

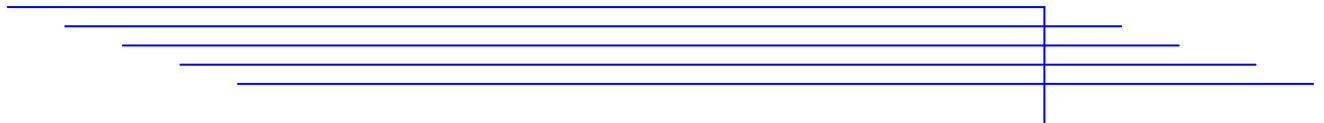
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Dreaming of a Better World

for string quartet

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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.

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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Moderato (♩ = c. 108)

Violin I

Violin II

Viola

Cello

Vn I

Vn II

Va

Vc

mf

p

pp

mp

4

6

8

9

Vn I

Vn II

Va

Vc

p

p

p

pizz.

12

Vn I

Vn II

Va

Vc

mf

mf

mf

p

p

pp

pp

arco

17

Vn I

Vn II

Va

Vc

mp

mp

mp

pp

p

p

p

arco

22

Vn I

Vn II

Va

Vc

27

Vn I

Vn II

Va

Vc

f

f

f

pizz.

ff

32

Vn I

Vn II

Va

Vc

pp

pp

p

36

Vn I

Vn II

Va

Vc

mp

p

pp

arco

mp

41

Vn I

Vn II

Va

Vc

pp

pp

pp

pizz.

pp

47

Vn I

Vn II

Va

Vc

f

f

f

arco

f

52

Vn I *p*

Vn II *pp*

Va *pp*

Vc *pp*

55

Vn I *pp*

Vn II *mf*

Va *mf*

Vc *mf*

58

Vn I *p*

Vn II *p*

Va *p*

Vc *p*

pp

61

Vn I *p* *mf*

Vn II *mf*

Va *mf*

Vc *mf* pizz.

65

Vn I *p*

Vn II *p*

Va *p*

Vc

71

Vn I *mf* *f*

Vn II *mf* *f*

Va *mf* *f*

Vc *mf* *f* arco

76

Vn I

Vn II

Va

Vc

pp

pp

pp

pizz.

pp

76-81

82

Vn I

Vn II

Va

Vc

arco

82-88

89

Vn I

Vn II

Va

Vc

arco

89-94

96

Vn I

Vn II

Va

Vc

f

p

104

Vn I

Vn II

Va

Vc

pizz.

111

Vn I

Vn II

Va

Vc

pp

f

pp

f

pp

p

116

Vn I

Vn II

Va

Vc

pp

pp

pp

121

Vn I

Vn II

Va

Vc

p

126

Vn I

Vn II

Va

Vc

mf

f

mf

f

mf

f

131

Vn I

Vn II

Va

Vc

4/4

136

Vn I

Vn II

Va

Vc

p *mf* *mp*

p *mf* *p*

p *mf* *p*

p *mf* *p*

arco

4/4

140

Vn I

Vn II

Va

Vc

pp *pp* *pp*

pp *pp* *pp*

pp *pp* *pp*

pp *pp* *pp*

pizz.

mp

4/4

144

Vn I

Vn II

Va

Vc

f

f

f

f

149

Vn I

Vn II

Va

Vc

pp

pp

pp

pp

156

Vn I

Vn II

Va

Vc

p

p

p

p

163

Vn I

Vn II

Va

Vc

Measures 163-168. Vn I and Vn II play dotted half notes. Va plays eighth and sixteenth note patterns. Vc plays eighth and sixteenth note patterns.

169

Vn I

Vn II

Va

Vc

ff

ff

ff

arco

Measures 169-175. Vn I and Vn II play half notes with accents. Va plays half notes. Vc plays eighth notes. Dynamics include *ff* and arco.

176

Vn I

Vn II

Va

Vc

pp

pp

pp

pp

mp

Measures 176-181. Vn I plays half notes and a sixteenth-note run. Vn II and Va play half notes. Vc plays eighth notes. Dynamics include *pp* and *mp*.

181

Vn I

Vn II

Va

Vc

pp

pizz.

pp

2

Andante ♩ = 48

189

Vn I

Vn II

Va

Vc

p

p

pizz.

p

arco

195

Vn I

Vn II

Va

Vc

201

Vn I

Vn II

Va

Vc

pizz.

p

mf

mf

208

Vn I

Vn II

Va

Vc

mp

p

p

pizz.

214

Vn I

Vn II

Va

Vc

arco

220

Vn I *pp* *mp*

Vn II *pp* *mf*

Va *pp* *mf*

Vc arco

224

Vn I

Vn II

Va

Vc

227

Vn I

Vn II

Va

Vc

230

Vn I

Vn II

Va

Vc

233

Vn I

Vn II

Va

Vc

mp

pp

p

pizz.

p

238

Vn I

Vn II

Va

Vc

mp

p

mp

arco

mp

243

Vn I

Vn II

Va

Vc

This system contains measures 243, 244, and 245. The Violin I part (Vn I) has a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. It features a half note in measure 243, a quarter note in measure 244, and a half note in measure 245. The Violin II part (Vn II) has a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. It features a continuous eighth-note pattern in measure 243, a half note in measure 244, and a half note in measure 245. The Viola part (Va) has an alto clef and a key signature of one flat. It features a half note in measure 243, a quarter note in measure 244, and a half note in measure 245. The Violoncello part (Vc) has a bass clef and a key signature of one flat. It features a half note in measure 243, a quarter note in measure 244, and a half note in measure 245.

246

Vn I

Vn II

Va

Vc

This system contains measures 246, 247, and 248. The Violin I part (Vn I) has a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. It features a half note in measure 246, a quarter note in measure 247, and a half note in measure 248. The Violin II part (Vn II) has a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. It features a continuous eighth-note pattern in measure 246, a half note in measure 247, and a half note in measure 248. The Viola part (Va) has an alto clef and a key signature of one flat. It features a half note in measure 246, a quarter note in measure 247, and a half note in measure 248. The Violoncello part (Vc) has a bass clef and a key signature of one flat. It features a half note in measure 246, a quarter note in measure 247, and a half note in measure 248.

249

Vn I

Vn II

Va

Vc

This system contains measures 249, 250, and 251. The Violin I part (Vn I) has a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. It features a half note in measure 249, a quarter note in measure 250, and a half note in measure 251. The Violin II part (Vn II) has a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. It features a continuous eighth-note pattern in measure 249, a half note in measure 250, and a half note in measure 251. The Viola part (Va) has an alto clef and a key signature of one flat. It features a half note in measure 249, a quarter note in measure 250, and a half note in measure 251. The Violoncello part (Vc) has a bass clef and a key signature of one flat. It features a half note in measure 249, a quarter note in measure 250, and a half note in measure 251.

252

Vn I

Vn II

Va

Vc

mf

mf

mf

pizz.

mf

257

Vn I

Vn II

Va

Vc

f

f

f

pp

pp

pizz.

p

arco

f

ppp

264

Vn I

Vn II

Va

Vc

p

p

269

Vn I

Vn II

Va

Vc

pppp

pppp

pppp

3

Largo (♩.=50)

273

Vn I

Vn II

Va

Vc

p

p

p

p

3'30"

277

Vn I

Vn II

Va

Vc

280

Vn I

Vn II

Va

Vc

pp

pp

pp

pp

283

Vn I

Vn II

Va

Vc

p

poco a poco cresc.

p

poco a poco cresc.

p

poco a poco cresc.

p

poco a poco cresc.

286

Vn I

Vn II

Va

Vc

289

Vn I

Vn II

Va

Vc

Measures 289-290. Vn I and Vn II play melodic lines with slurs and ties. Va and Vc play sustained notes with ties across the measures.

291

Vn I

Vn II

Va

Vc

mf

p

mf

p

mf

p

pizz.

Measures 291-293. Vn I and Vn II have dynamic markings *mf* and *p*. Va and Vc have dynamic markings *mf* and *p*. Vc has a *pizz.* marking in measure 293.

294

Vn I

Vn II

Va

Vc

arco

Measures 294-296. Vn I and Vn II have melodic lines. Va and Vc have sustained notes. Vc has an *arco* marking in measure 296.

298

Vn I

Vn II

Va

Vc

p

p

p

p

301

Vn I

Vn II

Va

Vc

pp

pp

pp

pp

304

Vn I

Vn II

Va

Vc

307

Vn I

Vn II

Va

Vc

Measures 307-310. Vn I plays a rapid sixteenth-note run. Vn II, Va, and Vc have sustained notes with some movement.

310

Vn I

Vn II

Va

Vc

Measures 310-313. Vn I has a melodic line. Vn II, Va, and Vc have sustained notes.

4

Spirito (♩=140)

313

Vn I

Vn II

Va

Vc

Measures 313-316. The tempo is marked **Spirito** (♩=140). All instruments play a rhythmic pattern starting with a forte (*f*) dynamic.

322

Vn I

Vn II

Va

Vc

mp

Measures 322-325. The system includes staves for Violin I, Violin II, Viola, and Violoncello. Measures 322 and 323 show a crescendo leading into measure 324, which is marked *mp*. The music features eighth and sixteenth notes with accents and slurs. Measure 325 continues the melodic lines.

331

Vn I

Vn II

Va

Vc

Measures 331-334. The system includes staves for Violin I, Violin II, Viola, and Violoncello. Measures 331 and 332 show a crescendo leading into measure 333. The music features eighth and sixteenth notes with accents and slurs. Measure 334 continues the melodic lines.

341

Vn I

Vn II

Va

Vc

f

Measures 341-344. The system includes staves for Violin I, Violin II, Viola, and Violoncello. Measures 341 and 342 show a crescendo leading into measure 343, which is marked *f*. The music features eighth and sixteenth notes with accents and slurs. Measure 344 continues the melodic lines.

350

Vn I

Vn II

Va

Vc

ff

350-353: Four staves (Vn I, Vn II, Va, Vc) showing a rhythmic pattern of eighth and sixteenth notes with accents and slurs. The dynamic is marked *ff*.

359

Vn I

Vn II

Va

Vc

359-362: Four staves (Vn I, Vn II, Va, Vc) continuing the rhythmic pattern with various articulations like slurs and accents.

368

Vn I

Vn II

Va

Vc

mf

pizz.

368-371: Four staves (Vn I, Vn II, Va, Vc) showing a change in texture with pizzicato entries for Vn II, Va, and Vc. The dynamic is marked *mf*.

377

Vn I

Vn II

Va

Vc

384

Vn I

Vn II

Va

Vc

p

391

Vn I

Vn II

Va

Vc

arco

pp

arco

pp

arco

pp

396

Vn I

Vn II

Va

Vc

401

Vn I

Vn II

Va

Vc

406

Vn I

Vn II

Va

Vc

411

Vn I

Vn II

Va

Vc

Measures 411-415. Vn I: Treble clef, whole notes. Vn II: Treble clef, half notes with a slur. Va: Alto clef, half notes and quarter notes. Vc: Bass clef, half notes. Measure 415 ends with a repeat sign.

416

Vn I

Vn II

Va

Vc

Measures 416-420. Vn I: Treble clef, quarter notes and half notes with a slur. Vn II: Treble clef, half notes and quarter notes. Va: Alto clef, half notes and quarter notes. Vc: Bass clef, half notes. Measure 420 ends with a repeat sign.

421

Vn I

Vn II

Va

Vc

Measures 421-424. Vn I: Treble clef, half notes with a slur. Vn II: Treble clef, quarter notes. Va: Alto clef, quarter notes. Vc: Bass clef, half notes. Measure 424 ends with a repeat sign.

426

Vn I *mf*

Vn II *mf*

Va pizz. *f*

Vc pizz. *f*

436

Vn I *ff*

Vn II *ff*

Va arco *ff*

Vc arco *ff*

446

Vn I *pp*

Vn II *pp*

Va *pp*

Vc *p* *pp*

454

Vn I

Vn II

Va

Vc

This system of musical notation covers measures 454 to 458. It features four staves: Vn I (Violin I), Vn II (Violin II), Va (Viola), and Vc (Violoncello). The key signature has one sharp (F#). The Vn I staff begins with a half note G4, followed by a half note A4, and then a half note B4. The Vn II staff begins with a half note G4, followed by a half note A4, and then a half note B4. The Va staff begins with a half note G3, followed by a half note A3, and then a half note B3. The Vc staff begins with a half note G2, followed by a half note A2, and then a half note B2. The measures are connected by a single line, indicating a continuous melodic line across the instruments.

459

Vn I

Vn II

Va

Vc

This system of musical notation covers measures 459 to 463. It features four staves: Vn I (Violin I), Vn II (Violin II), Va (Viola), and Vc (Violoncello). The key signature has one sharp (F#). The Vn I staff begins with a half note G4, followed by a half note A4, and then a half note B4. The Vn II staff begins with a half note G4, followed by a half note A4, and then a half note B4. The Va staff begins with a half note G3, followed by a half note A3, and then a half note B3. The Vc staff begins with a half note G2, followed by a half note A2, and then a half note B2. The measures are connected by a single line, indicating a continuous melodic line across the instruments.

464

Vn I

Vn II

Va

Vc

This system of musical notation covers measures 464 to 468. It features four staves: Vn I (Violin I), Vn II (Violin II), Va (Viola), and Vc (Violoncello). The key signature has one sharp (F#). The Vn I staff begins with a half note G4, followed by a half note A4, and then a half note B4. The Vn II staff begins with a half note G4, followed by a half note A4, and then a half note B4. The Va staff begins with a half note G3, followed by a half note A3, and then a half note B3. The Vc staff begins with a half note G2, followed by a half note A2, and then a half note B2. The measures are connected by a single line, indicating a continuous melodic line across the instruments.

469

Vn I

Vn II

Va

Vc

Measures 469-472. Vn I: Treble clef, half note G4, half note A4, eighth-note triplet G4-A4-B4, eighth-note triplet A4-G4-F#4, eighth-note triplet G4-A4-B4, eighth-note triplet A4-G4-F#4, eighth note G4. Vn II: Treble clef, half note G4, half note A4, half note B4. Va: Bass clef, half note G3, half note A3, quarter note B3, quarter note C4. Vc: Bass clef, half note G2, half note A2, half note B2. Hairpins: Vn I (crescendo), Vn II (crescendo), Va (crescendo), Vc (crescendo).

473

Vn I

Vn II

Va

Vc

Measures 473-477. Vn I: Treble clef, half note G4, half note A4, half note B4, half note C5, quarter rest, eighth-note triplet G4-A4-B4, eighth-note triplet A4-G4-F#4, eighth-note triplet G4-A4-B4, eighth-note triplet A4-G4-F#4. Vn II: Treble clef, half note G4, half note A4, half note B4, half note C5. Va: Bass clef, quarter note G3, quarter note A3, quarter note B3, half note C4, quarter note D4, quarter note E4, half note F4. Vc: Bass clef, half note G2, half note A2, half note B2, half note C3. Hairpins: Vn I (crescendo), Vn II (crescendo), Va (crescendo), Vc (crescendo).

478

Vn I

Vn II

Va

Vc

Measures 478-481. Vn I: Treble clef, half note G4, half note A4, half note B4, half note C5, half note D5, half note E5, half note F5, half note G5. Vn II: Treble clef, half note G4, half note A4, half note B4, half note C5, half note D5, half note E5, half note F5. Va: Bass clef, quarter note G3, quarter note A3, quarter note B3, half note C4, quarter note D4, quarter note E4, half note F4. Vc: Bass clef, half note G2, half note A2, half note B2, half note C3. Hairpins: Vn I (crescendo), Vn II (crescendo), Va (crescendo), Vc (crescendo).

483

Vn I

Vn II

Va

Vc

ff

ff

f

subito p

subito p

488

Vn I

Vn II

Va

Vc

mf

mp

p

mf

mp

p

492

Vn I

Vn II

Va

Vc

pp

pp

pp

pp

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
Wedding Songs	2014	countertenor, va, vc, theorbo	5 min
2 poems by Charl Cilliers	2016	soprano, piano	5 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
Lonely Voices	2013	string quartet	26 min
Trance Music	2014	string orchestra	22 min
The Time is Past	2015	string quartet	11 min
Dreaming of a Better World	2016	string quartet	17 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
4 Caprices for Violin & Piano	2014	vn, pn	14 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

PIANO MUSIC

Simple Sketches	2015	piano	12 min
Skirmishes	2016	piano 4 hands	10 min



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