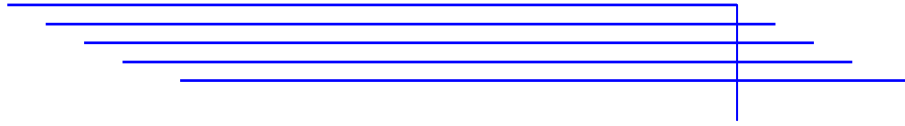


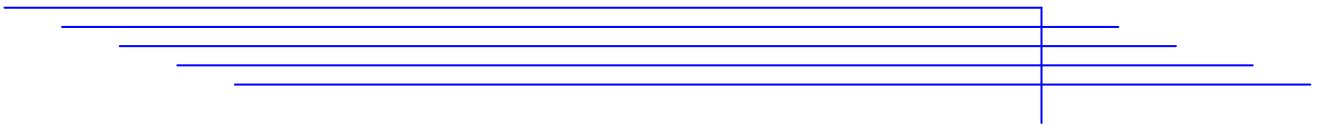
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Little Tales of Mirth & Woe

for violin, cello & piano

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MUSIC BY STAN GRILL

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	soprano, mezzo soprano, vn, vc	6 min
Rilke Songs	2009	soprano, va d'amore, vc	15 min
4 Songs to Poems by Hart Crane	2010	tenor, piano	12 min
Sonnets to Orpheus (Rilke)	2012	tenor, piano	35 min

MUSIC FOR STRINGS ALONE

6 Contrapuntal Pieces	1986	string quartet	20 min
For Laura	1987	string quartet	25 min
As Easy as 1,2,3	1987	string trio	10 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

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

Appalachian Songs	1988	chamber orchestra	25 min
Morning Music	2001	cl, string orchestra	22 min
Two Sad Songs (W.B. Yeats)	2002	soprano, string orchestra	15 min
Invisible Ballet	2003	strings & diverse instruments	33 min
Pluto	2005	orchestra	15 min
Ophelia Songs (Shakespeare)	2005	soprano, harp, string orchestra	12 min
Love's Little Pleasures	2008	soprano, string orchestra	15 min
The Four Elements	2009	va, string orchestra	22 min
Mystical Songs	2009	soprano, va, string orchestra	18 min

Violin

Andante

p

Cello

pizz.

p

arco

p

Andante

6

6

6

11

11

11

16

pp

pizz.

pp

pp

21

21

21

25

mp

25

mp

25

28

28

28

32

p

32

arco

pp

32

pp

35

pp

35

35

38 *mp* *p* *pp*

38 *mp* *p* *pp*

38 *mp* *pp* *ppp*

43

43

43

49 *sul tasto*

49

49

Detailed description: This musical score page contains measures 38 through 49. It is written for voice and piano. The voice part (top two staves) begins at measure 38 with a melody in treble and bass clefs. Dynamics include mezzo-piano (*mp*), piano (*p*), and pianissimo (*pp*). The piano accompaniment (bottom two staves) starts at measure 38 with a complex texture. The right hand features rapid sixteenth-note passages, while the left hand plays chords and moving lines. Dynamics for the piano range from mezzo-piano (*mp*) to pianissimo (*pp*) and pianississimo (*ppp*). At measure 43, the piano part continues with dense chordal textures. At measure 49, the piano part includes a section marked *sul tasto* (on the sustain pedal), where the right hand plays sustained chords and the left hand plays moving lines. The score concludes at measure 49.

54

54

54

61

61

61

66

66

66

pp

sul tasto

pp

71 **Allegro**

f

71 **Allegro**

f

74

f

74

f

77

mp *f* *mf*

p *f* *mf*

77

p *f* *mp*

80

80

80

83

83

83

86

86

86

This musical score page contains measures 80 through 89. It is written for a vocal line and piano accompaniment. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. Measures 80-82 show a vocal melody with eighth and quarter notes, and a piano accompaniment with a steady eighth-note pattern. Measures 83-85 feature a vocal melody with eighth-note runs and a piano accompaniment with sustained chords and a rhythmic eighth-note pattern. Measures 86-89 continue the vocal melody with eighth-note runs and the piano accompaniment with sustained chords and a rhythmic eighth-note pattern. Dynamics include *f* (forte) in measures 83 and 86. The score is divided into four systems, each with a measure number (80, 83, 86) at the beginning of the first staff.

8

89

Measures 89-91 of a musical score. The system consists of four staves: two for the vocal line (treble and bass clef) and two for the piano accompaniment (treble and bass clef). The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat). Measure 89 features a vocal melody starting with a half note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, and a half note B4. The piano accompaniment in the bass clef has a steady eighth-note pattern. Dynamic markings include *mp* (mezzo-piano) for the vocal line and *p* (piano) for the piano accompaniment. Measure 90 shows a vocal melody with a half note G4, a quarter note A4, and a half note B4. The piano accompaniment continues with a steady eighth-note pattern. Dynamic markings include *f* (forte) for the vocal line and *f* (forte) for the piano accompaniment. Measure 91 features a vocal melody with a half note G4, a quarter note A4, and a half note B4. The piano accompaniment continues with a steady eighth-note pattern. Dynamic markings include *mp* (mezzo-piano) for the vocal line and *p* (piano) for the piano accompaniment.

92

Measures 92-93 of a musical score. The system consists of four staves: two for the vocal line (treble and bass clef) and two for the piano accompaniment (treble and bass clef). The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat). Measure 92 features a vocal melody starting with a half note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, and a half note B4. The piano accompaniment in the bass clef has a steady eighth-note pattern. Dynamic markings include *p* (piano) for the vocal line and *p* (piano) for the piano accompaniment. Measure 93 shows a vocal melody with a half note G4, a quarter note A4, and a half note B4. The piano accompaniment continues with a steady eighth-note pattern. Dynamic markings include *f* (forte) for the vocal line and *f* (forte) for the piano accompaniment.

94

Measures 94-95 of a musical score. The system consists of four staves: two for the vocal line (treble and bass clef) and two for the piano accompaniment (treble and bass clef). The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat). Measure 94 features a vocal melody starting with a half note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, and a half note B4. The piano accompaniment in the bass clef has a steady eighth-note pattern. Dynamic markings include *p* (piano) for the vocal line and *p* (piano) for the piano accompaniment. Measure 95 shows a vocal melody with a half note G4, a quarter note A4, and a half note B4. The piano accompaniment continues with a steady eighth-note pattern. Dynamic markings include *f* (forte) for the vocal line and *f* (forte) for the piano accompaniment.

96

96

96

98

98

98

101

101

101

pp

ppp

The musical score is written for a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The key signature has one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The score is divided into measures 96, 98, and 101. Measures 96-97 show the piano playing a continuous eighth-note pattern in both hands. Measures 98-100 show the vocal line with a melodic phrase and the piano continuing the eighth-note pattern. Measure 101 shows the piano playing a descending eighth-note pattern in the right hand and a continuous eighth-note pattern in the left hand, with dynamics markings *pp* and *ppp*.

104 *ppp* *p*

104 *ppp* *p*

104 *p*

110

110

110

118

118

118

This musical score page contains measures 104 through 118. It is written for voice and piano. The voice part consists of two staves (treble and bass clef). The piano accompaniment consists of three staves (treble, bass, and grand staff). The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The time signature is 3/4. The score is divided into four systems. The first system (measures 104-107) features a vocal melody starting with a 'V' (breath mark) and piano markings of *ppp* and *p*. The piano accompaniment includes arpeggiated figures in the bass and a melodic line in the treble. The second system (measures 110-113) continues the vocal melody and piano accompaniment. The third system (measures 114-117) shows the vocal melody and piano accompaniment. The fourth system (measures 118-121) concludes the page with the vocal melody and piano accompaniment.

This musical score page contains measures 125 through 134. It is organized into three systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The key signature has one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The vocal line begins at measure 125 with a melody of eighth and quarter notes. The piano accompaniment for measures 125-130 features a steady eighth-note bass line in the left hand and chords in the right hand. At measure 131, the vocal line has a rest followed by a triplet of eighth notes marked with a forte (*f*) dynamic. The piano accompaniment also has a rest in the right hand and continues with eighth notes in the left hand. This pattern repeats for measures 132-133. In measure 134, the vocal line has a rest followed by a triplet of eighth notes. The piano accompaniment continues with eighth notes in the left hand and chords in the right hand. The score concludes with a double bar line at the end of measure 134.

125

125

125

131

f

131

f

131

134

134

134

137

mp *f* *p*

pizz. *p*

140

p

143

f *arco* *f*

This musical score page contains five systems of music, each corresponding to a measure number (146, 148, 150) written at the beginning of the system. Each system consists of three staves: a vocal line (treble clef), a bass line (bass clef), and a piano accompaniment (grand staff with treble and bass clefs). The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The piano accompaniment features a consistent eighth-note pattern in the right hand and a more complex, often sixteenth-note pattern in the left hand. The vocal lines are melodic, with some measures containing rests. The score is written in black ink on a white background.

146

146

148

148

150

150

152

p

pizz.

p



155

155

155



158

pp

158

158

pp



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 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. He 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.

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