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The Beekeepers  
for  
Amplified Cello  
&  
Fixed Media

## The Beekeepers – Performance Notes

The player needs two bows – one for *col legno* playing and the other for normal bowing. Also, player needs a small egg shaker which is at times held in the bow hand or shaken independently.

Trill starts normally and then become a 3-note trill



Repeat boxed notes as fast as possible between piano and mezzo forte for the duration of the beam.

A musical staff with a treble clef. A box encloses three notes. Below the box is the instruction "afap". Below the staff is the dynamic "p - mf".

Repeat the boxed notes varying values between eighth and sixteenth note durations.

A musical staff with a treble clef. A box encloses three notes. Below the box is the dynamic "mp". Above the staff is the instruction "spicc". To the right is a sustained note with the instruction "gradually legato". Below the sustained note is the dynamic "f".

Exp. Gliss – exponential gliss – start gliss slowly and then accelerate.

A musical staff with a bass clef. A curved line starts from a note with dynamics "mf" and ends at a note with dynamics "pp". Above the curve is the instruction "s.p. exp. gliss".

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$\text{♩} = 60$

Fixed Media

Violoncello

6

Shaker

rapid multi-note trill

10

more intense

gliss.

mp

sul G

14

exp. gl

Swaarm--

(Whoosh)

+Girl: Bee etc.  
Male: Bee,

pizz.

arco

f

mf

p

bounce

3

pizz.

arco ord.

bliss.

f

mf

p

18

1.08" | 1.16"

22

1.24" | 1.32"

*Bounce*

26

1.40" shifting D harmonics | 1.48"

30

1.56" | 2.04" | 2.12."

occasional 'G' harmonics throughout this passage

s.p. → ord. | exp. gloss

35

2.16" | 2.24"

*High buzz*

*(airy buzz)*

*pizz*

*mp*

*f*

39

2.32" | 2.40"

Girl: A swarm of bees in | Woman: sssswa-a- rm  
Male: It's a swarm If you see one | *High buzz*

*pp*

*mf*

*arco tr*

*pp*

*mf*

*p*

43

2.48" | 2.56" | 3.04" | Good for a

Male: swarm from somebody nearby | die off in a year or two | Girl: Here we come! | Good for a

find someplace to live... |

*f*

*p*

*f > p*

*mf*

*pizz*

48

3.08" | 3.16"

They're pretty much just gone --see wild bees OK & my first experiences- When my grandfather

51

3.20" | 3.28"

19-----50's He went out and just caught a swarm stuck it in a hive

55

3.36" | 3.44"

end of the season comb out - killed the bees  
the bees

bounce

6 59

*3.52"*

Now that was the 1950's *gliss.*

*gliss.*

*(tr)*

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

*4.0"*

62

*4.04"*

(*Buzzy cluster*)

*p* *tr* *3* *mf* *>p*

*4.12"*

66

*4.20"*

*becoming bee-like buzz*

*periodic pulsing*

*bounce*

*mp* *f* *f* *mp*

*4.28"*

70

*4.36"*

If the hive has to split

The Queen!

She will be with....

*gliss.*

*mp* *p* *mp*

*4.44"*

74

7

4.52" | 5.0"

of-the workforce Huge gathering of bees Just that they're ready

(8) *b*

78

5.08"

not That's when they're the most docile *High layer*

*arco* *flautando*

*bounce*

**p** **p**

80

5.16" 5.24" 5.32"

Gonna do everything If you put hear the sort of slow  
sorta slow that close bees

*(Bee Buzz)*

*Pluck* *sul A sul D*

**p**

85

5.40" 5.44"

Bees actually get I'm the beekeeper's keeper

*pizz* *(laughter)* *(free pizz layer)*

*(vc. free pizz, gliss section)* *f*

*sul qrd G* *exp. gliss* *exp. gliss.*

**Vc.** **mf** **fp** **mf** **mp**

5.52" | 5.56"

sssswarm----

*f* *mp* 5

*Sul D*

*3*

6.04"

*Sul A*

*f*

6.08" | 6.16" (Buzz) | 6.24"

*arco*

*free harmonic gliss*

*exp. gliss sul A*

*p* 3 *poco* *mp* <*f*>

6.28" | 6.36"

And there's a huge swarm of bees hanging way beyond reach what they do is It's a ball of bees  
*(girl's processed voice)* *gliss.* *Man's processed voice: ball, ball etc. sim.*

*+ p* 3 | *- 3* | *tr*

101

6.44"

So he gets this  
Girl: bee, bee etc - bucket

ord. → s.p.

(tr)~~~~~

*p < mf > p*

103

6.48"                    6.56"                    7.00"                    7.08"

hive catcher  
into this container  
but he can't reach it...and the ladder is  
wobbly

c.l.b.      c.l. tr.      tr      bridge

*I'm not holding*

*If changing to Bow 2,  
end 'B' sooner.*

*mf w/ bow near bridge*

*Distorted speech*

7.12"                    7.20"

He chops  
the limb      Cascade, avalanche of bees      falling down to earth--      land

on bridge      ord.  
pizz      3

*mf*

*(alternate  
with both hands)*

113

7.28"                    7.32"

I don't now  
how many      Distorted speech

*Buzz*

c.l. tr.      c.l. bat.      ord.

*mf*

116

7.40" 7.48"

(arco)

*mf*

Jeff always feeds  
the bees

*cello bounce*

But I still feel bad...  
to make a pound  
But I do feel bad...  
But I do feel bad...

*arco flautando*

*mp*

120 7.56" 8.04"

124

8.12" 8.20"

when I understand bee lives to make a pound of honey

*spicc.*

*exp. gl.*

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

127

share croppers

8.24" 8.32" shaker 8.36"

2 million blossoms

I think they're subdued c.l. bat. (bounce)

*Bow 2*

*c.l. tr.*

*fp*

*f*

*p*

*mp*

*exp. gliss*

131

8.44" | 8.52" | 8.56"

Vc. tremolo (Vc. distorted)

When you compare the life---

harm. gliss.

*p* < *mf* > *p* < *mf* > *p* < *mp* >

136

9.04" | 9.12" | 9.20"

Those bees you can compare

the maximum

brief cresc

a commercial bee-keeper

It's a business

Bow + egg

exp. gliss.

pizz.

sul G + arco

*s*

>*pp*

*p* < *mf* >

< *p*

142

9.28" | 9.36"

300-4000 cannot let --- them We take the time

gliss.

delicately

s.p. ord.

*mp*

*3*

*nf*

*3*

146

9.40"

bee, bee etc let ---- them fly  
a swarm of bees in May is worth

*pizz lightly*

*mf*

149

9.52"

is worth a load  
a hay  
(foreground voice)

10.00"

a swarm of bees in June is worth  
a silver spoon  
(foreground voice)

*arco flautando*

*p*

let them

153

10.08"

A swarm of bees in July

10.16"

*rhapsodically (do not need to coordinate with tape)*

*f* 3

>*mf*

*z*

156

10.24"

