

which was the dream, which was the veil?

for violin and cimbalom

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Instrumentation

Violin

Cimbalom

Duration

Circa 18 minutes

Performance Notes

Accidentals carry throughout the bar in the register in which they first occur.

Glissandi should take the total duration of the note or of notes tied together.

An arrow indicates to gradually transition from one mode of playing to another, e.g., from *sul ponticello* to *ordinario*.

Crescendi dal niente and diminuendi al niente are indicated with hairpins emerging from or terminating in a circle.

 = note raised 1/4 of a tone

 = note lowered 1/6 of a tone, corresponding to the intonation of the 7th partial of the overtone series

Violin

1/2 + 1/2 indicates to use a roughly even mix of ordinary arco bowing and *col legno tratto*.

Cimbalom

The third movement calls for the use of "Benjamin combs" to effect glissandi on the cimbalom. The player has a palette of techniques to choose from, each of which produce a unique timbral variation. The player may scrape with the teeth of the combs near the pegs, the hitch pins, just behind the bridge, or between the tuning pegs and the bridge, to create a *glissando* or *glissandi* of the given duration. Alternate hands freely to retake higher pitches as necessary to sustain the gesture for the given length of time. Experiment with different techniques and timbres *ad lib.* in a way that best conveys the expressive markings in the performance space.

The third movement also calls for *pizzicati bisbigliandi*. Alternate rapidly between *ordinario pizzicato* and *pizzicato* behind the bridge. The approximate pitch intended by *pizzicato* behind the bridge is indicated with X noteheads.

The fifth movement calls for the use of drum sticks on the strings to effect rolls and other snare drum techniques. Rolls indicate buzz rolls as one would play on a snare drum, and eighth-notes with two slashes denote dead strokes. From measure 33, a ricochet gesture is called for. Allow the tip of the stick to drop and bounce on the string, reiterating the pitch in an accelerating rhythm. The duration of the bounces may vary, and end earlier than the given duration if need be (do not re-attack if the gesture ends earlier than indicated). This is indicated with the use of Z's on the stems of the notes in question.

In the fifth movement, mm. 65-72, a muted effect is obtained in the cimbalom part by playing with the butt ends of swizzle sticks, which are prepared with moleskin or felt.

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I. the lotus flower unfurled

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♩ = 72 **Andante misterioso**

Violin

Cimbalom

p *poco f* *pp* *p* *poco* *pp*

con Ped.

♩ = 80 - 84 **Più mosso, scherzando**

6

pp calmo *mf*

mp *mf sub.*

sfz *mp*

senza Ped.

Ped.

* Pitched down 1/6th tone, corresponding to the intonation of the 7th partial

11

gliss. *pp* *mp*

tr *mf* *mp* *f*

p *poco* *p* *mp* *pp*

Measures 1-16. Dynamics: *sfz*, *f*, *fff*, *mf*, *ffp*, *f*, *ff*. Articulations: *sfz*, *f*, *fff*, *ff*. Performance markings: *mf*, *ffp*, *f*, *ff*.

Measures 17-21. Dynamics: *p*, *fp*, *poco*, *l.v.*, *mf*, *sfz*, *f*, *mp*. Performance markings: *p*, *fp*, *poco*, *l.v.*, *mf*, *sfz*, *f*, *mp*.

Measures 22-24. Dynamics: *mf*, *ord.*, *ric.*, *ord.*, *mf*, *f*, *p*. Performance markings: *ord.*, *ric.*, *ord.*, *mf*, *f*, *p*.

Measures 25-28. Dynamics: *mf*, *sfz*, *fp*, *mf*, *sfz*, *p*, *mf*. Performance markings: *mf*, *sfz*, *fp*, *mf*, *sfz*, *p*, *mf*.

28

mf < f

f

ff

3

32 ♩ = 72 - 76 Austere

31

sf

f

mf

p

pizz.

f

sf

Ed. down sempre

34

pp

mf

p

f

gliss.

mf

f

mp

39

pp

mp

f

p

ord.

mp

pp

molto

(Ed.) _____ ^

43 ♩ = 80 - 84 **Scherzando**

Measures 43-46. The score is in 3/4 time, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The first system shows a piano introduction with a forte (*f*) melody in the right hand and a piano accompaniment in the left hand. The melody features a series of eighth notes and a half note, followed by a measure of rest. The piano accompaniment consists of a steady eighth-note pattern. The second system continues the melody and accompaniment, with a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic marking. The key signature changes to one flat (Bb) in the final measure of the system.

Measures 47-50. The score continues in 3/4 time. The first system features a mezzo-forte piano (*fmp*) melody in the right hand, which is sustained across measures 47 and 48. The piano accompaniment in the left hand consists of a steady eighth-note pattern. The second system shows a piano (*pp*) shimmering effect in the right hand, with a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic marking. The key signature changes to one flat (Bb) in the final measure of the system.

Measures 51-54. The score continues in 3/4 time. The first system features a piano (*pp*) melody in the right hand, marked with a snap pizzicato (*snap pizz.*) and a sforzando (*sfz*) dynamic. The piano accompaniment in the left hand consists of a steady eighth-note pattern. The second system shows a piano (*p*) melody in the right hand, marked with a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic. The key signature changes to one flat (Bb) in the final measure of the system.

57 ♩ = 72 - 76 **Freely**

Measures 55-58. The score is in 3/4 time, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The first system shows a piano introduction with a mezzo-forte (*mf*) melody in the right hand, marked with a piano (*p*) dynamic. The piano accompaniment in the left hand consists of a steady eighth-note pattern. The second system continues the melody and accompaniment, with a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic marking. The key signature changes to one flat (Bb) in the final measure of the system.

poco accel.

73

pp *mf* *p* *mf* *p*

p *mf* *p*

♩ = 96 - 100

78

♩ = 66 - 69 **Tranquillo, hushed**

76

f *mp* *mf* *pp* *p*

f *mp* *mf* *pp* *p*

ord.

Red. down sempre *ppp*

80

ppp *f* *mf* *p* *pp*

mf *p* *mp*

ord.

84

f *pp* *mf* *pp*

pp *mp* *pp*

ord.

mp

88 *pizz.* *arco, sul tasto*

poco f > p *sfz* *sim.* *p warm*

p *mf* *pp* *5* *mp* *pizz.* *p* *mf*

(Ped.)

95 ♩ = 80 - 84 Scherzando

ord.

f marc.

ord. *3* *sfz* *mf*

99 *tr.* *fp* *f marc.* *mp* *sfp* *molto ff*

pp *mf* *p < f >* *mp* *sfz* *Ped.*

104 *mf* *leggermente* *3* *< f >* *marc.* *p* *3* *mf*

f marc. *mp < f*

110

ff sub. *sfz* *sffz* *sfz*

f *sffz* *sffz*

p *mf*

♩ = 66 - 69 *arco* ♩ = 80 - 84 **Scherzando**

115

sfz *p* *pp* *mf* *3*

pizz. *pizz.* *ord.*

mp allow resonance to fully decay *p*

Red.

120

sfz *p* *mfp* *mf* *f* *f marc.*

tr *mp* *fp* *mp* *mf* *f*

Red.

♩ = 72 - 76 **Freely**

sub. ♩ = 80 - 84

124

f deep and full *p* *ff* *ff* *ff* *ff*

sfz *mf* *f*

Red.

II. taut sinews quiver

♩ = 76 **Slithering**

con sord. (leather)

Violin

♩ = 69 **Poco meno mosso**

♩ = 63 **Fading**

♩ = 58 - 60 **Lontano**