

CATACLYSM

FOR SOLO VIOLIN

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Performance Notes:

1. Accelerando beams (as in measure 14)should be played for the duration listed in braces above the beam.
The rate of acceleration/reduction of speed is determined by the player, but the overall duration must not be shorter or exceed the indicated length.
2. In measure 34, both upper and lower notes must be played tremolo with the glissandi occurring through the notes without stems, not stopping on them. These are merely guides to help show the trajectory of the glissandi, and all other instances with a glissando and stemless notes should be handled in this way.
3. Multiple glissandi while accelerating (such as in measure 37) is handled in the same way as indicated in item 1. The difference is that the glissandi are graphically placed to approximate the amount of time spent on the actual notes. Longer distances between notes are slower glissandi and shorter lengths are quick glissandi. Again, the actual rate of change is determined by the performer.
4. For the soltando indication in measure 99, the player should stop all of the necessary strings shown and quickly arpeggiate them in a soltando fashion with the bow.
5. Measures 186-201 signify the climax of the piece. It is understood and desired that the tone is thin and possibly scratchy. The player should pay close attention to the accents and make these stand out in the busy texture. The open strings played with the stopped notes should be a broken stroke and start from the lowest note. Doing so will ensure the ebb and flow of intensity and motion throughout the climax. Be sure to portray this section as the most dramatic.

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Duration: approx. 13 minutes

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Violin

Aggressive ♩ = 88

10

17 *a tempo*

22 *rit. --- a tempo*

31 *arco rit. ---*

pizz. *arco* *pizz.* *arco* *rit. ---*

mp *f* *ff* *ff* *p* *f* *pp* *ff* *f* *sub.* *p* *f* *p* *pp* *f*

p *ff* *p* *f* *3* *3* *pp* *sub.* *f* *p* *pp*

f *sub.* *ff* *pp* *p* *f* *sub.* *p* *f* *sub.* *p*

f *ff* *p* *sub.* *sfz* *p* *pp* *delicately* *f* *p*

pp *f* *ff* *p* *pp*

37 arco *f* *ff* *f* *ff* *f* pizz. arco *p* sub. *n* *p* *n*

43 *pp* *p* *pp* *n* *pp* *p* *pp* *n* *p*

51 *pp* *p* *p* *7* *p* *pp* *5* *f* *p* pizz. arco *p* *f* *6*

8^{va} --- loco sul pont. normal

56 *p* *n* *pp* *p* *pp* sul pont.

62 normal *p* *3* *f* *f* *p* *f*

67 *f* *ff*_{sub.} *mf*_{sub.} *p*_{sub.} (echoing)

Musical staff 67-70 in 4/4 time. It begins with a half rest, followed by a quarter note G4 with an accent. The next three measures contain chords: F#4-G#4-A4, F#4-G#4-A4, and F#4-G#4-A4, each with an accent. The final measure of the system contains a half note G4 with an accent. A crescendo hairpin spans the last three measures, leading to a decrescendo hairpin in the next system.

70 *pp* cresc. poco a poco poco *mf* *f*

Musical staff 70-74 in 3/4 time. It begins with a half rest, followed by a quarter note G4 with an accent. The next three measures contain chords: F#4-G#4-A4, F#4-G#4-A4, and F#4-G#4-A4, each with an accent. The final measure of the system contains a half note G4 with an accent. A crescendo hairpin spans the last three measures, leading to a decrescendo hairpin in the next system.

75 *ff*

Musical staff 75-78 in 3/4 time. It consists of a continuous eighth-note scale starting on G4, moving up stepwise. The scale is divided into four measures, each containing four eighth notes. A decrescendo hairpin spans the entire staff.

79 *f* *p* *f* *p* *ff*_{sub.} rit. a tempo

Musical staff 79-82 in 3/4 time. It begins with a half rest, followed by a quarter note G4 with an accent. The next three measures contain chords: F#4-G#4-A4, F#4-G#4-A4, and F#4-G#4-A4, each with an accent. The final measure of the system contains a half note G4 with an accent. A decrescendo hairpin spans the last three measures, leading to a decrescendo hairpin in the next system.

83 Freely, lyrical ♩ = 72 *p* *f* *p* *f* *p* *f* *p* rit.

Musical staff 83-86 in 3/4 time. It begins with a half rest, followed by a quarter note G4 with an accent. The next three measures contain chords: F#4-G#4-A4, F#4-G#4-A4, and F#4-G#4-A4, each with an accent. The final measure of the system contains a half note G4 with an accent. A decrescendo hairpin spans the last three measures, leading to a decrescendo hairpin in the next system.

91

pp $\triangleleft$ *p* $\triangleright$ *pp* *n* $\triangleleft$ *p* $\triangleright$ *n* *pp* $\triangleleft$ *p* $\triangleright$ *n* $\triangleleft$ *p* $\triangleright$ *n* *pp* $\triangleleft$ *p* $\triangleright$

98

saltando

p $\triangleright$ *pp* *n* $\triangleleft$ *pp* $\triangleright$ *p* $\triangleleft$ *f* $\triangleright$ *p* $\triangleright$ *pp* $\triangleright$

105

p $\triangleleft$ *f* $\triangleright$ *pp* $\triangleleft$ *p* $\triangleright$ *pp* $\triangleleft$ $\triangleright$ *n* $\triangleleft$ *pp* $\triangleright$ *p* $\triangleleft$ *p* $\triangleleft$ *f* $\triangleright$ *p* $\triangleleft$ *f* $\triangleright$

115

p $\triangleleft$ *f* $\triangleright$ *p* $\triangleleft$ *f* $\triangleright$ $\triangleleft$ *pp* $\triangleright$ *p* $\triangleleft$ *f* $\triangleright$

121

$\triangleleft$ *p* $\triangleright$ *f* $\triangleleft$ *ff* $\triangleright$ *p*_{sub.} $\triangleleft$ $\triangleright$ *p* $\triangleleft$ *f* $\triangleright$ *p* $\triangleleft$ *f* $\triangleright$ $\triangleleft$ *p* $\triangleright$

129

f *ff* *p* *f* *pp* sub. *p* sub.

136

f *ff* *p* sub. *f* *pp* *p* *pp*

rit. *a tempo*

143

pp *p* *p* *pp* *p* *n* *p* *pp* *p* *n* *p* *pp* *p* *n* *p*

155

p *pp* *f* *p* *f* *ff*

accel. *Aggressive* ♩ = 88

162

p *pp* *f* *ff* *p* *f* *p* *f*

169

p *pizz.* *f* *pp* *f* *ff* *p*

175

arco

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

181

f *ff*

186

8^{va}

f *p* *f* *p* *f*

190

f *p* *f* *p* *f*

195

7 6 5 6 6 5

200

f *p* *pp*

loco *pizz.* *rit.*

Solemn $\text{♩} = 72$

208 *arco*

pp *p* *p* *n* *f* *n* *p* *f* *pp*

219

n *p* *f* *f* *p* *pizz.* *arco* *pn*

225

pp *p* *p* *p* *p* *pp* *pizz.* *p*