

Slacken tired shrouds

For Arditti Quartet

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Performance Notes

Barlines

To preserve completely accurate note spacing, barlines are given in blue and run the length of a system, such that they are completely coincident with the stems of the first beat. Time signatures, where they change, are given above the system.

Special time signatures

¹⁸/₁₆ M Time signatures followed by ‘M’ are subdivided into individual indepdent time signatures per instrument. This occurs when overlapping tuplets prevent convergence on a common beat for a long time, causing unwieldy lengths at the given tempo. Bars within these sections are enumerated by letters (.e.g. 31a, 31b, etc.)

Accidentals

$\sharp$ Accidentals are given for every note unless it is followed immediately by another note of the same value or tied. In addition to standard quarter-tone accidentals, a small up arrow attached to an accidental means ‘ever so slightly sharp,’ while a down arrow means ‘ever so slightly flat.’

Bowing directions

mst = molto sul tast
st = sul tast

mst = molto sul ponticello
sp = sul ponticello

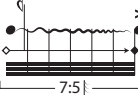
clt = col legno tratto
clb = col legno battuto
1/2 = half wood, half hair

Directions followed by an arrow indicates a transition from one to another.
1/2 clt -----> clt
Directions followed by a dashed bracket are canceled when the bracket terminates.
msp-----,
Directions followed by sempre apply until they are cancelled by another direction.
mst sempre
MSP
Circular bowing.

Special symbols

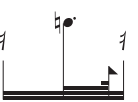
 Spicatto rearticulation - almost always during a glissando.

 Wild / uneven vibrato.

 White or grey diamonds attached to stems represent harmonic or half-harmonic touch respectively, regardless of whether or not the stopped note is coincidental with a harmonic node. The following attack immediately cancels the direction if there is no diamond on the stem. An arrow to or from a black diamond represents a gradual transition from one to the other. A square wave line is a trill between fully stopped pressure and harmonic or half-harmonic pressure.

N.B. The score also contains traditional diamond noteheads, which represent the touch intervals of artifical harmonics.

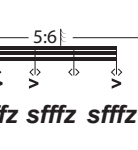
 An upturned arc indicates bowing behind the bridge, always two strings at a time. String numbers are given in the score (in the parts, they are given in green for clarity).

 A triangle below the staff indicates percussion on the body of the instrument - either a tap or knock.

 Multiphonic - a single multiphonic on string IV is used in the cello part; it is marked with an M in the staff and has the partials shown right. In the interests of space-saving, the partials are only shown here and note in the score itself.

 Overpressure is indicated by black shapes, which also show the general envelope of pressure from start to end.

 A transition from tremolo to stable bowing is indicated by an arrow followed by a circle.

 Rearticulations of a sustained sound accoridng to a particular pulse are given as show on the left, and may be accompanied by accents or other articulation information.

A

Cocytus, river of mournfulness

1 = 40

5 16 mst sempre

5 16

5 16

7 16

4 16

7 16

3 16

7 16

5 16

Vln. 1

pppp

MSP
C + 1/2 clt sempre

Vln. 2

ppp

Vla.

Pulsing, wide, slow vibrato - wavering, insecure, unstable

ppp

Vc.

Lament-like, exhausted and resigned but nonetheless continuing.

pp *fp* *ffp* *sfz* *ffp* *pp* *sfz* *p* *ffp* *sfz* *ffp*

5:4 | 3:2 | 5:6 | 11:8 | 4:3 | 7:5 | 4:3 |

(Detache)

B

11:8 = 55

9 5 16

6 16

7 16

4 16

5 16

Vln. 1

ppp

Vln. 2

ppp

Vla.

ppp

Vc.

(Detache)

ord. 1/2 clt msp clt

ord. 1/2 clt msp clt

msp clt > 1/2 clt

1/2 clt > clt

sfz *ffp* *sfz* *ppp* *pp* *ppp* *p* *ppp* *p*

5:6 | 11:8 | 5:6 | 7:5 | 9:8 |

*Tenuously, nervously; grasping.
st sempre*

System 1 (Measures 14-18):

- Vln. 1:** Measures 14-18. Dynamics: *p*, *mp*, *pp*, *mp*, *mf*, *p*. Intervals: 3:2, 10:9, 6:7, 3:2, 5:6, 6:7, 3:2.
- Vln. 2:** Measures 14-18. Dynamics: *p*, *mp*, *mf*. Interval: 7:5.
- Vla:** Measures 14-18. Dynamics: *mp*, *pp*, *mp*, *f*, *p*. Intervals: 3:2, 3:2.
- Vc:** Measures 14-18. Dynamics: *mp*, *p*, *mf*, *fp*, *fp*, *fp*. Intervals: 2, 7:6, 5:6, 4:3, 5:6, 9:8, 6:7, 5:4.

System 2 (Measures 19-23):

- Vln. 1:** Measures 19-23. Dynamics: *f*, *ppp*. Intervals: 3:2, 5:6, 7:6, 5:4, 3:2, 7:8.
- Vln. 2:** Measures 19-23. Dynamics: *f*, *ppp*. Intervals: 4:3, 3:2, 3:2.
- Vla:** Measures 19-23. Dynamics: *f*, *mp*, *sffz*. Interval: 7:5.
- Vc:** Measures 19-23. Dynamics: *fp*, *f*, *ppp*. Intervals: 9:7, 7:5, 9:8, 9:8, 5:6.

Other markings:

- Measure 19:** *all ord.*, *(ord.)*, *(to c.l.b. poco a poco)*.
- Measure 20:** *all ord.*, *(ord.)*, *(to c.l.b. poco a poco)*.
- Measure 21:** *sp*, *ord.*.
- Measure 22:** *sp*.
- Measure 23:** *sffz*.

Violin 1 (Vln. 1) and Violin 2 (Vln. 2) parts are written in treble clef. The Viola (Vla.) part is in alto clef, and the Violoncello (Vc.) part is in bass clef. The score is divided into measures 24 to 30. The tempo is marked as $\text{♩} = 72$. The score includes performance instructions such as "cit", "ord", "clb", and "clt". The dynamic markings are *fffp* and *f*. The time signatures are 5:4, 7:6, 5:6, 4:3, 7:6, 3:2, and 2:3.

Impatient, turbulent, fragile.

8ve

Violins 1 and 2, Viola, and Violoncello score, measures 28 to 43. The score is divided into two systems. The first system contains measures 28 to 33, and the second system contains measures 34 to 43. The music is characterized by complex rhythmic patterns, often using sixteenth and thirty-second notes, and includes dynamic markings such as *ppp*, *f*, *p*, *mp*, *mf*, and *fp*. There are also markings for "Impatient, turbulent, fragile." and "8ve" (octave). The key signature has one flat (B-flat).

Violins 1 and 2, Viola, and Violoncello parts, measures 31 to 47. The score is in 15/8 time and features complex rhythmic patterns with various rests and dynamic markings.

Violins 1 and 2, Viola, and Violoncello/Double Bass, measures 32 to 49. The score is in 16th notes, 7/16 time signature. It features complex rhythmic patterns with many beamed sixteenth notes and rests. Dynamics range from pp (pianissimo) to f (forte). There are various articulations like accents and slurs. The Viola part has a trill in measure 32. The Cello/Double Bass part has a large bow stroke in measure 32 and a double bar line in measure 33. The score ends with a repeat sign in measure 49.

D Increasingly measured; clouds, static, gasses.

36 8/16

Vln. 1

5:6

f *mf*

Vln. 2

7:6

f *mf* *f* *mf* *f* *mf* *f* *mf* *f* *mf* *f* *mf*

Vla.

3:2

f *mf* *f* *mf* *f* *mf* *f* *mf* *f* *mf* *f* *mf*

Vc.

M *M* *M* *M* *M* *M* *M* *M* *M* *M* *M* *M*

sfz *f* *mf* *f* *p* *f* *p* *f* *p*

E Codetta

Measures 40 to 54. The score is for four staves: Violin 1, Violin 2, Viola, and Violoncello/Double Bass. It features complex rhythmic patterns, including triplets and sixteenth notes, and dynamic markings such as *f*, *mf*, *p*, *mp*, and *sfz*. The section is marked with a 5/16 time signature and a key signature of one sharp (F#).

8
16 **F** Twisted, noisy, brittle.

46

Vln. 1

ord. 3:2 f mp fff

Vln. 2

ord. 5:6 mf p fp mp fff

Vla.

(ord.) fp fp mp f ff fff

Vc.

ord. mp fp mp f mf ff fff

6
16 (ord.) $\rightarrow$ msp ord. $\rightarrow$ sp

8
16

7
16

5
16

7
16

51

Vln. 1

5:6 8:7 p fff

Vln. 2

(sp) 5:6 p fff

Vla.

tr. mp fff

Vc.

mp fff

ORD
ST

(Detache)

5:6 11:8

6 **G** Lethe, the river of forgetting **8**

53 16 16 7 16 5 16 2 16 3 16

Vln. 1 *ppp* *mf* *p* *mf* *p* *mf* *p* *mf* *p* *mf* *p* *f* *mf*

Vln. 2 *ppp* *mf* *p* *mf* *p* *mf* *p* *mf* *p* *mf* *p* *f* *mf*

Vla. *mp* *mf* *mp* *sffz* *mf* *mp* *sffz* *sffz* *mp* *mf* *mf* *5:4* (ord.) (to mst)

Vc. *mp* *mf* *fff* *mp* *mf* *p* *< fff* *mp* *mf* *sfz* *< fff* *mp* *f*

(Detache)

5:6 5:6 11:8 9:8 9:8 9:8 6:7

pizz. (ord.) (to mst)

*Although the harmonics are ostensibly at the unison, the difference in temperament that arises between the just third of one and the octave of the other, should not be adjusted for.

3 5

61 16 16

Vln. 1 *ff* *p* *mf* *p* *mf* *p* *mf* *p* *mf* *p* *mf* *p* *mf*

Vln. 2 *ff* *p* *mf* *p* *mf* *p* *mf* *p* *mf* *p* *mf* *p* *mf*

Vla. *ff* *mf* *sffz* *p* *mp* *mp* *fp* *mf* *mp* *fp* *sfz* *mf* *sfz* *p* *< mf* *p* *< mf*

Vc. *mf* *sffz* *mp* *ff* *mp* *fp* *fp* *p* *< f* *sfz* *mf* *fp* *sfz* *fp* *sfz*

mst. mst. pizz. clb. clb.

III/IV 5:6 3:2 3:2 IV/III IV/III

69

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vc.

p *mf* *p* *mf* *p* *mf* *p* *mf* *p* *mf*

p *mf* *p* *mf* *p* *mf* *p* *mf* *p* *mf*

p *f* *fp* *sfz* *mf* *p*

fp *sfz* *fp* *sfz* *mf* *fp* *ff*

clt---clb

clb

clb

clb

(Detache)

5:6

11:8

4 16

4 16

Slowly depress

II

3 8

fff *f*

77

Vla.

Vc.

hold for no less than 10 seconds

f *fff* *sub. pp* *mf* *sffz* *fff* *f*

5:4

7 16

3 16

4 16

9 32

9 32

2 16

3 8

5:4

ord. msp

10:9

6:5

85

Vla.

Vc.

sub pp. *mf*

ppp. *mf*

5:6

7:5

6 16

6 16

2 16

6:5

5 16 I Lethe (slight return) 10 16 5 16

88

Vln. 1

p *f* *mf* *ff* *p* *mf* *p* *mf* *p* *mf*

Vln. 2

p *f* *mf* *ff* *p* *mf* *p* *mf* *p* *mf* *p* *mf*

Vla.

pizz. *ff* 5:6 (Detache) *fff* *mf*

Vc.

pizz. *sfffz* *sfffz* 5:6 (Detache) *fff* *mf*

I/II I/II IV/III

93

Vln. 1

p *mf* *p* *mf* *p* *mf* *p* *mf* *p* *mf*

Vln. 2

p *mf* *p* *mf* *p* *mf* *p* *mf* *p* *mf*

Vla.

mp *fp* 3:2 8:10 *sfz* *mf* *sfz* *p* *fmf* *p* *mf* *p* *f* *fp* 5:6 9:8

Vc.

p *f* *mp* *ff* *sfffz* *sfffz* *sfz* *mf* *fp* *sfz* *fp* *sfz* *mp* *ff* *sfffz* *sfffz* *fp* *sfz* *fp*

I/II I/II I/II

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Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vc.

5
16

7
16

8
16

3
16

11
32

7
32

f *ff* *mp* *f*

3:2 3:2 6:5 3:2 10:9

114

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vc.

7
32

4
16

6
16

4
16

10
16

8
16

7
16

p *mf* *p* *mf*

6:7 4:3 5:6 9:8 6:7 6:5 6:5 6:5 6:5 6:5

7:6 5:6 4:3 5:6 9:8 3:2 5:4 6:5 6:5 6:5 6:5

121 4 16 7 16

Vln. 1 *ff* *sub p*

Vln. 2 *ff* *sub p*

Vla. *ff* *sub p* 1/2 clt

Vc. *ff* *sub p* on the bridge

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