
douglas **knehans**

lamentation

score

ae 40

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for string orchestra

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Instrumentation

Violini I	(minimum 12)
Violini II	(minimum 10)
Viole	(minimum 8)
Violoncelli	(minimum 6)
Contrabassi	(minimum 4)

Score is in C

Duration - c.10 minutes

Program Note

Lamentation is a simple work for string orchestra written in response to the 2004 siege in a schoolhouse in the little town of Beslan that resulted in the tragic murder of hundreds of innocent children. The force the event had on me outstripped even the tremendous tragedy of the event itself and brought up questions of perseverance in the face of such evil acts – the purity and optimism of young children on their first day of school being shattered so violently and senselessly. *Lamentation* then becomes a lament for those innocent victims and also a work of mourning for yet another layer of our humanity being violently destroyed along with the hope of those young lives.

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20

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vcl.

Cb.

26

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vcl.

Cb.

31

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vcl.

Cb.

36

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vcl.

Cb.

ff

ff

ff

3

40

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vcl.

Cb.

mp

mp

mp

f

mp

p

p

46

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vcl.

Cb.

ff dramatic, expressive

f

f

mf

f

49

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vcl.

Cb.

52

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vcl.

Cb.

55

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vcl.

Cb.

sfz sfz sfz

ffz

poco a poco dim

poco a poco dim

58

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vcl.

Cb.

poco a poco dim

p

f sempre molto espressivo

f sempre molto espressivo

f sempre molto espressivo

f sempre molto espressivo

62

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vcl.

Cb.

f sempre molto espressivo

ff

f

ff

f

68

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vcl.

Cb.

ff

f

ff

f

ff

f

74

Vln. 1 *ff* *f*

Vln. 2 *ff* *f*

Vla. *ff* *f* *ff* *f*

Vcl. *fff* very full bows, passionate *f* *ff* dark, heavy

Cb. *ff* dark, heavy

80

Vln. 1 *expressive, non-diminuendo* *ff* *f*

Vln. 2 *ff* *f*

Vla. *ff* *f* *ff*

Vcl. *ff* *f* *ff*

Cb. *ff* *f* *ff*

86

Vln. 1 *ff* *fff* very full bows, passionate

Vln. 2 *ff*

Vla. *fff* very full bows, passionate

Vcl. *ff*

Cb. *ff*

92

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vcl.

Cb.

ff

espressivo

espressivo

espressivo

99

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vcl.

Cb.

f

pp morendo

f

pp morendo

f

pp morendo

f

pp morendo

f

pp morendo