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After Haydn's 'Farewell' concerto for oboe and strings
She Solus cantata for solo tenor and piano
Two Pieces for clarinet and piano
Wings ... dreams for mixed voices, solo cello and piano duo
Piano Symphony in two parts, for large orchestra

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after Haydn's `Farewell'

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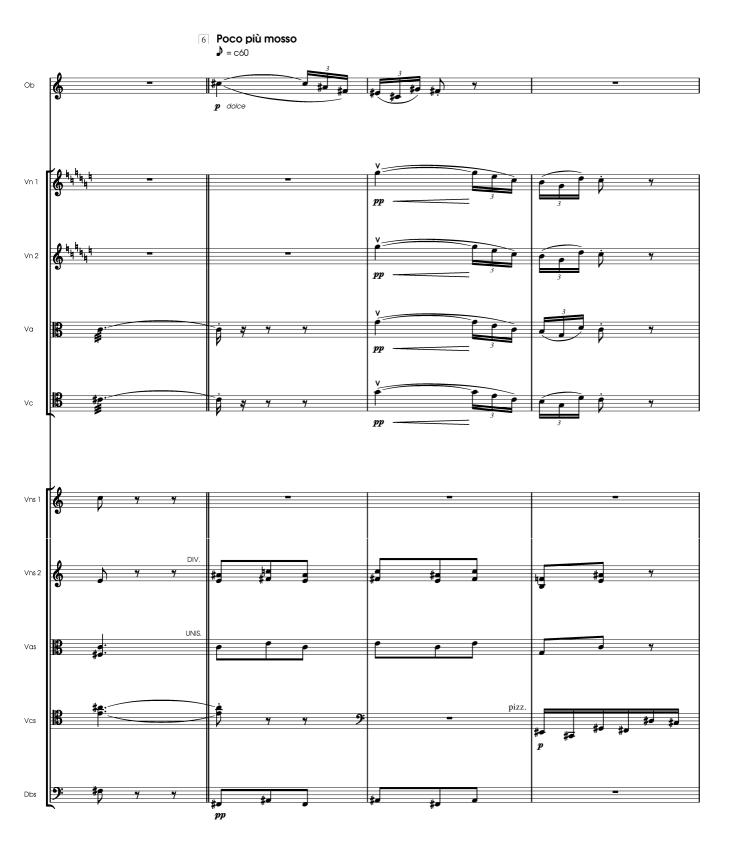


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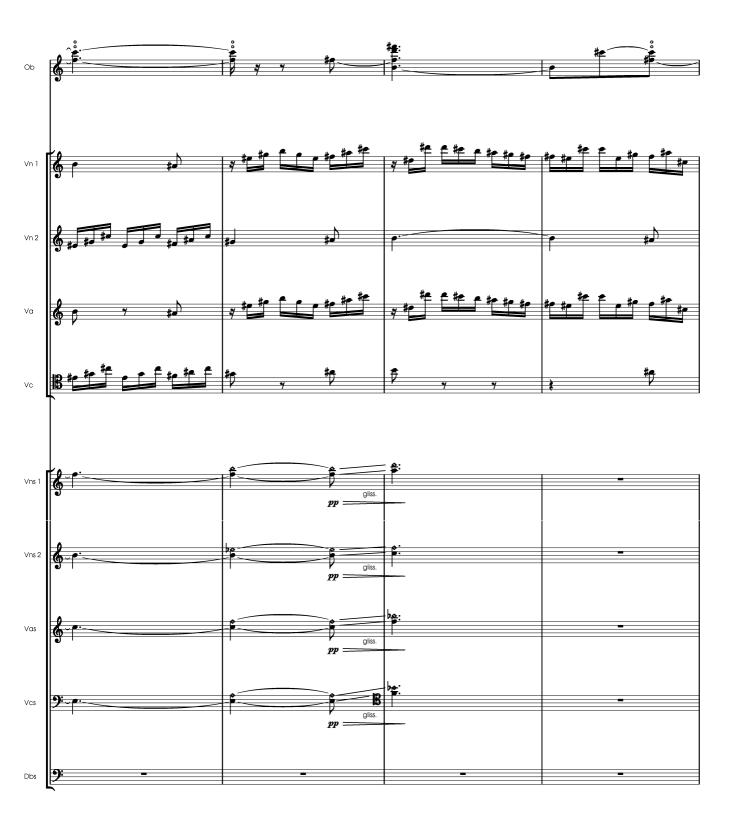






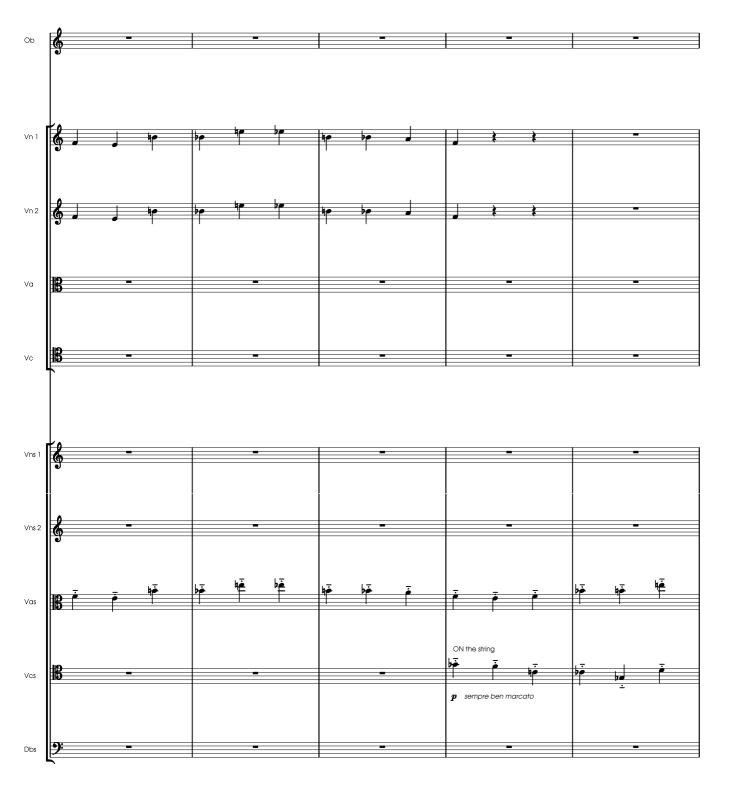


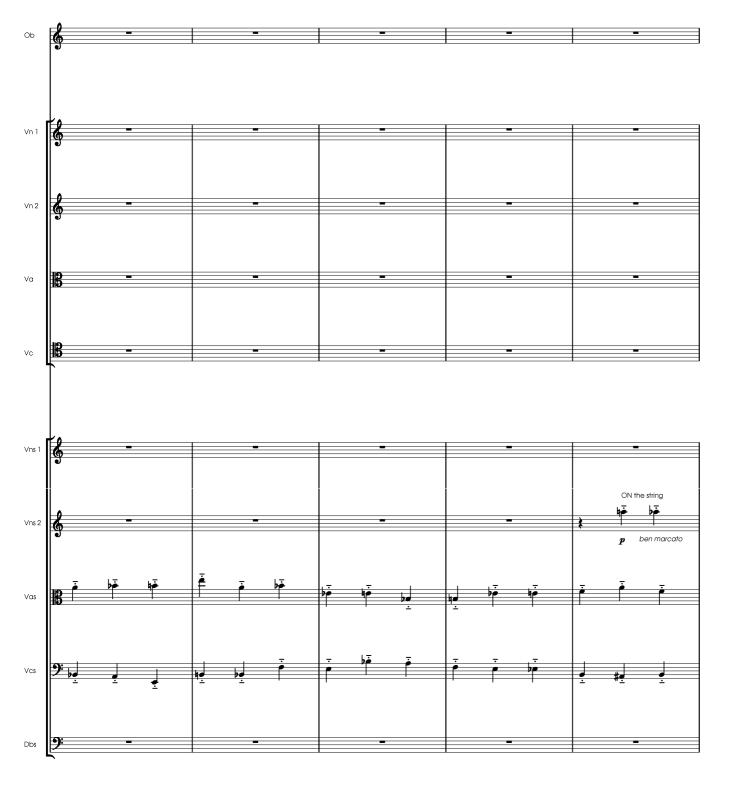


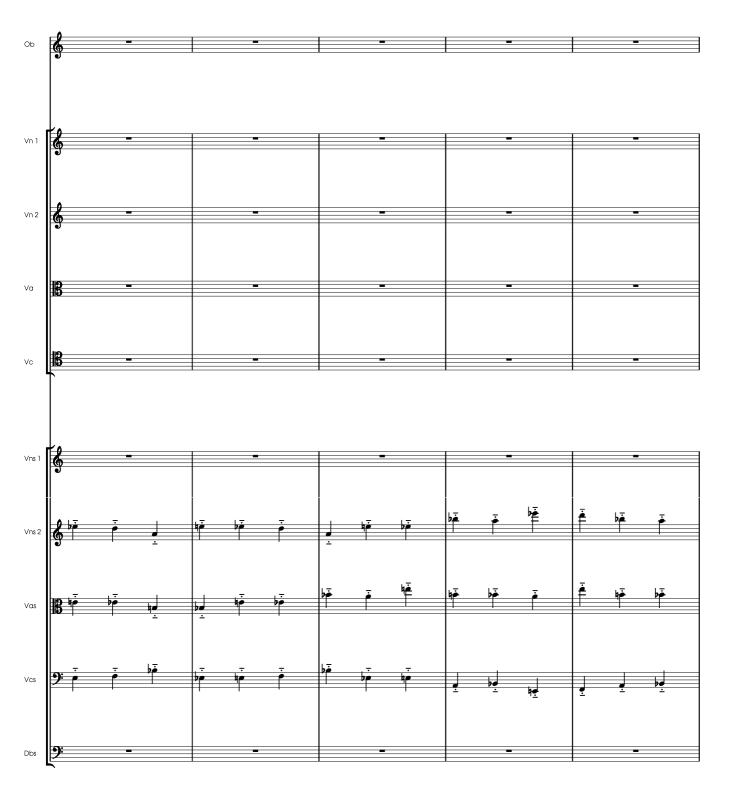


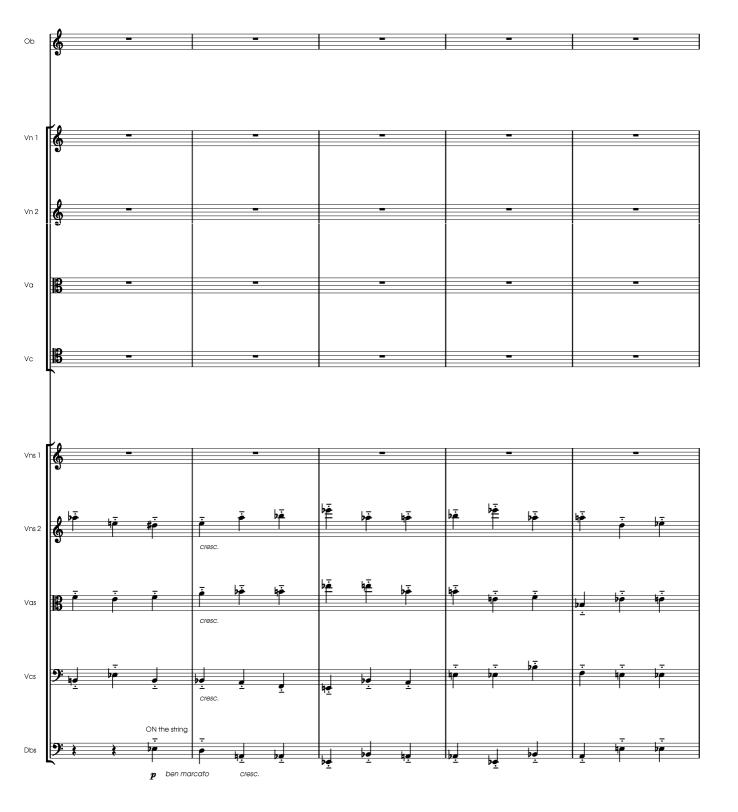


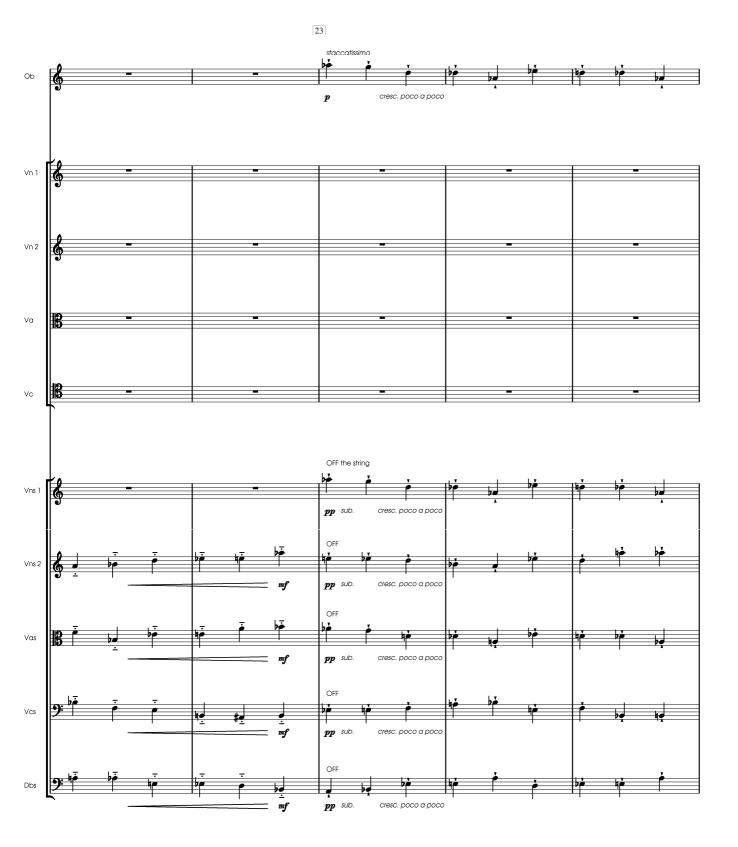


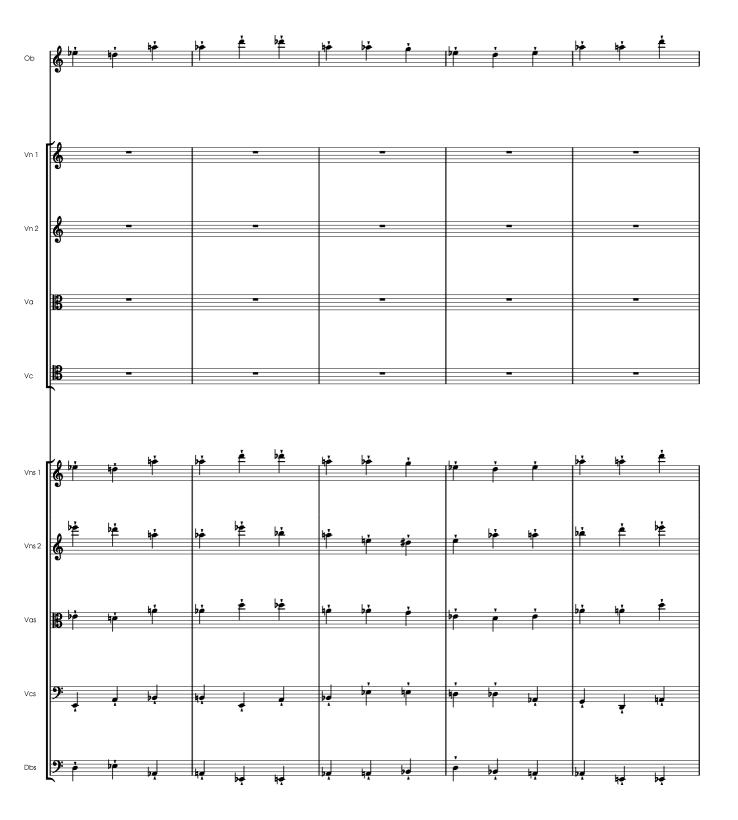






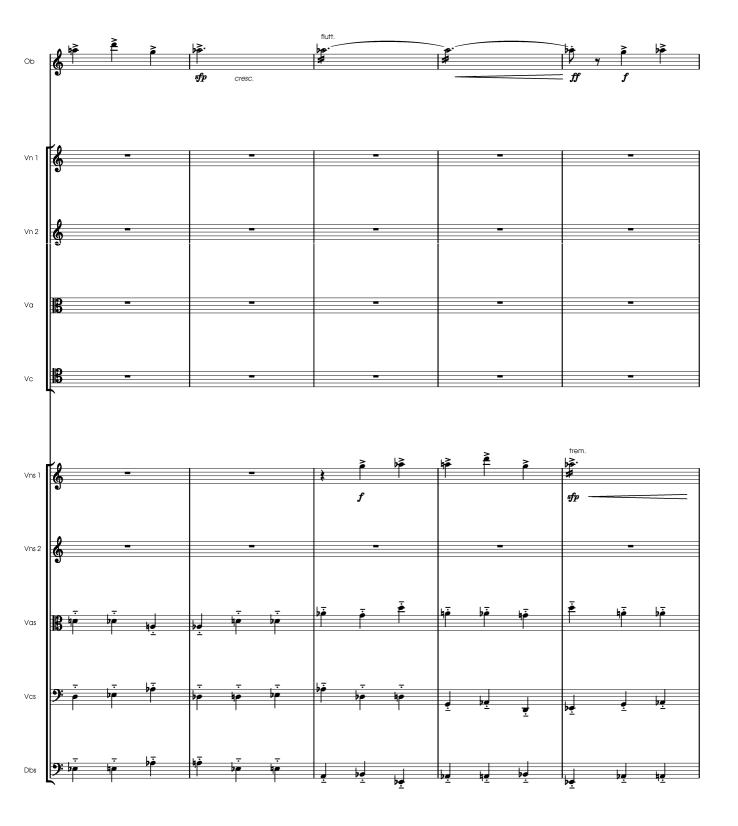


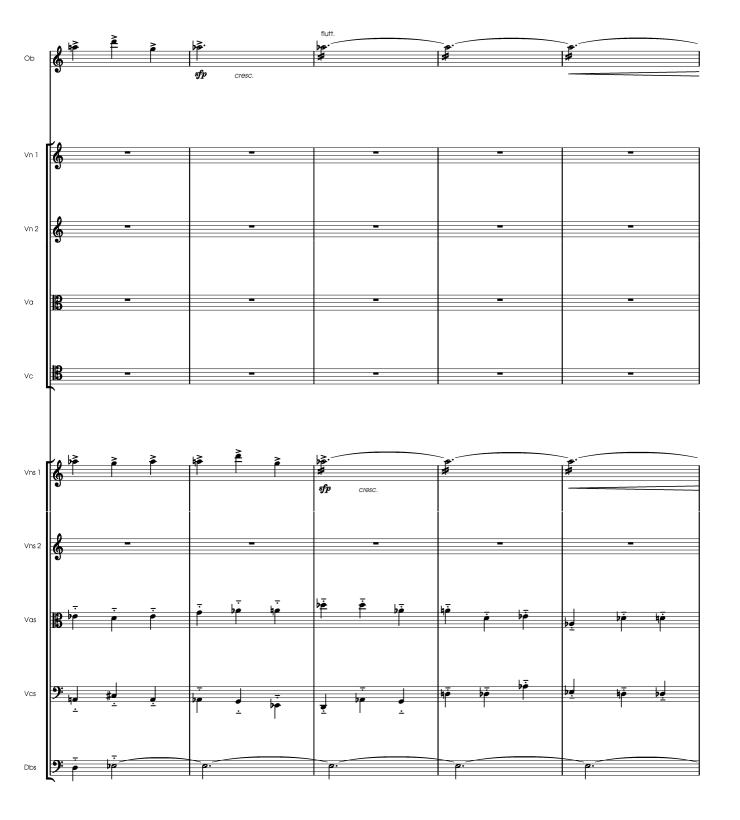














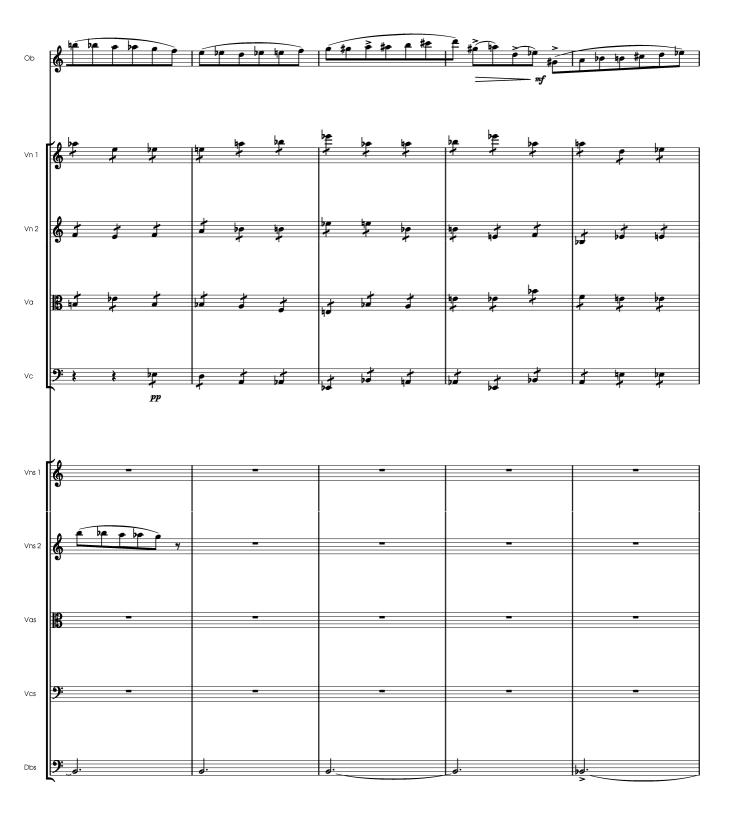
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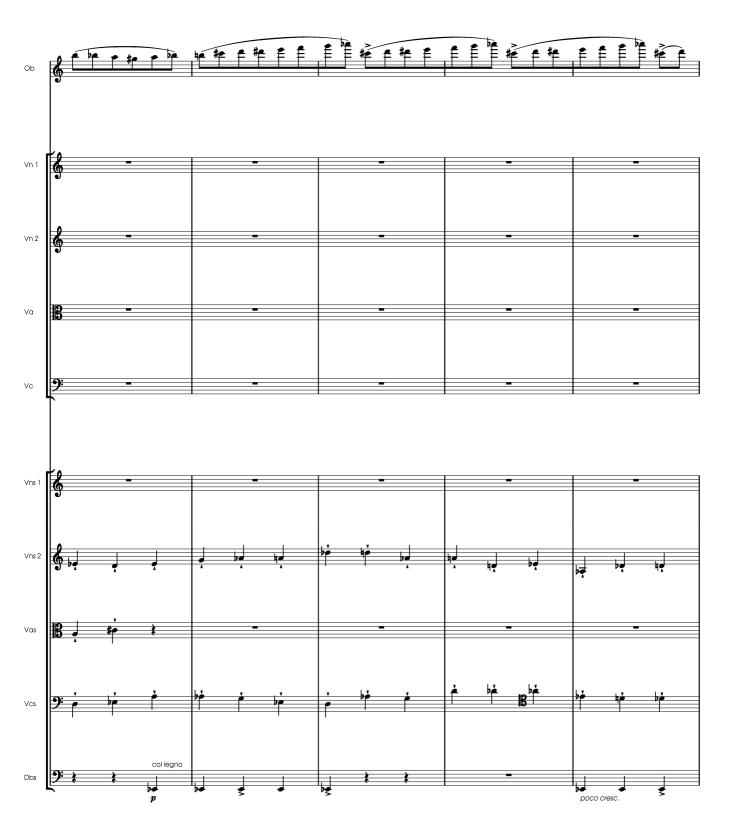
















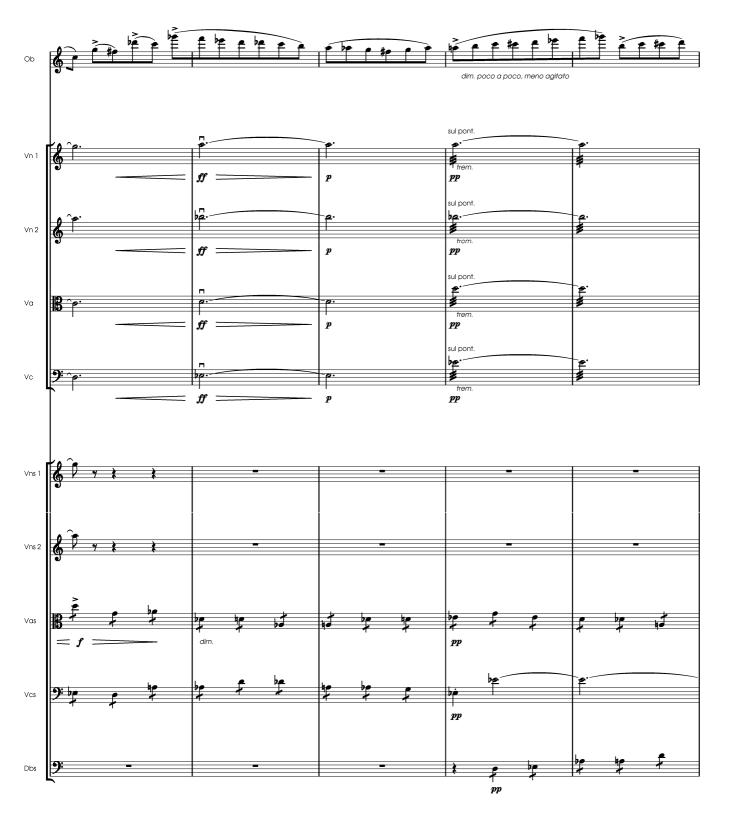














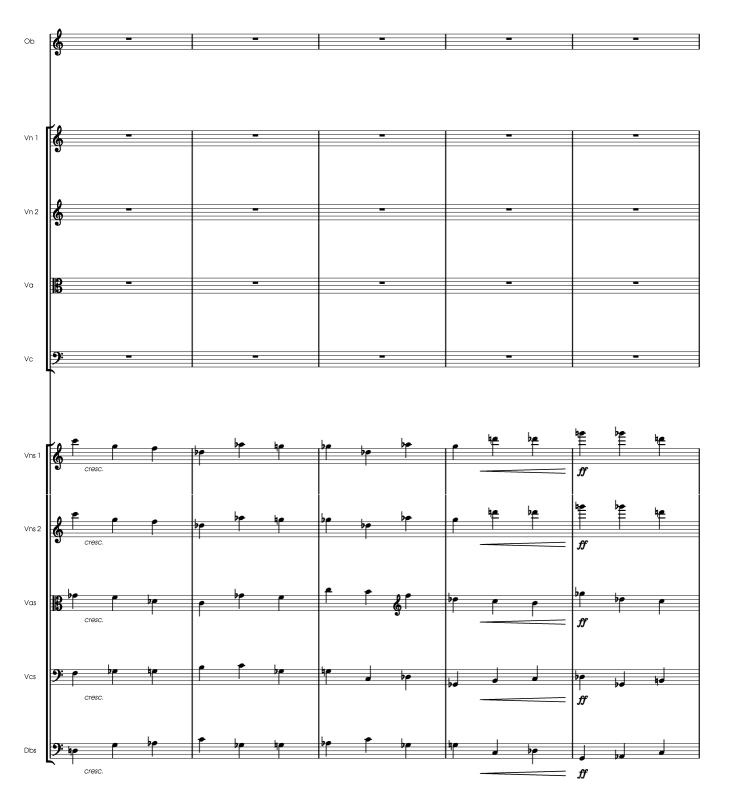




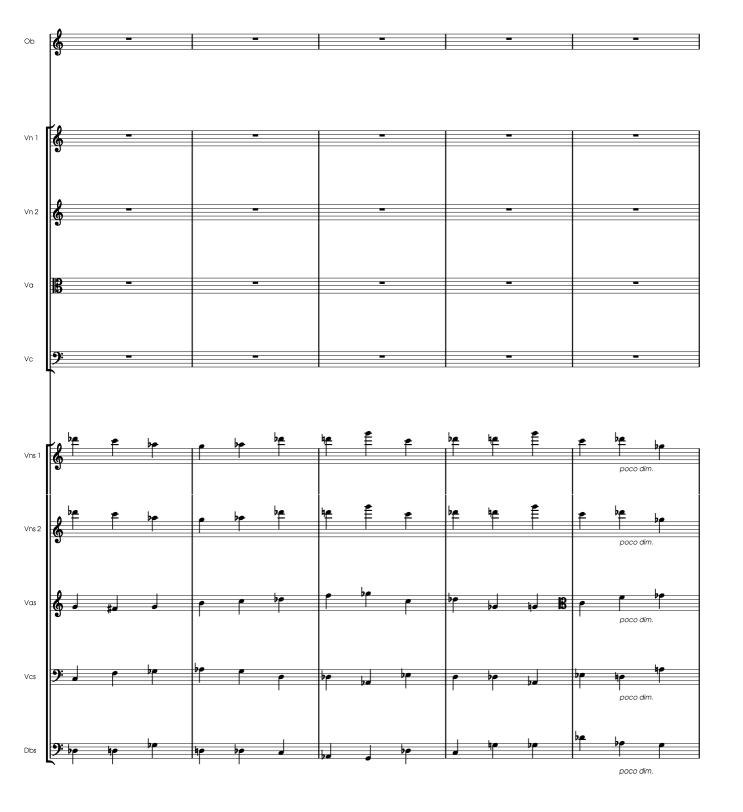


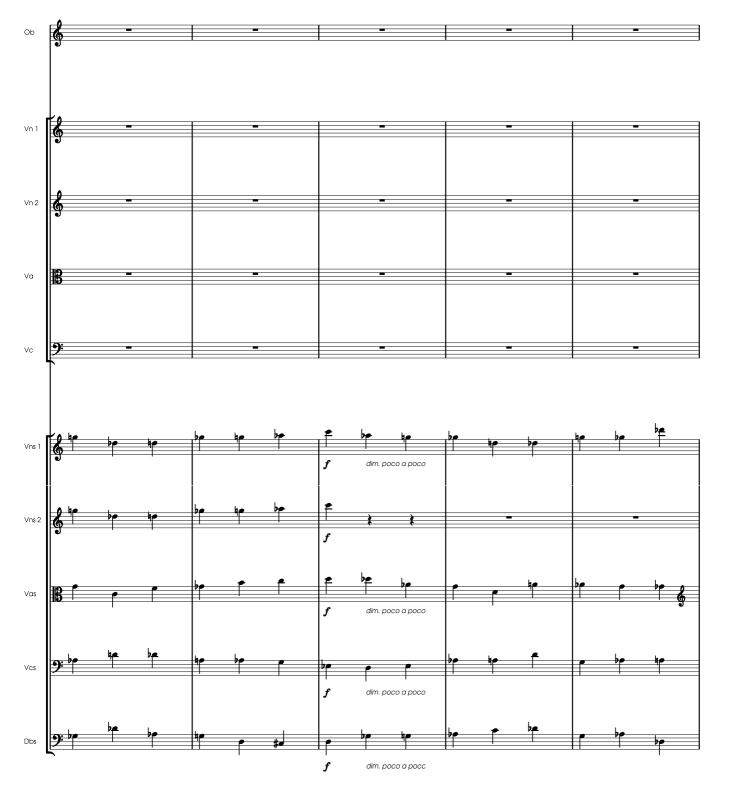










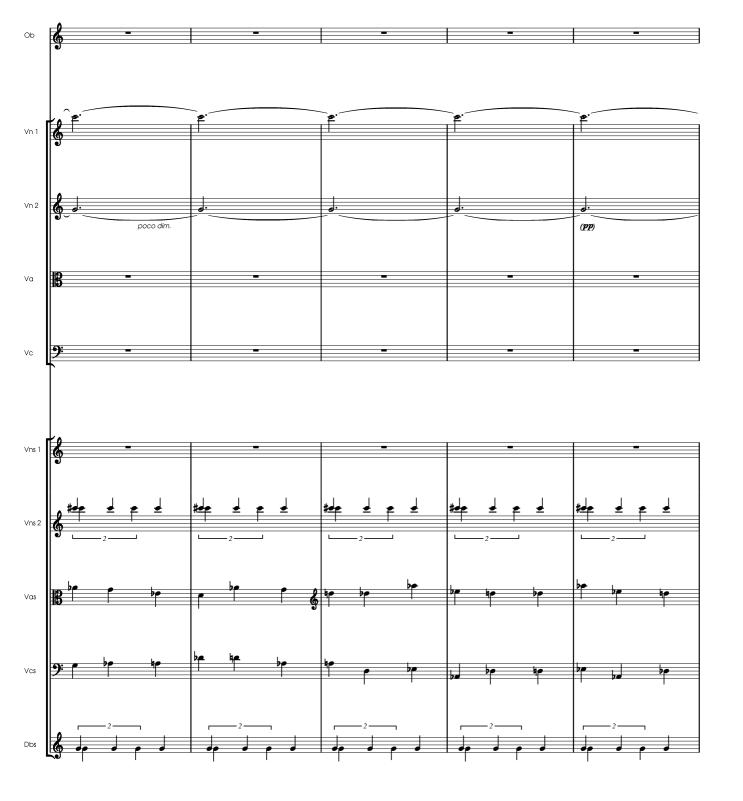












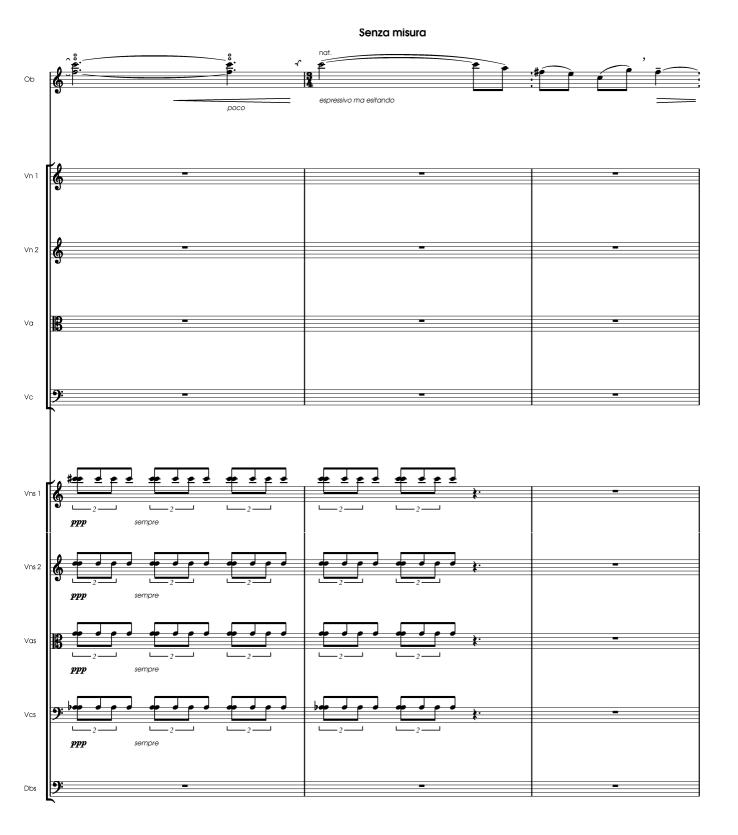
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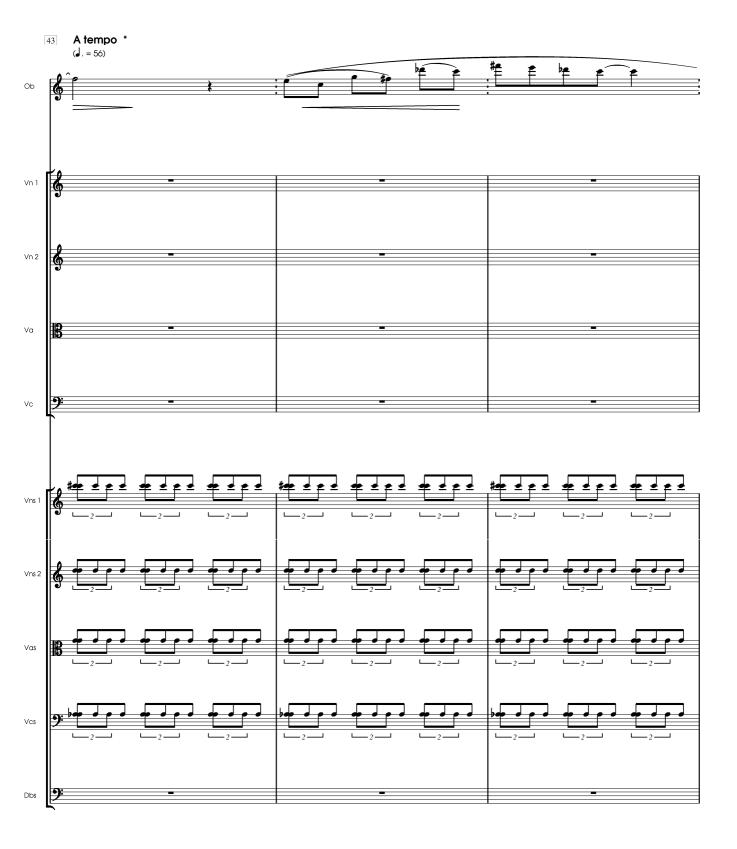




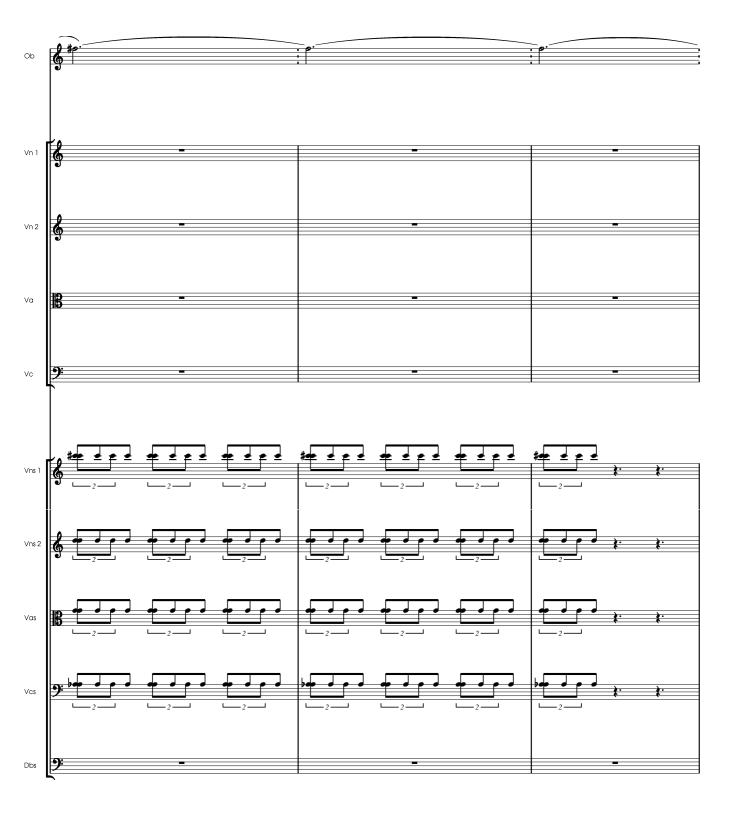


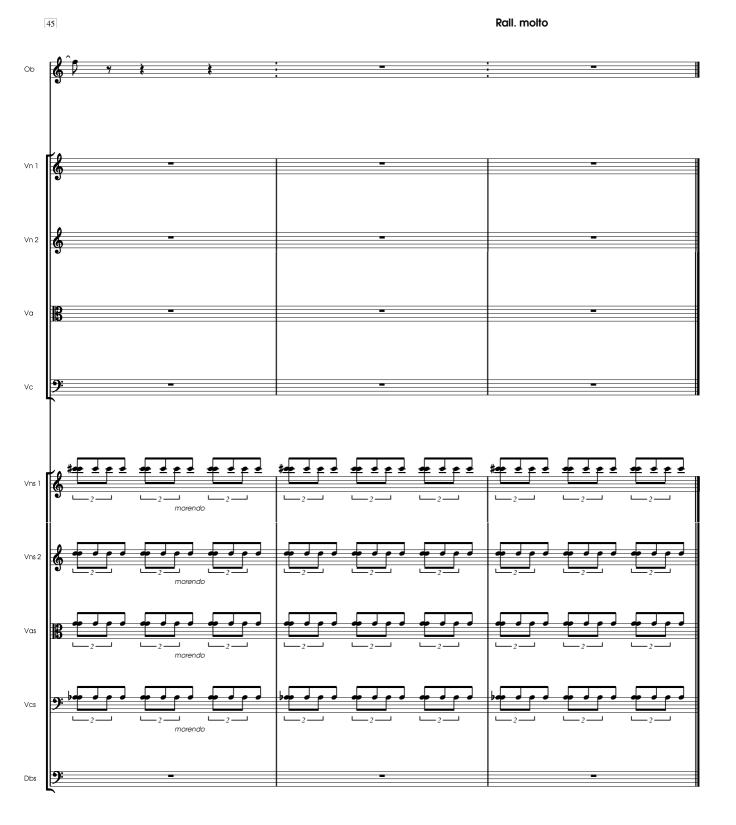












she solus cantata for solo tenor and piano

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text from poems by Dafydd ap Gwilym and William Shakespeare

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text

I woo a softly-spoken girl, pale as fine snow on the field's edge ... white as the glistening garrulous wave's edge, with the sun's splendour, gracious is she. She knows the way to win a love-song from my lips the sun's excelling glory near a cloud ... Woe to the weak idle poet who loves her - handsome, gracious, gentle girl ...

DAFYDD AP GWILYM

Love's heralds should be thoughts, which ten times faster glide than the sun's beams driving back shadows over louring hills ...

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE

Gracing the tide-warmth, this seagull, the snow-semblanced, moon-matcher, the sun-shard and sea-gauntlet floating, the immaculate loveliness. The feathered one, fish-fed, the swift-proud, is buoyant, breasting the combers. Sea-lily, fly to this anchor to me, perch your webs on my hand, you nun among ripples, habited brilliant as paperwork, come. Girl-glorified you shall be, pandered to, gaining that castle mass, her fortalice. Scout them out seagull, those glowing battlements, reconnoitre her, the Eigr-complexioned. repeat my pleas, my citations, go girlward, gull, where I ache to be chosen. She solus, pluck up courage, accost her, stress your finesse to the fastidious one; use honeyed diplomacy, hinting I cannot remain extant without her. I worship her, every particle worships! Look, friends, not old Merlin hot-hearted, not Taliesin the bright-browed beheld the superior of this one in loveliness. Cypress-shapely, but derisive beneath her tangled crop of copper, gull, O, when you eye all Christendom's loveliest cheek - this girl will bring annhililation upon me, should your answer sound, gull, no relenting note.

DAFYDD AP GWILYM²

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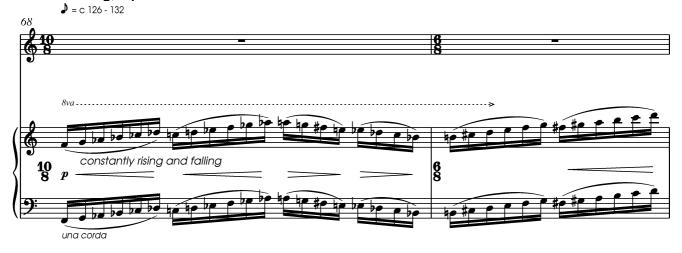


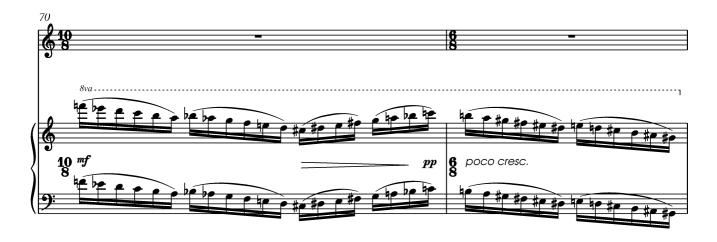


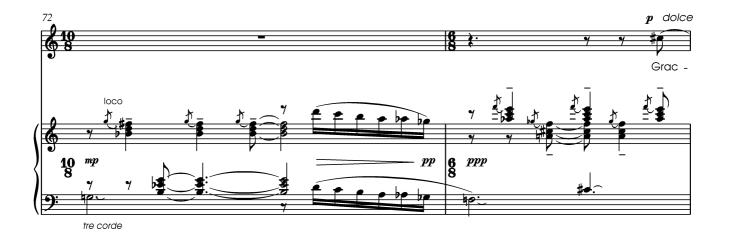


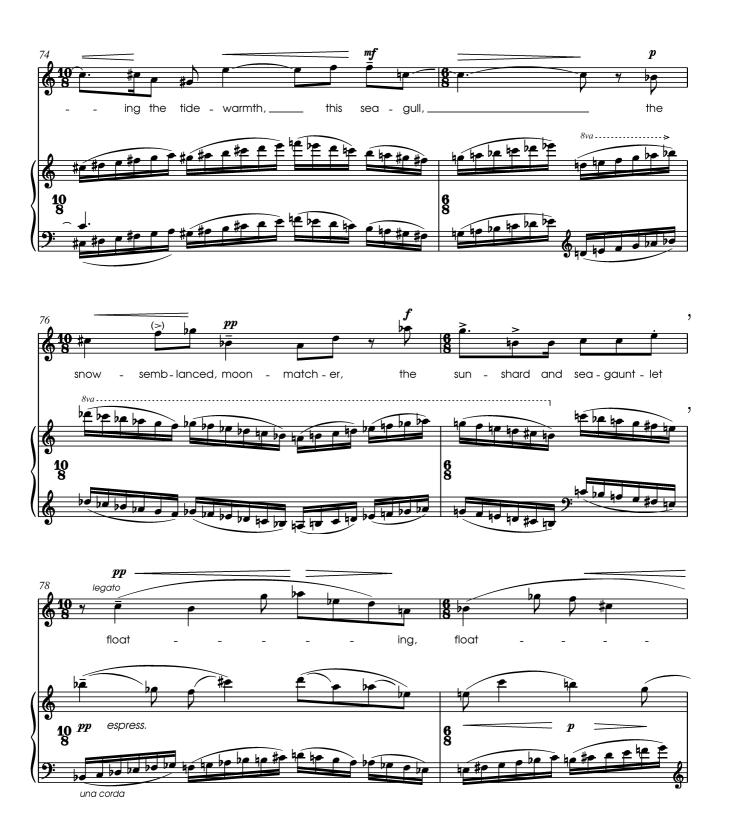
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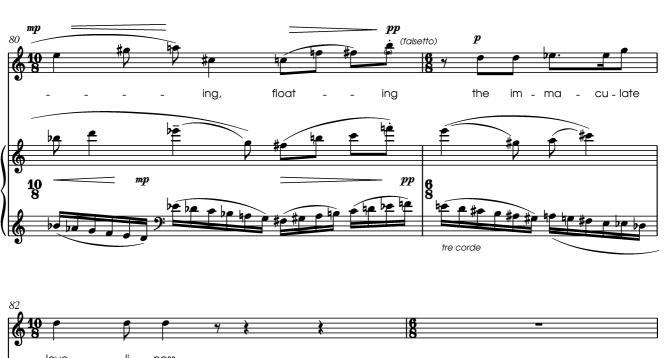
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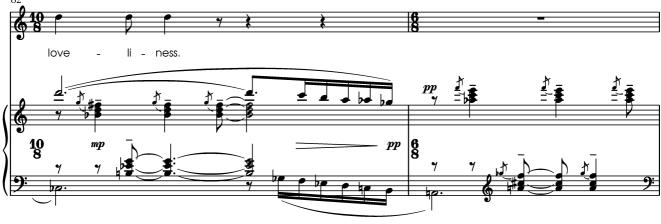


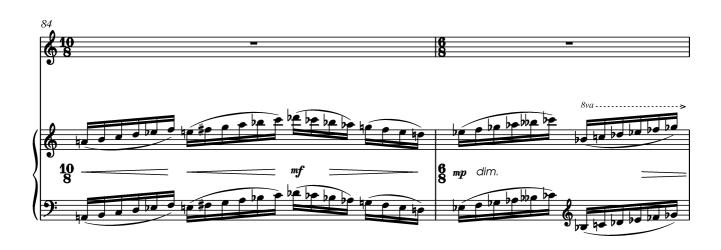


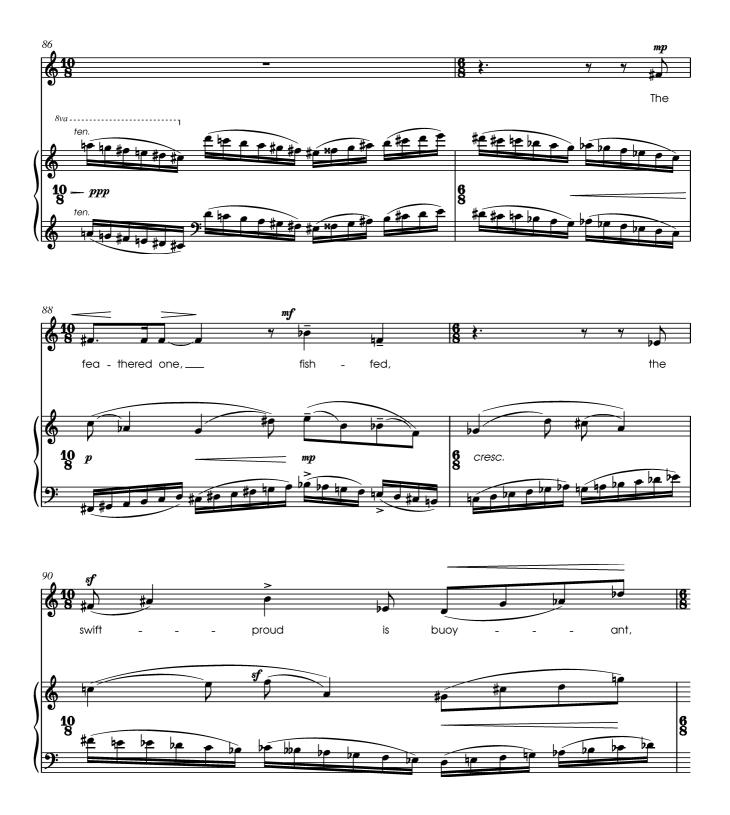


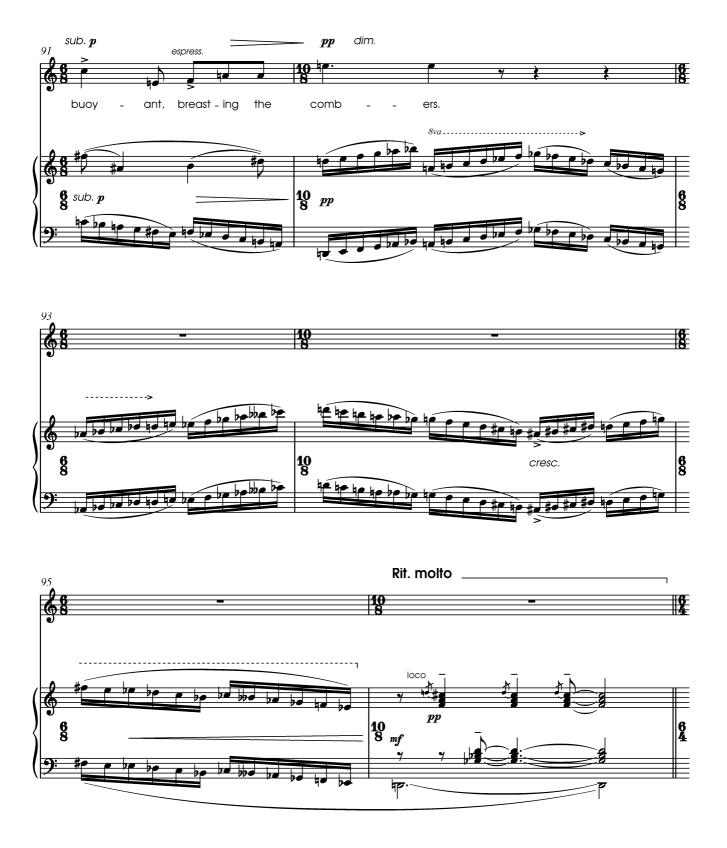












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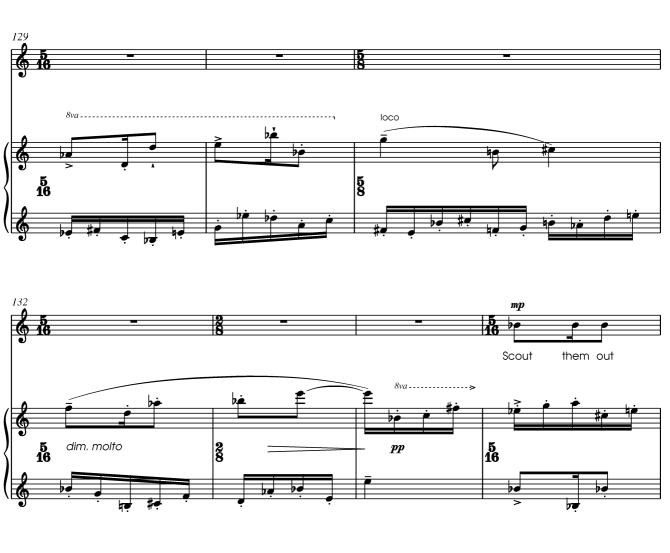


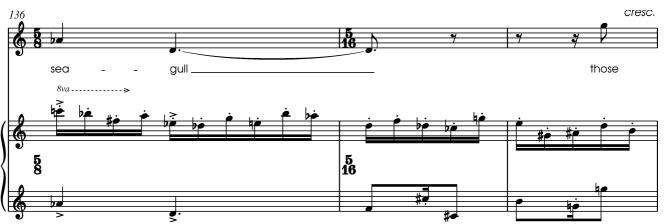
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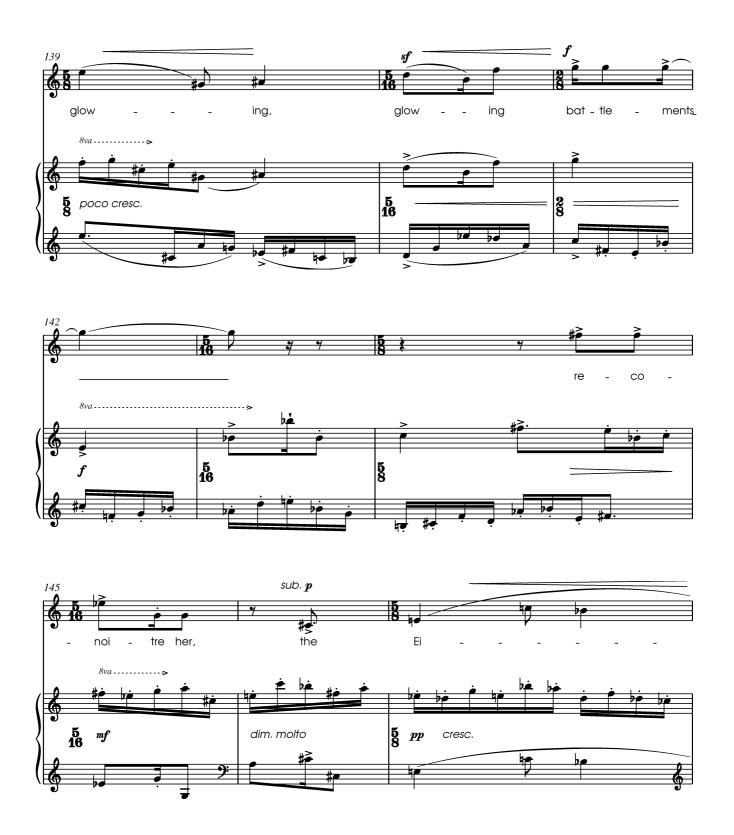


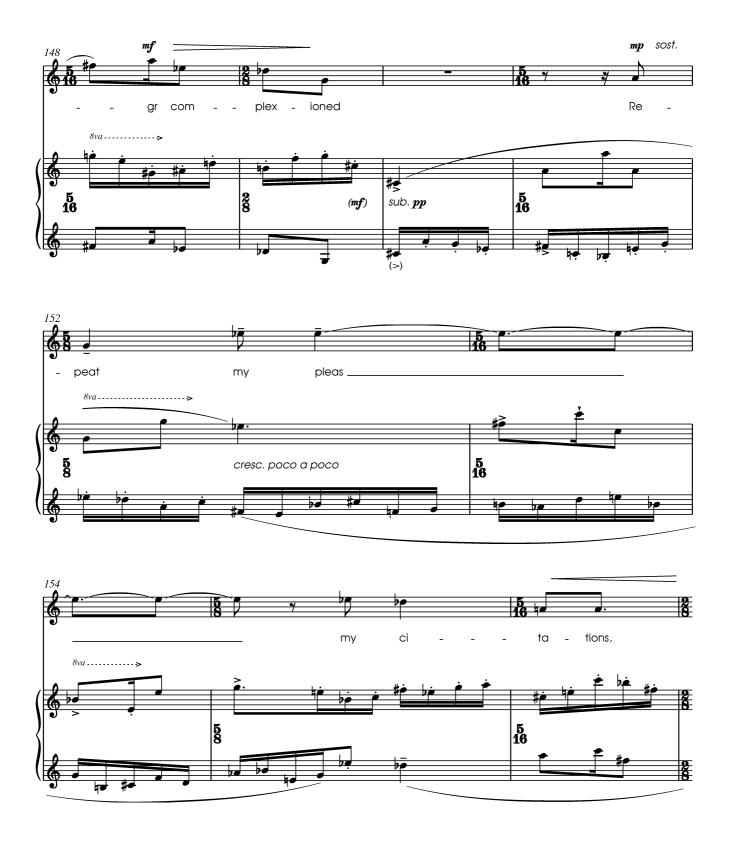
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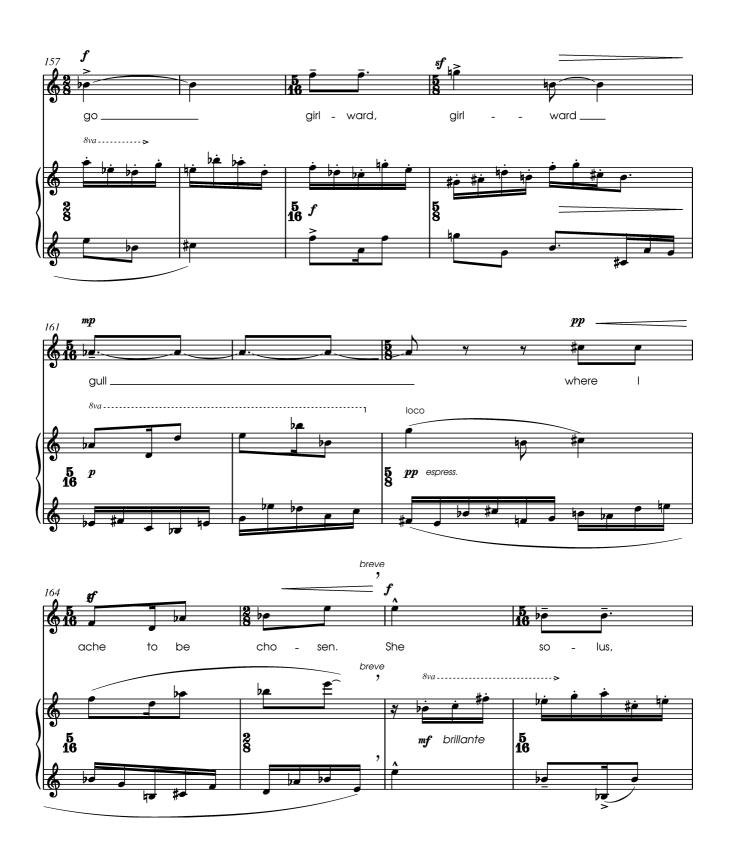














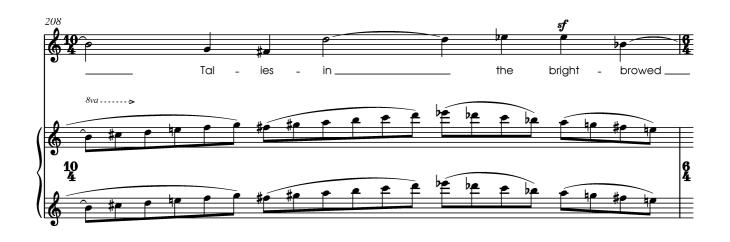


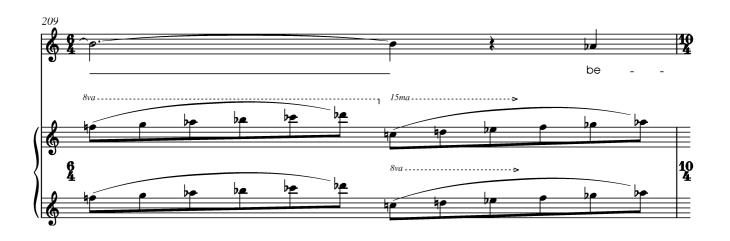
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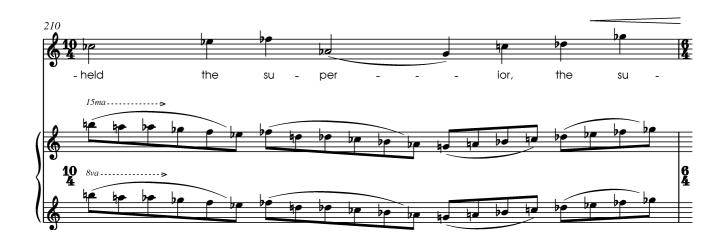


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two pieces for clarinet and piano

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wings ... dreams for mixed voices, solo cello and piano duo

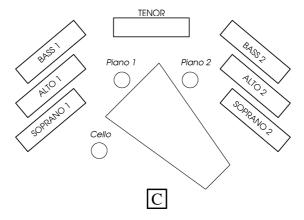
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text from a sonnet by William Wordsworth

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Suggested platform layout

(the piano lid should be removed)



Text by William Wordsworth

from a sonnet composed sometime before 1807

Wings have we, - and as far as we can go We may find pleasure: wilderness and wood, Blank ocean and mere sky, support that mood Which with the lofty sanctifies the low. Dreams, books, are each a world; and books we know, Are a substantial world, both pure and good ...

Performance notes

RHYTHM and TEMPO Bright, incisive

This underlines the importance of colour and articulation of words and sounds. The tempo should be moderate and flowing - neither too fast nor too slow - and

above all, flexible

Barlines do not generally imply rhythmic emphasis, which should be dictated by accents,

or simply by the flow of the text

NOTATION Diamond-headed notes indicate spoken rather than sung sounds

These are of two types:

1) whispered sounds - a projected 'stage' whisper, breathy in tone (italic text)

2) ordinary speech (bold text)



WORDS and SOUNDS

METRE

Particularly clear articulation of words and sounds is needed

The text has of course its overall meaning, but so does each individual word

Sometimes the sound of that word expresses its meaning literally

Some words are deliberately incomplete or blend into new sounds

- an arrow indicates where this occurs

A wavy line indicates a slow undulation in pitch for whispered or spoken sounds $\,$

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 $\label{thm:condition} \mbox{Vocalized sounds (usually bracketed) include the following:}$

(ng) - hum with lips open

(mm) - hum with lips closed

(z) - buzz on closing 's' sound (e.g. dream(z)

 $\hbox{\it (zz) - continuous, vocalized 'zed' sound}\\$

(sh) - self explanatory!

(ss) - continuous 's' sound, but varying in pitch

FINAL CONSONANTS should sound on following rests where not otherwise indicated

Some consonants are percussive in effect:

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instrumentation

Flute doubling piccolo Alto flute Clarinet Bass clarinet Soprano doubling alto saxophone Bass saxophone Bassoon Contrabassoon

Horn Trumpet Trombone Bass trombone

Timpani

Drums - snare drum, tenor drum, bass drum

Wood - claves, whip, 3 templeblocks (H, M, L), 3 log drums (H, M, L)

Metal - triangle, 2 suspended cymbals, 3 gongs (H,M,L), tam tam, 2 thundersheets (H, L)

Glockenspiel

Vibraphone

Marimba

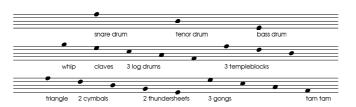
Harp

Piano solo

Strings

The score is in C. Normal conventions apply for instruments transposing at the octave (piccolo, contabassoon and double bass) and at the double octave (glockenspiel), otherwise instruments are written at sounding pitch.

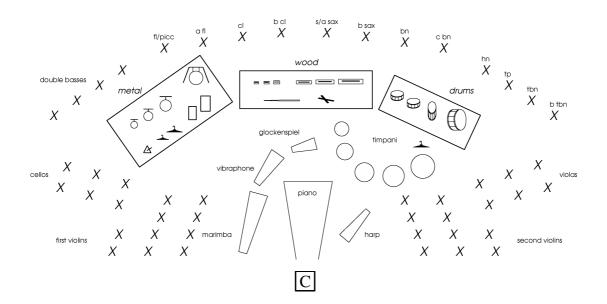
Percussion key



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Suggested platform layout

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part 1

piano symphony - part 1









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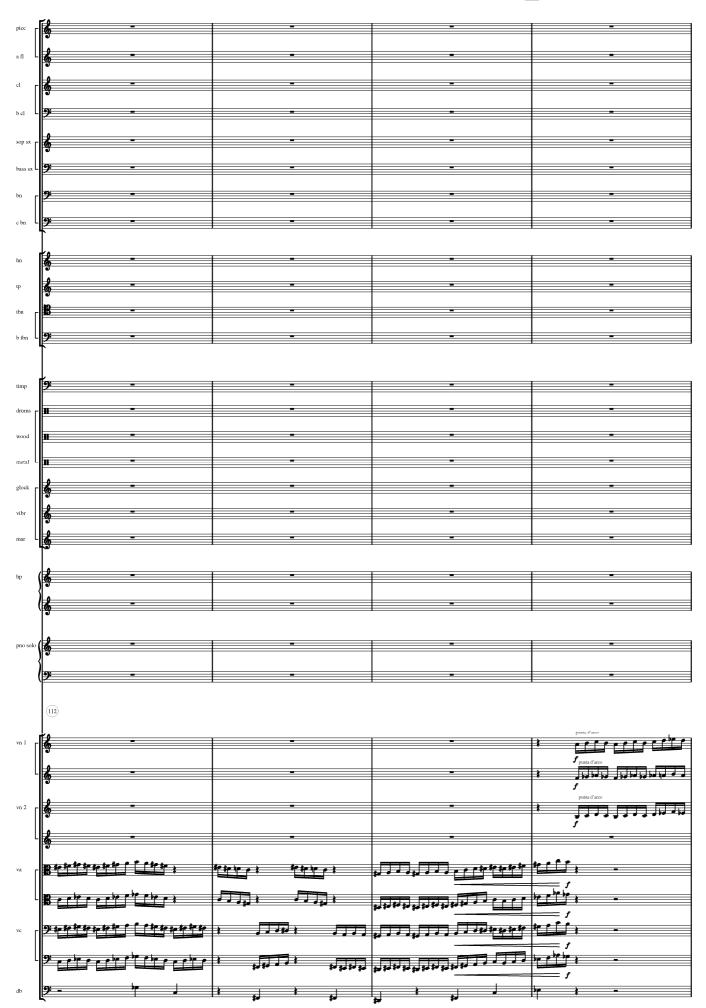






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