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Against War

for soprano & orchestra

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COMPOSITIONS

VOCAL MUSIC

| The Snow Begins (W.C. Williams) | 1975 | soprano, piano | 3 min |
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| Earth and Sea (Eskimo texts) | 1975 | soprano, piano | 3 min |
| Prelude (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 | sop, mezz sop, 2 cellos | 15 min |
| Thinking of You (John MacKenzie) | 2005 | soprano, cello, harp | 7 min |
| Ariettas Without Words | 2005 | soprano, cello, harp | 9 min |
| Scetate (Ferdinando Russo) | 2005 | SSATTBB | 6 min |
| In Their Flight (Mark Doty) | 2006 | sop, mezzo, violin, cello | 6 min |
| 5 Rilke Songs | 2009 | soprano, viola d'amore, cello | 15 min |
| 4 Songs to Poems by Hart Crane | 2010 | tenor, piano | 35 min |
| Seasons (W.C. Williams) | 2010 | SATB | 11 min |
| Sonnets to Orpheus (R.M. Rilke) | 2012 | tenor, piano | 35 min |
| Songs of Loss and Remembering (R.M. Rilke) | 2012 | soprano, viola d'amore, viola, cello | 12 min |
| Rozmowa z kamieniem (W. Szymborska) | 2013 | soprano, 2 violins, cello | 15 min |
| 2 Love Songs (H. Heine) | 2015 | countertenor, va, vc, theorbo | 4 min |
| A Collection of Songs (C.F. Cilliers) | 2017 | soprano, piano | 18 min |
| The Violin Sings in a Common Language | 2017 | soprano, violin | 13 min |
| The Waking (T. Roethke) | 2017 | SATB | 5 min |
| Roses? (H. Stanbrough) | 2017 | SATB | 3 min |
| Mad Girl's Love Song (Sylvia Plath) | 2018 | SA | 5 min |
| The Home on the Hill (E.A. Robinson) | 2018 | SATB | 3 min |
| Der Februar (Erich Kastner) | 2018 | soprano, viola d'amore | 4 min |
| Vier Gedichte (Inborg Hoflehner) | 2018 | mezzo soprano, viola d'amore | 6 min |
| La Lay de Plour (Guillaume Machut) | 2018 | contralto, fl, vn, vc, piano | 40 min |
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MUSIC FOR STRINGS ALONE

| 6 Contrapuntal Pieces | 1986 | string quartet | 20 min |
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| 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 | viola, cello | 9 min |
| Pavanne (for a world without war) | 2005 | string orchestra | 8 min |
| Meditations | 2006 | string orchestra | 8 min |
| American Landscapes | 2007 | string quartet | 24 min |
| Motet | 2008 | string orchestra | 7 min |
| Ecstasy | 2009 | viola solo | 9 min |
| Transformations | 2009 | viola da gamba | 12 min |
| Sonatine | 2010 | 3 violins | 9 min |
| Lieder ohne Worte | 2011 | 2 va, vc, theorbo | 12 min |
| Middle Ground | 2012 | vn, 2 va, 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 | violin, viola | 19 min |
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| Lonely Voices | 2013 | string quartet | 26 min |
| Trance Music | 2014 | string orchestra | 22 min |
| The Time is Past | 2016 | string quartet | 15 min |
| Dreaming of a Better World | 2016 | string quartet | 15 min |
| Trio Sonata | 2017 | vn, va d'amore, cello | 10 min |
| Transfiguration | 2017 | viola quartet | 14 min |
| Duets | 2018 | 2 viola d'amore | 7 min |

CHAMBER MUSIC

| Three for Three | 1992 | violin, cello, piano | 16 min |
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| Civil War Songs | 1992 | viola, piano | 18 min |
| Take Five | 1993 | piano quintet | 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 | flute, cello, piano | 25 min |
| Nonet (for New York) | 2002 | fl, ob, cl, hn, bn, string quartet | 35 min |
| A Little Sweet | 2003 | flute, cello | 10 min |
| On the Edge of Sleep & Dreaming | 2003 | horn, cello, 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 Piece | 2005 | clarinet, violin, cello | 15 min |
| Elements | 2006 | fl, ob, cl, hn, bn | 11 min |
| Motet for Brass Instruments | 2006 | 2 tp, hn, tb, tu | 7 min |
| 4 Caprices | 2014 | violin, piano | 14 min |
| Melville's Dream | 2017 | alto flute, viola, cello | 12 min |
| Music for Loud Band | 2018 | 2 cornettos & 2 tenor sackbuts | 5 min |
| Fanfare | 2018 | 4 sackbuts (or tenor trombones) | 3 min |
| the children are crying | 2018 | saxophone quartet | 6 min |
| the children are still crying | 2018 | saxophone quartet | 6 min |

ORCHESTRAL MUSIC

| Morning Music | 2001 | clarinet, string orchestra | 22 min |
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| Two Sad Songs (W.B. Yeats) | 2002 | soprano, string orchestra | 15 min |
| Invisible Ballet | 2003 | string orchestra & diverse instruments | 33 min |
| Dark Matter (Pluto) | 2005 | orchestra | 15 min |
| Ophelia Songs (Shakespeare) | 2005 | soprano, harp, string orchestra | 12 min |
| Love's Little Pleasures (various poets) | 2008 | soprano, string orchestra | 15 min |
| The Four Elements | 2009 | viola, string orchestra | 22 min |
| Mystical Songs (Fernando Rielo) | 2009 | soprano, viola, string orchestra | 18 min |
| In Praise of Reason | 2012 | cello, 2 horns, string orchestra | 13 min |
| Against War | 2018 | soprano, orchestra | 23 min |
| Season of Rain | 2018 | orchestra | 38 min |
| Summer | 2018 | orchestra | 43 min |
| PIANO MUSIC | | | |
| Simple Sketches | 2015 | piano | 12 min |
| Skirmishes | 2016 | piano 4 hands | 10 min |
| Preludes for Piano, 1-6 | 2016 | piano | 10 min |
| Preludes for Piano, 7-12 | 2017 | piano | 10 min |

Scores & parts available for viewing and download at www.stangrillcomposer.com

Dedicated to the 11,000 or so poets who responded to the call and contributed their words and thoughts to Poets Against the War in the hope that reason would prevail over reaction. If only their effort had prevailed back then, the world would be in a better place today - but fear, hysteria and war mongering ruled the day.

In our current times, their words still ring true - and are needed more than ever.

Casualty Virginia Adair

Virginia Adair

Fear arrived at my door with the evening paper Headlines of winter and war It will be a long time to peace And the green rains

Shore Helen Frost *

It has not happened yet. We can move our minds together as shorebirds rise above an ocean, arc in evening light – grey silver white – rise higher, turn, and find a way together back to land.

none, a tanka

Karma Tenzing Wangchuk *

After the rain, she finds puddles to jump in – my child, knowing nothing of the storms to come.

stones and bones

Lucille Clifton

here is a country where old men gather in the capital and speak their language filled with stones their syllables are chips of bone they speak of lifting up a creed while cold and still there under their tongue is somebody else's child or mine bones and stones our ears bleed red and white and blue

WAR Reba Crawford-Hayes *

Wet bodies of those who have fallen Afghanistan blown to pieces! Right on target—the men, the women, the children, crying mommy, mommy!

The New Rapture

James Bertolino *

The saved will be those whose bodies are vaporized, whose lives rise toward heaven in the bomb-clouds.

The damned will be those who survive.

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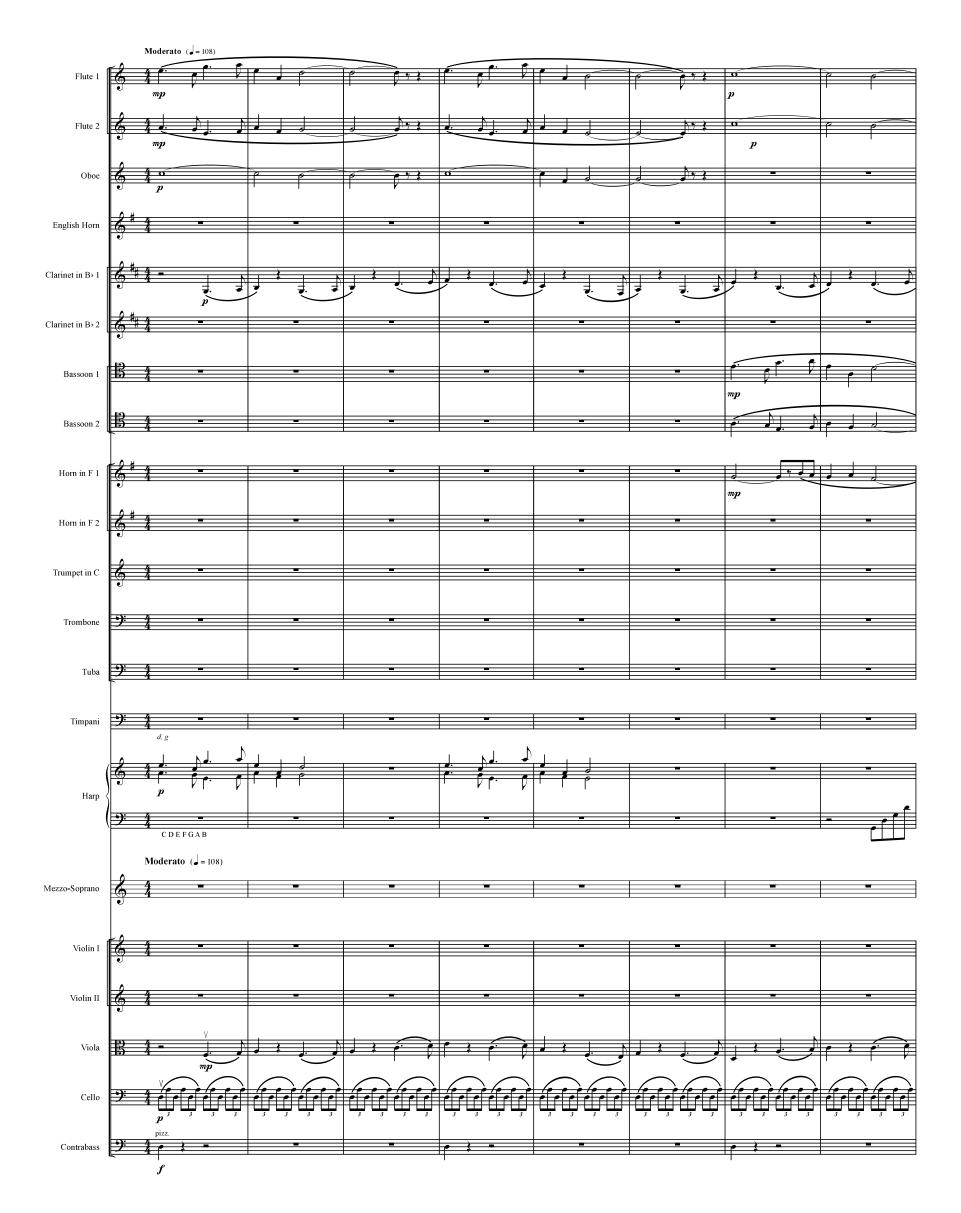
Peter Levitt *

Fill the air with poems so thick – even bombs can't fall through

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Virginia Adair

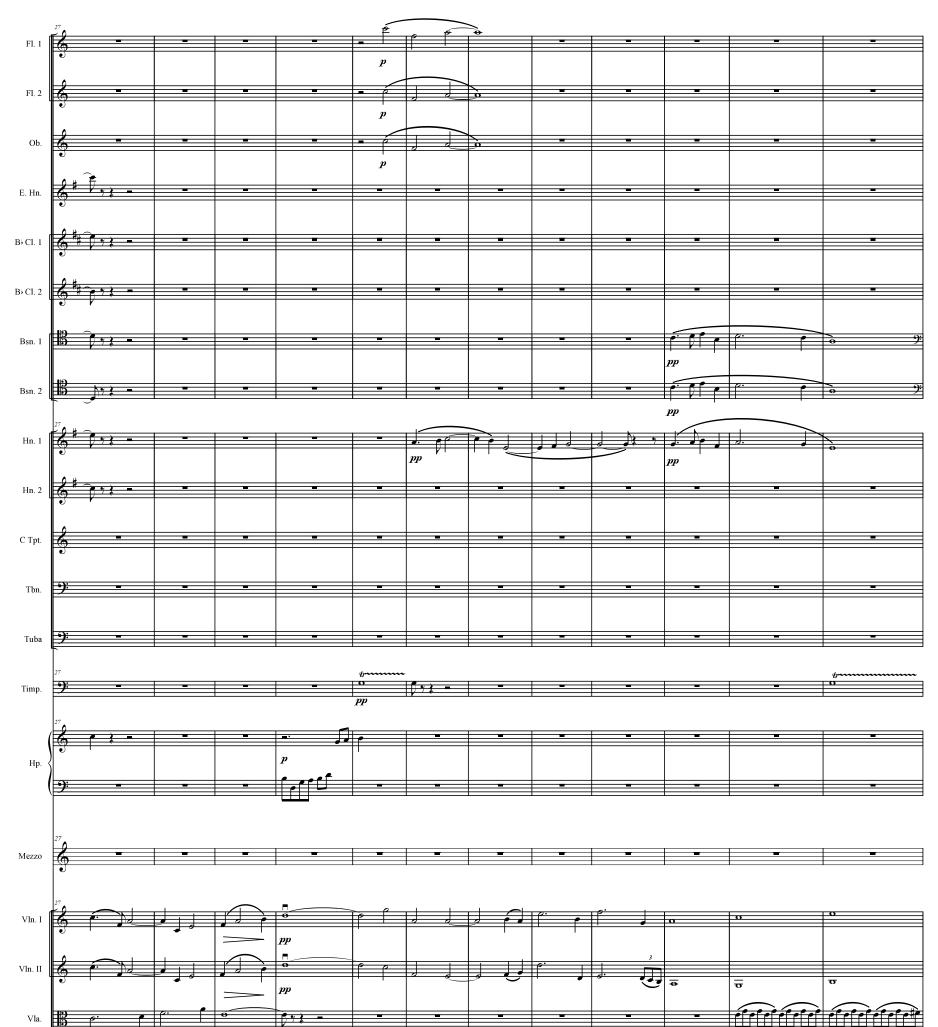


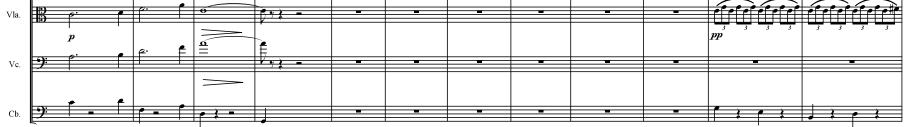










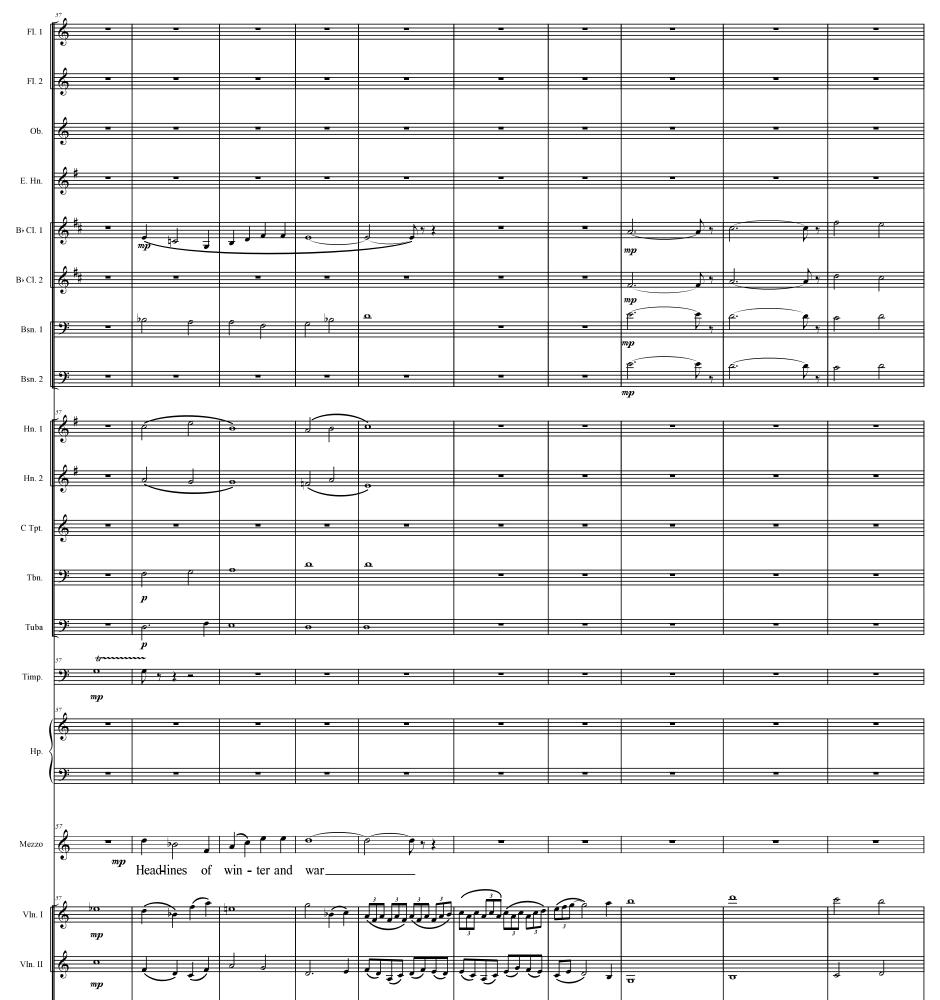




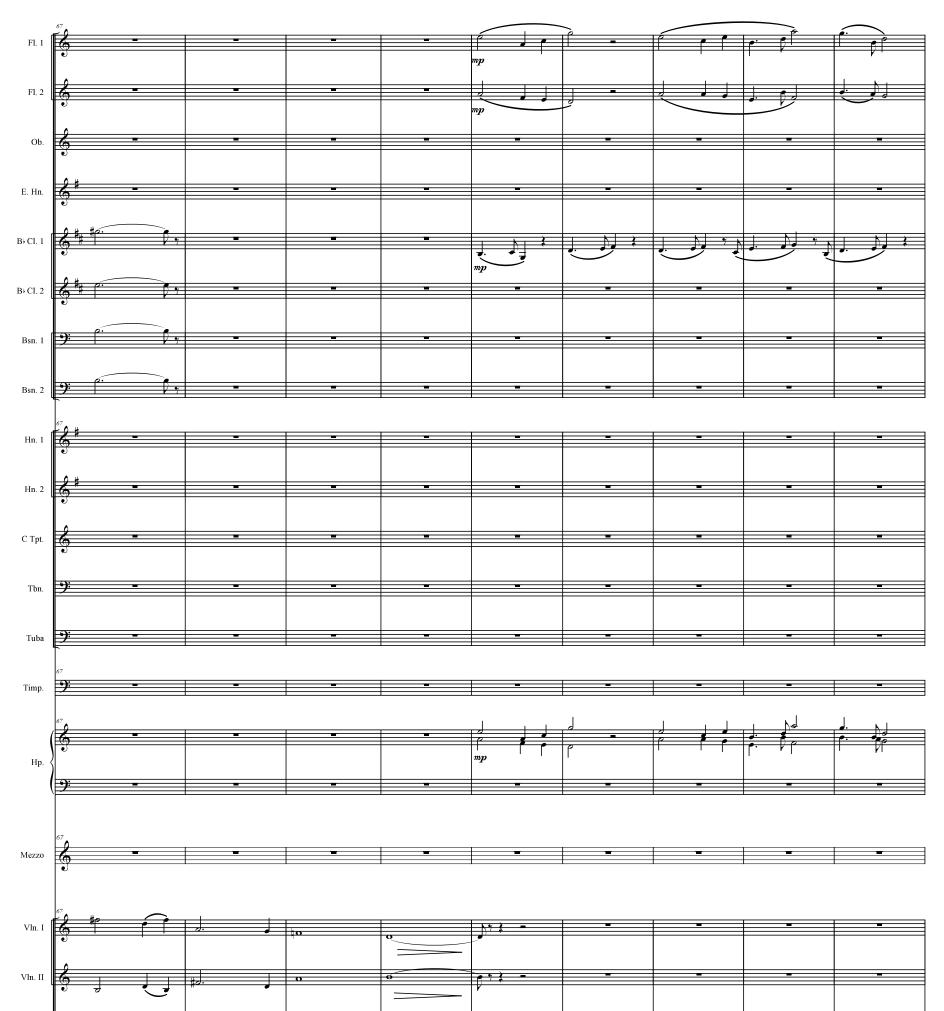








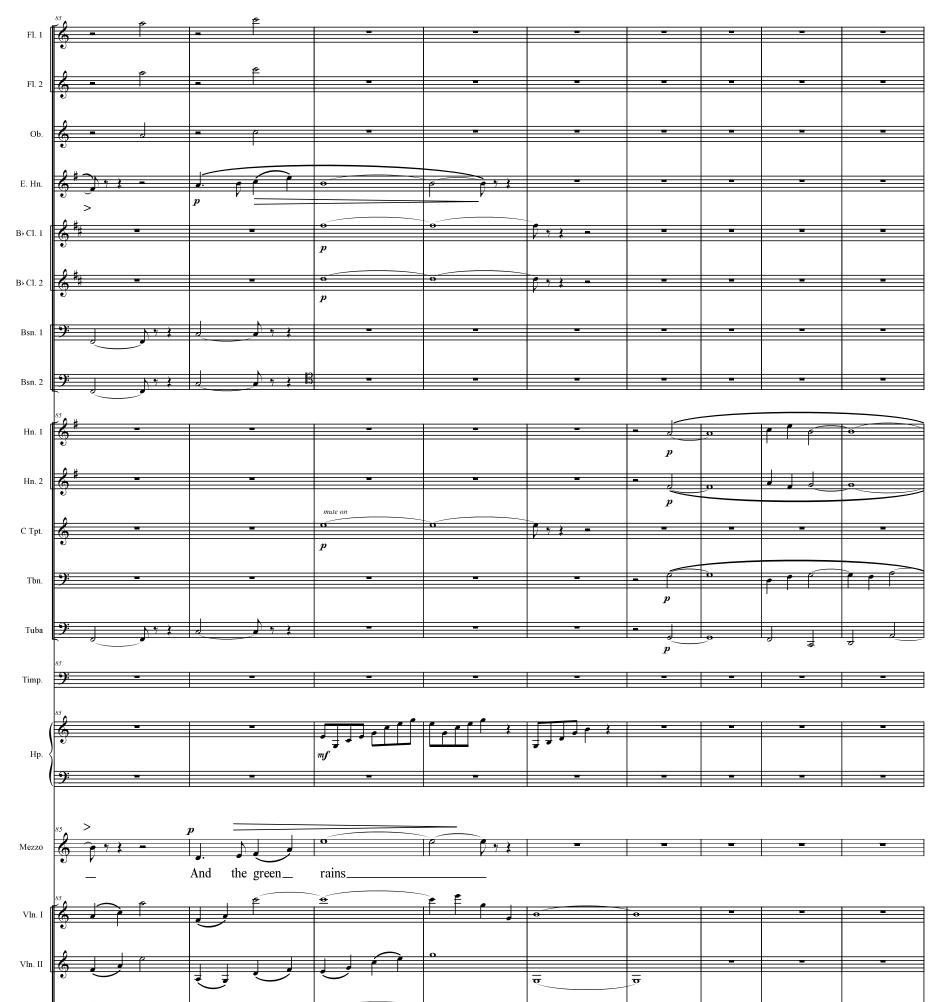






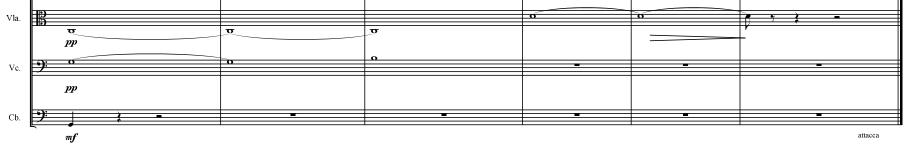








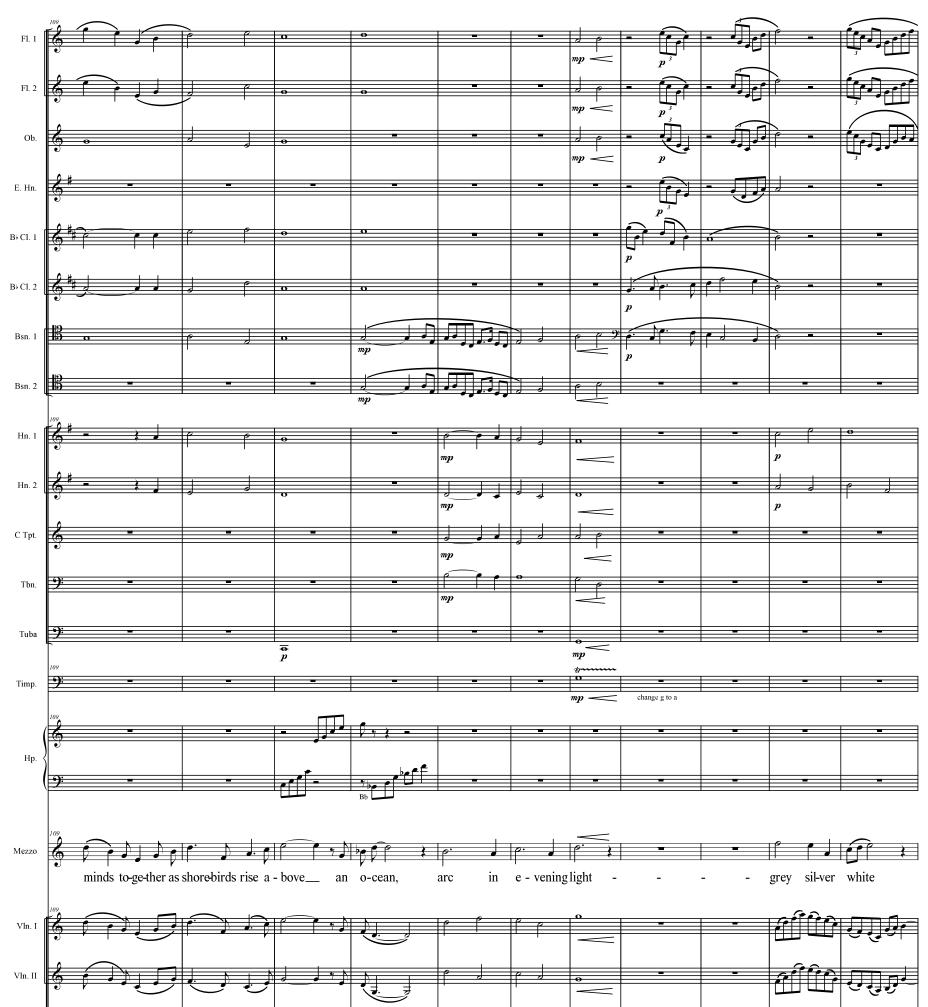




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Helen Frost



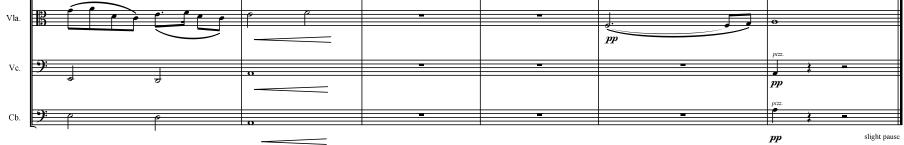






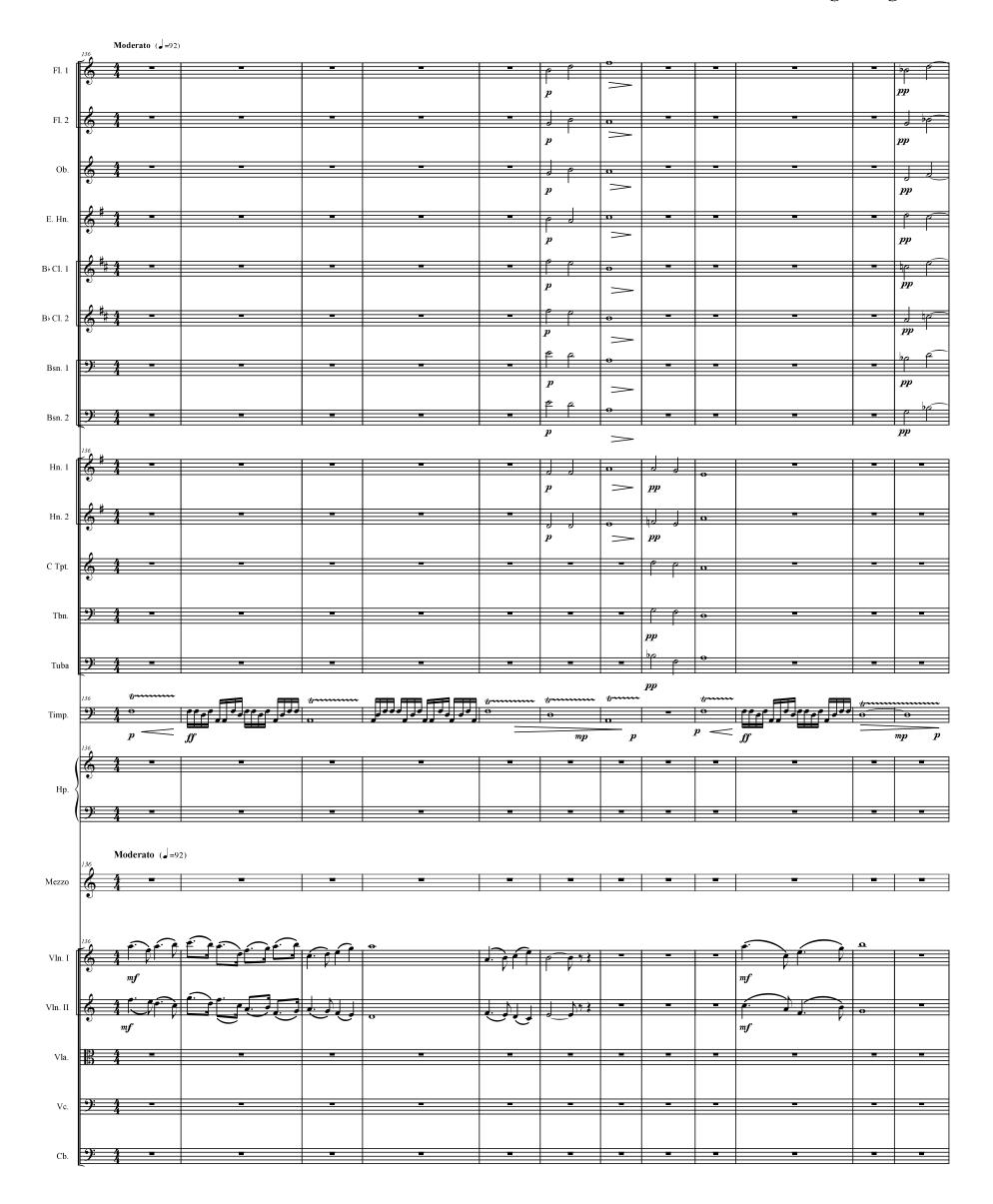






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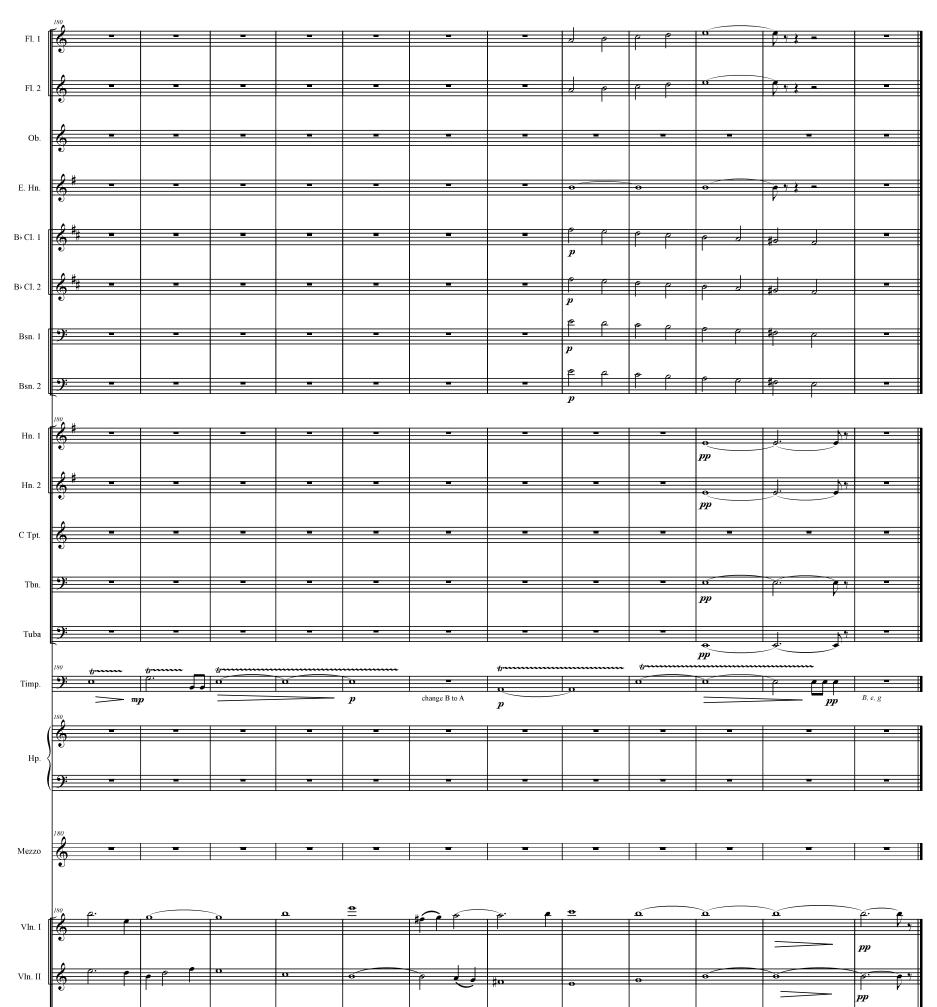








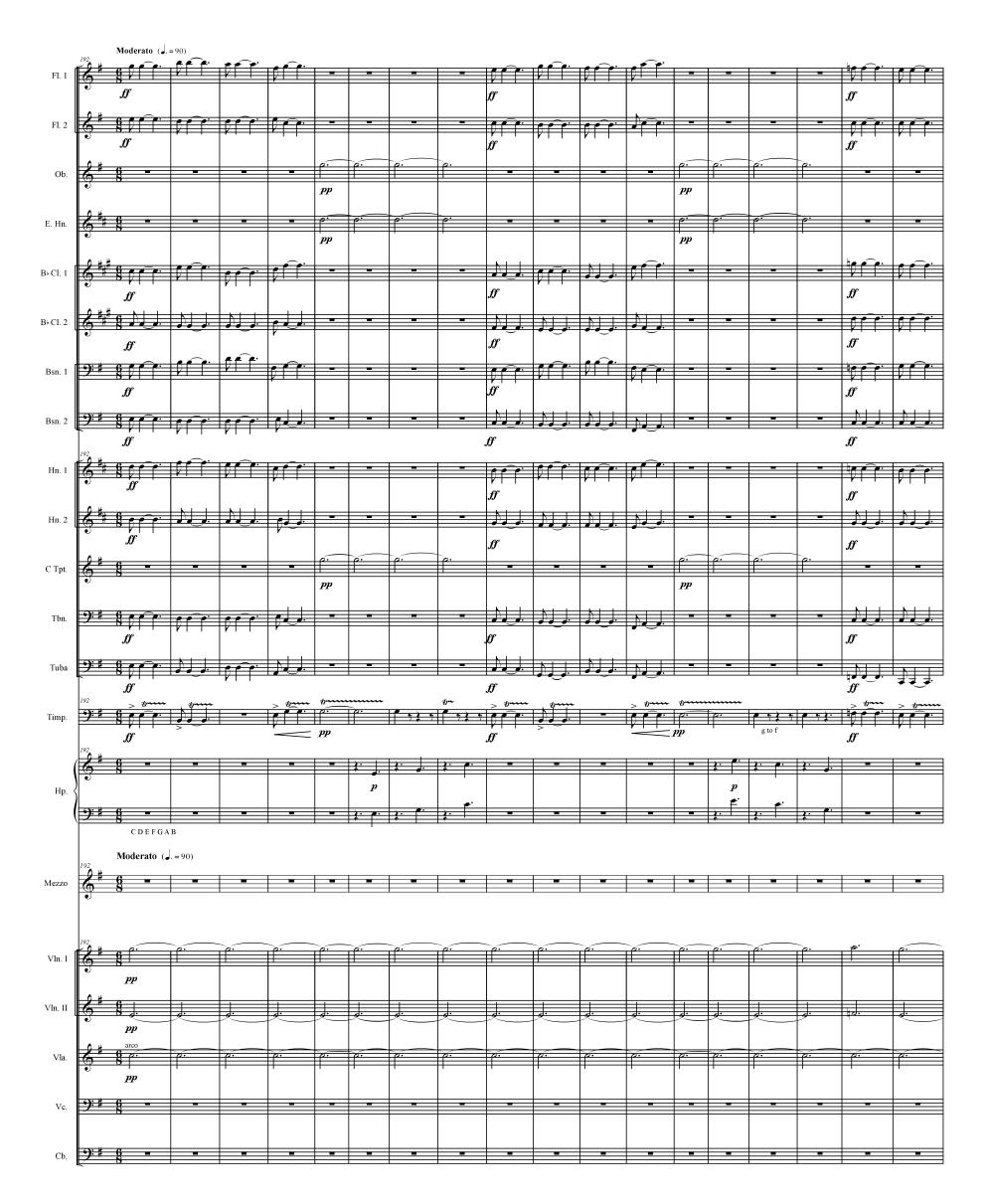


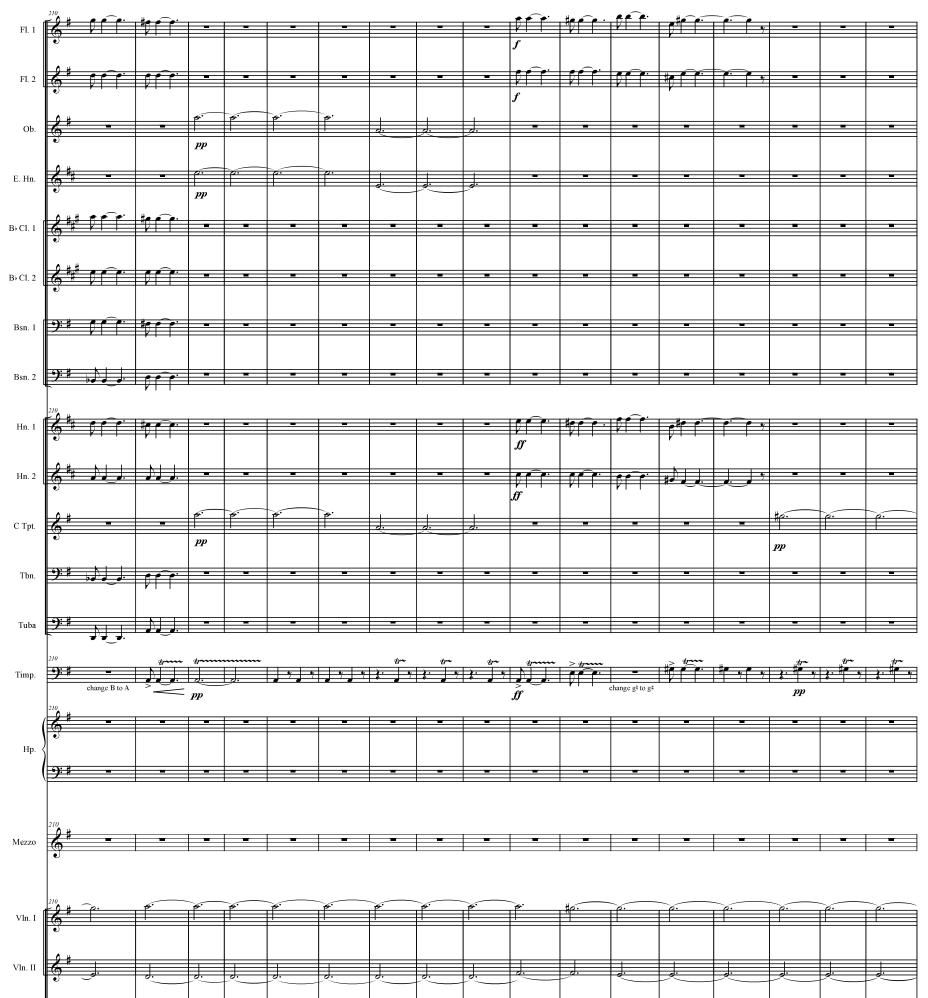




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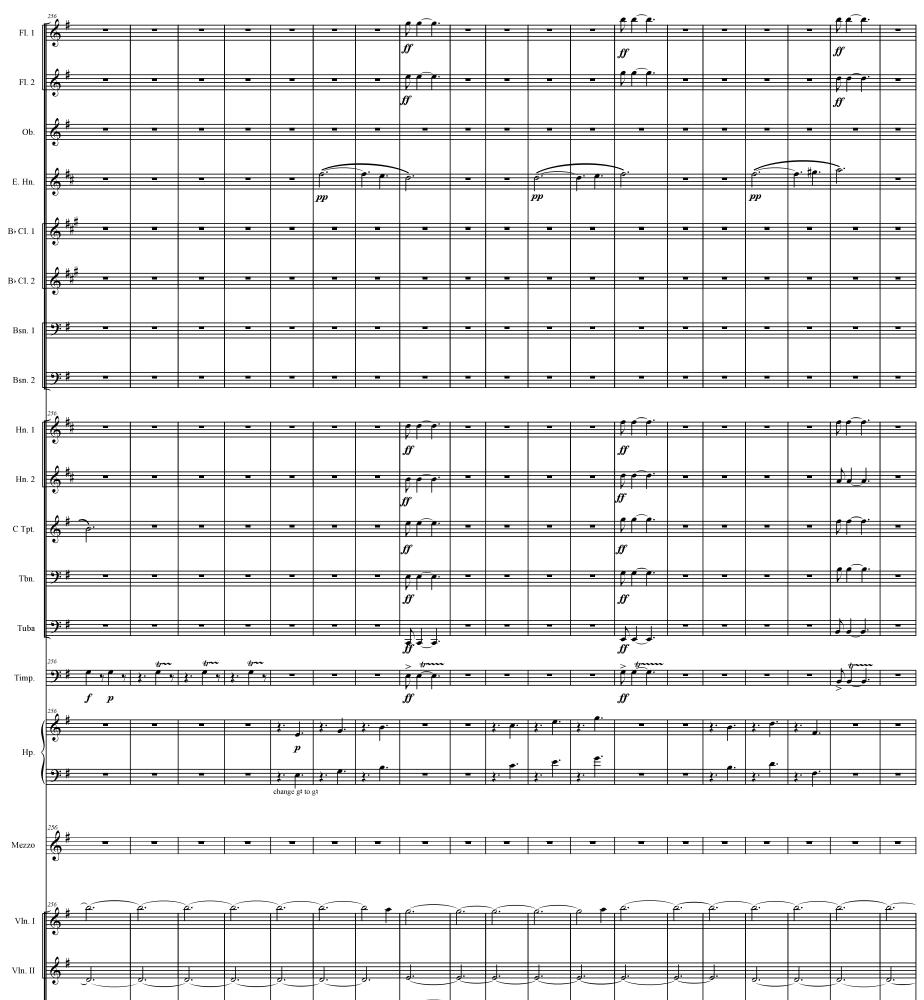








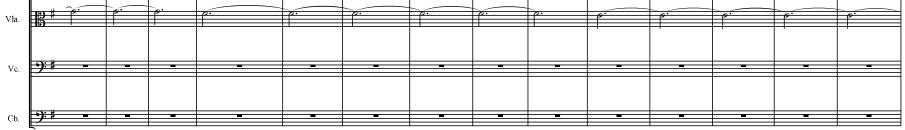






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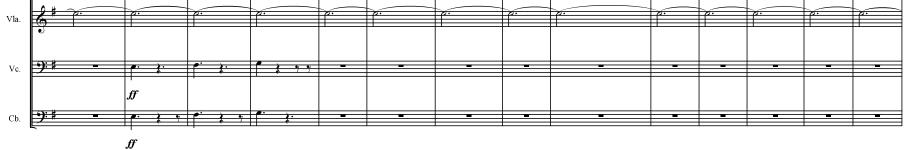






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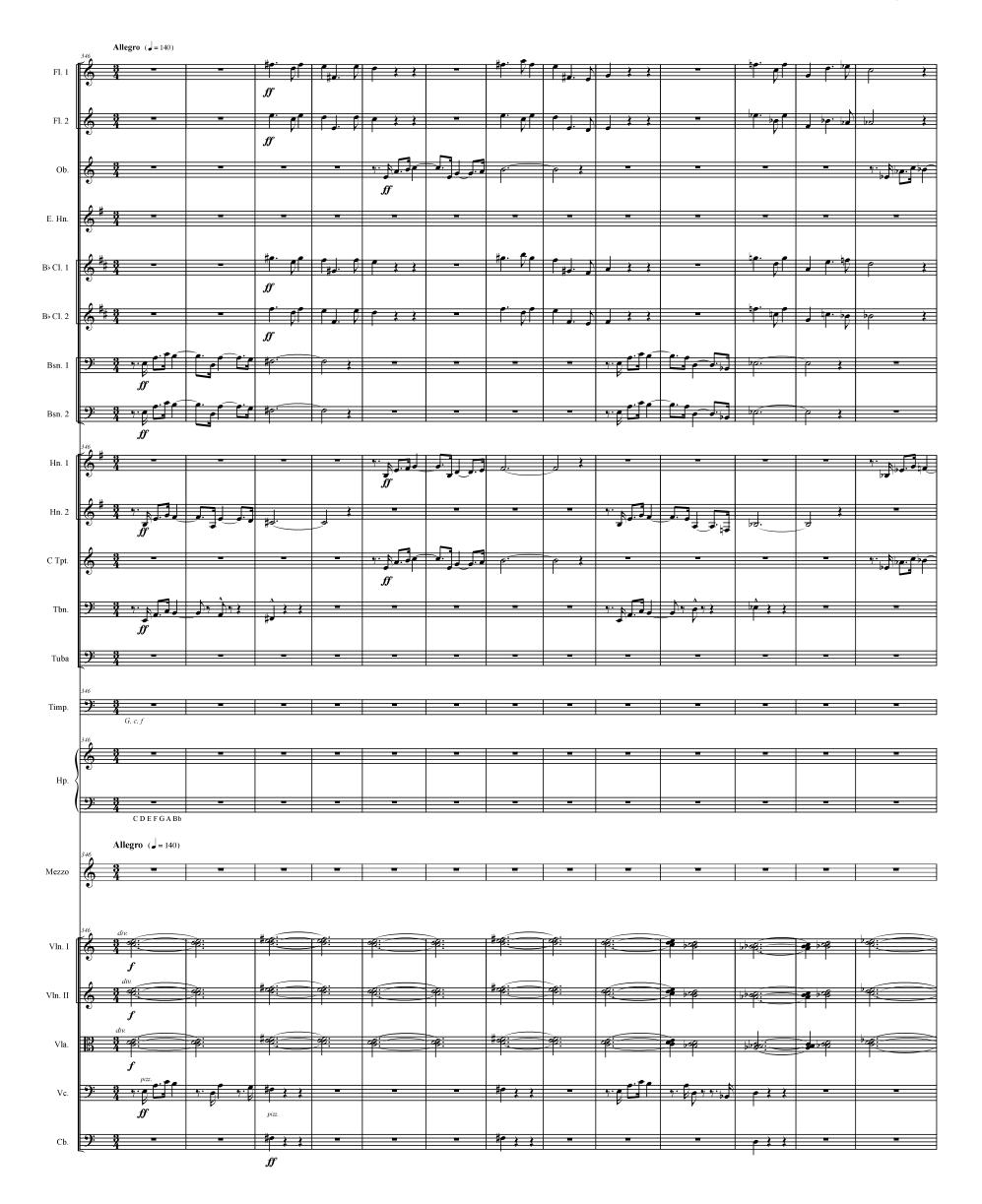






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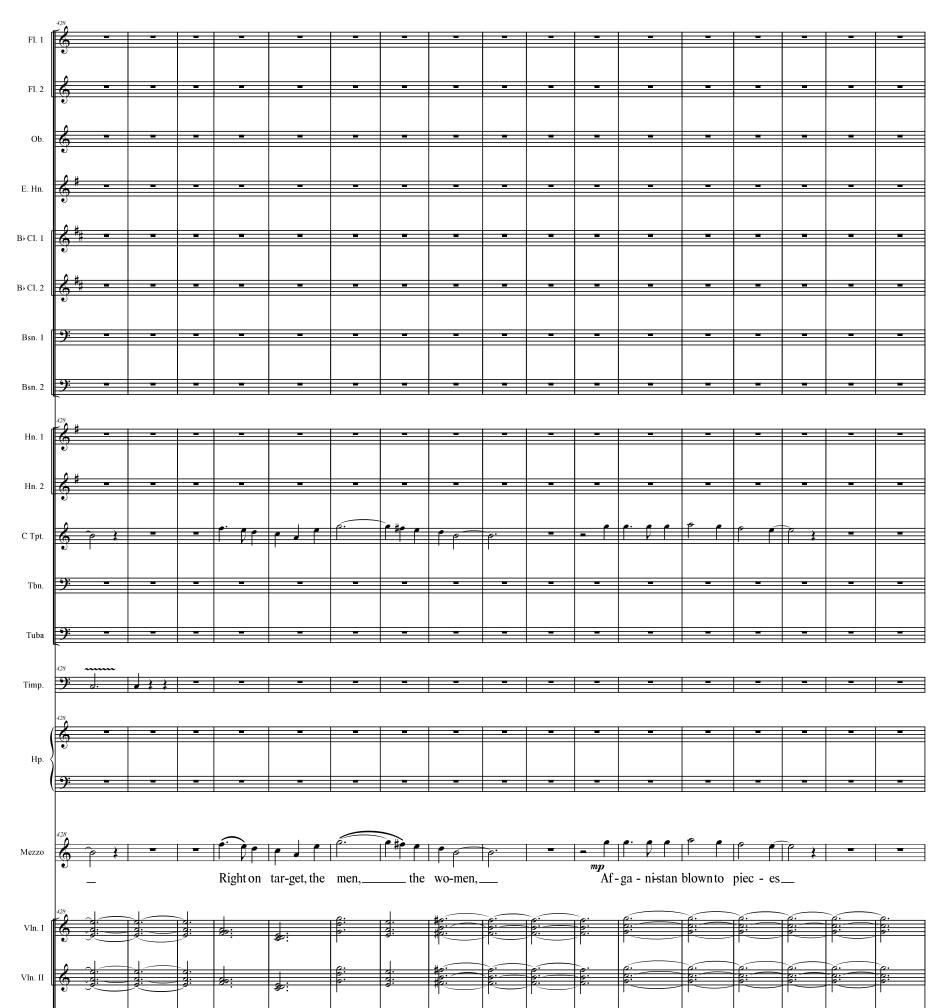


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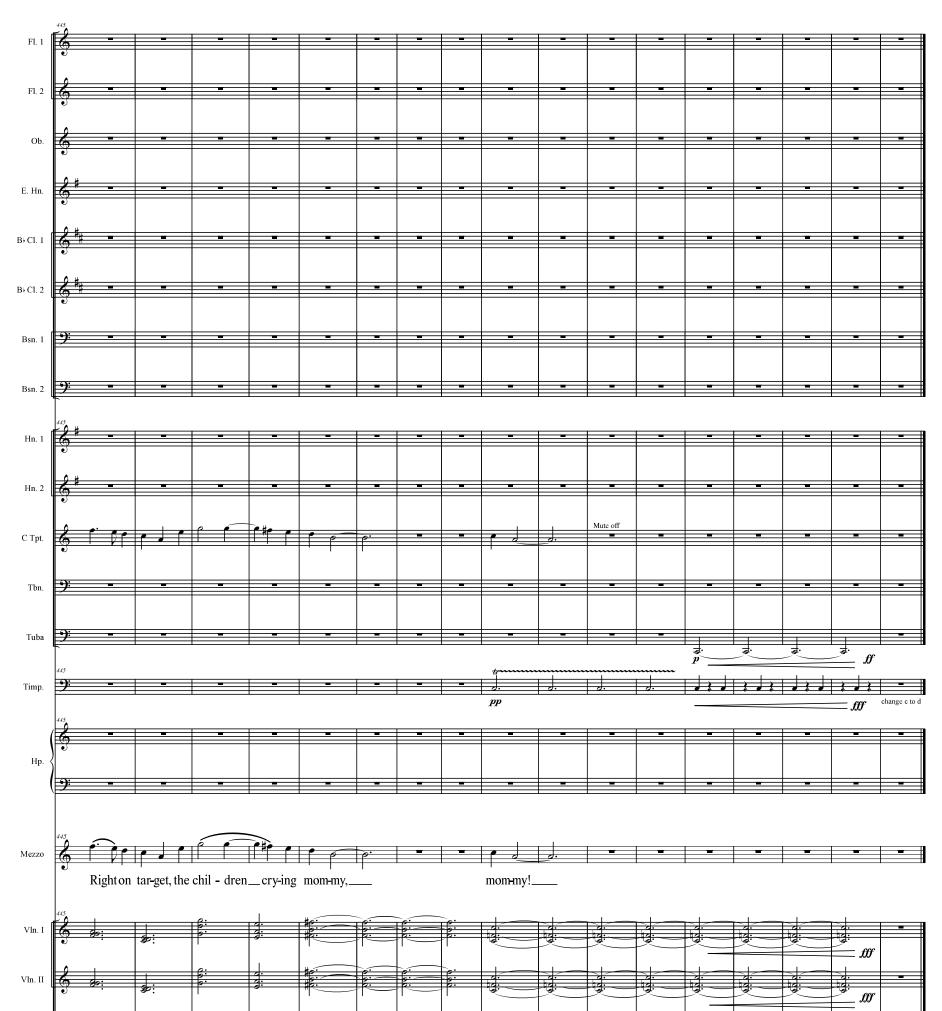




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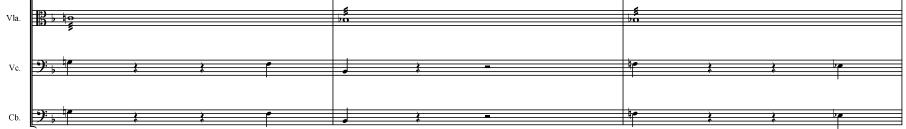


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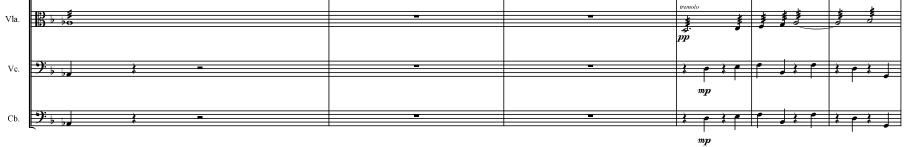








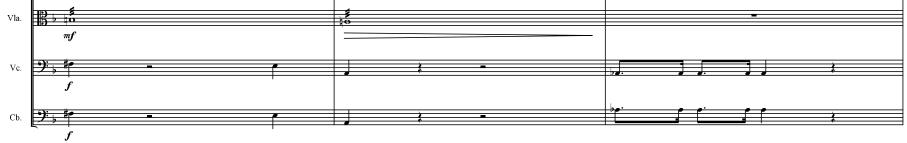






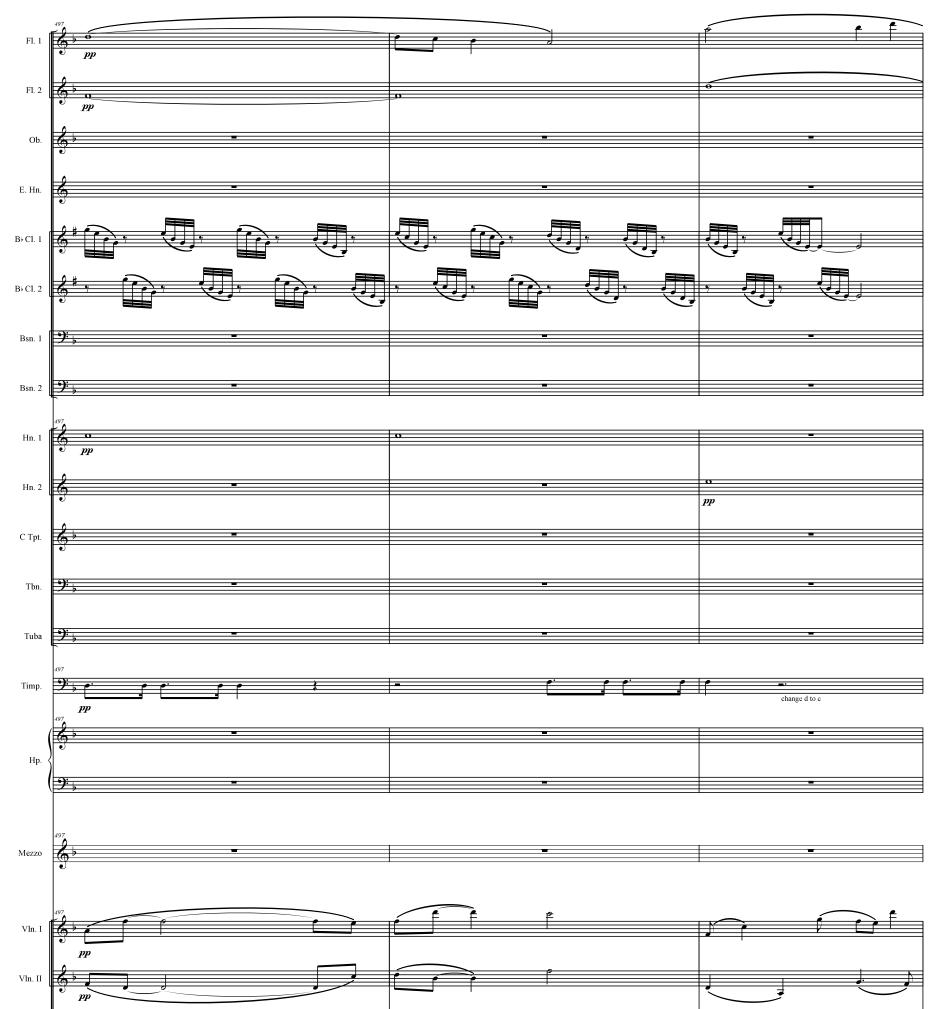












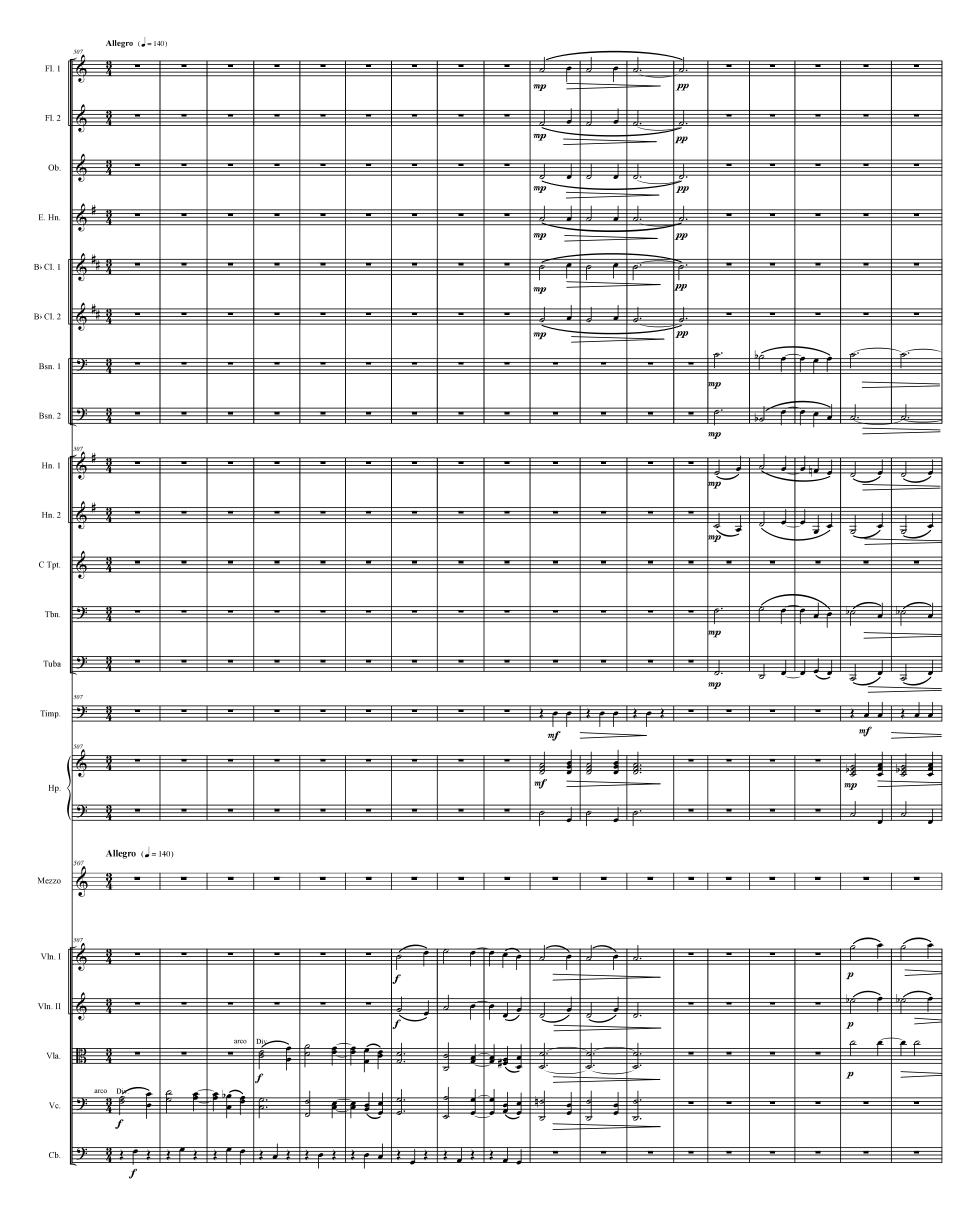


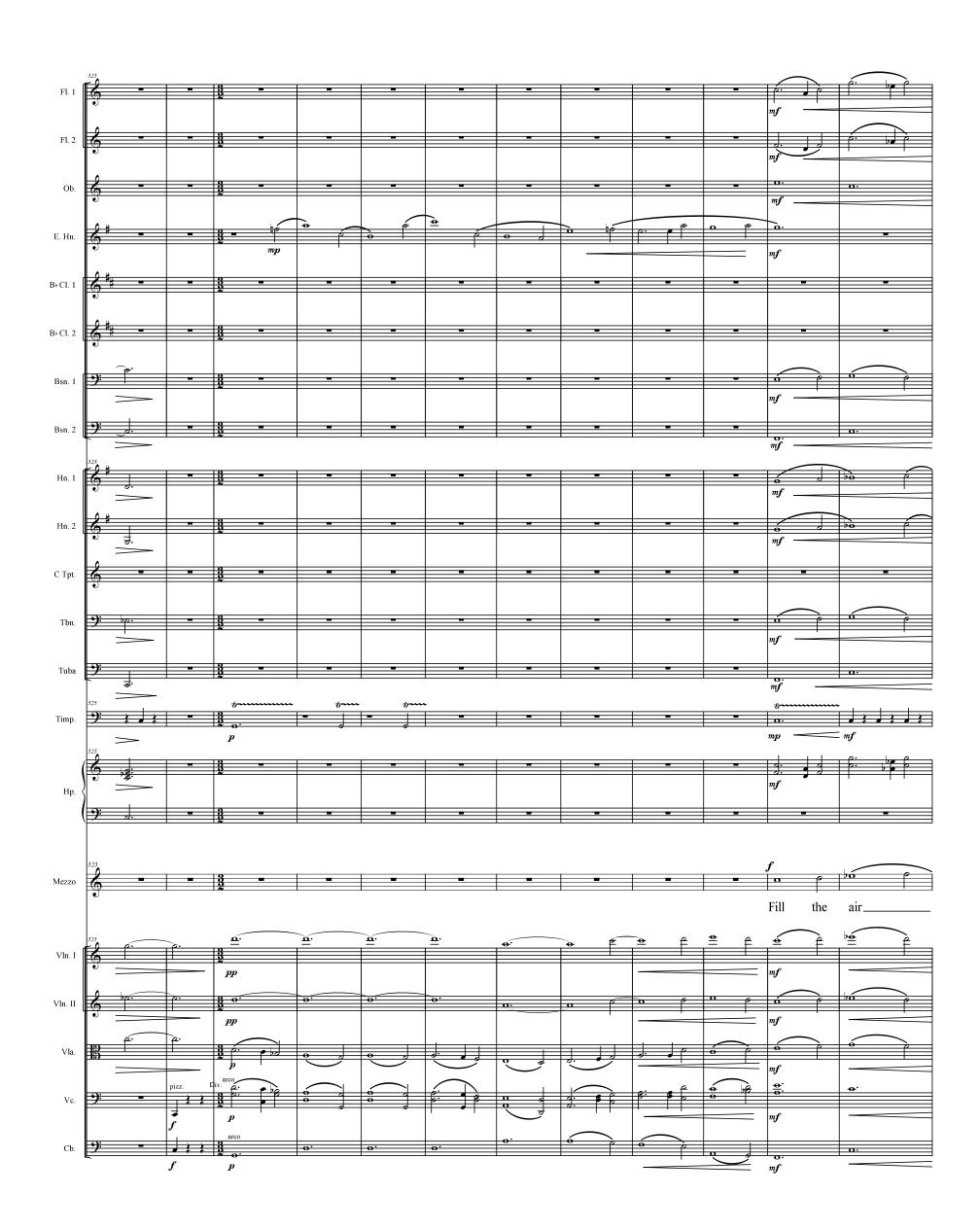




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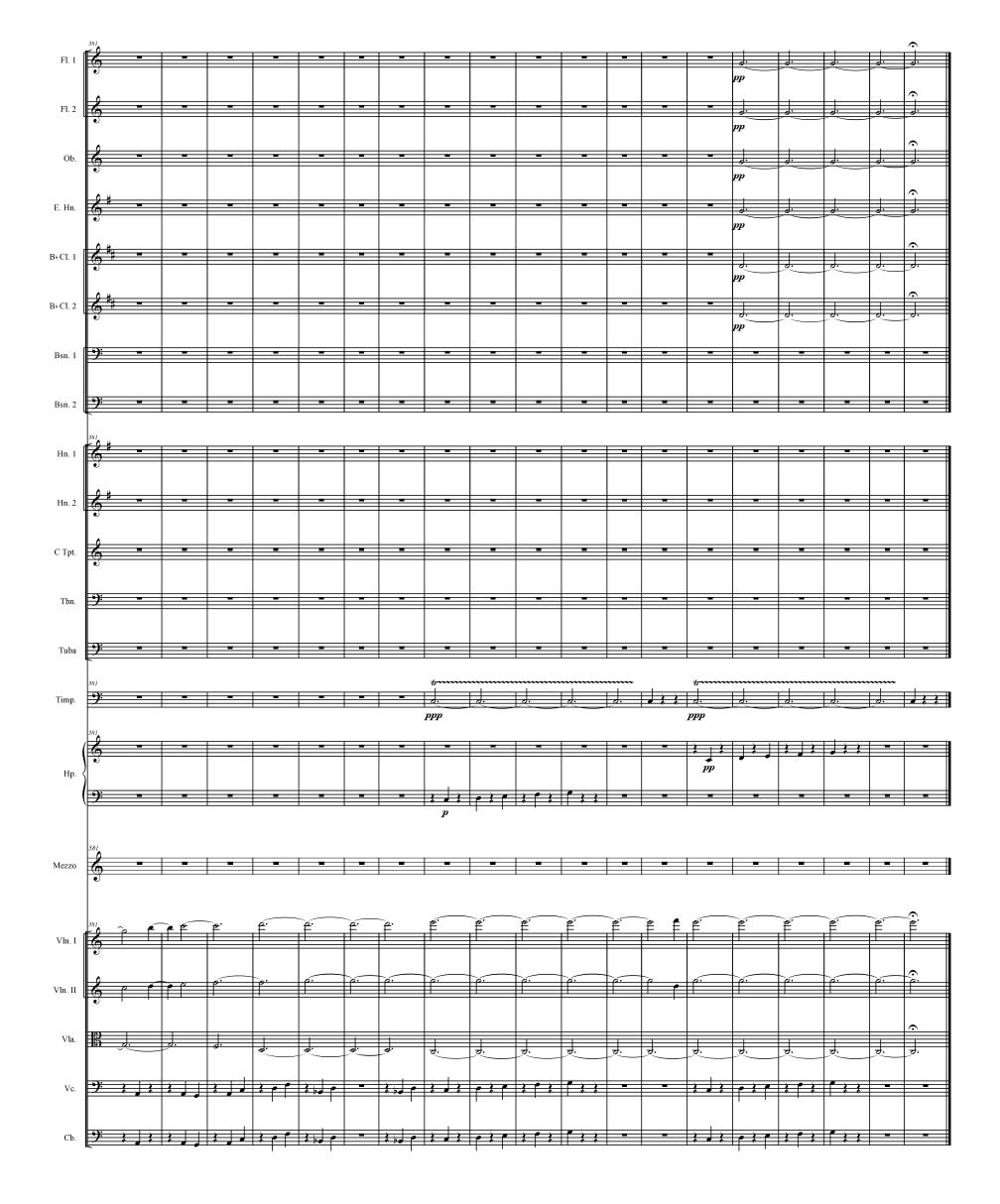












A few words about (and by) the composer

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 Prostakoff. Major works include music for string orchestra and various solo instruments, a cello concerto, ten string quartets, a nonet for winds and strings, and numerous 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, One World Symphony, the Bronx Arts Ensemble, the Tokyo based Duo + Ensemble, the Pandolfis Consort, the Diderot Quartet and Camerata Philadelphia.

"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.

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