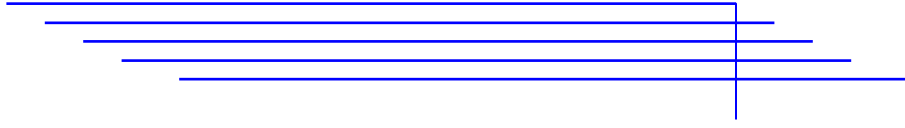


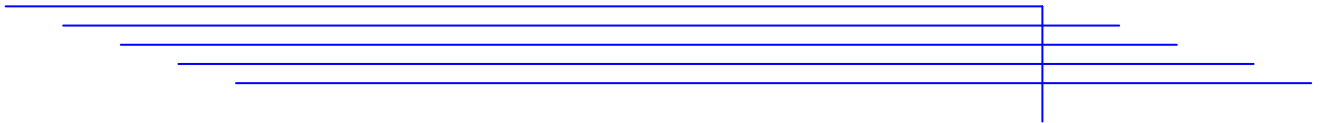
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4 Nocturnes

for violin & viola

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VOCAL MUSIC

The Snow Begins (W.C. Williams)	1975	soprano, piano	3 min
Earth and Sea (Eskimo texts)	1975	soprano, piano	3 min
Preludes (T.S. Eliot)	1978	soprano, violin, cello	10 min
6 Songs (W.B. Yeats)	1983	soprano, piano	15 min
To a Child (W.B. Yeats)	1987	soprano, string quartet	20 min
Crazy Jane Sings (W.B. Yeats)	1999	soprano, fl, vn, va, vc, pn	25 min
Vignettes/Flowers (W.C. Williams)	2002	SATB, cello	18 min
Love Poems (W.C. Williams)	2003	SSAA	10 min
Vignettes/Trees (W.C. Williams)	2004	2 voices, 2 cellos	15 min
Thinking of You (John MacKenzie)	2005	soprano, vc, harp	7 min
Ariettas without words	2005	soprano, vc, harp	9 min
Scetate (Ferdinando Russo)	2005	SSATTBB	6 min
In Their Flight (Mark Doty)	2006	sop, mezzo, vn, vc	6 min
5 Rilke Songs	2009	soprano, va d'amore, vc	15 min
4 Songs to Poems by Hart Crane	2010	tenor, piano	12 min
Seasons (W.C. Williams)	2010	SATB	11 min
Der Nachbar	2012	sop, vn	3 min
Sonnets to Orpheus (Rilke)	2012	tenor, piano	35 min
Songs of Loss and Remembrance	2012	sop, va d'amore, va, vc	12 min
Rozmowa z kamieniem (Szymborska)	2013	sop, 2 va, vc	15 min

MUSIC FOR STRINGS ALONE

6 Contrapuntal Pieces	1986	string quartet	20 min
For Laura	1987	string quartet	25 min
The Beckoning Stars	2001	string quartet	13 min
Imaginary Dances	2001	violin solo	18 min
Short Stories	2003	vn, va, vc, db	18 min
Passion (a love duet)	2003	va, vc	9 min
Pavanne (for a world without war)	2005	string orchestra	8 min
Meditations for String Orchestra	2006	string orchestra	8 min
American Landscapes	2007	string quartet	24 min
Motet for String Orchestra	2008	string orchestra	7 min
Ecstasy	2009	viola solo	9 min
Transformations	2009	viola da gamba solo	12 min
Sonatine	2010	3 violins	9 min
Lieder ohne Worte	2011	2 va, vc, theorbo	12 min
Middle Ground	2012	vn, 2va, vc	25 min
O mystery!	2012	cello solo	5 min
Music for viol consort	2013	6 viols	20 min
Afterwards, there were no more wars	2013	string quartet	21 min
At the Center of All Things	2013	string quartet	17 min
4 Nocturnes	2013	vn, va	19 min

CHAMBER MUSIC

Three for Three	1992	vn, vc, pn	16 min
Civil War Songs	1992	va, pn	18 min
Take Five	1993	2 vns, va, vc, pn	25 min
Serenade	1999	fl, vn, va, vc	11 min
Distant Music	2000	cl, vn/va, vc, pn	20 min
Driven by the Wind	2001	fl, vc, pn	25 min
Nonet (for New York)	2002	fl, ob, cl, hn, bn, 2vns, va, vc	35 min
A Little Sweet	2003	fl, vc	10 min
On the edge of sleep & dreaming	2003	hn, vc, harp	31 min
5 Pastoral Scenes	2004	ob, bn, vn, va, vc	30 min
I was dreaming of the sea...	2004	vn (or fl), vc, pn	7 min
Little Tales of Mirth & Woe	2004	vn (or fl), vc, pn	6 min
An Ode to the Possibility of Peace	2005	cl, vn, vc	15 min
Elements	2006	fl, ob, cl, hn, bn	11 min
Motet for Brass Instruments	2006	2 trp, hn, trb, tu	7 min

ORCHESTRAL MUSIC

Morning Music	2001	cl, string orchestra	22 min
Two Sad Songs (W.B. Yeats)	2002	sop, string orchestra	15 min
Invisible Ballet	2003	strings & diverse instruments	33 min
Pluto	2005	orchestra	15 min
Ophelia Songs (Shakespeare)	2005	sop, hp, string orchestra	12 min
Love's Little Pleasures (various poets)	2008	sop, string orchestra	15 min
The Four Elements	2009	va, string orchestra	22 min
Mystical Songs	2009	sop, va, string orchestra	18 min
In Praise of Reason	2012	vc, 2 hn, string orchestra	13 min

4 Nocturnes for violin & viola

Attending the 41st Congress of the International Viola Society in Krakow, Poland, I had the pleasure of hearing Annette-Barbara Vogel and Daniel Sweaney perform works by Kalliwoda for violin & viola duo – and then enjoying the remainder of the evening with them in a trendy drinking establishment talking about music, life and everything else that comes up in such a setting.

After that, what else was there to do but write music for them – and these 4 Nocturnes are the result.

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Nocturnes
for violin & viola

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Andantino ♩ = 96

The musical score is arranged in four systems, each with a Violin (Vn) and Viola (Va) part. The first system (measures 1-5) features a Violin part in treble clef and a Viola part in alto clef, both in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat. The dynamic is *mf*. The second system (measures 6-11) continues the pieces, with the Violin part changing to a 4/4 time signature and the Viola part remaining in 3/4. Dynamics are *p*. The third system (measures 12-16) shows the Violin part changing to 4/4 and then 3/4, with dynamics *f*, *mp*, and *mf*. The Viola part also changes to 4/4 and then 3/4, with dynamics *f*, *mp*, and *mf*. The fourth system (measures 17-21) features the Violin part in 3/4 time with dynamics *f* and *p*, and the Viola part in 3/4 time with dynamics *f* and *p*.

23

Vn

Va

f

mf

mf

29

Vn

Va

mp

mp

34

Vn

Va

38

Vn

Va

p

p

44

Vn

Va

pp

pp

51

Vn *p*

Va *pizz.* *mf*

mp arco

58

Vn *f*

Va *f*

63

Vn *mp* arco

Va *mp*

67

Vn *mf*

Va *mf*

73

Vn *p*

Va *p*

79

Vn

Va

mf

mf

84

Vn

Va

89

Vn

Va

mp

mp

94

Vn

Va

99

Vn

Va

p

p

105

Vn

Va

110

Vn

Va

mf

p

mf

mf

p

mf

117

Vn

Va

p

p

123

Vn

Va

f

mp

f

mp

128

Vn

Va

mf

f

mf

f

133

Vn

Va

p

138

Vn

Va

f

mf

p

144

Vn

Va

mf

mf

151

Vn

Va

p

mf

mp arco

pizz.

158

Vn

Va

f

163

Vn

Va

p

169

Vn

Va

174

Vn

Va

pp

pp

5'12"

Nocturnes
for violin & viola

2

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Andante ♩ = 66

The musical score is arranged in four systems, each with a Violin (Vn) and Viola (Va) part. The key signature has one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 5/4. The tempo is marked 'Andante' with a quarter note equal to 66 beats per minute. The first system (measures 1-3) features a violin melody in treble clef starting with a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5, and a viola accompaniment in bass clef with eighth-note triplets. The second system (measures 4-6) shows the violin playing a half note G4 and a half note F4, while the viola continues with eighth-note triplets. The third system (measures 7-9) has the violin playing a half note G4 and a half note F4, with the viola accompaniment. The fourth system (measures 10-14) features the violin playing a half note G4 and a half note F4, with the viola accompaniment. Dynamics include *mp* (mezzo-piano) and *p* (piano). The score includes various musical notations such as slurs, accents, and dynamic markings.

13

Vn *p* 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 *mf*

Va *p* 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 *mf*

16

Vn

Va 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3

19

Vn *mp* 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 *pp*

Va *mp* 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 *pp*³

25

Vn 3 *ff* *mp*

Va 3 *ff* *mp*

33

Vn *mf*

Va *mp*

40

Vn

Va

45

Vn

Va

50

Vn

Va

57

Vn

Va

63

Vn

Va

pizz.

p

pp

pizz.

69 arco pizz. arco rit.

Vn *p*

Va *pp*

75 a tempo ♩ = 66

Vn *mp*

Va *mp*

78

Vn *p*

Va *p*

81

Vn *mp* *p*

Va *mp* *p*

84

Vn *mf*

Va *mf*

102

Vn

Va

pp

pp

5'17"

Detailed description of the musical score: The score is for two staves, Violin (Vn) and Viola (Va). Measure 102 is marked at the beginning. The Violin staff is in treble clef and contains a melodic line of quarter notes with a long slur over the first four measures. The Viola staff is in bass clef and contains a rhythmic pattern of eighth notes, with the first four measures grouped as triplets. Both parts are marked with a piano (*pp*) dynamic. The score concludes with a double bar line and the time signature 5'17".

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Moderato (♩. = c. 76)

The musical score is arranged in four systems, each with a Violin (Vn) staff on top and a Viola (Va) staff on the bottom. The key signature has one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 6/8. The tempo is Moderato with a quarter note equal to approximately 76 beats per minute. The first system (measures 1-5) features a *p* dynamic. The Viola part is marked *pizz.* (pizzicato). The second system (measures 6-11) continues the patterns. The third system (measures 12-17) includes an *arco* marking for the Viola in the final measure. The fourth system (measures 18-23) concludes the piece with a key signature change to two flats (B-flat and E-flat) in the final measures.

24

Vn

Va

pizz.

p

Measures 24-29: Violin part begins with a melodic phrase (quarter notes, eighth notes). From measure 25, the violin part is mostly rests. Viola part provides a rhythmic accompaniment with eighth and sixteenth notes. Dynamics include *pizz.* and *p*.

30

Vn

Va

arco

Measures 30-35: Violin part has rests in measures 30-32, then a melodic phrase. Viola part continues with rhythmic accompaniment. Dynamic is *arco*.

36

Vn

Va

Measures 36-41: Violin part has a melodic phrase. Viola part has a rhythmic accompaniment.

42

Vn

Va

pizz.

Measures 42-47: Violin part has a melodic phrase. Viola part has a rhythmic accompaniment. Dynamic is *pizz.*

48

Vn

Va

arco

pizz.

Measures 48-53: Violin part has a melodic phrase followed by a rapid sixteenth-note passage. Viola part has a rhythmic accompaniment. Dynamics include *arco* and *pizz.*

53

Vn

Va

pizz.

arco

58

Vn

Va

arco

Moderato (♩ = c. 108)

pp

pp

62

Vn

Va

mp

mp

67

Vn

Va

71

Vn

Va

74

Vn

Va

77

Vn

Va

rit.

80

Vn

Va

a tempo (♩. = c. 76)

p

pizz.

p

86

Vn

Va

pizz.

91

Vn

Va

96

Vn

Va

arco

pp

pp

102

Vn

Va

107

Vn

Va

3'10"

Nocturnes
for violin & viola

4

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Moderato (♩. = c. 84)

The musical score is arranged in four systems, each with a Violin (Vn) and Viola (Va) part. The key signature has one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 6/8. The first system (measures 1-5) features a Violin part starting with a forte (*f*) dynamic and a Viola part with a forte (*f*) dynamic. The second system (measures 6-11) shows the Violin part moving to a mezzo-piano (*mp*) dynamic, while the Viola part remains at mezzo-piano (*mp*). The third system (measures 12-17) features a Violin part moving to a forte (*f*) dynamic, with the Viola part also at forte (*f*). The fourth system (measures 18-23) continues with the Violin part at forte (*f*) and the Viola part at mezzo-piano (*mp*).

24

Vn *p* *f* *p*

Va *p* *f* *p*

30

Vn *f*

Va *f*

36

Vn

Va

42

Vn *mp*

Va *mp*

48

Vn *mf* *f*

Va *mf* *f*

54

Vn

Va

p

pizz.

60

Vn

Va

mf

mp

arco

pizz.

66

Vn

Va

arco

72

Vn

Va

f

f

78

Vn

Va

mp

mp

83

Vn

Va

89

Vn

Va

pp

mf

pp

mf

95

Vn

Va

p

mp

p

mp

101

Vn

Va

107

Vn

Va

pizz.

113

Vn *mf* arco *mp*

Va *mf* *mp*

118

Vn

Va

124

Vn

Va

130

Vn

Va

136

Vn *pp* *mf* *p*

Va *mf* *p*

143

Vn *mf* *p* *mf*

Va *mf* *p* *mf*

150

Vn *p*

Va *p* *mf* pizz.

156

Vn *f* arco

Va *f*

161

Vn

Va

167

Vn *p*

Va *p*

173

Vn *f* *p*

Va *f* *p*

179

Vn *f*

Va *f*

184

Vn *mp*

Va *mp*

189

Vn

Va

195

Vn

Va pizz.

200

Vn

Va

mf arco

mf

205

Vn

Va

f

f

211

Vn

Va

217

Vn

Va

p

p

224

Vn

Va

mf

pp

mf

pp

5'30"

A few words about (and by) the composer

Stan Grill was raised in the Bronx, studied at the Bronx House School of Music, and later graduated from the Manhattan School of Music with undergrad and graduate degrees in music theory. He studied piano with Robert Helps and Leon Kushner and composition with Ursula Mamlok and Joseph Proskakoff. Major works include music for string orchestra and voice, string orchestra and clarinet, a nonet for winds and strings, and several song cycles for mixed voices and chamber ensemble. Performances have been produced by the composer, as well as presented by the Composers Guild of New Jersey, the St. Paul's Church Festival of the Arts, the Leonia Chamber Players, the New York Composers Circle, the Northern New Jersey Camerata, the Bronx Arts Ensemble and the Duo + Ensemble. During the 2004-06 seasons, he was composer in residence of One World Symphony, a New York City based orchestra. One World Symphony has premiered several major works, including "Invisible Ballet" for orchestra, "Two Sad Songs" setting poems by W.B. Yeats for soprano & string orchestra, and a cycle of songs for two cellos and two mezzo sopranos setting poems by the New Jersey poet William Carlos Williams. In 2006, One World commissioned three works – a setting of the Ophelia songs from Shakespeare's "Hamlet" for soprano, harp and string orchestra, an orchestral work, "Pluto," for a program featuring Holst's "The Planets," and a setting of poetry for a concert honoring those who lost their lives on 9/11. Recent works include "The Four Elements" for viola and string orchestra commissioned by violist Brett Deubner and "Mystical Songs" for soprano, viola and string orchestra commissioned by the Universidad Tecnica Particular de Loja. In 2009, an entire program of music by Stan Grill was performed in Tokyo by the Duo + Ensemble. In 2012, the Pandolfis Consort commissioned and performed new music for early instruments including "Rilke Songs" for soprano, viola d'amore and cello and "Lieder ohne Worte" for 2 violas, cello and theorbo. Also in 2012, Camerata Philadelphia performed "Pavanne to a world without war." Stan currently works in Philadelphia, and lives happily in New Jersey with his wife, cats and piano.

"As I see it, as much as we strive to find reason and purpose in our having been born into this amazing, mysterious and awe-inspiring universe, that attempt is largely futile. It is however, the best part of our nature that obliges us to make the attempt, though the most we can hope for is to gain some small degree of understanding of the world around us, and, more importantly, of ourselves. To achieve this, we each approach the problem in our own way, uniquely shaped by our cultural background, innate talents and abilities, education and so on. For some, science may be the window through which they best perceive and interpret the world, for others, religion. For those to whom the world seems to express itself most clearly and beautifully through sound, music is the voice that speaks to us and through which we, in turn, best express ourselves. Now, I can write notes that will make pretty music because I've been trained to do so – but the best of my music has arrived, rather inexplicably, as part of a personal effort to understand the world and myself. It is, in a way, an act of translation. The world says something, I try to understand it, and then translate it into musical language. The particular musical language which I speak, is, of course, a product of my conservatory training and personal musical tastes, but hopefully, the outcome, imperfect a translation as it may be, will convey to others something of its original intent."

Stan's music is melodic, modal, contrapuntal, characterized by extended, interweaving lines. His musical influences span the centuries, and include Machaut, Josquin, Palestrina, Monteverdi, Lassus, Britten, Ives, Vaughn Williams and Shostakovich. Two main themes permeate many of the pieces - music intended to influence the minds and hearts of those who hear it in such a way as to encourage thoughts about the possibility of world peace - and music composed in an attempt to translate something about the nature of the physical world.

Complete scores are available in the American Music Center's on-line library. Please go to Stan's web page at [American Music Center](#).



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