal letters F and Q) and develop ideas pertinent to the narrative surrounding them. The movement I “vocal windows” are again referential through the use of similar instrumental colour, melodic fragments, or sonorities in movement II (see ex. 4).



Example 4: Windows.

-Analysis-Movement I

The first 23 measures of Arras: a Garden of Cinema display, in microcosm, the fundamental process of pitch organization for the entire movement.

With the attack on the bass pitch A in m. 1, an unfolding ascent of a largely octatonic collection (intervals:-2nd,-3rd,-2nd,+2nd,-2nd,+2nd,-2nd) builds a massive sonority. At m. 5 the chord is halted and the bass drops a half-step to Ab. First violins here establish an inverted pedal over the bass suggesting pitch boundary or polarity. The sonority is rebuilt on Ab, but this time in descending order with an orchestration that suggests a symmetrical framing of the bass pitch (see ex. 5).

The musical score excerpt shows three measures of music. Measure 1 (labeled 1) starts with a bass note A. Measure 4 (labeled 4) shows a transition with a bass note Ab. Measure 5 (labeled 5) shows a continuation with a bass note Ab. Various pitch intervals are indicated above the notes, such as -2, +2, -3, and -2. The score includes two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff.

Example 5: Pitch material and bass motion, mm. 1-5.

Bass movement is quickened in mm. 6, 7 & 8 and, through consecutive +2nd and -2nd descents (in the bass), the first goal of E is reached in m. 8. With E firmly established in the cellos and violas, other instruments punctuate breaks in the pedal point with quick pitch jabs. Here again the octatonic collection is alluded to (see ex. 6, m. 9). The E has been transformed into an axis around which all other pitches swing. This is reinforced at m. 12 with the divided ensemble playing wedge-shaped figures, beginning at the tritone and moving in toward the centre pitch E. The idea of pitch centres and the symmetrical

unfolding of intervals around these centres is prominent in movement I and these measures represent the first appearance of this idea (see ex. 6).

The musical score shows four measures of music. Measure 6 starts with a bass note (B) with a dynamic (b) and a tempo (p). Measures 8, 9, and 12 show melodic lines with various intervals (e.g., +2, -2, b) indicated by arrows above the notes.

Example 6: Pitch material and bass motion, mm. 6-13.

At measure 14, a sonority of similar interval content, but vastly different character to that of the opening bars, is quietly erected above the pedal E (see ex. 7).

A single melodic line on a staff with intervals labeled below the notes: -2, -3, +2, -2.

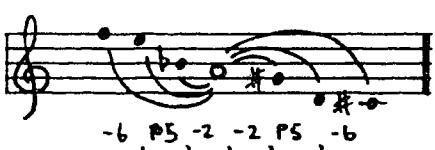
Example 7: Sonority later to be associated with Main Melodic Idea.

This is presented as a gentle backdrop to the harp which offers a delicate, and rhythmically individual unfolding of the same pitches. The harp at mm. 16, 17 & 18 represents the first appearance of a fragment of the material which makes up the main melodic idea of the movement (to be referred to as MMI). This series of intervals will appear in the harp largely unaltered at pivotal moments of this movement. Here its harmonic function is to move the pedal note from E to Eb/D# at m. 18. Throughout this passage (mm. 16-18) the use of ponticello and pizzicato in the strings, and crotales in percussion I, creates a shimmering orchestral colour. This is in contrast to the dark music which precedes it. The instrumental colours associated with the harp in these measures act as a referential sonority and return later in the movement at m. 76. The rebuilding of a

mass sonority reminiscent of the opening quickly overtakes the delicate figure in the harp at m. 19. This cluster of -2nd intervals represents 8 of the 12 pitches available. The missing tetrachord contains A, which was the opening bass note of the work, and A# which is the ultimate goal of this introduction. The goal is realized at measure 20 and this is the basis for an accumulation of forces in a surge toward MMI at m. 24.

In this introduction (mm. 1-24) we have been presented with all the basic materials to be used in the movement to follow: structurally significant bass motion (spanning the tritone); the octatonic collection (vertically and horizontally); pitch centres and pitch collections orbiting these centres; and pitch relationships configured as a referential sonority making up MMI.

The principal building blocks of movement I from m. 24 onward are two opposing pitch collections and their various transpositions: a seven-note collection or set, which comprises MMI and, separately, its centre-axis pitch (ex. 8); and a five-note collection which comprises the opposing melodic idea (to be referred to as OMI), one of the members of which is the centre-axis pitch (ex. 9). Two complementary sets (i.e., with A and Eb centre-axes respectively) make up the 12-tone array.



Example 8: Seven-note collection.



Example 9: Five-note collection.

At m. 24 we have the first complete statement of MMI. The material is here stated without its accompanying central pitch.

Example 10: Main Melodic Idea, violas (m. 24).

This is heard as a kind of solo with the other strings punctuating certain stress points. These minor-second punctuations become a consistent feature of the movement. The rhythmic and pitch materials are established between mm. 24 & 27 and, after an accumulation of figures at m. 28 & 29, the ostinato begins in earnest at m. 30.

The progress of the movement is built on the concept of hexachords pivoting around a central pitch. As seen in the introduction, the logic behind the development of movement I is based on transpositions creating a succession of hexachords retaining controlled levels of pitch invariance. This “modulation” proceeds from an A-centred hexachord (m. 30) to an Eb-centred one (m. 77), then returns to A (m. 135) at the end of the movement.

MMI's ordered hexachord (set #1 E,F,Ab,Bb,D,C#) prioritizes A by virtue of its function as centre. Transpositions in ascending half-steps of this hexachord will be labelled set #2, set #3, etc. The opening pitch of each hexachord lies a fourth below the hexachordal centre. It is this pitch which will be outstanding in the perception of the transpositional plan.

In example 8 above, pitch A is symmetrically framed by three pitches on either side. MMI of example 10 represents only the framing pitches: A is not stated in the theme itself but used in a variety of capacities as “accompaniment.” Throughout the “modulation” process, the axis pitch is used as a pedal-point ostinato, inverted pedal point, cadence goal, bass note, or a pitch basis for figurative elaboration. The varying roles of the axis pitch will disguise its function and provide variety. MMI lends itself to much decoration and this cumulative aspect is another feature of the movement.

The pitch components of OMI are presented in example 9 above. Example 11 displays OMI as presented at m. 63.

The musical notation consists of two bass staves. The top staff starts with a sharp sign (F#) and includes measures 1 through 5. Measure 1 has a bass note followed by a rest. Measure 2 has a bass note followed by a rest. Measure 3 has a bass note followed by a rest. Measure 4 has a bass note followed by a rest. Measure 5 has a bass note followed by a rest. The bottom staff continues from measure 5 and includes measures 6 through 10. Measure 6 has a bass note followed by a rest. Measure 7 has a bass note followed by a rest. Measure 8 has a bass note followed by a rest. Measure 9 has a bass note followed by a rest. Measure 10 has a bass note followed by a rest.

Example 11: Opposing Melodic Idea, basses (m. 63).

This idea marks the road back to A and uses two neighbour tones (C# & A) not included in the five-note set. We notice again the importance of the -2nd and +2nd as accented stress points in OMI. This parallels their use in the earlier MMI.

Unfolding in measures 30-39 is MMI in the cello with decoration in harp and percussion. The central pitch appears in violin II with a rhythmically active A ostinato pedal. Various stress points are accented through the use of pizzicato and arco syncopation in the other strings. MMI acts as a kind of “backbone” onto which all of the musical material is hung in the manner of decoration. An accumulation of material occurs at mm. 37 & 38 and, at m. 39, there is a section featuring the string quartet, harp and percussion III. The material in this section is clearly related to the A ostinato pedal of the second violins (mm. 30-39) and to the wedge-shaped symmetries from the introduction (m. 12). Also, certain pitches from MMI (F,Bb,Ab,D) are heavily accented in this section. From mm. 42-45 we have the string orchestra joining the quartet and these measures represent the first “modulation” of MMI. Set #1 (E,F,Ab,Bb,D,C#) is verticalized into block chords at m. 44. At m. 45 two sets are superimposed, producing four invariant pitches: set #1 (E,E,Ab,Bb,D,C#) and set #4 (G,G#,B,C#,E,F). At m. 46 the first transposition of MMI is attained with the pitch C as the centre.

The texture of this section (mm. 46-53) is similar to that of mm. 30-38 but is slightly more dense and rhythmically active. Divided first and second violins add another level of complexity while the tom toms in percussion I add depth, power and momentum. At m. 54 there is strong emphasis on the bass C# (central pitch of set #5) and the appropriate set transposition (up one half-step). This transposition represents a distant relationship with set #4 concerning pitch content (only 2 pitches, F & G#, are invariant), but a close relationship in bass motion. Melodic motion of the -2nd is powerfully directive here. Set #5 also has a relatively close relationship with set #1, sharing three invariant pitches (D,F,G#).

At m. 55 the full chromatic complement of pitches excepting Eb is unfolded in a series of chords. Eb is the one pitch that has been consistently avoided as a structural element since m. 30. This is done in order to make its appearance at the appropriate moment a more significant event.

Waves of pitch accumulation have been a feature of movement I up to this point. Between mm. 57 and 58 various combinations of the three set transpositions combine into large vertical sonorities. This is maximized with the combining of sets #1, #4, and #5 at m. 58. The only pitch not common to at least two of these sets is the Bb held over as a trill in the violas.

The abrupt thinning of texture paves the way for a return to MMI at its original pitch level (m. 60). The texture is somewhat lighter however, and contains the first appearance of a variation on MMI (vlas). The pitch centre (A for set #1) is made conspicuous in its absence. The section comes to a close at m. 63 with the appearance of OMI in the bass.

At rehearsal letter D there is a clear change of mood and character. The two-bar OMI is syncopated and contains an equal proportion of note values to rests. It is a theme which begs to be adorned. The orchestration is altered at this junction in the movement with the appearance of tubular bells and marimba, the latter in an almost solo, virtuoso capacity. By m. 64 the D# and A boundaries of OMI are firmly established and it is decorated with the accentuation of stress points from the other strings and percussion in a manner reminiscent of MMI. When maximum density reached by m. 70, the texture thins out and establishes D# as its resting place at mm. 74-75.

At m. 76 we return to a slow tempo and have entered the region of the first “vocal window.” This “vocal window” is characterized by stasis and an uncertain, tense atmosphere. The harp repeats the figure from mm. 16-18 which triggers ponticello tremolo figures in the string quartet. Attention is drawn to the -2nd interval once again with the harp and string quartet playing half-step transpositions of MMI fragment. Measure 77

establishes D# as a pitch reference in anticipation of a vocal line which articulates a group of symmetrical phrases around this central pitch.

The fragment of text is drawn from line 8 and 9 of the poetry and reveals a sense of utter loneliness. The static nature of the accompaniment and the metallic colours in the percussion enhance this image. An interruption of this static interlude occurs at mm. 79 and 80 and D# is resumed at m. 81.

In the second beat of m. 81 a new sonority is introduced with different pitch characteristics but interval content similar to that of earlier music in this movement. This suggests a rearrangement of familiar things into something altogether different. This is the world inside the garden. The use of the two “garden” tetrachords (ex. 12) is prominent between mm. 81 and 85. They are characterized both by their intervallic content and by their consistent appearance in harp and vibraphone.



Example 12: Two “garden” tetrachords associated with “Vocal Window” I.

There is a subtle accumulation of density between mm. 81 & 86 at which point a third “garden” hexachord is added to the existing two.



Example 13: Third “garden” tetrachord associated with “Vocal Window” I.

With the inclusion of all three tetrachords, 11 of the 12 possible pitches have been presented (again, Eb excepted) in a highly chromatic ostinato. This comes to a climax at m. 86 just before the fragment of text “Who am I?” is sung. The orchestration changes rapidly at the end of m. 87 and an unsettling, fragmented texture develops. At m. 90, a somewhat

familiar texture returns as the mezzo-soprano articulates her fears with erratic vocal gestures.

This section, between mm. 81-93, displays a broad range of emotion. The abrupt alterations of texture, the accumulation of pitch materials, the progressively widening vocal line and the rising tremolo figures in marimba and string orchestra, all enhance the uneasiness suggested in the text. The world within the garden is clearly a volatile place. The spectre of the garden's horror disappears as quickly as it came into view.

At m. 94, with soloists from the string orchestra fading with a flurry of tremolos, the vocalist continues unaccompanied in the darkest part of her range. A similar, though much more dramatic flourish occurs between mm. 95 & 96 and in the shadow of this the vocalist articulates her worst fear: "I fear the future." This unleashes a furious tutti in the strings and percussion which sweeps us into the next section of the piece.

OMI, a bass-line beginning with its symmetrical centre A, is presented with an improvisatory-like accompaniment. This accompaniment, made up of divisi strings, settles down two bars later where the violas present MMI utilizing OMI's complementary pitch collection, set #7 (D# centre). MMI and OMI are here combined in association with a complex figural texture. Percussion I and II are part of the mass texture in this section, contributing rhythmic accentuation and a hard edge to the sound.

At m. 109 a modulation to set #3 with a B centre occurs. Here the integrity of the two distinct "themes" wanes as figuration breaks down the counterpoint into a kind of homophony at m. 110. A familiar layering of pitches occurs from mm. 111-113. MMI is once more established at m. 114 and is given homophonic treatment. The "process" so clearly laid out and followed in the early section of this movement has broken down by this point and the various components of the ensemble engage in seemingly uncontrolled bursts of energy.

At m. 118 order is restored and MMI (set #9) appears in the violas. OMI appears dutifully in the bass. Set #9, with its F centre, has as its final note the pitch A, the ultimate cadence goal. Its thematic counterpart, OMI built on B, has F, MMI's axis pitch, as its cadence goal. The decoration is prominent until m. 121, where it abruptly changes. The lower strings follow through their momentum while the divisi violins soften the texture through the use of tremolo. Density is gradually lessened through mm. 122-124 and the lines smooth out into gentle phrases. With the tempo brought down to complement the diminishing texture, the strings settle into two important pivotal notes, A and Eb.

Rehearsal letter G marks the opening of "vocal window" II. Here the harp plays two overlapping phrases, each a mirror image of the other and related to MMI. These phrases cadence on A and Eb in mm. 127 & 128. String quartet decorates the harp solo and a smattering of percussion colour highlights the cadence point. At m. 129 the harp plays a fragment of cell #7 which cadences abruptly on the familiar Eb - A tritone. The background is immediately taken up by vibraphone, bass drum and voice. The fragment of text (line 22 of Appendix One) alludes to the idea of stasis and immediately recalls the character of the tritone. "The spinning world is stuck upon its poles" sums up the harmonic cycle of the movement as a seemingly futile journey from one central pitch to another and back again.

With a scattering of strings at mm. 133 & 134 the narrator once again expresses fear and the pitches eventually settle onto A. Starting at m. 136, the vibraphone effects a smooth transition into the second movement with a quiet solo and we have entered the garden.

Movement II

Movement II is very clearly divided into five large sections. The main divisions reflect the formal aspects of the poetry quite strictly while alluding to some of the organizational aspects of movement I. The "vocal windows" of movement I have their

counterparts in movement II in the form of "instrumental windows" I and II. These appear at important structural points in the text (see ex. 14).

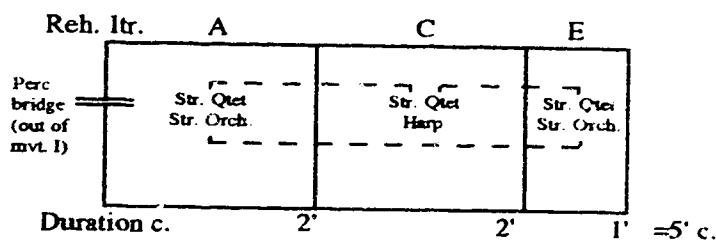
Section 1	2	3	4	5	
Rehearsal letter A-F	Inst. Window I	Rehearsal letter L-Q	Inst. Window II	Rehearsal letter R-end	
Duration c. 5'	4.5'	3.5'	2'	5' = 20' c.	

Example 14: Movement II, major divisions.

Because the music is the "servant of the text" in this setting, it is given an important determinant role in the creation of structure. The working out of "process," so important to movement I, is of only marginal importance in this movement. The "instrumental windows" of movement II create unity with movement I, allow for pure musical development of certain ideas suggested by the text, and provide variety. Each of the five sections will be dealt with separately.

Following movement I, with only a quiet percussion passage providing a bridge, movement II begins without pause. This bridging of the movements is the model for future treatment of structural divisions. The content and instrumentation vary with each bridge section but a definite instrumental order is maintained amongst the "on-stage" performers. These bridges will be dealt with as they arise in the work.

Movement II: Section one, rehearsal letters A-F



Example 15: Section one, general lay-out.

A smooth transition is achieved into movement II and the static quality of the last measures of movement I is retained. The static nature of this opening is deliberate as I have

attempted to create a kind of vacuum of stillness which envelopes the narrator. “Stillness” is a fundamental background image in the text, represented in the musical texture by an ongoing stasis. In m. 2 we have the first appearance of a descending line in violin II of the string quartet. This line is the main motto for the opening of the movement. It is a composite of “small” intervals with varying rhythmic configurations and a strong sense of direction and purpose. Its essential objective is therefore unchanged as it repeatedly descends to a strong D# pedal.

At m. 4 the vocalist moves slowly and quietly to station 2 (see ex. 1). As she walks, she sings a melismatic vocalise which will return at the end of this section (mm. 41-43). This vocalise makes reference to a wedge-shaped series of pitches around F, all of which are members of the octatonic collection.

With backdrops in the string orchestra, harp and, finally, string quartet, the poetry begins at rehearsal letter B (m. 11). The setting is very sparse, utilizing single lines in the string quartet. This, and the largely syllabic treatment of the text, allows the poetry to be easily understood. At m. 25, after a gentle tapering off in the voice and string quartet, the string orchestra is brought into play. This provides a sense of perspective and depth to the field of experience and suggests a division between the various characters present. The string orchestra, being symbolic of the surrounding arras, supports the line “How still upon that lawn our sandalled feet,” (mm. 26-31) which reinforces the division between the “lawn” and the “arras.” A splash of colour from the harp and vibraphone draws attention to this setting, establishing independence from the string orchestra.

To close the vocal phrase at m. 31, additional percussion is added to the harp and vibraphone and a low G# pedal resonates in the background. At m. 35 the string quartet resumes the pitches and colour characteristics of the string orchestra (from m. 28) for the repetition of the words “(h)ow still.” This portrays a sense of wonder on the part of the vocalist.

The descending line from the opening of the movement returns in the harp leading to a caesura on D#. This D# is reinforced in the string orchestra as the mezzo-soprano repeats the vocalise melody with the addition of the text fragment. To add to the uncertainty of the setting, the final note in the voice (m. 43) is a -2nd below the dominant harmonic background (D#,F,A,A# in the string orchestra).

A marked contrast to the preceding music occurs at rehearsal letter C. This is the introduction to the music associated with the peacock (line 4 of Appendix One). The peacock is the first figure to display distinguishable characteristics and is here associated with "big chamber music." Members of the string orchestra are used in a solo capacity in the introduction to the text from mm. 44-65. The musical materials, orchestration and character of the music help to portray the bird as rather simple-minded, yet beautiful on a surface level. The colours are dry and wooden, the textures sparse and flattery. All the music between mm. 44-96 is derived from the material outlined in example 16 below.



Example 16: "Peacock Music," basic materials.

Over the space of fifty-two measures, this material is gradually transformed and developed.

At certain points in the progression of this section there is laid an "ominous backdrop texture" (mm. 45,49,54,64) which appears "from behind" the main material. At m. 60 the space for the texture is provided but filled with only silence. The "ominous texture" is made up of tremolo violas (playing behind the bridge), unpitched percussion and whispering throughout the orchestra. This texture displays some developmental

characteristics with each appearance and is related to some of the material found later in “instrumental window” I (m. 119).

Throughout the introduction to the “peacock” text (mm. 44-65) the opposition between the string orchestra and string quartet is reinforced. The relationship between these groups is important to this section of the piece (see ex. 15). The music is dominated by string orchestra to m. 65, at which point the string quartet is called upon to accompany the voice. The position of the vocalist (at station 2) has been alluded to in the music through her interactions with the string quartet beginning in m. 11. At m. 65, after having established the relationship, we are presented with chamber music featuring the vocalist accompanied by string quartet.

Much of the character of the “Peacock Music” is retained in this setting and it represents the clearest polyphony thus far encountered. At m. 71 an ostinato figure emerges in the string quartet. This becomes the harp figure at m. 76 after a change of tempo.

The clarity of the harp figuration is undermined and blurred through the use of harmonics, pizzicato, tremolo and, later (m. 81), the addition of the vibraphone in percussion III. Between mm. 76-97 we see a slight transformation, of both colour and pitch content, of the germinal “Peacock Music” (ex. 16). None of the members of this chamber ensemble articulates individual ideas: they are part of a larger network and are simply realizing their assigned roles. Even the vocalist is rhythmically very closely linked to the music of the accompaniment.

At rehearsal letter E, the “ominous backdrop texture” returns, this time fully developed into a flourish of percussion and strings.

The relationship between string orchestra and string quartet returns at m. 101 in the form of static materials. The descending line from mm. 1-43 is also reintroduced in the string quartet. All of these aural cues set up the expectation of closure and the end of an important section of text. The visual image of symmetry is triggered in a most direct way

with the words “the peaches hang like lanterns” (line 8 of Appendix One). This becomes a germinal idea in this section of the piece. Over 17 measures (between mm. 101-118) this mirrored unfolding takes place in the string orchestra. Example 17 displays the symmetry in capsule form.

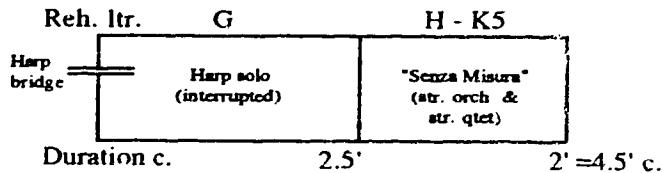


Example 17: "Peaches Music," symmetrical unfolding.

In line 8 and 9 of the poem we have the text fragment which was used in the first “vocal window” of movement I. To set up the association, or expectation of reference to this fragment, I have put the two sung melodies of “vocal window” I (mm. 77-82, movement I) in violin I and II of the string quartet (mm. 107-109, movement II) just prior to the line “No one joins those figures on the arras.” These melodies, which are transposed and overlap each other, are all but obscured by the other members of the quartet. This somewhat remote quotation is aided by the appearance of familiar referential sonorities in percussion I and III (mm. 108-109).

The first major division of movement II ends with the string quartet holding a static chord briefly punctuated by glissandi in the string orchestra. At mm. 117-118 closure is effected by the familiar descending line in the cello (string quartet) and by a relatively stable (major/minor triad) sonority held over to m. 119.

Movement II: Section two, Instrumental Window I

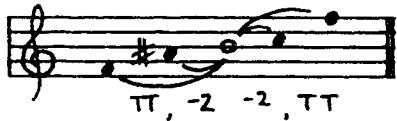


Example 18: Section two, general lay-out.

Between mm. 119-125 we have a rapid flourish of strings associated with the end of "vocal window" I. These flourishes were also seen in the "ominous backdrop" suggesting a certain level of emotional significance. Here they trigger the transition to m. 126 with references to the opening section of movement I. These references are also present in the string quartet and vibraphone solo between mm. 126-129. At m. 127, the mezzo-soprano moves to station 3, situated next to the third percussionist.

In keeping with the idea of bridging major sections of the work, an extended harp solo is undertaken at rehearsal G and given a free, *senza misura* setting. The fantasia-like solo is punctuated at numerous points by string quartet and percussion. Certain ideas are introduced in the harp and developed further in succeeding sections of this "instrumental window."

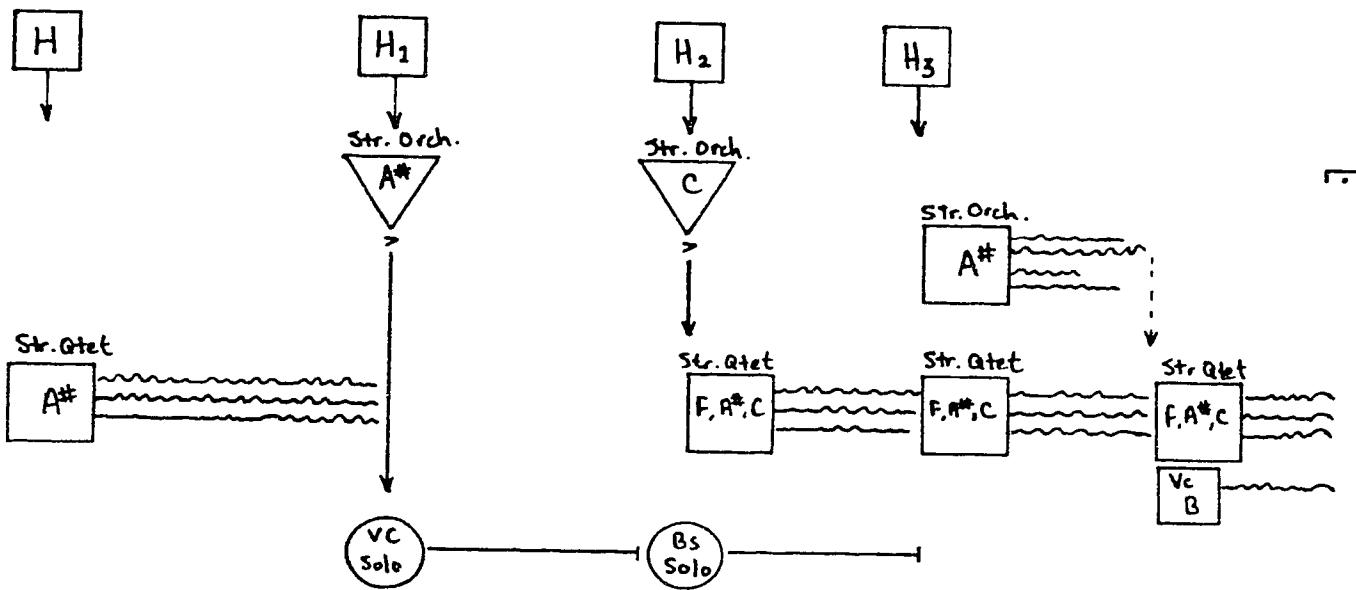
At H, the main body of the instrumental development begins. The pitch material has been severely limited in this section and displays a symmetrical framing of the pitch B.



Example 19: Symmetrical material between rehearsal H & L.

Throughout this section, the opposition of string quartet and string orchestra has been emphasized. The representation of the pitch material (ex. 19) in both of these groups varies from one note of the set to all four. This highly controlled development provides interesting contrasts through the use of a free metric organization and approximate

durational values. Between H and J the material is passed back and forth between members of both string ensembles and this is interspersed with brief solos (ex. 20).



Example 20: Pitch distribution and solo entrances (reh. H & J).

At rehearsal letter J, there is a return to metered organization in the string orchestra with percussion and, at J1, this material is combined with free interjections in the string quartet. These "free" passages are highly controlled as, just prior to J2, the quartet must line up rhythmically with the string orchestra. This material is organized so as to cause a sense of uncertain pulse and rapidly changing mood. The level of dissonance is very strictly controlled, lightening the severity of density and making pitch relationships clearer.

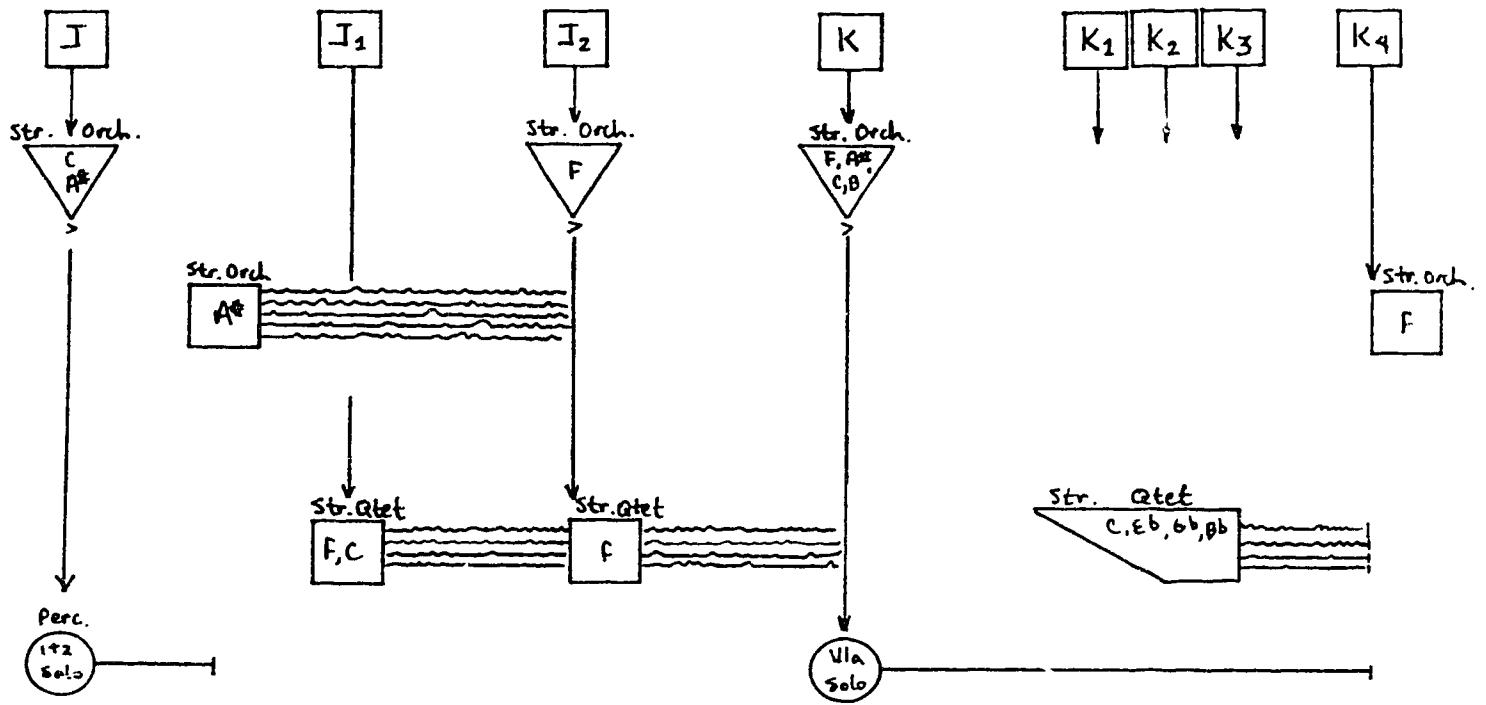
At J2 the transition back to an overall free meter is achieved by the string quartet. At K1 each instrument in the quartet enters as cued by the conductor and this series of entries unfolds a different symmetrical set with F as the centre (see ex. 21).



Example 21: Second symmetrical set, F Centre.

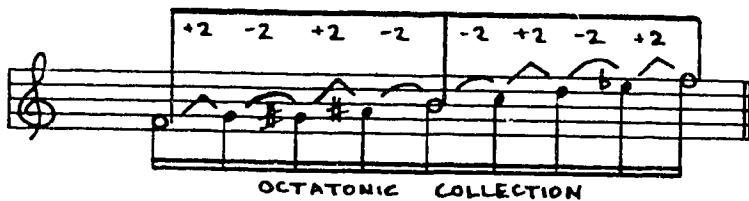
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Example 22 outlines the pitch distribution and solo entrances between rehearsal J and K4.



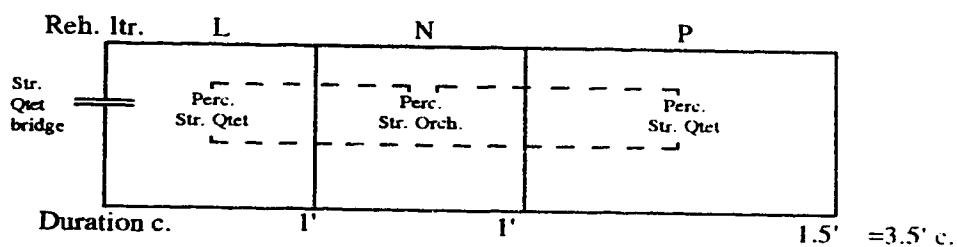
Example 22: Pitch distribution and solo entrances (reh. J & K4).

F alone is featured in the string orchestra with a complex texture beginning at K4. This F pitch represents the opposing pitch axis pitch for this “instrumental window.” Between rehearsals H and L symmetrical relationships around B are featured (see ex. 19), while between J and K4 symmetries around F are featured (see ex. 21). This tritone relationship, as an aspect of pitch organization, echoes the tritone progression (from A to Eb) of movement I. At rehearsal K5 there is a cue to a four-bar phrase which is to be repeated three times. This phrase, which is performed by three percussionists, harp and bass in a cluster formation, represents the culmination point of “instrumental window” I. Percussion III “intones” the pitch A# to be taken up by the vocalist at L. Between K5 and L, the string quartet plays tremolo octatonic passages which fill in the interval spaces between the structural notes in this section (see ex 23).



Example 23: Symmetrical octatonic collections, string quartet (reh. K5-L).

Movement II: Section Three



Example 24: Section three, general lay-out.

A sudden change of texture occurs at m. 150. The dramatic impact of this change is striking due to the abrupt silence of the entire orchestra. The narrator's question "Who am I?" is suddenly monumental within this new context of silence. The question commands attention and, in m. 151, the strings appear to take flight, quietly settling in the high register of the violins (m. 152).

The text continues with the string quartet and percussion III carrying out the main bridge to m. 161. Brief pizzicato flourishes from the string orchestra (mm. 153,154,156,157,160) appear in intermittent downward spikes.

Material in the transitional passage (mm. 153-161) is syncopated and detailed, but relatively square. This is a contrast to "instrumental window" I where fluidity of texture and momentum were featured. Measure 161 represents the end of the transitional passage and the beginning of the percussion-centred section. This, of course, is in keeping with the position of the vocalist close to percussion III at station 3.

Three percussionists take part in the section between mm. 161 & 171. The image of the “Gemini” (line 12 of Appendix One) is reinforced by the use of two marimbas. The string quartet, string orchestra, and harp add colour to this passage and also build the texture. Again, as in the music associated with the peacock, the instruments do not show themselves to be individuals; identity is yet to be discovered.

At M there is a jagged string orchestra tutti which sets the tone before the final, gradual increase of dramatic tension which begins at M.

Lines 14 to 18 of the poem are highly emotional. The musical setting of this material has to portray that emotion efficiently without undermining, or crowding the meaning of the text. An ostinato figure, shared amongst the three percussionists in “hocket” fashion is used to “enclose the scene.” Added to this are sharp, staccato notes played in violin I and II. Lower strings of the quartet provide contrast to the rising lines of the upper strings with gentle, descending phrases (mm. 190, cello; 191 viola; etc.). These phrases are also a contrast to the string orchestra quintuplet figurations (m. 194; etc.) which disturb the smooth flow of the percussion parts and recall their earlier tutti section (mm. 172-185).

The texture builds, beginning at m. 186, and reaches the breaking point at the end of m. 202. *Sprechstimme* allows the vocalist a great range of expression and interpretive freedom in this section (beginning at m. 195). Rehearsal P represents the height of dramatic tension (see ex. 3 above). This point of realization for the main character is a pivotal moment in the development of the narrative.

A gentle, tremolo string quartet chord is left poised (m. 203) over the division between lines 18 and 19 of the text and the stillness is resumed. A very slow tempo and *fermatas* at the end of vocal phrases make the slowness of this section unprecedented. The stillness of the text is oppressive and suddenly, the line “if I should make a break” introduces the idea of escape (m. 213). Flight, briefly illustrated by a quickening of tempo in the string orchestra, is abandoned and the narrator returns to a state of acceptance. The

attempted escape (mm. 217-222), seen first in the violas, then assisted by four violins, is the seminal idea used later in “instrumental window” II.

At m. 227, the vocalist sings a fragment of text articulated in “vocal window” II. This fragment, “(t)he spinning world is stuck upon its poles,” receives an identical setting in both the voice and vibraphone. At m. 230, with the voice settling on the pitch A, there is a placement of pitches around this axis of symmetry (A) in string quartet and vibraphone. The same symmetrical treatment is assigned to the full string orchestra at m. 235. A cadential series of pitches in the low strings supports the statement “I fear the future on this arras” and, with an unsteady settling on low B and C, we close section three (m. 241).

Instrumental Window II, section four

In “instrumental window” II, each individual member of the large forces (string orchestra, percussionists) searches for a personal identity. Each instrument type is given largely unique material which is developed alone or in relation to other individual groups. Example 25 below illustrates the various entrances of the instruments.

m.	241	245	273	276	282	286	289	293	299	301	303
	perc.	vc.	bs.	perc.	bs.	vc.	perc.	vla.	vc.	vla.	perc.
vc. bs. vc. bs. vc. bs. vc. bs. vc. bs. vc. bs.											
m.	305	308	311	314	317	321	324	329	334		
	vla.	vln.(4)	vla.	vc.	bs.	vc.	vln.	perc.			
vln. vla. vla. vln. vla. vln. vla. vln. vla. vln. vla. vln.											
individual qualities gone											

Example 25: Instrumental window II, group entrances.

The tempos, though clearly related, are altered frequently, adding to the fragmented nature of this “instrumental window.” The idea of “process” is clearly evident here. In contrast to

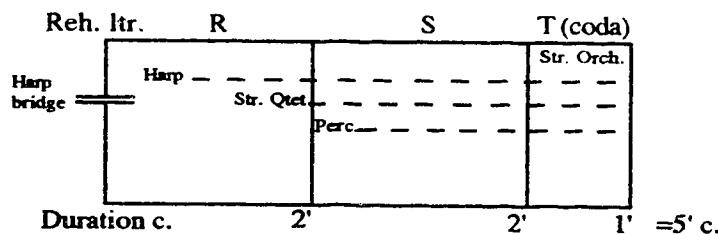
the "process" seen in movement I however, the "process" of this "instrumental window" will eventually display a deterioration of individuality.

The mezzo-soprano continues her journey through the garden and moves to station 4, on cue at m. 278. This places her close to the harp.

At m. 294, the viola music formerly associated with flight (m. 213), is followed by cellos, percussion, violas, violins (four, then all ten). The effect becomes cumulative from mm. 306-317 with the layering of individual groups. Measure 318 begins another process of accumulation in which the individual characteristics of the instruments are lost and they act as an ensemble once more. Percussion I, II and III bring this window to a gradual close through a five-bar rhythmic statement.

"Instrumental window" II can be thought of as a failed attempt, on the part of the members of the string orchestra, to gain some sort of individual identity within their own group. At the close of section four we are faced with a major turning point in the piece. The narrator has exhausted her possible options and has at last found the only other individual member of the orchestra. This member is, of course, the harp.

Section five: Rehearsal R-T



Example 26: Section five, general lay-out.

Beginning at m. 335 the mezzo-soprano and harp present an extended duo. The harp writing is free and flowing, the vocal line melismatic and rhapsodic. The text relates a confession on the part of the narrator which is underlined by the nature of the instrumental and vocal writing. The string quartet joins the vocalist and harp at m. 363, arriving at a

ritardando in m. 369 to the close of the stanza (m. 371). The disappointment of the narrator (lines 34-36) is supported by string quartet, in block chords with harp doubling the voice. This emotional outburst builds to a peak at m. 380 after which a static state is resumed. Tremolo sonorities on marimba (percussion III) and widely spaced string quartet chords bridge into the final lines of text.

All of the musical material in the next section (mm. 381-403) is in direct response to the lines of text: high passages in violins suggest birds circling overhead (beginning at m. 387); rising figures suggest taking flight (beginning at m. 393); passages in contrary motion suggest wings beating in pairs (beginning at m. 397). All of these aural cues enhance the visual imagery in a continually building texture. There is much word painting seen in the vocal part as well. The image of exaggerated slowness in the line “but they stand/as if within a treacle, motionless” is set at the bottom of the vocal range. An oscillating pair of pitches (in the voice beginning at m. 382) or a grace-note figure (in the string quartet beginning at m. 383) enhances the effect of the line “folding slow eyes on nothing.” The grace-note figure is carried over as an interruptive element in the otherwise static string quartet and solo string material between mm. 383 & 403. From m. 387, individual members of the string orchestra join the chamber music. The result is a complete take over of the intimate delicacy of the “concertante groups.” The poem ends with a shimmering of harmonics and harp glissandi accompanied by metallic percussion.

Coda: mm. 404-419

The hexachord (G,Ab,C,C#,D,Eb) unfolds between mm. 393-398 and is retained until m. 403. In the coda (mm. 404-419), the complementary hexachord (E,F,F#,A,Bb,B) is used almost exclusively. Here “process” returns, though it receives a very different treatment than it did in movement I.

A rising octatonic string figure, triggered by a tom tom flourish (mm. 395 & 396), is the germinal idea for development in the coda section. Octatonic scales, spanning the

octave, unfold on the five pitches (E,F,F#,Bb,B) successively in each of the strings of the orchestra. This rising figure eventually works its way through the orchestra and is held in the background from m. 412. Here, the string quartet begins in octaves the same octatonic ascent on the “missing pitch” A. In the foreground, the vocalist and harp join the overall sonority but articulate pitches found only in the (G,Ab,C,C#,D,Eb) hexachord. As the string orchestra holds the background chord, the string quartet, harp and mezzo-soprano (at mm. 416-418) recapitulate a gesture similar to that of m. 412-415. The string quartet figures in this final ascent display more erratic gestures but finally settle on A, completing the hexachord begun in the orchestra. The vocalist and harp end together outside the established “norm” of the background common to all other instrumentalists.

The reference to “process” is achieved in this section through the use of opposing hexachords (as seen above), a palindromic structure portrayed at a macro-level by the three percussionists, and, on the micro-level, with varying consistency, in the staggered rhythmic entrances of the individual strings. Measures 411-417 display an almost exact rhythmic retrogression of mm. 404-410 in the three percussion parts. This sets up a rhythmic “ostinato” whose pattern becomes detectable but not entirely predictable. At the micro-level, overlapping string entrances display certain palindromic characteristics, but the combined canonic entries are seen to be rhythmically “out of phase” (see ex. 27).

Example 27: Rhythmic entrances (i.e., cello, mm. 407-408)

The idea of “process” from movement I reappears in the coda section. In movement I we saw this idea illustrated through the use of “modulating” hexachords of changing pitch invariance. In the coda section of movement II, the idea has undergone a great deal of development and has been “influenced” by a journey through the poetical text. As suggested by the musical material (mm. 412–418) and the final “station” of her journey, the narrator is left within the garden. The “process” of this section has absorbed both her and the harp character into the backdrop.

Through metaphorical and parallel musical structures, Arras: a Garden of Cinema attempts to project, broaden, and explore the oppositions and ambiguities of Page’s text. The poetry represents for the principal character a journey of self-scrutiny. A journey which, though completed, is not satisfactorily resolved. It strives toward some understanding of the value inherent in the individual but returns to the anonymity of the *status quo*. Through its close paralleling of the poetic work, this musical setting enhances the journey.

Appendix One

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<u>ARRAS</u>	<u>P.K.</u> <u>Page</u>
Rehearsal Letters	
A	1 Consider a new habit - classical, 2 and trees espaliered on the wall like candelabra. 3 How still upon that lawn our sandalled feet.
C	4 But a peacock rattling his rattan tail and screaming 5 has found a point of entry. Through whose eye 6 did it insinuate in furred disguise 7 to shake its jewels and silk upon that grass?
E	8 The peaches hang like lanterns. No one joins
F	9 those figures on the arras.
L	10 Who am I 11 or who am I become that walking here 12 I am observer, other, Gemini, 13 starred for a green garden of cinema?
N	14 I ask, what did they deal me in this pack? 15 The cards, all suits, are royal when I look. 16 My fingers slipping on a monarch's face 17 twitch and grow slack. 18 I want a hand to clutch, a heart to crack.
P	19 No one is moving now, the stillness is 20 infinite. If I should make a break. . . . 21 take to my springy heels. . . . ? But nothing moves. 22 The spinning world is stuck upon its poles, 23 the stillness points a bone at me. I fear
Q	24 the future on this arras.
R	25 I confess: 26 It was my eye. 27 Voluptuous it came. 28 Its head the ferrule and its lovely tail 29 folded so sweetly; it was strangely slim 30 to fit the retina. And then it shook 31 and was a peacock - living patina, 32 eye-bright, maculate! 33 Does no one care?
S	34 I thought their hands might hold me if I spoke. 35 I dreamed the bite of fingers in my flesh, 36 their poke smashed by an image, but they stand 37 as if within a treacle, motionless, 38 folding slow eyes on nothing. While they stare 39 another line has trolled the encircling air, 40 another bird assur es its furred disguise.

Appendix Two

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Dear David Scott,

Your letter to Oxford about my three poems, "Love Poem", "The Apple", and "Arras" has just been forwarded to me.

I would be happy to give you permission to use those poems in a musical setting. It is understood, of course, that the copyright for the poems remains with me and that the songs be registered in my name as well as yours.

Business over, I would be very interested in hearing any of your previous works that you may have on cassette and I would offer you the same promise you offer me--that my interest is strictly non-commercial.

Good luck with your work. I shall look forward to hearing it.

Very sincerely,

