



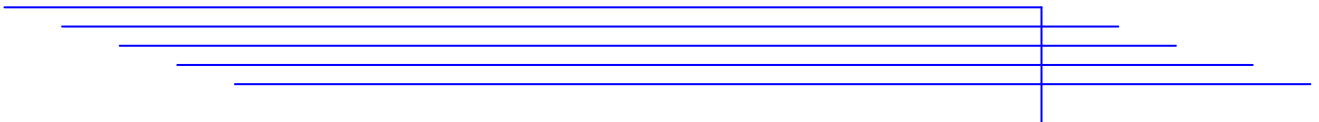
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Composer & Pianist

Love's Little Pleasures

soprano & string orchestra

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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

Love's little pleasures

These songs are dedicated to my wife ~ our love is always a source of many pleasures ~ some little ~ as described in these songs ~ and some not little at all

Stan Grill
Haworth, NJ
2008

Short Poem

poem by W.C. Williams

Allegro

Andantino

Score for Soprano, Violin I, Violin II, Viola, Cello, and Double Bass. The music is in 3/4 time, key of D major (three sharps). The tempo is marked Allegro. The Soprano part is a whole rest. The Violin I, Violin II, and Viola parts are marked *p* (piano). The Cello and Double Bass parts are whole rests.

Score for Violin I, Violin II, Viola, Cello, and Double Bass. The music is in 3/4 time, key of D major (three sharps). The tempo is marked Andantino. The Violin I and Violin II parts are marked *p* (piano). The Viola part is marked *p* (piano). The Cello part is marked *p* (piano). The Double Bass part is marked *pp* (pianissimo) and includes a *pizz.* (pizzicato) instruction.

13

pp You _____

Vn I

Vn II

Va

Vc

Db

20

You _____ slapped _____

Vn I

Vn II

Va

Vc

Db

26

my face

Vn I

Vn II

Va

Vc

Db

32

Vn I

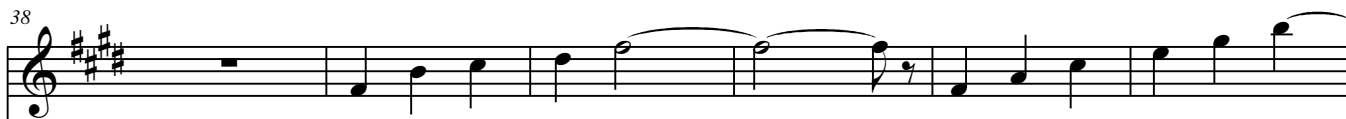
Vn II

Va

Vc

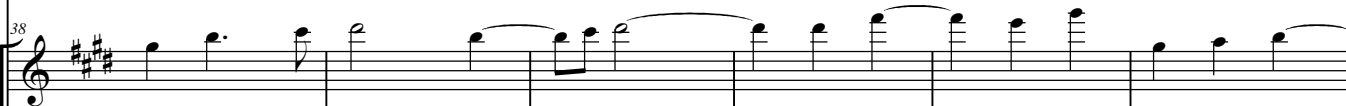
Db

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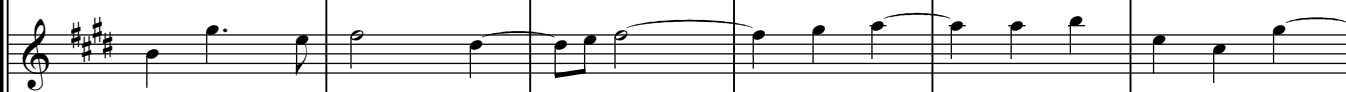


But oh so gen - tly _____ I smiled at the ca - ress.

Vn I



Vn II



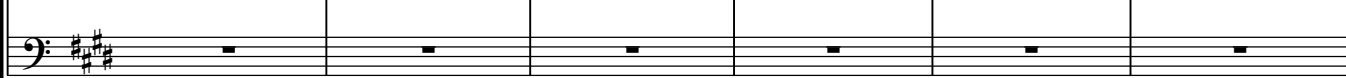
Va



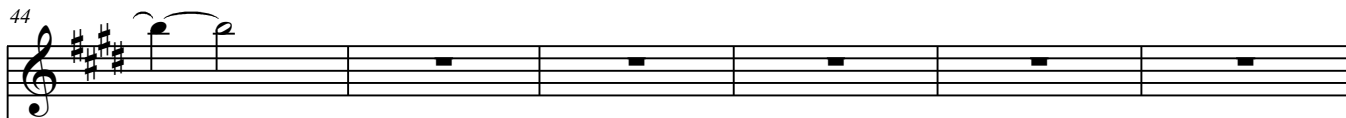
Vc



Db



44



Vn I



Vn II



Va



Vc



Db



50



Vn I



Vn II



Va



Vc



Db



This is Just to Say

poem by W.C. Williams

Andantino

Soprano

Violin I

Violin II

Viola

Cello

Double Bass

The first system of the musical score is for measures 1 through 6. It features a Soprano part with whole rests. The string quartet (Violin I, Violin II, Viola, and Cello) plays a rhythmic accompaniment in 6/8 time. Violin I has a mezzo-piano (*mp*) dynamic, while Violin II, Viola, and Cello are marked piano (*p*). The Double Bass part also contains whole rests. The tempo is indicated as Andantino.

Vn I

Vn II

Va

Vc

Db

The second system of the musical score covers measures 7 through 12. Measures 7-11 continue the string accompaniment. In measure 12, the dynamics change to mezzo-forte (*mf*) for Violin I, Violin II, Viola, and Cello. The Double Bass part remains at piano (*p*) in measure 12. The Soprano part continues with whole rests. The tempo remains Andantino.

13

mp I have eat-en the plums the plums the

Vn I

Vn II

Va

Vc

Db

pp

mp

p

pizz.

p

19

plums that were in the ice - box the plums that you were

Vn I

Vn II

Va

Vc

Db

24

pro - ba - bly sa - ving for break - fast for break - fast for - give me

Vn I

Vn II

Va

Vc

Db

mf

mp

29

p They were de - li - cious so sweet and so cold. _____

Vn I

Vn II

Va

Vc

Db

p

p

arco

p

35

Score for measures 35-39. The score includes staves for Vn I, Vn II, Va, Vc, and Db. Measure 35 shows Vn I with a half note G4 (pp), Vn II with a quarter note G4 (ppp), Va with a half note G4 (pp), Vc with a quarter note G2 (ppp), and Db with a half note G2 (pp). Measures 36-39 continue with various melodic and harmonic developments. Vn I has a half note G4 in measure 36, a half note A4 in measure 37, a half note B4 in measure 38, and a half note C5 in measure 39. Vn II has a quarter note G4 in measure 35, a quarter note A4 in measure 36, a quarter note B4 in measure 37, a quarter note C5 in measure 38, and a quarter note D5 in measure 39. Va has a half note G4 in measure 35, a half note A4 in measure 36, a half note B4 in measure 37, a half note C5 in measure 38, and a half note D5 in measure 39. Vc has a quarter note G2 in measure 35, a quarter note A2 in measure 36, a quarter note B2 in measure 37, a quarter note C3 in measure 38, and a quarter note D3 in measure 39. Db has a half note G2 in measure 35, a half note A2 in measure 36, a half note B2 in measure 37, a half note C3 in measure 38, and a half note D3 in measure 39.

Vn I

Vn II

Va

Vc

Db

pp

ppp

pp

ppp

pizz.

pp

40

Score for measures 40-43. The score includes staves for Vn I, Vn II, Va, Vc, and Db. Measure 40 shows Vn I with a half note G4, Vn II with a quarter note G4, Va with a half note G4, Vc with a quarter note G2, and Db with a half note G2. Measures 41-43 continue with various melodic and harmonic developments. Vn I has a half note A4 in measure 41, a half note B4 in measure 42, and a half note C5 in measure 43. Vn II has a quarter note G4 in measure 40, a quarter note A4 in measure 41, a quarter note B4 in measure 42, and a quarter note C5 in measure 43. Va has a half note G4 in measure 40, a half note A4 in measure 41, a half note B4 in measure 42, and a half note C5 in measure 43. Vc has a quarter note G2 in measure 40, a quarter note A2 in measure 41, a quarter note B2 in measure 42, and a quarter note C3 in measure 43. Db has a half note G2 in measure 40, a half note A2 in measure 41, a half note B2 in measure 42, and a half note C3 in measure 43.

Vn I

Vn II

Va

Vc

Db

pp

Conviction (IV)

poem by Stevie Smith

Moderato

Soprano

Violin I

Violin II

Viola

Cello

Double Bass

mp

mp

mp

pizz.

mp

6

mp

I like to get off with peo - ple,

Vn I

Vn II

Va

Vc

Db

11

I like to lie in their arms

Vn I

Vn II

Va

Vc

Db

mf

mp

arco

16

p I like to be held and

Vn I

Vn II

Va

Vc

Db

mf

mp

p

pizz.

20

light - ly kissed, _____ Safe from all a - larms. _____

Vn I

Vn II

Va

Vc

Db

25

I like to laugh and be hap - py With a beau - ti - ful

Vn I

Vn II

Va

Vc

Db

[illegible]

If you don't like my apples

poem by Anon.

Soprano

Moderato

Violin I

Violin II

Viola

Cello

Double Bass

7

Vn I

Vn II

Va

Vc

Db

13

13

Vn I

Vn II

Va

Vc

Db

This system contains measures 13 through 18. The first staff is empty. Vn I plays a melody of eighth and quarter notes. Vn II plays a melody of eighth and quarter notes. Va plays a melody of quarter and eighth notes. Vc plays a melody of quarter and eighth notes. Db plays a melody of quarter and eighth notes.

19

19

Vn I

Vn II

Va

Vc

Db

p

This system contains measures 19 through 24. The first staff is empty. Vn I plays a melody of eighth and quarter notes. Vn II plays a melody of eighth and quarter notes. Va plays a melody of quarter and eighth notes. Vc plays a melody of quarter and eighth notes. Db plays a melody of quarter and eighth notes. The dynamic *p* is indicated at the end of the system.

25

If you don't _____ like _____ my ap-ples don't don't

Vn I *mp*

Vn II *pizz.* *mp*

Va *mp* *pizz.*

Vc *mp*

Db

30

shake _____ my tree. *mf* Don't you shake _____ my

Vn I *mf*

Vn II *mf*

Va *arco* *mf*

Vc *arco* *mf*

Db

35

tree. *mp* I'm not af - ter ____ your

Vn I

Vn II

Va

Vc

Db

mf

Detailed description: This block contains the musical score for measures 35 through 39. The vocal line is in treble clef, starting with a half note 'tree.' followed by a whole rest, then a half note 'I'm', a quarter rest, a half note 'not', a quarter rest, and a half note 'af - ter ____ your'. The instrumental parts are arranged in a grand staff. Vn I and Vn II are in treble clef, Va is in alto clef, Vc is in bass clef, and Db is in bass clef. Dynamics include *mp* (mezzo-piano) and *mf* (mezzo-forte).

40

boy - friend, ____ *p*

Vn I

Vn II

Va

Vc

Db

pp *mf* *p* *mf*

mf *p* *mf*

mf *p* *mf*

mf *p* *mf*

p *mf*

Detailed description: This block contains the musical score for measures 40 through 44. The vocal line continues with 'boy - friend, ____' followed by a whole rest. The instrumental parts continue with Vn I, Vn II, Va, Vc, and Db. Dynamics include *pp* (pianissimo), *mf* (mezzo-forte), and *p* (piano).

45

He's He's af - -

Vn I *p*

Vn II *p*

Va *p*

Vc *p*

Db

50

- - ter *f* me. - -

Vn I *f*

Vn II *f*

Va *f*

Vc *f*

Db *f*

[illegible]

The Look

poem by Sara Teasdale

Andantino

Score for the first system of "The Look" (Andantino).

Instrumental parts:

- Soprano: Rests throughout the system.
- Violin I: *mp* (mezzo-piano), *pizz.* (pizzicato) in the first measure, then arco (arco) in the fifth measure.
- Violin II: *p* (piano), *pizz.* (pizzicato) in the first measure, then arco (arco) in the fifth measure.
- Viola: *p* (piano) throughout.
- Cello: *mp* (mezzo-piano) throughout.
- Double Bass: *p* (piano) throughout.

The system consists of five measures, ending with a repeat sign.

Score for the second system of "The Look" (Andantino).

Vocal part:

6
Stre - phon kissed me in — the spring, —

Instrumental parts:

- Vn I: *mp* (mezzo-piano) in the first measure, *mf* (mezzo-forte) in the second measure, *mp* (mezzo-piano) in the third measure.
- Vn II: *arco* (arco) in the first measure, *mf* (mezzo-forte) in the second measure, *mp* (mezzo-piano) in the third measure.
- Va: *pizz.* (pizzicato) in the first measure, then arco (arco) in the second measure.
- Vc: *pizz.* (pizzicato) in the first measure, then arco (arco) in the second measure.
- Db: *pizz.* (pizzicato) in the first measure, then arco (arco) in the second measure.

The system consists of five measures, ending with a repeat sign.

11

Ro - bin in the fall, But Co - lin on - ly

Vn I

Vn II

Va

Vc

Db

arco

mf

pizz.

16

looked at me _____ And ne - ver _____ And ne - ver _____ And

Vn I

Vn II

Va

Vc

Db

mp

arco

mp

pizz.

p

p

p

pizz.

20

ne - ver _____ kissed at all. _____

Vn I

Vn II

Va

Vc

Db

mp

arco

p

mp

25

Stre - phon's kiss _____ was lost in

Vn I

Vn II

Va

Vc

Db

mf

pizz.

p

arco

p

30

jest, _____ Ro - bin's lost _____ in play, _____

Vn I

Vn II

Va

Vc

Db

36

p But the kiss _____ in Co - lin's eyes _____

Vn I

Vn II

Va

Vc

Db

pp

pp *pizz.*

pp

pp

arco

pp

42

Haunts _____ me night _____ and day. _____

Vn I

Vn II

Va

Vc

Db

49

Vn I

Vn II

Va

Vc

Db

mp

pizz.

arco

54

54

Vn I

Vn II

Va

Vc

Db

pizz.

mp

mp *mf* *pp*

Detailed description: This system contains measures 54 through 59. The score is for a string quartet (Violin I, Violin II, Viola, Violoncello) and a Double Bass. The key signature has one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/8. Measure 54: Vn I has a half note F#4, Vn II has a half note F#4, Va has a half note F#3, Vc has a half note F#2, and Db has a half note F#1. Measure 55: Vn I has a half note G#4, Vn II has a half note G#4, Va has a half note G#3, Vc has a half note G#2, and Db has a half note G#1. Measure 56: Vn I has a half note A5, Vn II has a half note A4, Va has a half note A3, Vc has a half note A2, and Db has a half note A1. Measure 57: Vn I has a half note B5, Vn II has a half note B4, Va has a half note B3, Vc has a half note B2, and Db has a half note B1. Measure 58: Vn I has a half note C6, Vn II has a half note C5, Va has a half note C4, Vc has a half note C3, and Db has a half note C2. Measure 59: Vn I has a half note D6, Vn II has a half note D5, Va has a half note D4, Vc has a half note D3, and Db has a half note D2. Dynamics include *pizz.* for Vn I and Vn II, *mp* for Vc and Db, and a crescendo from *mp* to *mf* to *pp* for Vn I.

60

60

Vn I

Vn II

Va

Vc

Db

pp *p* *p*

pp *mp* *pizz.*

p *mp* *pizz.*

Detailed description: This system contains measures 60 through 65. The key signature has one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/8. Measure 60: Vn I has a half note F#4, Vn II has a half note F#4, Va has a half note F#3, Vc has a half note F#2, and Db has a half note F#1. Measure 61: Vn I has a half note G#4, Vn II has a half note G#4, Va has a half note G#3, Vc has a half note G#2, and Db has a half note G#1. Measure 62: Vn I has a half note A5, Vn II has a half note A4, Va has a half note A3, Vc has a half note A2, and Db has a half note A1. Measure 63: Vn I has a half note B5, Vn II has a half note B4, Va has a half note B3, Vc has a half note B2, and Db has a half note B1. Measure 64: Vn I has a half note C6, Vn II has a half note C5, Va has a half note C4, Vc has a half note C3, and Db has a half note C2. Measure 65: Vn I has a half note D6, Vn II has a half note D5, Va has a half note D4, Vc has a half note D3, and Db has a half note D2. Dynamics include *pp* for Vn I and Vn II, *p* for Va and Vc, *mp* for Vc and Db, and a crescendo from *pp* to *p* for Vn I.

Sous entendu

poem by Anne Stevenson

Leisurely

Score for the first system of the piece, measures 1-4. The instruments and their parts are:

- Soprano:** Rests in all four measures.
- Violin I:** Plays a melody starting on G4, moving stepwise up to D5 in measure 4. Dynamic: *p*.
- Violin II:** Plays a melody starting on G4, moving stepwise up to D5 in measure 4. Dynamic: *p*.
- Viola:** Plays a tremolo pattern of eighth notes (G4, A4, B4, C5) in measures 1-3, then rests in measure 4. Dynamic: *mp*.
- Cello:** Plays a tremolo pattern of eighth notes (G3, A3, B3, C4) in measures 1-3, then rests in measure 4. Dynamic: *pp*.
- Double Bass:** Plays a pizzicato pattern of eighth notes (G2, A2, B2, C3) in measures 1-3, then rests in measure 4. Dynamic: *p*.

Score for the second system of the piece, measures 5-8. The instruments and their parts are:

- Soprano:** Rests in all four measures. Dynamic: *p* at the end of measure 8.
- Vn I:** Continues the melody from the first system, starting on G4 and moving up to D5 in measure 8.
- Vn II:** Continues the melody from the first system, starting on G4 and moving up to D5 in measure 8.
- Va:** Continues the tremolo pattern from the first system, starting on G4 and moving up to D5 in measure 8.
- Vc:** Continues the tremolo pattern from the first system, starting on G3 and moving up to D4 in measure 8.
- Db:** Continues the pizzicato pattern from the first system, starting on G2 and moving up to D3 in measure 8.

10

Don't — think that I — don't

Vn I

Vn II

Va

Vc

Db

13

know that as you talk to me —

Vn I

Vn II

Va

Vc

Db

17

— the hand of your mind —

Vn I

Vn II

Va

Vc

Db

21

is in - con - spi - cuous-ly ta - king

Vn I

Vn II

Va

Vc

Db

25



Vn I



Vn II



Va



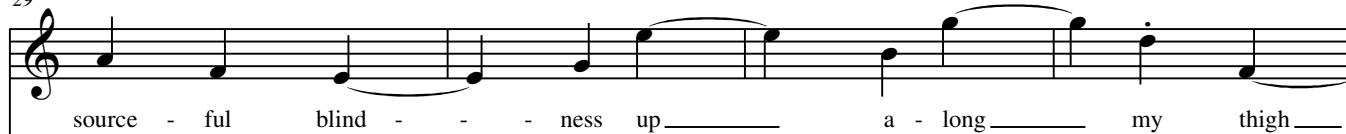
Vc



Db



29



Vn I



Vn II



Va



Vc



Db



33

— Don't — think that I —

Vn I

Vn II

Va

Vc

Db

37

— don't know that

Vn I

Vn II

Va

Vc

Db

41

you know e - very-thing — I say —

Vn I

Vn II

Va

Vc

Db

46

— is a gar - ment.

Vn I

Vn II

Va

Vc

Db

pppp

pppp

pppp

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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