

A Composer's Tale

five miniature tableaux depicting the all-too-brief career of an artist

by

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for the L'histoire du soldat Ensemble

Clarinets in B-flat

Bassoon

Trumpet in C

Tenor Trombone

Percussion

Violin

Double-bass



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Instrumentation

Clarinet in B-flat

Bassoon

Trumpet in C (straight and cup mutes)

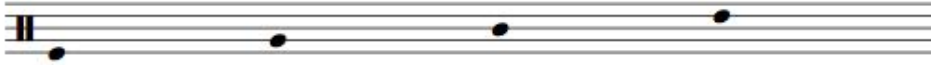
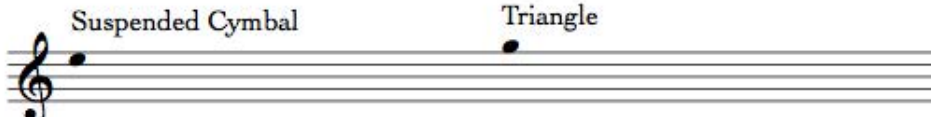
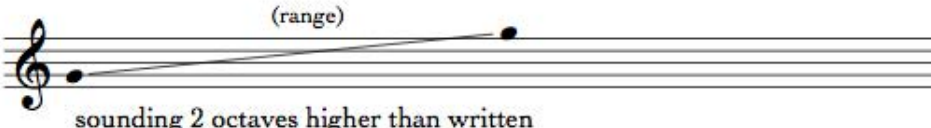
Tenor Trombone (straight and cup mutes)

Percussion (see detail below)

Violin

Double-bass

Percussion details

	Bass Drum	Snare Drum	Field Drum (or medium tom)	Small Drum, no snares (or small tom)
Drums				
Other				
Glockenspiel				
Marimba				

Performance Notes

There should be brief pauses (no more than 5 seconds each) between movements except after mvt 4, which is played attacca into mvt. 5.

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I. Moment of inspiration

Moderato (♩ = c. 108)

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Clarinet in B♭

Bassoon

Trumpet in C

Trombone

Percussion

Violin

Double Bass

suspended cymbal

drums

s.c.

pizz.

arco

II. Hours of frenzy, days of drudgery

Presto (M.M. ♩. = c. 92)

B♭ Cl. *pp* *p* *p*
 Bsn. *p*
 Tpt. *mf* *Straight mute*
 Tbn.
 Mrb.
 Vln. *Con sord.* *pp* *aggressive* *ff*
 D.B.
 B♭ Cl. 20 *p* *p* *mf* 24
 Bsn. *p*
 Tpt. *p*
 Tbn.
 Mrb. *with soft rubber mallets* *p* *p*
 Vln. *p* *f* *p* *mf* *p*
 D.B.

The musical score is for a piece titled 'Hours of frenzy, days of drudgery' in 6/8 time, marked Presto (M.M. ♩. = c. 92). The score is arranged for a large ensemble including B♭ Clarinet, Bassoon, Trumpet, Trombone, Maracas, Violin, and Double Bass. The score is divided into two systems. The first system (measures 1-19) features the B♭ Clarinet and Bassoon with dynamics *pp* and *p*. The Bassoon has a *p* dynamic at the end. The Trumpet enters at measure 14 with a *mf* dynamic and a 'Straight mute' instruction. The Violin plays with a *Con sord.* (con sordina) instruction, starting at *pp* and becoming *aggressive* and *ff* by measure 17. The Double Bass is silent. The second system (measures 20-24) features the B♭ Clarinet and Bassoon with dynamics *p*, *p*, and *mf*. The Bassoon has a *p* dynamic at measure 22. The Trumpet enters at measure 21 with a *p* dynamic. The Trombone is silent. The Maracas play with 'soft rubber mallets' at a *p* dynamic. The Violin starts at *p*, increases to *f* at measure 21, then decreases to *p* at measure 23, with a *mf* dynamic at measure 24. The Double Bass is silent.

4
25

B $\flat$ Cl. *p*

Bsn. *p*

Tpt.

Tbn. *f* *mp*

Mrb. *p* *f*

Vln. *ff* pizz. *p* *f* *f*

D.B. *p*

30

B $\flat$ Cl. *f* *p*

Bsn. *p*

Tpt.

Tbn. Straight mute *p*

Mrb. *mf*

Vln. *p* *f* *p*

D.B.

34

35

B♭ Cl. *f* *mf* *p* *f*

Bsn.

Tpt. *mp*

Tbn. *mp*

Mrb. *p*

Vln. *mf* *f* *p*

D.B. *mp*

40

B♭ Cl. *mp* *mf* *f*

Bsn. *mf*

Tpt. *mf* *mp*

Tbn. *mf* *mp*

Mrb. *mf*

Vln. *mf* *f*

D.B. *mf* *mp*

42

6
43

44

B♭ Cl.

Bsn.

Tpt.

Tbn.

Mrb.

Vln.

D.B.

f

pp

p

mp

mf

p

f

pp

f subito

p subito

46

B♭ Cl.

Bsn.

Tpt.

Tbn.

Mrb.

Vln.

D.B.

f

p

mf

f

p

take mute off

p

mp

mf

f subito

p

mp

50

B♭ Cl.

Bsn.

Tpt.

Tbn.

Mrb.

Vln.

D.B.

f

mf

f

p

without mute

f

f

51

56

B♭ Cl.

Bsn.

Tpt.

Tbn.

Mrb.

Vln.

D.B.

ff

ff

ff

Senza sord.
pizz.

p
(pizz.)

p

59

8
64

B♭ Cl. *p*

Bsn. *mp*

Tpt.

Tbn.

Mrb.

Vln.

D.B.

71

B♭ Cl.

Bsn.

Tpt. *without mute*
Senza sord.
p

Tbn.

Mrb. *with yarn mallets*
p
to drums

Vln. *arco*
p

D.B.

78 79

B♭ Cl.

Bsn.

Tpt.

Tbn.

Perc.

Vln.

D.B.

drums

mf

83

B♭ Cl.

Bsn.

Tpt.

Tbn.

Perc.

Vln.

D.B.

f

mf

f

mf

f

f

f

10
88

B♭ Cl. *mf*

Bsn. *mp* *p*

Tpt. *mf* *f*

Tbn. *mp* *p*

Perc.

Vln. *mf*

D.B. *mf*

92

B♭ Cl. *f* *p*

Bsn.

Tpt.

Tbn.

Perc. *snare drum* *f*

Vln. *p*

D.B. *mf* *p* *pizz.*

97

B $\flat$ Cl.

Bsn.

Tpt.

Tbn.

Perc.

Vln.

D.B.

p

mf

drums
with snare sticks

mf

p

101

104

B $\flat$ Cl.

Bsn.

Tpt.

Tbn.

Perc.

Vln.

D.B.

mf

ff

mf

ff

snare drum

f

Senza sord.

ff

arco

ff

12

105

B♭ Cl.

Bsn.

Tpt.

Tbn.

Perc.

Vln.

D.B.

sfz

ff

sfz

sfz

109

B♭ Cl.

Bsn.

Tpt.

Tbn.

Perc.

Vln.

D.B.

sfz

sfz

112

B $\flat$ Cl. *p*

Bsn. *p*

Tpt. *p*

Tbn. *p*

Mrb. *p* with yarn mallet

Vln. *p*

D.B. *p* pizz.

117

119

B $\flat$ Cl. *ff*

Bsn. *pp* *ff*

Tpt. *f*

Tbn. *f*

Perc. *f* snare drum

Vln. *ff* arco

D.B. *ff*

14
122

B $\flat$ Cl.

Bsn.

Tpt.

Tbn.

Mrb.

Vln.

D.B.

p

p

p

pp with yarn mallets

not a rehearsal copy

III. Dreams of fame, fortune and immortality

Lento $\text{♩} = 56$

B♭ Cl. *p* *pp*

Bsn. *p* *pp*

Tpt.

Tbn.

Perc. *triangle* *p* *glockenspiel* *with brass mallets* *p*

Vln. *arco sul tasto* *pp*

D.B. *arco sul tasto* *pp*

137

B♭ Cl. *p*

Bsn. *p*

Tpt.

Tbn.

Perc. *triangle* *p* *glockenspiel* *p*

Vln. *no vibrato* *p* *warm, with vibrato* *pp*

D.B. *no vibrato* *p* *warm, with vibrato* *pp*

IV. Premier

♩ = 104

♩ = 120

B♭ Cl. *f* *mf*
 Bsn. *f* *mf*
 Tpt. *f* *mf*
 Tbn. *f* *mf*
 Perc. *f* *p* *f* *p* *mf*
 Vln. *f* *mf*
 D.B. *f* *mf*

157 ♩ = 138
 159 ♩ = 160
 B♭ Cl. *p* *mp* *pp* *mf* *f* *mp*
 Bsn. *p* *mp* *pp* *mf* *f* *mp*
 Tpt. *p* *mp* *pp* *mf* *f* *mp*
 Tbn. *p* *mp* *pp* *mf* *f* *mp*
 Perc. *p* *p* *mf* *f* *p* *f*
 Vln. *p* *mp* *pp* *mf* *f* *mp*
 D.B. *p* *mp* *pp* *mf* *f* *mp*

163

Score for measures 163-167. The key signature has one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The dynamics are *ff* (fortissimo) for all instruments.

B♭ Cl. (B-flat Clarinet): *ff*. Measures 163-167 show a melodic line with slurs and accents.

Bsn. (Bassoon): *ff*. Measures 163-167 show a melodic line with slurs and accents.

Tpt. (Trumpet): *ff*. Measures 163-167 show a melodic line with slurs and accents.

Tbn. (Trombone): *ff*. Measures 163-167 show a melodic line with slurs and accents.

Perc. (Percussion): *fff* (fortississimo). Measures 163-167 show a rhythmic pattern.

Vln. (Violin): *ff*. Measures 163-167 show a melodic line with slurs and accents.

D.B. (Double Bass): *ff*. Measures 163-167 show a melodic line with slurs and accents.

Score for measures 168-172. The key signature has one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The dynamics are *p* (piano) for all instruments.

B♭ Cl. (B-flat Clarinet): *p*. Measures 168-172 show a melodic line with slurs and accents. *attacca* is written above the staff.

Bsn. (Bassoon): *p*. Measures 168-172 show a melodic line with slurs and accents.

Tpt. (Trumpet): *p*. Measures 168-172 show a melodic line with slurs and accents. *Take cup mute* is written above the staff.

Tbn. (Trombone): *p*. Measures 168-172 show a melodic line with slurs and accents. *pp* (pianissimo) is written below the staff.

Perc. (Percussion): *p*. Measures 168-172 show a rhythmic pattern.

Vln. (Violin): *p*. Measures 168-172 show a melodic line with slurs and accents. *put mute on* is written above the staff.

D.B. (Double Bass): *p*. Measures 168-172 show a melodic line with slurs and accents. *put mute on* is written above the staff.

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V. Rejection...which results in years of bitterness
and despondency (in other words, time for a waltz,
a tango, and a slow march!)

Adagio ♩ = 66

185

B♭ Cl.

Bsn.

Tpt.

Tbn.

Perc.

Vln.

D.B.

Take straight mute

suspended cymbal

drums

p

pp

p

Con sord.

p

¹⁸⁷

B♭ Cl.

Bsn.

Perc.

Vln.

D.B.

Con sord. solo

p

3

3

191

B♭ Cl.

Bsn.

Tpt.

Tbn.

Perc.

Vln.

D.B.

p

p

3

3

195

B $\flat$ Cl.

Bsn.

Tpt.

Tbn.

Perc.

Vln.

D.B.

Straight mute

Cup mute solo

pp

p

pp

pp

pizz.

sul ponticello

