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"For Thine is the Kingdom"

Combustion and	Dream polyps and
88 constellations	the fabulous beasts, peopled;
pinpoints - diffusing	with haunted eyes pressed
to chaos	to the window pane

CHOROS*

"the power and the glory"

root ruttings	gold eyebrow auras
branching to the	overlap
tree crown self-image	blood-stained tears

CHOROS

"forever and ever"

Wisdom of Babylon	and babbles
Oh, Micro of cosmos	Aabba, Aadda
begets, begets	Aazzi, Aahamata **

AMEN

* Greek - to sing in a circle
** Babylonian personal names from Cuneiform tablets at Telloh

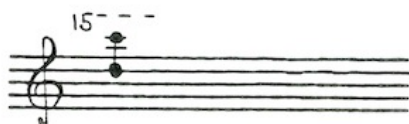
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revised 1983



strings plucked with nails (or fingers)

Prepared notes

Place masking tape (preferably with beize backing) across the indicated strings in a strip approximately 1" in width.



Notes to be played with a mallet on strings or braces



Gliss up the strings - usually wound strings



" down " " " "

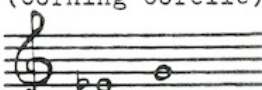


" across "

f.t. Finger tip

The percussion part may be played by the singer and the pianist or may be played by a third performer

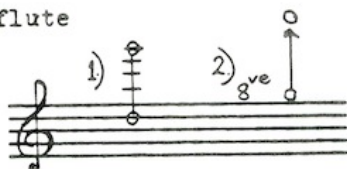
PERCUSSION FOR VOCALIST

megaphone	MEGA (also paper towel roll)
high triangle	TRI
wind chime	WC
maraca	MAR
ancient cymbal	AC
wood block	WB
gong (low)	GO
bowls 8½" and 6" diam.	BO or BOS (Corning Corelle)
	Pitch → 
clickers	CLI (child's toy or party favor)
balloon	
D major mouth organ	



Percussion for Pianist

Low triangle	(Mounted on a music stand) TRI
two finger cymbals	FC (different pitches)
slide flute	



- 1) Strings between top and 2nd brace
- 2) Strings from top brace to top of the piano. On some pianos these strings are too short to sound - in which case you will need to use the area of brace 1 → 2 for both hands

Symbiosis

Dedicated to Rosemary Platt and Eileen Davis

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The musical score is divided into two systems. The first system includes staves for Voice, Percussion, and Piano. The Voice staff has a 'shimmering' instruction and measures of 4", 5", and 6". The Percussion staff includes '4" TRI tr', '5" WC', '6" MAR**', and 'mf'. The Piano staff has '4" sff', '5" *1,2', '6" cresc.', and 'f'. The second system includes staves for Voice, Percussion, and Piano. The Voice staff has '8" AC', '3" TRI WB AC', and '7"'. The Percussion staff has '8" ... birds in flight...', '3" 15 (prepared notes)', '3" tr', and '7"'. The Piano staff has '8" f', '3" start slowly accel.', and '7" not.'. The score is marked with various dynamics like *pp*, *mf*, and *f*, and includes performance instructions like 'start slowly accel. not.'.

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- * 1. Improvise with given pitches
- * 2. Don't synchronize left and right hands in improvised passages
- ** MAR roll is produced by holding the maracca vertically and using a twirling motion.

20"

20"

WC

20"

dim a niente

↑ 8

approx. pitches

incorporate rests, little glissandi, diads, etc.

approximate pitches

6" 6" 6"

6" 6" BOS AC 6" WB MAR

R.H. may move freely between upper two 6"

braces

Braces 3 2 1
1 = lowest

6" 5"

6" 1-3 BOS TRI 5"

6" 5"

on 8 String L.V.

loco

sf

p

delicately - an afterthought linger

L.V.

L.V.

4" 5"

4" 5"

4" fresh impulse, *f* *Ped off* *Ped* *sf* *shimmering* 5" *espr* *linger,* *fresh impulse energized* *black note gliss.* *sim.* *choke* *white note!* *8th* *choke* *sim.* *Ped.* *off* *Ped.* *off*

WB

7"

7"

L.H.

tr ~~~~~

R.H. 15

sf *Ped.* *a niente* *Ped.*

4" 4" 4" 4"

4" *ossia* 4" FC TRI 4" FC FC TRI 4"

4" 4" 4" 4"

stroke highest wound strings with palm *FC* *TRI* *FC* *FC* *TRI* *nail gliss on string*

Ped. *then damp with palm. Some sound remains* *continuous Ped.* *8* *toward keyboard*

6" 3" AC WC For Thine is the

lightly gliss on wound strings with fingernails held together

(sweep motion back of hand)

2" sf dim a niente

mf

* With free hand, also pluck string above laminated bridge if possible

Ped.

5 King dom Thine is the King-dom

depress silently

sf

strum chord on strings

Ped.

Thine is the Ki ng-dom

intense 3 7

WC

improvisatory

up

gliss on wound strings overlap briefly with wind chime

sf

B0 6 G0 barely audible

f *pp* *simile*

mysterious *p* *darting* *mp* *mf*

gradual crescendo *simile* *(mf)* *(f)*

f *8* *Sf* *tr* *tr* *tr* *tr*

Ped *Ped* *8* *tr*

f *mf* *f* *mf*

Com - bus - tion *and eigh-ty-eight con-stel - la - tions*

Burst balloon!

sff *L.V.* *mf* *3* *1* *4* *5*

ff *mf* *3* *3* *5*

Ped off but hold notes!

pin - points dif - fus - ing to cha -

broadening, *a tempo*

f *p subito* *cresc.*

- os

sff (*mp*) *mf* *f* *tr*

Ped. $\frac{1}{2}$ *Ped.* *Ped.*

G0 *pp* *soft pulsing* *sim.*

Ped. $\frac{1}{2}$ *Ped.* *Ped.*

2" 6" approximate pitches

(tongue clicks) too - ah too - ah too - ah too - too (tongue clicks)

5" 3" singer or percussion in out

2" 3" 6"

mp

5" normal (no MEGA) 3" tr

f *na noo na noo ah

repeat syllable = dots

5" 3" 8

sf *ff* L.V.

Ped L.H. always a little ahead

3" paper towel roll 6" 3 cresc. 6

*Hoo woo

*feel the resonance in the paper towel roll

3" 8 6" L.V.

Ped.

4" cup and uncup bottom of roll as rapidly as possible
mf *f* producing a rapid vibration
 woo ee o (w)
 change vowel gradually

5" *f* rapid gliss *mp*
sf yip hay - - oe tee-ah
 MAR

4" Whistle
p *mf* *f* *p*
 very slow gliss
 for three performers, pianist or singer picks up clicker

5" *sf* PIANO 15 *tr*
 prepared notes

f (whisper) 5"
 yee oo ah

(CLI) 3 3 in

15 5"

8"

out Whistle
 rapid gliss

8" *espressivo*

* *tr*
 * trill by rapidly oscillating the slide rod but using one continuous breath

6" 16"

WC

GO

p *mf* *p*

espr.

finger nail pliss on highest wound strings

mf *f* *p*

L.H. R.H. L.V.

Ped.

mf 5" 9"

Cho - - - ros Cho - - - ros Ah

f *very slow pliss*

b *tr* *L.V.*

5" 9"

depress silently

f *strum across strings*

mp *cresc.* *f*

overlapping plissandi - slow fingernail pliss - two or three fingers per hand

Ped.

3" 2" 63"

mouvementé

3" 15"

with palms middle strings

pliss on middle strings

f *stt* *mf*

(prepared notes)

3

top wound strings

lowest strings

L.V.

Ped.

Handwritten musical score for piano and voice, page 12. The score is written in treble and bass staves for piano and includes vocal lines with lyrics. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The score is divided into three systems by double bar lines.

System 1:

- Vocal line: "the" (lyric) with a forte (*f*) dynamic marking.
- Piano line: Measures 15 and 8 are indicated. Dynamics include *f*, *mf*, *f* (loco), *sf*, and *mf*. Pedal markings (*Ped.*) are present.

System 2:

- Vocal line: "pow" and "er" (lyrics) with a dotted line indicating a long note or rest.
- Piano line: Continues the melodic and harmonic progression with a *Ped.* marking.

System 3:

- Vocal line: "and" and "the" (lyrics) with a dotted line indicating a long note or rest.
- Piano line: Continues the melodic and harmonic progression with a *Ped.* marking.

First system of a musical score. The vocal line (top staff) begins with a whole note G4, followed by a long horizontal line indicating a sustained note. The lyrics "Glo -" are written below the staff. The piano accompaniment (bottom staves) features a complex, rhythmic pattern with many sharps, suggesting a key signature of three sharps (F# major or C# minor). The piano part includes a marking "(Rec.)" at the beginning.

Second system of the musical score. The vocal line continues with a melodic phrase, ending with a note marked "ry." (rhythmic). The piano accompaniment is highly active, with a marking "sopra" (soprano) above the right hand. The system concludes with a marking "stacc." (staccato) above the right hand and "(Rec.)" (recitativo) below the left hand.

Third system of the musical score. The vocal line has a long rest. The piano accompaniment continues with a complex, rhythmic pattern. The system includes markings "Legato" above the right hand, "mp" (mezzo-piano) below the right hand, and "cresc." (crescendo) below the left hand.

marcato
legato
mf rough
sf
f

Slower tempo
espr.
cresc.
mp
Root rut-tings branch-ing to the
sf
tr
mp
espr mf
Loco
uc.
uc. off Ped

f
tree crown self-im-age
mf
3
3
Loco
mp
Ped.

mp *cresc.* *mf*

Gold - en eye - brow au - - - ras o - ver - lap blood - stained

intense *cresc.*

34" Chorus

tears

BOS

8 3 34" 1 2 3 4 5 6

mf *poco rit.* *sff*

ff

7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20

mf *espr.*

ff

8 ↓

damp string with freeze hand for die.

WC

21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34

p

gliss across lowest strings

43"

D major mouth organ

(wc)

mf

three performers

ossia

f

WB *p* | 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15

43"

f fast, furious, random

Hit the cymbals with the clickers (while continuing to play the clickers) until the cymbals bounce off each other L.V.

FC

note values are approximate

sf take breaths when needed

16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29

on lowest strings

depress silently

strum across strings

approx pitch

FC

* ossia for three performers: Clickers played by singer or pianist, finger cymbals by percussionist

ossia for three performers

FC TRI FC FC TRI

30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43

mf *mf* *f* *impulsive*

FC TRI FC FC TRI

$\text{♩} = 1'' \text{ approx } 58 \text{ m.m.}$

G0 *sff*

1 2 3 4 5 L.V. 6 7 8 9 10

broadening

sf sf sf sf

approx pitches

sff

precise pitch

Ped. (don't change ped)

p 8

mf

for - ev - - er and ev - er and ev - er

MAR

feathery

sempre 8 *approx. pitch*

For - ev - er and ev - er — for - ev - er and ev - er —

p *cresc.*

sim.

gradual cresc.

8 sempre

for - ev - er — and ev - er —

f *broaden* *rall* *in the distance* *a tempo*

BOS

rall. *a tempo*

L.V. *mf* *Depress silently strum across strings* *Ped.*

for -

f *impassioned*

impulsive *f* *mf* *f rhapsodic*

Ped.

cresc *ff*

ev - er and ev - - er and ev - er

ff majestic *fff* L.V.

Ped

mouth organ $\text{♩} = 63^{\pm}$ *mouvementé*

p *a niente*

depress silently p *a niente* *mf*

change ped. u.c.

mf velvety

Wis-dom of Bab-y-lon, mi-cro of cos - mos be -

sim

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