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dur: 25'
Score in C

Instrumentation:

Soprano

Ney (Arabic flute)

Violin

Accordion

Violoncello

Synopsis:

Every year an estimated 5000 women worldwide are murdered by their own families in so-called honour killings, 12 of them in the UK.

'Silk Moth' places onstage a mother. This one-woman performance raises powerful questions: What is her role in this horrific 'tradition'? Is she a victim, submissive, or coldly complicit?

We think the 'you' the mother is addressing is the daughter - we assume the daughter has already gone and she is mourning her, but towards the end we realise that the daughter is still out there. In fact, the 'you' on the phone is the daughter's father, to whom the mother ultimately gives the nod to do the deed.

Performance Notes:

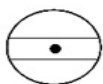
General notes:

Accidentals: quarter-tone flats and quarter-tone sharps are placed depending on the context. e.g. quarter-tone flats are used within the context of a maqam.

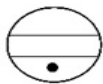
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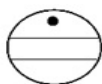
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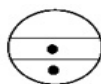
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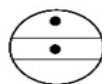
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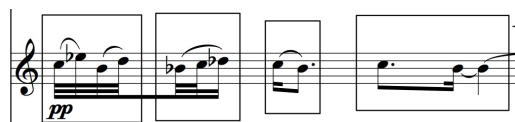


Violin

Bar 75 - *glissando* into the note.



Bar 235 - motivic figures can be played in any order.



Cello

Bar 34 - 'cello especially plays in octaves, of which the 1st and 2nd fingers alternate in a light pizzicato on the lower string



Bar 84 - *glissando* into the note



Ney

The ney player may choose his/her path to modulate through the maqams.

LIBRETTO:

*A smart Woman arrives and sits down at a table. She has with her a laptop/smartphone.
We see the content of the phone projected on a screen. She drinks her coffee and opens up the screen.
Image of an adult silkmoth Bombyx Mori – the saver screen.
This should be a full, beautiful image, possibly moving.*

*She scrolls through various menus and opens up an Instagram page and sees an old photograph
of a family of(Iraqi /Kurdish) immigrants: two parents and children, one of them a little girl,
with suitcases outside a small suburban house. She touches her finger to the little girl in the picture.
The picture of the girl recurs at various different stages of her young life during the piece.*

The house stood in a line
Of other houses just the same
Not the dust and colour of a village
Or the rush of war
But safe, anonymous, with ugly windows
And you, weeping at the door - ‘How did our lives become so small?’
I cried to see you weep
I held your hand
You went on weeping.

Her phone rings. Yes my love? I’m looking at you in a photograph and you look so cross.
You look frightened. It was all so new for you. For all of us. I know. I will. I am watching the time.
Til then. (*puts phone down*)

How did we live?
I pressed my fingers to my lips and went to work
Late at night so nobody saw
I smelled of sweat and steam and bleach and soiled linen.
Asleep in the afternoons I dreamed of cool silk
Like a sea

TWEET LANDAY – which should have a profoundly unsettling effect on the woman.
You go in and out, my poor father
And you return a little poorer every time.

Woman is unsettled. Where has this message/tweet come from?

Documentary: A child’s voice: Bombyx Mori. The adult female can lay up to 500 pinhead sized eggs in six days...”

Woman She’s a busy woman....

Documentary: The larvae hatch and spend forty days gorging themselves on mulberry leaves.”

Woman: Forty days!
More than a dozen weddings all in one
More than a dozen daughters married to other men’s sons

There was the business
Thanks to your cousin
Nothing was too much trouble
He is an honourable man.
“How did you get work?” they asked,
‘Immigrants.’

(*Looking at the moth documentary –we can hear the spoken commentary underneath:*

Documentary: Approximately thirty thousand worms can hatch from a single ounce of eggs. That’s twenty-five grammes in metric. Between them they will eat a ton of mulberry leaves and spin twelve pounds of raw silk.

Woman:

In their own time they are beautiful
In their own time they may be wise
In their own time they want to do to what is right
And we must help them.

Woman's phone rings "I'm talking about weddings. Yes I know. Everybody's here. (indicates guests) OK. As you want.

TWEET/LANDAY *Again, this unsettles the Woman.*

A woman is like a piece of silk
Precious, rare, and can be laundered at thirty degrees.

Documentary: After all that eating, the larvae are fat and sleepy. It is time for them to make a cocoon.
Each worm makes about a thousand feet of silk thread and wraps it tightly around its little body.

Woman: Precious, you said
You are beautiful
Perfect
a prize

A thousand feet of silken thread
Woven in a hanging bed
Safe and comfortable until
Deft fingers harvest, boil and strip at will.

*Instagram picture flicks up. It's a group of friends,
a boy is standing next to the girl, with his hand on her shoulder.*

Woman: In their own time, we must help them.
Beautiful, suitable. You are a prize. Hold still.

Without words there is only sound
Without sound there is only silence

Heavy as the sea
And we are all under the sea.

Music to convey FGM

TWEET/LANDAY

This flesh, pink, cut, cast down on the floor
Is your promise to them that I will never want more.

Woman answers her phone. I told you, they're all here. What is happening?
Have you heard anything? We (indicating audience) can wait I suppose.

Documentary: The silkworm stays in its cocoon for sixteen days. When it is ready, it
excretes proteolytic enzymes to make a hole in the cocoon so it can get out.
Unfortunately the enzyme damages the silk, so most silkworms are killed before this stage,
either by boiling the chrysalis or exposing it to a very high temperature.

*Woman: (scrolling through pictures of her daughter with friends, it's clear that certain boys keep reappearing.
She traces her finger over them)*

We dwell within your name as under the shade of a glorious canopy
Bold and strong
Safe
And shame is a little grub, eating away, eating away.

I learned to want nothing
 An absence where there might be need
 Anger for love, jealousy
 That's how it always was for me
 A woman is held by a silken thread

You showed me silence for desire
 Fear spins a cocoon
 And we are safe on the inside.
 What is best
 Matters more than
 What you want

TWEET/LANDAY

Thank you, mum and dad, for arranging the marriage bed, but
 I want a husband like I want a hole in the head.

And They -
 They see everything.
 There is not one blind eye amongst Them
 They eat up your mistakes with Their looking
 As a starving man gobbles down his bread

You fed Them sweetmeats, titbits,
 Meetings
 The mshabbak of your secret greetings
 They gorged themselves on your honey
 They

Woman's phone rings. She answers as documentary goes on underneath.

Woman: We are all here. Are you at the place we agreed? Do you have everything you need?

My husband, it is in your hands.

SilkMoth

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Overture

Gracefully ♩=66

Soprano

Ney

Violin/Viola

Accordion

Violoncello

pp *f* *pp*

Gracefully ♩=66

pp

5

S.

Ney

Vln.

Accord.

Vc.

pp *ppp* *ppp* *ff*

sul pont.

The musical score is for a piece titled "Senza misura" (Without measure). It features five staves: Soprano (S.), Ney, Violin (Vln.), Accordion (Accord.), and Viola (Vc.). The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 3/4. The score begins with a 9-measure rest for the Soprano and a 2-measure rest for the Violin. The Ney part starts with a box labeled "Improv in maqam husseyni on D". The Accordion part features a melodic line with a *pp* (pianissimo) dynamic marking. The Viola part has a 2-measure rest. The score concludes with a final 3/4 time signature on each staff.

10 **Con misura**

S.

Ney

Vln.

Accord.

Vc.

fp *f* *ff* *pp*

ff *pp*

fp *f* *p*

sul pont.

13 **Senza misura** **build up intensity** **Con misura**

S.

Ney

Vln.

Accord.

Vc.

Improv in maqam kurd on A

Respond to accordion, gradually accel. and more movement
Modulate to Saba Zamzam

nat.

fp *f*

fp *f*

5"

improvise on these rhythms, gradually accel., pulsating
not together with 'cello

improvise on these rhythms, gradually accel., pulsating
not together with accordion

fp *f*

fp *f*

16

S.

Ney

Vln.

Accord.

Vc.

fpp

p *f*

fpp

f

f espress.

p *f*

19

S.

Ney

Vln.

Accord.

Vc.

fp *f*

ff

fp *f*

p *f*

ff

fp *f*

fp *f*

ff

p *f*

23

S.

Ney

Vln.

Accord.

Vc.

fp *f* *pp* *f*

p *f* *pp* *f*

p *f* *p* *f*

A Senza misura

25

S.

Ney

Vln.

Accord.

Vc.

pp *ff*

A Senza misura sul pont. *pp* espressivo

The house stood in a line
Of other houses just the same

29 (spoken)

S. 4/4

Not the dust and colour of a village But safe, anonymous, with ugly windows And you,
Or the rush of war

Ney 4/4

Vln. 4/4

Accord. 4/4

Vc. 4/4

nat. *pp* *ppp*

32 **Con misura** ♩=66 (spoken)

S. 4/4

p non vib. wee - ping at the door 'How did our lives be-come so small?' I

Ney 4/4

Vln. 4/4

Accord. 4/4

Vc. 4/4

pp *ppp* *p*

35

S. *cried to see you wee -* (p)

Ney

Vln.

Accord. *pp*

Vc.

37

S. *I held your hand You went on wee - ping* (phone vibrates)

Ney

Vln.

Accord. *pp* *ppp*

Vc. *non vib. (II can gradually get a little sharper or flatter)* *III* *ppp*

B Recitative ♩=76
(Her phone rings)

40

S. *p* Yes my love I'm loo-king at you in a pho to - graph You look so

Ney

Vln. *p* *pp* wide vibrato

Vc. **B** Recitative ♩=76
(Her phone rings)

44 chest voice

S. *p* frigh - tened

Ney

Vln. *p* *ppp* improvise here a slight flourish

Accord. *p* *ppp*

Vc. *p* *ppp*

49

S. *It was all so new for__you For all of us I know I__will I am*

Ney

Vln.

Accord.

Vc.

53

Arabic replacement
Allah ma3ak

S. *wat-ching the time 'Til then ang__ How did we*

Ney

Vln.

Accord.

Vc.

mf

tr

p

C

58

S. *live* I pressed my fingers to my lips Late at night when no-bo-dy saw

Ney *mf* wide vib. *mf*

Vln.

Accord. *pp* *pp*

Vc. *mf p* keep going until end of soprano's phrase

62

S. I smelled of sweat and steam and det-tol and soiled li-nen A-sleep in the af-ter-noons

Ney ornament

Vln.

Accord. *fp* *mf*

Vc.

66

non-vib → con vib.

S. I dreamed of cool sil - - - - - (k)

Ney

Vln.

Accord. *p* *pp* *p*

Vc.

Tweet 1

You go in and out, my poor father
And you return a little poorer every time.

69

S. Like a sea tweet sound

Ney *gliss.*

Vln.

Accord. *pp*

Vc.

Documentary 1

'The silk worm Bombyx Mori. The adult female can lay up to 500 pinhead sized eggs in six days. The larvae hatch and spend forty days gorging themselves on mulberry leaves'

D Floating ♩=100

73

S.

Ney

Vln.

Vc.

D Floating ♩=100

ornament

p

p

p

Cut on cue

78

S.

Ney

Vln.

Vc.

Cut on cue

improvise on maqam Nerz Rast on C

E **Poco Più mosso** (♩=112)

83

S. *mf*
She's a busy woman... Ang For-ty days! More than a do-zen wed-dings

Ney ornament

Vln. *fp* *f* *p*

Accord. *fp* *f* *p*

Vc. *p* *f* *p*

E **Poco Più mosso** (♩=112)

87 **poco tenuto**

S. all in one More than a do-zen daugh-ters mar-ried to o-ther men's sons Ang

Ney improvise on maqam Sigah on A quarter-tone flat

Vln.

Accord. *p* *p*

Vc. **poco tenuto**

92

S. Ang _____ There was the bus(i) - ness ang _____ Thanks to your cou-sin

Ney *mf* modulate to...

Vln. *p*

Accord. *p*

Vc.

96

S. No-thing was too much trou-ble Ang _____ 'How did you get work?' 'Im-mi grants.' they asked,

Ney

Vln. *gliss.* *ff* *pizz.*

Accord. *p* *ff*

Vc. *ff* *sul pont.*

Documentary 2

'Approximately thirty thousand worms can hatch from a single ounce of eggs.
That's twenty-five grammes in metric. Between them they will eat a ton of
mulberry leaves and spin twelve pounds of raw silk.'

100 **Floating** ♩=100 **Cut on cue**

S.

Ney

Vln.

Vc.

F 109 **With intensity** ♩=92

S.

Ney

Vln.

Vc.

113 **cut on cue or repeat Ad lib.** (spoken)

S.

Ney

Vln.

Vc.

G

(more Arabic in style/as if mawwal/off off off off)

mf soaring

120

S. In their own time__ they are

Ney ornament ornament wide vib. Maqam saba on A *ff* *p*

Vln. wide vib. II III II *ff* *p*

Vc. *p* 3 3

G join with natural harmonic on other string nat.

125

S. beau - ti - ful In their own time__

Ney flourish ornament Maqam saba on A

Vln. III II 3 III

Vc.

130

S. they may be wise In their

Ney flourish ornament wide vib.

Vln. II -> III -> II -> III III II -> III -> II -> III II wide vib.

Vc.

135

S. own time they want to do what _____ is _____ right _____ and

Ney Maqam saba on B $\flat$ ornament ornament

Vln.

Vc.

The musical score is for a piece titled 'Saba' from the album 'Saba' by the band 'The Saba'. It is in 4/4 time and features four staves: Soprano (S.), Ney, Violin (Vln.), and Cello (Vc.). The vocal part (S.) has lyrics: 'own time they want to do what _____ is _____ right _____ and'. The Ney part is labeled 'Maqam saba on B $\flat$ ' and includes two 'ornament' markings. The violin and cello parts provide harmonic support, with the cello part featuring a 'tr' (trill) marking. The score is numbered 135 in the top left corner.

140 ornamentation Ad lib.

S. we must help them

Ney

Vln.

Vc. *ff*

143

S. *I'm talk-ing a-bout wed-dings*

Ney

Vln.

Vc. *Recitative*

148

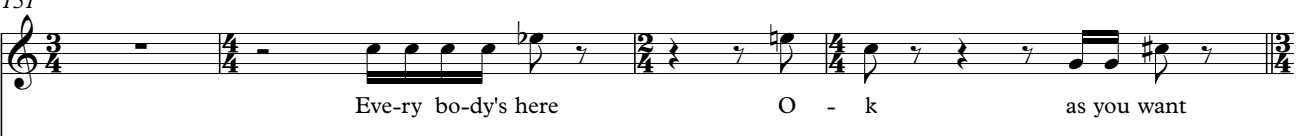
S.  Yes I know

Ney 

Vln.  ornament

Vc.  arco

151

S.  Eve-ry bo-dy's here O - k as you want

Ney 

Vln.  tr

Vc. 

Documentary 3

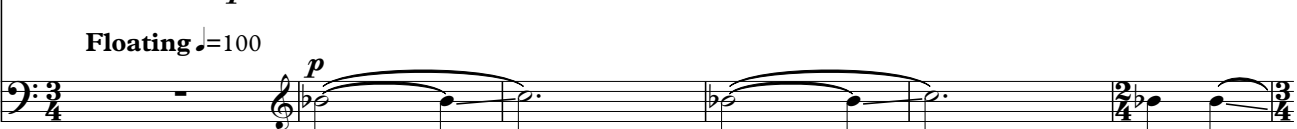
'After all that eating, the larvae are fat and sleepy.
It is time for them to make a cocoon. Each worm
makes about a thousand feet of silk thread and wraps it tightly
around its little body'

155

S.  Floating ♩=100

Ney  ornament improvise on maqam Nerz Rast on C

Vln.  p

Vc.  Floating ♩=100

161 **Cut on cue** **I** **Mawwal** ♩=66

S.

Ney

Vln.

Vc.

Cut on cue **I** **Mawwal** ♩=66

(change the bow on an off-beat each time you run out of bow)

166 **Repeat Ad lib. or cut on cue**

S.

Ney

Vln.

Vc.

Repeat Ad lib. or cut on cue

Tweet 2

A woman is like a piece of silk,
Precious, rare, and can be laundered at thirty degrees

171

S. *mf* J

pre - cious you said A thou-sand feet of sil-ken thread

less movement when soprano sings and
more movement in gaps

Ney

Vln.

Vc.

174

S. *mf*

wo- ven_ in a han-ging bed Sa - - fe and

Ney

Vln.

Vc.

178 *with disgust*

S. *comf - ta - ble un - til deft fin - gers har - vest, and boil_____ at will*

Ney

Vln.

Vc.

K In turmoil ♩=66
(Emotional reaction to Instagram)

180

S.

Ney *fpp* *arco* ornament *sub f*

Vln. *fpp* *sub fp* *f*

Accord. *sub fp* *f*

K In turmoil ♩=66
(Emotional reaction to Instagram)

Vc. *fpp*

183

S. *mf* **L** *visciously* *f* 3

In their own time

Ney

Vln. *mf* *p* *mf* *p* *f*

Dissonant chords off the beat building up

Accord. *p poco a poco cresc.*

Vc. *p* **L** *Il arco*

187

S. *more urgent* *poco accel.* 3

Beau-ti-ful sui-ta-ble In their own ti - (me) we must help

Ney *p*

Vln. *mf* *p* *f*

Accord.

Vc. *poco accel.*

190

shouting

S. them You're a prize Hold still *ff*

Ney *f* *ff*

Vln. *alla cordo* (in the string) *ff* *cluster chord* *fp* *f*

Accord. *f* *ff*

Vc. *fp* *f*

Tweet 3

This flesh, pink, cut, cast down on the floor
Is your promise to them that I will never want more.

193 $\text{♩} = 76$

S. *tweet sound*

Ney *gliss.*

Vln. *sul tasto* *p* *f* *ffp* *ppp*

Accord. *f* *pp* *ppp*

Vc. *arco* *p* *f* *f* *pp* *ppp*

*very pronounced,
grotesque, soaring*

196 M $\text{♩} = 76$

S. *ff* This__

Ney

Vln. *nat.*
fp — *f* *fpp* — *fpp* — *fpp* — *fpp* — *fpp* — *fpp* — *fpp*

Accord. *fp* — *f* *f*

Vc. *nat.*
fp — *f* *f* *gliss.* — *f*

199

S. *flesh*__

Ney

Vln. *sul pont* *nat.* *3* *3* *sul pont.* *nat.*
fpp — *fpp* — *fpp* — *fpp* — *ff* *ffpp* — *f* *ff*

Accord. Fragments of accordion
improvisation building up
Play against 'cello and violin

Vc.

202

S. *pin* - (k) *cut - t - t - t - t - t - t - t - t -* *f*

Ney

Vln. *sul pont.* *nat.* *ffpp* *ffpp* *ffpp* *ffpp*

Accord. *Pre-echo of waltz that comes later - in fragments*

Vc. *p* *mf* *ffpp* *f* *mf*

204

S. (shout) *ff* *5* *fp* *f* *sigh/cry* *N* *t-t-t-t-T! cast down on the floor* (rrr)

Ney

Vln. *sul pont* *nat.* *ff* *ffpp* *ffpp* *ff* *p* *ff* *3*

Accord.

Vc. *mf* *ffpp* *mf* *pp* *f* *3* *3*

207

S.

Ney

Vln.

Accord.

Vc.

sul pont. *nat.* *sul pont.* *nat.* *sul pont.* *nat.*

p *ff*

f *pp* *f*

△ □

209

S.

Ney

Vln.

Accord.

Vc.

ff

△ □

213

O □ □ △

ff

S. Is your _____ pro - - mise to them

Improvisation - madness, go all over the place, starting in fragments then connect the melodic line more _____

Ney *ff*

Vln. *pp* *ff* *pp*

Accord. *pp* *ff* *pp*

Vc. **O** □ □ △

219

□ □ △ □ △ □ 5 *fp* △ *f*

S. _____ that I will ne-ver want more _____

Ney *fff*

Vln. *ff* *p subito* *ff* *f* *p* *f* *ff* *pp* nat.

Accord. *ff* *p subito* *ff*

Vc. □ □ △ □ △ □ □ △ *f* *fp* *ff*

228 - (slowly picks up phone)

228 - (slowly picks up phone)

S.

p

I told you, they're all here What is hap pe-ning?

Ney

change bow Ad lib.

Vln.

p

Accord.

P **Recitative**
change bow Ad lib.

Vc.

p

232

S. *3*
Have you heard a - ny thing? We can wait I sup-pose

Ney

Vln.

Accord. *p* *pp*

Vc.

Documentary 4

'The silkworm stays in its cocoon for sixteen days. When it is ready, it excretes proteolytic enzymes to make a hole in the cocoon so it can get out. Unfortunately the enzyme damages the silk, so most silkworms are killed before this stage, either by boiling the crysalis or exposing it to a very high temperature'.

235

Q **Senza misura**

S.

Ney ornament Ad lib. *pp* until cued

Vln. *pp* until cued

Q **Senza misura** sul pont. *pp* until cued

Vc.

238 **Con misura**

S.

Ney

Vln.

Vc. **Con misura**

R241 **Dwelling, melancholic** ♩=76

S.

Ney

Vln.

Accord.

Vc. **R Dwelling, melancholic** ♩=76

250

S. thin your name _____ as un-der a glo-rious ca-no-py _____ Bold Safe_

Ney

Vln. ornament

Accord.

Vc. *pp*

255

S. And shame is a lit-tle grub! Ea-ting a way ea-ting a - way

Ney

Vln. *mf* *fp* *f* sul pont. nat. sul pont.

Accord. *mf* *fp* *f* cluster

Vc. *ff* *p* *f* sul pont. pizz. arco nat. sul pont.

darker, evil tone

259

S

S. *mf* I

Ney

Vln. ornament *p*

Accord. *p*

Vc. **S**

264

S. learned to want no-thing an ab - sence where there

Ney ornament *mf*

Vln. *p*

Accord. *p*

Vc. *gliss.* *p* *gliss.*

267

S. might be need An-ger for love jea-lou - sy_ That's how it al-ways was for me

improvise on maqam Nerz Rast on C

Ney

Vln.

Accord.

Vc.

272

S. *f* You _____ You _____ showed me si-lence for de s-ire _____

modulate to...

Ney *mf*

Vln. *p*

Accord.

Vc.

277

S. Fear spins a coc - coon And we are safe on the in - side

Ney modulate to...

Vln.

Accord. *mf*

Vc.

280

281

S. What is best mat - ters more than what you want And

Ney *ff*

Vln. *ff*

Accord. *mf*

Vc. *ff*

284

Tweet 4

Thank you, mum and dad, for arranging the marriage bed, but
I want a husband like I want a hole in the head

T (angrily)

284 *fp* *f*

S. they _____ They _____ see _____ eve - ry thing _____

Ney *f* *p*

Vln. *f* *p*

Accord. (might have clusters) *f* *p*

T

Vc. *f* *p*

290 (grotesquely)

S. There's _____ not_ one blind eye a-mongst Them They eat up your mis-takes with their
growl _____ nat.

Ney

Vln. over-pressure nat.

Accord.

Vc. over-pressure nat.

299

S. **U** *fp* *f* *fp* *f* **accel.**
 Mee - tings Mee - tings The msha-bbak of your se-cret

Ney *fp* *f* *fp* *f*

Vln. *fp* *f* *fp* *f*

Accord. *fp* *f* *fp* *f*

Vc. **U** *fp* *f* *fp* *f* **accel.**

304

S. *ff*
gree - tings They gorged them-selves on your ho-ney They

Ney *ff*

Vln. *ff*

Accord. *ff* *ppp*

Vc. *ff*

V Senza misura Suspenseful ♩=72

308

S. *Her phone rings*
Suspense c. 30"

Ney *Low ney improv based on this figure Maqam saba on C which becomes more apparent*
p *f*

Vln.

Accord.

V Senza misura Suspenseful ♩=72

Vc.

W Con misura - Recitative

314 A tempo

S. *p* We are all here Are you at the place we a - greed?

Ney

Vln. *p*

Accord.

Vc. *p*

W Con misura - Recitative
A tempo

317

S. Do you have eve-ry thing you need? Have courage. My husband, it is in your hands (in Arabic?)

Ney *mf* ornament

Vln. *mf*

Accord.

Vc.

Stately ♩=52

322

S. **X** *p* non vib.

The house stands in a line of o-ther hou-ses just the same And you, wee -

Ney *p* wide vib.

Vln. *p*

Accord. *pp* *pp*

Vc. **Stately** ♩=52 **X**

326

S. non vib. to vib.

- - - ping wee - - (p)

Ney *p*

Vln.

Accord. *pp*

Vc. non vib.

Tweet 5

Your rubber gloves are yellow and cheap
They fit your murdering hands perfectly, my father.

331

S. *wee - ping*

Ney

Vln.

Accord. *pp*

Vc.

Detailed description: This musical score for 'Tweet 5' spans measures 331 to 335. The Soprano part has a melodic line with a slur over measures 333-335, with the lyrics 'wee - ping' written below. The Ney part has a similar melodic line. The Violin part features a long, flowing melodic line with a slur. The Accordion part has a complex, multi-measure rest in measure 333, followed by a melodic line starting in measure 334, marked with a piano (*pp*) dynamic. The Viola part has a melodic line with a slur over measures 333-335.

Documentary 5 in darkness

'The imago, or mature adult, emerges from the chrysalis. Because it has been kept in captivity for so many generations, it is no longer able to fly. Neither can it see.

336 *c. 30"*

S.

Ney

Vln. *not evenly placed*
ppp

Accord. *Improvise on this*
pp

Vc.

Detailed description: This musical score for 'Documentary 5 in darkness' spans measures 336 to 340. The Soprano part has a long, multi-measure rest for approximately 30 seconds, indicated by a bracket and the text 'c. 30"'. The Ney part also has a long, multi-measure rest. The Violin part features a series of chords, with the instruction 'not evenly placed' written above. The Accordion part has a melodic line with a slur, marked with a piano (*pp*) dynamic, and the instruction 'Improvise on this' written above. The Viola part has a long, multi-measure rest.