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*Settembrini Piano Trio*

### **Lullaby, 1901**

This work was composed in 2000 for the Adelaide Festival of the Arts and the Nouvel Ensemble Moderne of Canada. It received its first performance in March 2000.

It is written for a chamber orchestra of winds, brass, percussion, organ, piano and strings.

### **Commentary**

This is single movement work of some eleven and a half minutes. It is predominately dissonant and modernist in tone with neo-romantic leanings. The poetic notion behind the work is that of a parent singing a comforting lullaby to a child in the year 1901 while around their heads fly the 'gargoyles' that represent the coming tumultuous events of the century. The lullaby, presented immediately at the beginning of the work, is given in the form of a romantic string passage, and reappears again at bar 37 and at intervals, in different variations, throughout the work. The 'gargoyles', the portents of the coming tumult, are represented by materials first appearing at bar 12. These materials form the heart of the work and development of these occupy the vast bulk of the piece's duration. They consist of a busy high 'chatter' in triplet time, and a low, rising line, played by the brass, low bassoons, bass clarinet and the low strings. The 'chatter' material is varied through tessitura and pitch changes, and through orchestration. The low line carries the main developmental role, with gradual expansion of the initial theme, and, later, a sudden contraction.

Relief from the incessant tension expressed by these materials is provided a little over a third of the way through the work by a chorale starting at bar 57 on material based on the opening lullaby theme. Bar 76 marks a return to the agitated 'gargoyle' material which then builds, with only occasional small glimpses of the lullaby, to a frantic level of chaos and colour, peaking at the *fremente* beginning at bar 132. After a dramatic variation of the chorale the work returns to an extended working of the lullaby to take the piece out on a note of melancholy resignation.



# Lullaby, 1901

for chamber orchestra



Quentin SD Grant, 2000

commissioned by the Adelaide Festival of the Arts and  
the Nouvel Ensemble Moderne



## Lullaby, 1901

### INSTRUMENTATION

2 flutes

oboe

Eb clarinet

2 Bb clarinets

Bass clarinet in Bb

2 bassoons

horn in F

trumpet in C

trombone

timpani

percussion:

glockenspiel, tambourine (on stand),

sleigh bells (on stand),

suspended cymbal, triangle

piano

organ (electronic , pipe or harmonium)

solo violin 1

2 2nd violins

2 violas

2 cellos

double bass

### Notes

- Accidentals carry for the bar in which they occur unless subsequently altered.
- All grace notes are to be played before the beat.
- When glissandos are not given an ending note they are to be played over as wide an interval as is convenient for the player.
- The score is notated in C (with normal octave transpositions).
- Trills are to be played to the natural note above, unless otherwise indicated.
- Tremolo and flutter tonguing are indicated.
- Hairpins (crescendos and decrescendos) indicate an increase / decrease of one dynamic degree unless otherwise marked.
- The organ volume must be carefully balanced, especially if a pipe organ is being used. A synthesiser will often be more satisfactory.
- Duration c. 11'30"

## Performance Notes

Cantabile, bars 1-12: with intense expression

Agitato: chattering line (high wings, glock, vln 2 pizz) in middle ground, low melody (low winds, brass, timp, pno lh) in foreground.

17, 19: brass and piano rh to the fore.

20-22: sprightly

28-30: flexible tempo if necessary

38-40: strong, expressive string sound

45-: high chatter in background, pizz in middle and low line in foreground.

77-: high chatter background, sul pont strings middle, with low line and trumpet / vc line in foreground

101-111: expressionistic

148-148: may possibly need a decrescendo to be effective

160: strong presence from the strings.

## Programme Note

My idea for this piece is thus: a mother or father singing their child to sleep at the beginning of the calamitous 20th Century sings to try and drown out the chatter of gargoyles overhead. The work then continues this way: the lullaby's appearances being swept aside by the sounds of menace and presentiments of doom.

Being as we are at the beginning of a new century we may feel, deep in the night whilst comforting our children that, as ever,

“we are here as on a darkling plain

Swept with confused alarms of struggle and flight,

Where ignorant armies clash by night.”

*Lullaby, 1901* was commissioned by the Adelaide Festival of the Arts and Nouvel Ensemble

# Lullaby, 1901

Quentin SD Grant

Cantabile  $\text{♩} = 72$  rall.

Violin 1 solo **p** espress.

Violin 2 div. **p** espress.

Viola div. **p** espress.

Cello 1. **p** espress.

a tempo

poco rall.

6

Org. **p**

6

Vln. 1 poco rall.

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

D. b. **pp** **p**

Agitato  $\text{d} = 64$ 

Fl. 1      *pp*      *p*

Fl. 2      *pp*      *p*

Ob.      *pp*      *p*

Eb Cl.      *p*

Bb Cl. 1

Bb Cl. 2

B.Cl.      *p* cresc.

Bsn. 1      *p* cresc.

Bsn. 2      *p* cresc.

Hn.

C Tpt.

T. Tbn.

Tim.      *p* cresc.      *Glockenspiel*      *mp*

Perc.      *p*

Pno.      *p* cresc.      *mp*

Org.      *p*      *mp*      (loco)

Agitato  $\text{d} = 64$ 

Vln. 1      *pp*

Vln. 2      unis. pizz.      *pp*      *p*

Vla.

Vlc.      unis.      *p*

Db.      *p*



Fl. 1 cresc.

Fl. 2 cresc.

Ob. cresc.

Eb Cl. *mf*

Bb Cl. 1 cresc.

Bb Cl. 2 *mp* cresc.

B.Cl. *mf* poco staccato

Bsn. 1 *f*

Bsn. 2 *f*

Hn. *f* *mf* *f*

C Tpt. *f* *mf* *f*

T. Tbn. *p* *f*

Tim.

Perc. *mf*

Pno. *mf* *mf* poco staccato

Org. *mp*

Vln. 1 *mf* *mf* poco staccato

Vln. 2

Vla. *mf* poco staccato pizz.

Vlc. *f*

Db.

21

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob.

Eb Cl.

Bb Cl. 1

Bb Cl. 2

B.Cl.

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

Hn.

C Tpt.

T. Tbn.

Tim.

Perc.

Pno.

Org.

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

Db.

The musical score page 11 consists of two systems of music. The top system (measures 21-22) includes parts for Flute 1, Flute 2, Oboe, Eb Clarinet, Bb Clarinet 1, Bb Clarinet 2, Bassoon 1, Bassoon 2, Horn, C Trumpet, Trombone, Timpani, Percussion, Piano, and Organ. The bottom system (measures 21-22) includes parts for Violin 1, Violin 2, Viola, Cello, and Double Bass. The score is written in 15/8 time, with various key changes indicated by key signatures and sharps/flats. Measure 21 begins with a dynamic of *f*. Measures 22-23 show a transition, with the piano and organ parts continuing from measure 21. Measures 24-25 show the strings taking over the melody. Measures 26-27 show a return of the woodwind section. Measures 28-29 show a final tutti section involving all instruments.

23

Fl. 1      *mp* sub. (non stacc.)

Fl. 2      *mp* sub. (non stacc.)

Ob.

Eb Cl.

Bb Cl. 1      *mp* sub. (non stacc.)

Bb Cl. 2

B.Cl.

Bsn. 1      *mf*

Bsn. 2      *mf*

Hn.      *mf*

C Tpt.

T. Tbn.      *mf*

Timp.      *mf*

Perc.      *mp* sub.

Pno.      *mf*

Org.      *p* *guit.*

23

Vln. 1      pizz.      *mf*

Vln. 2      *mf*

Vla.

Vlc.      arco      *mf*

Db.      *mf*

Fl. 1 cresc. f

Fl. 2 cresc. f

Ob. cresc. f

Eb Cl. mp cresc. f

Bb Cl. 1 f

Bb Cl. 2 f

B. Cl. f

Bsn. 1 mf

Bsn. 2 mf

Hn. mf

C Tpt.

T. Tbn. mf

Tim.

Perc. cresc. f

Pno. >

Org. 8th

Vln. 1 cresc. f

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc. f

D. Db. mf



Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob.

Eb Cl.

Bb Cl. 1

Bb Cl. 2

B.C. Cl.

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

Hn.

C Tpt.

T. Tbn.

Tim.

Perc.

Pno.

(8m)

Org.

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

Db.

37 rall.  $\text{♩} = \text{♩} = 64$

Fl. 1  $\text{♩} = \text{♩} = 64$   
mp

Fl. 2  $\text{♩} = \text{♩} = 64$   
mp

Ob.  $\text{♩} = \text{♩} = 64$   
mp

Eb Cl.  $\text{♩} = \text{♩} = 64$   
mp

Bb Cl. 1  $\text{♩} = \text{♩} = 64$   
mp p

Bb Cl. 2  $\text{♩} = \text{♩} = 64$   
mp p

B.Cl.  $\text{♩} = \text{♩} = 64$   
mp

Bsn. 1  $\text{♩} = \text{♩} = 64$

Bsn. 2  $\text{♩} = \text{♩} = 64$

Hn.  $\text{♩} = \text{♩} = 64$

C Tpt.  $\text{♩} = \text{♩} = 64$   
p mp

T. Tbn.  $\text{♩} = \text{♩} = 64$

Tim.  $\text{♩} = \text{♩} = 64$

Perc.  $\text{♩} = \text{♩} = 64$   
p

Pno.  $\text{♩} = \text{♩} = 64$   
mp

Org.  $\text{♩} = \text{♩} = 64$

37 H solo rall.  $\text{♩} = \text{♩} = 64$   
mp mf

Vln. 1  $\text{♩} = \text{♩} = 64$   
espress.

Vln. 2  $\text{♩} = \text{♩} = 64$   
mp mp

Vla.  $\text{♩} = \text{♩} = 64$   
div. unis.

Vlc.  $\text{♩} = \text{♩} = 64$   
mp arco unis.

Db.  $\text{♩} = \text{♩} = 64$   
pizz. mp arco mp

42

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob.

Eb Cl.

Bb Cl. 1

Bb Cl. 2

B.C. 1

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

Hn.

C Tpt.

T. Tbn.

Tim.

Perc.

Pno.

Org.

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

Db.

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob.

Eb Cl. *p*

Bb Cl. 1

Bb Cl. 2

B.C. *f*

Bsn. 1 *f*

Bsn. 2 *f*

Hn.

C Tpt.

T. Tbn. *f*

Tim. *f* (non l.v.)

Perc.

Pno. *p* *ff*

Org.

Vln. 1 pizz. *mp*

Vln. 2 pizz. *mp*

Vla.

Vlc. pizz. *f*

Db. pizz. *ff*

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob.

Eb Cl.

Bb Cl. 1

Bb Cl. 2

B.Clt.

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

Hn.

C Tpt.

T. Tbn.

Tim.

Perc.

Pno.

(δ<sup>b</sup>)

Org.

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

pizz.

Vla.

mp

Vlc.

f

Db.

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob.

Eb Cl.

Bb Cl. 1

Bb Cl. 2

B. Cl.

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

Hn.

C Tpt.

T. Tbn.

Tim.

Perc.

Pno.

(8th)

Org.

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

Db.

Misterioso  $\text{d} = \text{d} = 96$ 

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob.

Eb Cl.

Bb Cl. 1

Bb Cl. 2

B. Cl.

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

Hn.

C Tpt.

T. Tbn.

Tim.

Perc.

Pno.

Org.

Vln. 1 arco

Vln. 2 arco

Vla. arco

Vlc. arco

D. Db.

Misterioso  $\text{d} = \text{d} = 96$

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob.

Eb Cl. *ppp*

Bb Cl. 1

Bb Cl. 2

B. Cl.

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

Hn. *pp*

C Tpt.

T. Tbn. *p* *flz.*

Tim.

Perc.

Pno.

Org. *(S<sup>th</sup>)*

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

D. b.

66

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob.

Eb Cl.

Bb Cl. 1

Bb Cl. 2

B.Cl.

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

Hn.

C Tpt.

T. Tbn.

Timp.

Perc.

Pno.

Org.

(8<sup>th</sup>)

solo

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

D. B.

24

79

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob.

Eb Cl.

Bb Cl. 1

Bb Cl. 2

B.Cl.

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

Hn.

C Tpt.

T. Tbn.

Tim.

Perc.

Pno.

Org.

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

Db.

(S<sup>th</sup>)

79

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob.

Eb Cl.

Bb Cl. 1

Bb Cl. 2

B.Cl.

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

Hn.

C Tpt.

T. Tbn.

Tim.

Perc.

Pno.

Org.

(8<sup>th</sup>) -----

*sul pont*

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

Db.

This musical score page contains two systems of music. The top system, starting at measure 82, features woodwind and brass instruments. It includes parts for Flute 1, Flute 2, Oboe, Eb Clarinet, Bb Clarinet 1, Bassoon 1, Bassoon 2, Horn, C Trumpet, Trombone, Timpani, Percussion, Piano, and Organ. The piano and organ parts are grouped together. The organ part has a dynamic marking of *mf*. The bottom system, also starting at measure 82, features bowed strings and bassoon. It includes parts for Violin 1, Violin 2, Viola, Cello, Double Bass, and Bassoon 2. The violin parts have dynamic markings of *p* and *mp*. The cello part has a dynamic marking of *mf*. The bassoon part has a dynamic marking of *mf*. The organ part from the top system continues here with a dynamic marking of *mf*. A performance instruction '*sul pont*' is placed above the violin parts. Measure numbers 82 and 83 are indicated at the beginning of each system.

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob.

Eb Cl.

Bb Cl. 1

Bb Cl. 2

B.C. cl.

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

Hn.

C Tpt.

T. Tbn.

Tim.

Perc.

Pno.

Org.

(S<sup>10</sup>)

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

Db.

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob.

Eb Cl.

Bb Cl. 1

Bb Cl. 2

B. Cl.

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

Hn.

C Tpt.

T. Tbn.

Tim.

Perc.

Pno.

Org.

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

D. B.

88

*mf*

*mf*

*mf*

*mf*

*mf*

*f*

*f*

*aperto*

*f*

*p*

*f*

*f*

*f*

*f*

*f*

*norm.*

*norm. div.*

*f*

*norm. unis.*

*f*

*unis.*

*f*

*f*

91

91

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob.

Eb Cl.

Bb Cl. 1

Bb Cl. 2

B.Cl.

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

Hn.

C Tpt.

T. Tbn.

Tim.

Perc.

Pno.

Org.

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

Db.

94

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob.

Eb Cl.

Bb Cl. 1

Bb Cl. 2

B.Cl.

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

Hn.

C Tpt.

T. Tbn.

Tim.

Perc.

Pno.

Org.

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

Db.

*rubato*

*rit.*

*ppp*

*pp*

*p*

*gl.*

*mf* *espress.*

*pizz.*

*p*

*mp* *espress.*

*div.*

*mp* *espress.*

*1.* *arco*

*mp* *espress.*

*pizz.*

*p*

*rit.*

*2.*

*p*

*pizz.*

Agitato  $\frac{\text{D}=\text{D}, \text{D}}{=96}$

101

Fl. 1  
Fl. 2  
Ob.  
Eb Cl.  
Bb Cl. 1  
Bb Cl. 2  
B.Cl.  
Bsn. 1  
Bsn. 2  
  
Hn.  
C Tpt.  
T. Tbn.  
  
Timp.  
Perc.  
  
Pno.  
  
Org.

Vln. 1  
Vln. 2  
Vla.  
Vlc.  
Db.

Agitato  $\frac{\text{D}=\text{D}, \text{D}}{=96}$

101

Vln. 1  
Vln. 2  
Vla.  
Vlc.  
Db.

*(pizz.)*

*mf*

110

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

p

Ob.

Eb Cl.

Bb Cl. 1

Bb Cl. 2

p

B.Cl.

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

Hn.

C Tpt.

T. Tbn.

Timp.

Perc.

p

4 4 4 4

Pno.

p

8<sup>ab</sup>

Org.

p

8<sup>ab</sup>

8<sup>ab</sup>

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

p

pp

unis.  
pizz.

Vla.

Vlc.

p

pp

Vcl.

p

pp

Db.

arco

mp

pp

114

Fl. 1      *mf*

Fl. 2      *mf*

Ob.

Eb Cl.

Bb Cl. 1

Bb Cl. 2      *mp*

B.Cl.

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

Hn.

C Tpt.

T. Tbn.

Timp.

Perc.      *mf* tambourine  
                *mf* sleigh bells

Pno.

Org.

Vln. 1

Vln. 2      *mf*

Vla.

Vcl.

Db.

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob.

Eb Cl.

Bb Cl. 1

Bb Cl. 2

B.C. Cl.

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

Hn.

C Tpt.

T. Tbn.

Tim.

Perc.

Pno.

Org.

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

Db.

120

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob.

Eb Cl.

Bb Cl. 1

Bb Cl. 2

B.C. Cl.

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

Hn.

C Tpt.

T. Tbn.

Tim.

Perc.

Pno.

Org.

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

D. B.

123

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob.

Eb Cl.

Bb Cl. 1

Bb Cl. 2

B. Cl.

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

Hn.

C Tpt.

T. Tbn.

Timp.

Perc.

Pno.

Org.

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

Db.

123

\*denotes cluster

ff

ff

ff

ff

ff

ff

126

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob.

Eb Cl.

Bb Cl. 1

Bb Cl. 2

B.C. 1

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

Hn.

C Tpt.

T. Tbn.

Tim.

Perc.

Pno.

Org.

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

Db.

ff

128

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob.

Eb Cl.

Bb Cl. 1

Bb Cl. 2

B. Cl.

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

Hn.

C Tpt.

T. Tbn.

Timp.

Perc.

Pno.

Org.

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

D. b.

Fremante  $\text{♩} = 112$

Fl. 1  
Fl. 2  
Ob.  
Eb Cl.  
Bb Cl. 1  
Bb Cl. 2  
B.C.  
Bsn. 1  
Bsn. 2  
Hn.  
C Tpt.  
T. Tbn.  
Tim.  
Perc.  
Pno.  
Org.

130

Fremante  $\text{♩} = 112$

Fl. 1  
Fl. 2  
Ob.  
Eb Cl.  
Bb Cl. 1  
Bb Cl. 2  
B.C.  
Bsn. 1  
Bsn. 2  
Hn.  
C Tpt.  
T. Tbn.  
Tim.  
Perc.  
Pno.  
Org.

130

Vln. 1  
Vln. 2  
Vla.  
Vcl.  
Db.

Meno mosso  $\bullet$  = 64

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob.

Eb Cl.

Bb Cl. 1

Bb Cl. 2

B.C.

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

Hn.

C Tpt.

T. Tbn.

Tim.

Perc.

Pno.

Org.

Meno mosso  $\bullet = 64$

*Dramatico* ♩ = 96

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob.

Eb Cl.

Bb Cl. 1

Bb Cl. 2

B. Cl.

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

Hn.

C Tpt.

T. Tbn.

Tim.

Perc.

Pno.

Org.

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

Db.

Musical score page 42, measures 143-144. The score includes parts for Flute 1, Flute 2, Oboe, Eb Clarinet, Bassoon 1, Bassoon 2, Horn, C Trumpet, Trombone, Timpani, Percussion, Piano, Organ, Violin 1, Violin 2, Viola, Cello, and Double Bass. Measure 143 starts with a dynamic of  $\text{pp}$  and transitions to  $\text{p}$  at the beginning of measure 144. Measure 144 concludes with a dynamic of  $\text{mf}$ .



rall. Andante = 80

156

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob.

Eb Cl.

Bb Cl. 1

Bb Cl. 2 flz.

B.Cl.  $\frac{4}{4}$

Bsn. 1  $\frac{4}{4}$

Bsn. 2

Hn.  $\frac{3}{4}$  pp

C Tpt.  $\frac{3}{4}$  pp

T. Tbn.  $\frac{3}{4}$  pp

Tim.

Perc.

Pno.  $\frac{3}{4}$

$\frac{3}{4}$   $\frac{3}{4}$

Org.  $\frac{3}{4}$

$\frac{3}{4}$   $\frac{3}{4}$

156  $\frac{3}{4}$  rall. Andante = 80

Vln. 1  $\frac{3}{4}$  p p espress. 1. mp mf

Vln. 2  $\frac{3}{4}$  p espress. 1. mp mf

Vla.  $\frac{3}{4}$  p espress. 1. mp mf

Vlc.  $\frac{3}{4}$  p espress. mp mf

Db. pizz.  $\frac{3}{4}$  pizz.  $\frac{3}{4}$  mf

rall.      a tempo

169

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob.

Eb Cl.

Bb Cl. 1

Bb Cl. 2

B.Cl.

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

Hn.

C Tpt.

T. Tbn.

Tim.

Perc.

Pno.

Org.

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

Db.

rall.      a tempo

169

mp

mf

mp

f

mp

mf

mp

f

mp

mf

mp

f

mp

mf

mp

f

mp

mp

f

rall. a tempo

182

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob.

Eb Cl.

Bb Cl. 1

Bb Cl. 2

B.Cl.

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

Hn.

C Tpt.

T. Tbn.

Timp.

Perc.

Pno.

Org.

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

Db.





**haunted landscape: March 2003**

This work was composed in 2003 for the Elder Conservatorium Symphony Orchestra, and is scored for medium size orchestra with two of every wind.

**Commentary**

This is a short single movement work of only five and a half to six minutes duration. It is a set of double variations, with a simple little tonal march in D minor, first heard from bar 1, being the basis of the principle variation set. An answering section, first heard from bar 22, forms the secondary variation set. The development of these two sets is down directly and simply, with neither straying too far in content from their initial manifestations. Variation is created through pitch and harmonic changes, but is largely achieved through orchestration. Momentum is maintained through a gradual increase in orchestral force, growth in dissonance and tempo increases.

After the climax in the work, reached through bars 104 to 132, the work returns again to a clean version the opening march, only this in G minor, and sitting on the dominant of that key. This, and the fading of the march into the distance, gives the end of the work a feeling of 'continuation' rather than final resolution.

The performance on the enclosed CD is of a fair student standard, but is still quite a way off a true reading of the work.



# haunted landscape: March 2003

for symphony orchestra



Quentin SD Grant, 2003



## Notes

- Accidentals carry for the bar in which they occur unless subsequently altered.
- Hairpins indicate an increase or decrease in dynamic of one degree unless marked otherwise.
- All grace notes are to be played before the beat.
- The score is notated in C.
- Duration c.5'30"

## INSTRUMENTATION

2 flutes

2 oboes

2 Bb clarinets

2 bassoons

4 horns in F

2 trumpets in C

2 trombones

tuba

timpani

percussion : suspended cymbal, snare drum

harp

violin 1

violin 2

viola

cello

double bass



## **haunted landscape: March, 2003**

17

fl  
ob  
cl  
bn  
hn 1,3  
hn 2,4  
trpt  
trm  
timp  
hp

a.1  
a.2  
a.1  
a.2  
a.2  
medium sticks  
f

17

vln 1  
vln 2  
vla  
vc  
db

f  
fp  
f  
fp

24

fl

ob

f

cl

f

bn

f

fp

flz

f

flz

fp

f.a.1

fp

f

hn 1,3

f

fp

hn 2,4

f

fp

a.2 con sord.

trpt

trm

tba

mf

fp

mf

mf

fp

mf

mf

fp

mf

timp

24

vln 1

f

fp

sul pont.

f

nat.

p sub.

vln 2

f

fp

sul pont.

f

nat.

p sub.

vla

f

fp

f

vc

f

fp

f

p sub.

db

f

fp

f

**31**

fl  
ob  
cl  
bn

hn 1,3  
hn 2,4  
trpt  
trm

timp  
hp

vln 1  
vln 2  
vla  
vc  
db

a.2  
p  
mf

a.1  
+  
pp  
#o  
pp  
#o..  
pp <>  
#o..  
pp <>  
#o..  
ppp <>  
hard sticks  
p  
mp p pp p <> = = = = p  
sul pont. sul tasto nat.  
p <> p #o  
sul pont. sul tasto nat.  
p <> p #o..  
sul pont. sul tasto nat.  
p <> p #o..  
p <> p #o..  
nat. mf = = = p

39

fl  
ob  
cl  
bn

hn 1,3  
hn 2,4  
trpt  
trm

timp  
hp

vln 1  
vln 2  
vla  
vc  
db

*pizz.*

*p*

**44**

fl  
ob  
cl  
bn  
trm  
tba  
timp  
perc  
hp  
vln 1  
vln 2  
vla  
vc  
db

*mp* a.1 *mp* *f* marcato, pesante *f* marcato, pesante  
*p* a.2 *f* marcato pesante *f* marcato, pesante sus. cymbal *p*  
*mp*

*f* marcato, pesante *f* marcato, pesante arco *f* marcato, pesante

51

fl

fl.2

ob

cl

bn

a.2

*mf* *f*

hn 1,3

hn 2,4

trpt

trm

tba

timp

perc

*mf*

*p* *f*

*f*

a.2

*con sord.*

*p* *f*

*non. l.v.*

*non. l.v.*

*pp*

hp

vln 1

vln 2

vla

vc

db

*p sub.*

*p sub.*

*pizz.*

*pp*

This musical score page contains ten staves of music for various instruments. The top section (measures 51) includes parts for Flute (fl), Flute 2 (fl.2), Oboe (ob), Clarinet (cl), Bassoon (bn), Horn 1 (hn 1,3), Horn 2 (hn 2,4), Trumpet (trpt), Trombone (trm), Tuba (tba), Timpani (timp), Percussion (perc), and Double Bass (hp). The bottom section (measures 51) includes parts for Violin 1 (vln 1), Violin 2 (vln 2), Cello (vla), Double Bass (vc), and Double Bass (db). The score features various dynamics such as *mf*, *f*, *p*, and *pp*. Performance instructions include *con sord.* for the trumpet, *pizz.* for the double bass, and *non. l.v.* for the timpani and percussion. There are also markings for *p sub.* for the flutes and *pp* for the double bass.

58

fl fl.2 ob cl bn

hn 1,3 hn 2,4 trm

timp hp

vln 1 vln 2 vla vc db

*p* *mf* *p*

*p* *mf* *p*

*mp* *mf*

*pp* *mp*

*mf* *pp*

*p* *mf* *p*

*p* *mf* *p*

*pp* *mf* *pp*

*pizz.*

65

fl

fl.2

cl

bn

hn 1,3

hn 2,4

trpt

trm

tba

timp

hp

vln 1

vln 2

vla

vc

db

*p*

*f*

*p*

*a.2*

*p*

*f*

*a.2*

*p*

*f*

*a.2*

*p*

*f*

*p*

*pp*

*f*

*p*

*pp*

*f*

*p*

*div.*

*f*

*p*

*f*

*arco*

*p*

*mp*

*p*

73

fl fl.2 ob cl cl.2 bn hn 1,3 hn 2,4 tba timp hp

vln 1 vln 2 vla vc db

80

fl

ob

cl

cl.2

bn

hn 1,3

hn 2,4

*f*

*a.2*

*f*

trm

tba

*f*

*marcato, pesante*

*f*

*marcato, pesante*

timp

perc

*mf*

*f*

sus. cymbal

*l.v.*

*mf*

vln 1

*f*

gliss.

vln 2

vla

vc

db

86

fl  
ob  
cl  
cl.2  
bn

hn 1,3  
hn 2,4  
trm  
tba

timp  
perc

vln 1  
vln 2  
vla  
vc  
db

*p* sub.  
*p* sub.

86

*gliss.*

*div.*

This musical score page contains five systems of music. The first system includes parts for Flute (fl), Oboe (ob), Clarinet (cl), Bassoon (bn), Horn 1,3, Horn 2,4, Trumpet (trm), Tuba (tba), Timpani (timp), and Percussion (perc). The second system includes Violin 1 (vln 1), Violin 2 (vln 2), Viola (vla), Cello (vc), and Double Bass (db). Measure 86 begins with eighth-note patterns in the woodwind section. Measures 87-88 show more complex rhythmic patterns, including sixteenth-note figures and grace notes. Measure 89 features a glissando on the first note of the violin 1 part. Measure 90 concludes with a dynamic transition from *p* to *f*. Measure 91 begins with a melodic line for violin 1, followed by eighth-note patterns in the brass and woodwind sections. Measure 92 shows a division of parts for the strings. Measure 93 concludes with eighth-note patterns in the brass and woodwind sections.

91

fl

ob

cl

cl.2

bn

hn 1,3  
pp sub.

a.1  
hn 2,4  
pp sub.

hp  
pp

vln 1  
tutti sul tasto  
molto express.  
pp → p

vln 1  
pp sub.

vln 2  
sul tasto  
pp sub.  
pizz.

vla  
p sub.  
pizz.

vc  
p sub.  
pizz.

db  
pp sub.

91  
solo a.1  
port.

rall.

97

fl ob cl cl.2 bn hn 1,3 hn 2,4 trm timp hp vln 1 vln.1 vln 2 vla vc db

rall.

97

ppp

div. arco div. arco div.

**piu mosso**       $\text{♩} = 112$

104

fl      ob      cl      bn

hn 1,3      hn 2,4      trpt      trm      tba

timp      perc

vln 1      vln 2      vla      vc      db

110

fl ob cl bn hn 1,3 hn 2,4 trpt trm tba timp perc vln 1 vln 2 vla vc db

116

fl  
ob *mf*  
cl  
bn *mf*

hn 1,3  
hn 2,4  
trpt  
trm  
tba *mf*

timp *mf*  
perc sus. cymbal l.v. *mf* *p* < *f* >  
snare drum (snare on)

vln 1  
vln 2  
vla *mf*  
vc *mf*  
db *mf*

122

127

fl ob cl bn hn 1,3 hn 2,4 trpt trm tba timp perc vln 1 vln 2 vla vc db

3 3

a.2

3 3 3 3

3

vln 1 vln 2 vla vc db

132 rall.                    *a tempo*

fl                              *p*

ob                              *p*

cl                              *p*

bn                              *p*

hn 1,3                              *p*

trpt                              *p*

trm                              *p*     *mp*     *p*

tba                              *p*

timp                              *p*     *mp*     *p*     *pp decresc.*

hp                                      *p decresc.*

132

vln 1                              *p*     *con sord.*     *p decresc.*     *a sul pont, poco a poco*

vln 2                              *p*     *con sord.*     *p decresc.*     *a sul pont, poco a poco*

vla                                      *p*     *con sord.*     *p decresc.*     *a sul pont, poco a poco*

vc                                      *f mf*     *mp*     *p decresc.*     *pizz.*

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

139

timp. *ppp*

hp *ppp*

139

vln 1 a3.

vln 2 a3.

vla a3.

vc a3.

db *ppp*

solo a.1 sul pont. niente

sul pont. solo a.1 niente

sul pont. solo a.1 niente

sul pont. solo a.1 niente

niente



### **String Quartet No.3**

This work was composed in 2003 for the Langbein String Quartet and first performed in a concert that was part of the Firm's subscription series of that year.

A recording of this performance is on the accompanying CD.

### **Commentary**

This is a three movement work which is characterised by its spacious quality and its tense and brittle emotional tones. It is influenced by the string quartet writing of the Eastern Europeans Kürtag and Schnittke.

The entire work is build from the very first material heard: the rhythmic figure of a simple quick repetition of a note or chord as first heard in bar 2; and simple motive of a falling or rising single interval, as heard in the violin of bar three. These two basic cells are indeed very simple and it is interesting to note that they do not evolve a long way from their origins throughout the course of the fourteen minute work. It is only necessary to make the two note rhythmic cell a three note figure to provide the need variety to build the second movement. And by taking the rising/falling interval and playing the interval with a glissando provides the main content for the third movement. A coda (from bar 96) again states the two motives together, with the rhythmic figure in its original guise, and the work comes to a satisfying resolution.



# String Quartet No.3



**Quentin S D Grant**



# String Quartet No.3



**Quentin S D Grant, 2003**

## Notes

- espressivo sempre
  - accidentals apply for the whole bar and revert to naturals after a bar line.
  - dynamics are often specific to one line.
  - tremolo are indicated by two dashes on the stem
  - a glissando marking indicates that the whole value of the note is used to slide to the following note. This is in contrast to a portamento marking which indicates that only a small part of the duration of the note is used in the slide.
  - no indication is given regarding a preference for how harmonics are to be played: natural or artificial, it is up to the player.
  - hairpins indicate, unless otherwise given, a crescendo or diminuendo of one dynamic graduation.
- Duration is c. 15 minutes.



## string quartet no.3

Andantino  $\text{d} = 69$

~1~

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flautando

$p$  <>  $mf > p$  >  $p$   $mf$   $p$  sub.

sul pont.

col legno pizz.  $pp <>$  col legno pizz.

$mf$  col legno pizz. col legno pizz.

$mf$

7

ord.

$pp$   $p$  <> <>  $pp$   $mp$

ord.

$pp$   $p$  <> <>  $mp$

13

gloss.

<>

$p$  <>  $mp$   $p$   $mp$

arco sul pont. ord. pizz. arco sul pont. pizz.(ord.)

$mp$

arco sul pont. pizz. arco sul pont. pizz.(ord.)

$mp$

19

sul pont.

*p*

*p*

*p*

*mf*

*mp*

arco

*mp*

arco

*mf*

*mp*

24      *poco meno mosso*  
*sul pont.*

ord.

24      *poco meno mosso*  
*sul pont.*

ord.

*p*

*p*

*arco sul pont.*

*p* <> <> <> <> <> <> <>

*arco sul tasto* 3

*mp*

29      accel.      piu mosso       $\text{♩} = 72$

*mf p sub.*      *mp*      *mf*

*col legno (ord.)*      *arco*      *mp*      *mf*      *mp*

*p*      *mp*      *mf*      *mp*      *<>*

*col legno (ord.)*      *arco*      *mp*      *mf*      *mp*      *<>*

35

poco rall.

tempo

*p* *mp* *mf*

*mp* *mf*

*mp* <>

*mp*

41

> *mp* < *mf*

> *mp* < *mf*

- - - - -

- - - - -

*p* < *mf*

47

*sul pont.*

*pizz.(ord.)*

*arco*

*trem.*

*a sul pont....*

*mf*

*p*

*pizz.*

*col legno*

(8va) -

54

pizz.

sul pont., a ord. ....

ord.

arco

pizz. arco pizz.

arco

*p*

*mp*

*p*

(8va) -

60

arco

a sul pont. ....

sul pont., a ord. ....

pizz. col legno

arco

pizz. arco pizz.

*mp*

(8va) -

65

piu mosso ♩ = 88

*p leggiero*

*p leggiero*

ord.

arco

*mf*

*p*

*p*

*p*

*p*

*p*

*p*

*p*

72

espress.

pizz. arco sul pont.

pizz. arco

p mp

84

*p* delicate      *f*

*p*

*pizz.*      *f*

90

8va-----  
gliss.

fp      fp      p      sul tasto  
sul pont.      fp      pp      sul tasto  
sul pont.      p      pp      sul tasto  
pp      pp

Moderato  $\text{♩} = 108$

~2~

*sul pont.*

**ff** (ord.) *sul pont.* **p**

**ff** (ord.) *sul pont.* **p**

**ff** (ord.) *sul pont.* **p** *mp*

**ff** (ord.) *sul pont.* **p** *mp*

**ff** *ord.* **p** *mp*

ord.

6

**pp** < **ff** *p sub.* **f** **pp**

**pp** < **ff** **p** < **ff** **f** < **p**

**pp** < **ff** **p** < **ff** **f** < **p**

**pp** < **ff** **p** < **ff** **f** < **p**

12

**mf** <sub>3</sub> **f**

**mf** **f**

**mf** **f**

**mf** **f**

17

(8va)

22

26

Musical score for orchestra and piano, page 10, measures 30-31. The score consists of five staves. The top two staves are for the piano, showing complex sixteenth-note patterns with dynamic markings "sul pont." and "ord.". The third staff is for the first violin, the fourth for the second violin, and the fifth for the cello. The violins play eighth-note patterns, and the cello provides harmonic support with sustained notes.

Musical score for orchestra and piano, page 10, measures 35-40. The score consists of four staves. The top two staves are for the orchestra, showing various instruments playing sixteenth-note patterns. The third staff is for the piano, with the right hand playing eighth-note chords and the left hand providing harmonic support. The fourth staff is also for the piano, with the right hand continuing the eighth-note chords. Measure 35 starts with a forte dynamic (f). Measure 36 begins with a piano dynamic (p). Measure 37 contains a grace note (gloss.) and a piano dynamic (p). Measure 38 starts with a forte dynamic (f). Measure 39 starts with a piano dynamic (p). Measure 40 starts with a forte dynamic (f). The piano part includes dynamics such as *sul pont.* (over the bridge) and *arco* (bow).

Musical score for orchestra, page 41, measures 1-4. The score consists of five staves. The first staff (treble clef) has dynamics "sul pont." and "ord." above it, and "p cresc." below it. The second staff (treble clef) has "ord." above it and "p cresc." below it. The third staff (Bass clef) has "p cresc." below it. The fourth staff (Bass clef) has "p cresc." below it. The fifth staff (Bass clef) has "p cresc." below it. Measure 1 starts with a forte dynamic. Measures 2-4 show a rhythmic pattern of eighth and sixteenth notes. Measure 4 ends with a piano dynamic and a glissando instruction.

45

*pva* - - - -

*pp*      *p*      *mf*      *pp cresc.*

50

*f*      *mf*

*f*      *mf*

*f*      *mf*

*f*      *f*      *pizz.*

54

59

64

69

74

79

83

87 gliss. sul D

*pizz.*

*p*

91

*sul pont.*

Con moto     ♩ = 112     ~3~

Music score for section ~3~:

- Staff 1:** Dynamics: *mp*, *pizz.*, *arco*, *pizz.*, *port.*, *gl.*, *pizz.*
- Staff 2:** Dynamics: *mf*, *mp*, *pizz.*, *arco*, *pizz.*, *port.*, *gl.*, *pizz.*
- Staff 3:** Dynamics: *mf*, *mp*, *pizz.*, *arco*, *pizz.*, *port.*, *gl.*, *pizz.*
- Staff 4:** Dynamics: *mf*, *mp*, *pizz.*, *port.*, *arco*, *pizz.*, *port.*, *gl.*, *pizz.*

6     arco sul pont.

Music score for measure 6:

- Staff 1:** Dynamics: *arco*, *mf*, *mp*, *mp*.
- Staff 2:** Dynamics: *mf*, *p*, *gl.*, *mf*, *p*, *p*.
- Staff 3:** Dynamics: *mf*, *p*, *mf*, *mf*.
- Staff 4:** Dynamics: *mf*, *p*, *mf*, *p*.

12     *mf*, *ord.*, *sul pont.*, *ord.*, *sul pont.*

Music score for measure 12:

- Staff 1:** Dynamics: *mf*, *f*, *gl.*, *gl.*
- Staff 2:** Dynamics: *mf*, *f*, *gl.*, *gl.*, *p*.
- Staff 3:** Dynamics: *f*, *p*.
- Staff 4:** Dynamics: *f*.



42

50

57

64

$\gg f \geqslant$

$f$

$f$

$\gg pp$

$f \geqslant$

71

$f \geqslant f mp$

$mp$

$f \geqslant f mp$

$mp$

77

$p$  cresc.

$pizz.$

$arco$

$p$  cresc.

83

83

*f*

*f*

pizz.

*f*

*f*

89

*ff*

*fp* — *mf*

*ff*

*ff*

arco > gl.

*ff*

95

meno mosso  $\text{♩} = 72$

sul pont.

*p*

< > < >

ord.

sul pont.

*p*

> port. > >

*p*

> >

*p*

> >

*p*

102

mp gl. mf ord. sul tasto  
mp mf sul tasto  
mp mf sul tasto  
mp mf f p sul tasto



**the heavens shine**  
**bagatelles for string quartet**

This work was composed in 2005 for the Langbein String Quartet and first performed in a concert that was part of the Firm's subscription series of that year.

A recording of this performance is on the accompanying CD.

**Commentary**

The six *bagatelles* carry the directions:

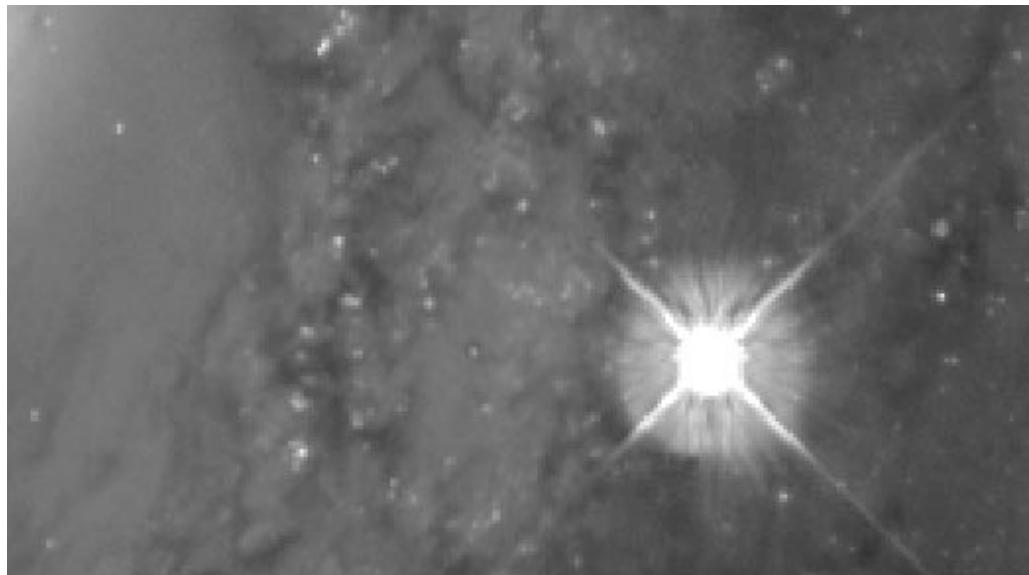
1. Con moto, grazioso
2. Moderato, leggiiero
3. Moderato - con moto
4. Allegro - presto
5. Andante
6. Moderato - molto mosso - moderato

These six pieces are not a motley collection of unconnected works, as the appellation *bagatelles* tends to suggest. They are connected by common motivic material and by a common approach to writing for the string quartet. I have adopted an 'arpeggiated' style of writing for the four strings in this piece, and use this approach, to a lesser or greater degree, across all of the six little movements with the exception of the fifth. For example, in the opening movement I am using what could be quite standard four-part homophonic writing, but I have broken each chord across the four strings. This has produced a lively but delicate and brittle texture, and one of a very different variety to the way I would usually handle a harmonic progression of this type. There is a certain poise in this writing, and when touches of melodic writing are introduced, for example at bar 12 or bar 26, these moments have greater fragility and, for that, a certain intensity. This approach, carried through the work, has lent a distinctive character to the piece and allowed me an expansion in my stylistic range.



# **the heavens shine**

**bagatelles for string quartet**



**Quentin SD Grant (2005)**



**the heavens shine**  
bagatelles for string quartet

Con moto, grazioso  $\text{♩} = 120$

~1~

Quentin SD Grant, 2005

Con moto, grazioso  $\text{♩} = 120$

~1~

Quentin SD Grant, 2005

1

9

17

25

33

41

49

57

65

73

sul tasto  
*mp*

sul tasto  
*mp*

sul tasto  
*mp*

sul tasto  
*mf* espress.

81

89

*mf* espress.

*mp*

97

105

113



~2~

Moderato, leggiero  $\bullet = 90$

8

14

21

27

34

41

arco  
ord.  
arco  
pizz.

sul pont.  
sul pont.  
mp  
pizz.

47

arco, sul pont.

~3~

Moderato,  $\text{♩} = 88$

(ord.)

8

16

24

Con moto,  $\text{d} = 112$

32

33

34

35

36

37

38

39

40

48

cresc.

cresc.

cresc.

cresc.

56

f

mp

sul tasto

f

mp

sul tasto

f

mp

sul tasto

mf

62

mf

mf

mf

mf

69

76

84

92

ord.  
*p* cresc.  
ord.  
*p* cresc.  
ord.  
*p* cresc.

99

*mf*  
*mf*  
*mf*  
*mf*

~4~

**Allegro,  $\text{d}=112$**   
**sul tasto**

**p espress.**  
**sul tasto**

**p espress.**  
**sul tasto**

**p espress.**  
**sul tasto**

**p espress.**

8

**mf**

**mf**

**mf**

**mf**

15

**p**

**p**

**p**

22

poco sul pont.

29

*pp*

poco sul pont.

*pp*

poco sul pont.

*pp*

poco sul pont.

*pp*

36

43

ord.

*p*

ord.

*p*

ord.

*p*

50

cresc.

*mf*

cresc.

*mf*

cresc.

*mf*

cresc.

*mf*

57

*p*

*pizz.*

*p*

*p*

Presto,  $\sigma = 60$

64

sul pont.

*mf*

arco, sul pont.

*mf*

sul pont.

*mf*

71

pizz.

~5~

Andante,  $\text{♩} = 84$

(ord.) **p** (ord.) cresc.  
 (ord.) **p** cresc.  
 (ord.) **p** cresc.  
 (arco, ord.) **p** cresc.

7

**f** **mf** <>  
**f** **mf** <>  
**f** **mf** <>  
**f** **mf** <>

14

**f** **p** **f** **p**

20

26

34

39

~6~

Moderato,  $\text{♩} = 96$

sul tasto

8

15

*pizz.*

*poco rall.*

23

poco pui Mosso,  $\bullet=100$

*mf*

*mf*

*mf*

*mf*

36

pizz.  
arco

Molto Mosso, leggiero,  $\text{♩} = 132$

40

ord.  
 $p$   
ord.  
 $p$   
ord.  
 $p$

46

52

58

64

Moderato,  $\text{♩} = 96$

70

76

82



### **Irish Songs**

This work was composed in 2004 for soprano Emma Horwood and the Langbein String Quartet and first performed in a concert that was part of the Firm's subscription series of that year. It has received several performances since that time and will receive a studio recording shortly. A recording of the premiere performance is on the accompanying CD.

### **Commentary**

This set of songs would make a useful comparison to the orchestral set *to be sung under open sky*, which is looked at in the main volume of this submission. Where the latter uses some common material in the songs themselves, and three closely related interludes to bind the work together, this set does neither. The elements that bind these, however loosely, into a set are: their subject matter, all being love songs from poems by Irish poets; and their settings all being for voice and string quartet all being in a folk influenced tonal language. Tenuous grounds for four songs to be called a well bound set, one might think. There is no doubt, however, that they do work as a set, and very well. This is testament to the power of word settings, and to the phenomenal structural strength given by the use of poetry.



# Irish Songs

for soprano & string quartet

*for Anna*



music by Quentin Grant

to poetry by  
Lionel Johnson, W.B.Yeats,  
Louis Macniece & Morfyd O'Brion



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## Notes

The songs are to be performed *sentimentable*.

All dynamics are equal: that is: a forte of a pizzicato line should be of equal dynamic to a forte of the bowed line.

Vocalises can be sung to syllables of the singer's choice: suggestions are given (such as *ah, da* etc).

Duration c. 12 min.

**To Morfydd - Lionel Johnson**

A voice on the winds,  
 A voice on the waters,  
 Wanders and cries:  
*O! what are the winds?*  
*And what are the waters?*  
*Mine are your eyes.*

Western the winds are,  
 And western the waters,  
 Where the light lies:  
*O! what are the winds?*  
*And what are the waters?*  
*Mine are your eyes.*

Cold, cold grow the winds,  
 And dark grow the waters,  
 Where the sun dies:  
*O! what are the winds?*  
*And what are the waters?*  
*Mine are your eyes.*

And down the night winds,  
 And down the night waters,  
 The music flies:  
*O! what are the winds?*  
*And what are the waters?*  
*Cold be the winds,*  
*And wild be the waters,*  
*So mine be your eyes.*

**For Anne Gregory - W. B. Yeats**

Never shall a young man,  
 Thrown into despair  
 By those great honey coloured  
 Ramparts at your ear,  
 Love you for yourself alone  
 And not your yellow hair.

But I can get a hair dye  
 And set such colour there,  
 Brown, or black, or carrot,  
 That young men in despair  
 May love me for myself alone  
 And not my yellow hair.

I heard an old religious man  
 But yester night declare  
 That he had found a text to prove  
 That only God, my dear  
 Could love you for yourself alone  
 And not your yellow hair.

**The sunlight on the garden - *Louis MacNeice***

The sunlight on the garden  
 Hardens and grows cold,  
 We cannot cage the minute  
 Within its nets of gold,  
 When all is told  
 We cannot beg for pardon.

Our freedom as free lances  
 Advances towards its end;  
 The earth compels, upon it  
 Sonnets and birds descend;  
 And soon, my friend,  
 We shall have no time for dances.

The sky was good for flying,  
 Defying the church bells  
 And every iron  
 Siren and what it tells:  
 The earth compels,  
 We are dying, Egypt, dying.

And not expecting pardon,  
 Hardened in heart anew  
 But glad to have sat under  
 Thunder and rain with you,  
 And grateful too  
 For sunlight on the garden.

**When first I saw your face - *Morfyd O'Brion***

When first I saw your face  
 You'd just turned seventeen,  
 And your smile was as clear as the morn,  
 Your green eyes, to me,  
 Were as truthful as the sea,  
 And your touch as gentle as the breeze.

Birds be singin' for you,  
 Flowers be shinin' for you,  
 Birds be singin' for you.

Feelin' happy, feelin' sad,  
 T'weren't sure if you'd be glad,  
 As I rode through the heat to your door,  
 But your smile told me then,  
 As it does each day ag'in,  
 That your gentle, gentle feelin's were for me.

Now as the years 'a' gone by,  
 You've been to me as sky,  
 As the dear open blue up above,  
 My Annie I've been true,  
 A steadfast friend for you,  
 My kiss, my promise, my love.



# To Morfydd

141

Lional Johnson

$\bullet = 80$

A voice on the winds,      A voice on the wa - ters,      Wan - ders and

senza vib., poco sul pont.

*p*      senza vib., poco sul pont.

*p*

cries:      O! what are the winds?      And what are the wa - ters?

senza vib., poco sul pont.

*pizz.*

*p*

*mf*      Mine are your eyes.      West - ern the winds are,      And west-ern the

*mf*      arco      senza vib., poco sul pont.

*mf*

*pizz.*

*mf*      *p*

wa-ters, Where the light lies: O! what are the winds? And what are the

wa - ters? Mine are your eyes.

*p*

Cold, cold grow the winds,  
And dark grow the wa - ters,

(8va) -

*p*

*mp*

*mp*

*+*

Where the sun dies: O! what are the winds? And what are the

(8va) -

*f*

*+*

senza vib., poco sul pont.

*mf*

*p*

*+*

wa - ters? Mine are your *p* sub. eyes.

(8va) -

*mf*

*p*

*mf*

*p*

*mf*

*p*

your eyes... And down the night winds, And down the night  

  
 wa - ters, The mu - - sic flies: O! what are the  
  
 winds? And what are the wa - ters? Cold be the winds, And wild be the

Musical score for strings and piano, page 5, measures 1-10.

The score consists of four staves:

- String 1 (Treble Cello):** Starts with eighth-note pairs. Dynamics:  $p$ ,  $mp$ .
- String 2 (Double Bass):** Eighth-note pairs. Dynamics:  $p$ .
- Piano (right hand):** Eighth-note pairs. Dynamics:  $p$ .
- Piano (left hand):** Sixteenth-note patterns.

Text under the piano part: "wa - ters, So mine be your eyes." "arco senza vib., poco sul pont."

Musical score for strings and piano, page 5, measures 11-20.

The score consists of four staves:

- String 1 (Treble Cello):** Rests.
- String 2 (Double Bass):** Eighth-note pairs. Dynamics:  $p$ .
- Piano (right hand):** Eighth-note pairs. Dynamics:  $p$ .
- Piano (left hand):** Sixteenth-note patterns.

Text under the piano part: "rall.", "a sul pont.", "a sul pont.", "a sul pont."

## For Anne Gregory

W. B. Yeats

leggiere      ♩ = 88

*mp* Ne - ver shall a young man, Thrown in - to de -

*p*

*p*

*pizz.* *p*

6 spair By those great ho - ney col - oured Ram-parts at your ear,

*sim.*

11 Love you for your - self a-lone And not your yell - ow hair. But

16

I can get a hair dye And set such co-lour there, Brown, or black, or

21

carr - ot, That young men in de - spair May love me for my - self a lone And

26

not my yell - ow hair. I heard an old re - li-gious man But yes - ter-night de-

31

clare That he had found a text to prove That on - ly God, my

35

dear Could love you for your - self a-lone And not your yell - ow hair.

40

poco rall.

sing to "da" Your yell - ow hair.

# The Sunlight on the Garden

Louis MacNeice

149

*p* sung to "ah"      *mf* The sun-light on the gar-den

sul tasto      *pp*      *p*      *p*

*pizz.*      *arco*

*p*      *mp*

*pizz.* +      *mp*

7

Har-dens and grows cold, We can-not cage the min-ute With - in its nets of gold, When

*arco*      *sim.*

10

all is told We can-not beg for par - don. Our

*arco*      *sim.*

14

free-dom as free lan - ces Ad - van - ces to-wards its end; The earth com-pels, u-pon it Son -

pizz.  
p      mp      p      mp      sim.

17

nets and birds de-scend,; And soon, my friend, We shall have no time for dan - ces.

norm.

22

*mf* sung to "ah"

*mf*  
pizz.  
*mf*  
pizz.  
*mf*  
pizz.  
*mf*

arco  
*p*

28

The sky was good for fly-ing, De - fy-ing the church bells And  
sul tasto

arco

*p* arco pizz. sim.

*p*

32

ev'r - y iron Sir-en and what it tells: The earth com - pels, We are dy - ing, E-gypt,

36

dy - ing. We are dy - ing.  
And

*fp* *fp*

*fp* *fp*

*fp* *fp*

41

not ex-pect-ing par-don, Har - dened in heart a - new But glad to have sat un - der Thun -

*mp*

*mp*

*mp*

*mp*

der and rain with you, And grate-ful too For sun-light on the gar - den.

*rit.*

gar - - - - den.

pizz.

# When first I saw your face

Morfyd O'Brion

153

*mp*

*p*

*pizz.*

*mp*

5

smile was as clear as the morn, Your green eyes, to me, Were as

11

truth-ful as the sea, And your touch as gen-tle as the breeze.

+ //

17

Birds be sing-in' for you, Flowers be shin-in' for you, Birds be sing-in'

23

for you. Feel-in' happy, feel-in' sad, T'weren't

28

sure if you'd be glad, As I rode through the heat to your door,

33

But your smile told me then, As it does each day a-g'in, That your

38

gen-tle, gen-tle feel-in's were for me. Birds be sing-in' for you,

pizz.

mf

pizz.

mf

pizz.

mf

pizz.

mf

44

Flowers be shin-in' for you, Birds be sing-in' for you.

arco

f

51

Now as the years 'a' gone

pizz.

f

mf

5

by, You've been to me as sky, As the dear o - pen blue

9

up a - bove, My Ann-ie I've been true,

13

A stead - fast friend for you, My kiss, my  
arco  
mf  
arco

17

promise, my love. Birds be sing-in'  
mf  
mf  
mf  
mf

21

for you, Flowers be shin-in' for you,

25

Birds be sing-in' for you. Birds be sing-in'

29

for you, Flowers be shin-in' for you,

33

Birds be sing-in' for you.

poco rall.

38 a tempo

*p*

*pizz.*

*p*

44 poco rall.

*mf*

*mf*

*mf*

*mf*

*mf*



### **the last words of christ on the cross**

This work was commissioned in 2005 by the vocal group Eve, and performed by the group in several of their 2005 concerts, as well as featuring, in part, on their CD released that year. It is written for three soprano voices.

#### **Commentary**

I've discussed earlier the use of a collection of texts, and how such a collection can give cohesion and sense to a work. In the case of this piece I started with a poetic idea before searching for the texts. My conceit was this: that I would take the central image of Western compassion, the prophet Jesus Christ dying on the cross, but would then search for his imaginary dying message from the poets through the centuries. Thus I ended up choosing texts from 14th Century mystic Julian of Norwich, 19th Century lyrical poets Novalis, Heinrich Heine and Joseph von Eichendorff, and from the 20th Century Paul Celan, Erica Überbrech, and an anonymous Jewish poet who wrote his or her farewell note the 1930s on a cave wall.

The settings of these texts are simple and direct. I wanted the poetry to be easily understood, and so avoided excessive ornamentation or use of polyphonic treatments. The restriction imposed by the limited range of the group was also an important consideration, with the three voices being of similar range. It turned out that my ambition for simplicity was in fact aided by such a restriction in range. I found that the best way to serve both purposes was with closely voiced, homophonic material treated in almost a psalm-like way.



# the last words of christ on the cross

*for three female voices*



**Quentin SD Grant, 2005**

on texts by:

**Heinrich Heine, 1797-1856**

**anon., Jewish, 1930s**

**Julian of Norwich, c.1342-1400s**

**Paul Celan 1920-1970**

**Erica Überbrech, 1862-1942**

**Joseph von Eichendorff, 1788-1857**

**Novalis, 1772-1801**



Commissioned by Eve Vocal Trio (2005) with assistance from Art SA



**1. They have tormented me - Heinrich Heine**

They have tormented me,  
 Each day tormented me.  
 Some with their love,  
 Some with their hate

The wine I drank,  
 The bread I ate,  
 Some poisoned with love,  
 Some poisoned with hate.

Yet she who has grieved me  
 Most of all,  
 She never hated me,  
 Nor loved me at all.

**2. I believe in the sun - anon., Jewish, 1930s**

I believe in the sun  
 though it is late in rising.

I believe in love  
 though it is absent.

I believe in God  
 though he is silent.

**3. It is I - Julian of Norwich**

It is I, it is I who am the highest,  
 It is I who am the lowest,  
 It is I who am all.

It is I you long for,  
 It is I you desire.

**4. *Tenebrae* - Paul Celan**

NOTE:

This poem is included on page 166  
of the print copy of the thesis held in  
the University of Adelaide Library.

**5. *For in Falling* - Erica Überbrech**

For in falling,  
We fall to peace,  
Night rising into blackness warm,  
Distant starlight calling.

No more singing,  
My song will cease,  
Come the sweet fall of moon's delight,  
In the dawn's ringing.

The wind's touch, the sunshine,  
A child's voice - beseeching.

**6. from *Moonlit Night* - Joseph von Eichendorff**

When the loud merriment of man is silenced,  
The earth rustles breathlessly  
With all her trees as in a dream,  
The breeze crosses the fields,  
The night shines starry clear,

Then my soul stretches its wings wide  
and flies through the tranquil lands,  
As though it is flying home.

**7. from *Hymns to the Night* - Novalis**

I am wandering across  
and every pain some day  
a sting of bliss will be.  
Just some time,  
a little more time I'll be free,  
And drunkenly lie  
in the lap of love.

Infinite life flows in me,  
Swell mighty in me,  
I look from above down after you,  
Your glow grows dim.

A shadow brings the cooling wreath,  
I feel death's rejuvenating sacred flood,  
Through this day I live full of courage and faith,  
And die in holy fire.



# the last words of christ on the cross

Quentin SD Grant, 2005

## 1. They have tormented me - Heinrich Heine

$\bullet = 69$

They have tor-ment - ed me, Each day tor-ment - ed me.

have tor-ment - ed me, <> day tor-ment - ed me.

have tor-ment - ed me, tor-ment - ed me.

5

Some with their love, Some with their hate tor-ment - ed me, The wine I

Some with their love, Some with their hate tor-ment - ed me, The wine I

Some with their love, Some with their hate tor-ment - ed me, wine I

10

drank, The bread I ate, Some pois-oned

drank, bread I ate, Some pois-oned

drank, bread I ate, Some pois-oned with love,

15

Some pois - oned      *p* Yet she who has grieved me Most of all,  
 Some pois - oned      *p* Yet she who has grieved me Most of all,  
 Some pois - oned      *p* with hate.      Yet she who has grieved me Most of all,

20

She ne - ver ha - ted me, Nor loved me, Loved me at      *rall.*  
*pp sub. all.*  
 She ne - ver ha - ted me, Loved me at      *pp sub. all.*  
 She ne - ver ha - ted me, me at      *sub. pp all.*

## 2. I Believe - Anon, Jewish, 1930s

25

*• = 66*  
 I be - lieve in the sun though it is late in ri - sing. I be - lieve in love though it is ab - sent.  
*pp* I      ri - sing. I      ab - sent.  
*pp* I      ri - sing. I      ab - sent.

29

I be - lieve in God though he is though he he is si - lent.  
 though he      *pp* he is si - lent.  
 though he      *mf* he is si - lent.  
 though he      *mf* he is si - lent.

3. *It is I - Julian of Norwich*

33       $\bullet = 72$

*mf* It is I, it is I who am high-est, It is I It is  
*mf* It is I, it is I who am high-est, *p* It is  
*mf* It is I, it is I who am high-est, *p* It is I

39

I who am the low-est, It is I who am all, who am all.  
I who am the low-est, I who am all, who am all. *f* *mf* It is  
I who am the low-est, I who am all, who am all. *f* *mf* It is

44

*mf* I you long for, *mf* I you long for, *p* It is *pp* I you de-sire, I you de-sire,  
I you long for, *mf* I you long for, *p* It is *pp* I you de-sire, I you de-sire,  
I you long for, It is I you long for, *p* It is *pp* I you de-sire, I you de-sire,

**4. *Tenebrae* - Paul Celan**

NOTE:

This song is included on pages  
172 -173 of the print copy of the  
thesis held in the University of  
Adelaide Library.

5. *For in falling - Erica Überbrech*

80  $\text{♩} = 72$

99

*pp* The wind's touch, the sun - shine, A child's voice be - see-ching, be - see-ching  
*pp* The wind's touch, the sun - shine, A child's voice be - see-ching, be - see-ching  
*pp* The wind's touch, the sun - shine, A child's voice be - see-ching, be - see-ching

6. *Moonlit Night - Joseph von Eichendorff*

105  $\text{♩} = 80$

When the loud merr-i - ment of man is sil - enced  
rus - tles

When the loud merr-i - ment of man is sil - enced as in a dream The earth rus - tles

merr-i - ment of man is sil - enced The earth rus - tles

110

breath-less - ly With all her trees as in a dream, breeze cross -

breath-less - ly With all her trees as in a dream, The breeze cross -

breath-less - ly With all her trees as in a dream, night shines starr-y The breeze cross -

115

es the fields, The night shines starr-y clear, *mp* stret - ches its

es the fields, The night shines starr-y clear, *mp* Then my soul stret - ches its

es the fields, The night shines starr-y clear, *mp* Then my soul stret - ches its

119

*mf* wings wide and flies through tran - quil lands, As though it is fly - ing home.

*mf* wings wide and flies through tran - quil lands, As though it is fly - ing home.

*mf* wings wide and flies through tran - quil lands, As though it is fly - ing home.

## 7. Hymns to the Night - Novalis

124 ♩.=66

*pp* I am wan - der - ing with pain. Some day, with bliss,  
*mp* I am wan-der-ing a-cross and e-ver-y pain some day a sting of bliss will be.  
*pp* I am wan - der - ing with pain. Some day, with bliss,

128

Just some time, a li - tle more time I'll be free, And drun - ken - ly lie in the  
 Just some time, a li - tle more time I'll be free, And drun - ken - ly lie in the  
 Just some time, I'll be free In lap

131

lap of love. *p* In - fi - nite life flows in me, Swells  
 lap of love. *p* In - fi - nite life flows in me, Swells  
 of love. In - fi - nite life flows in

135

mi - ghty in me, I look from a - bove down af - ter you, Your glow grows dim.  
 mi - ghty in me, I look from a - bove down af - ter you, Your glow grows dim.  
 me, I look down, Your glow grows

139

Vocalise

Vocalise

Vocalise

dim.

142

A sha - - - - dow

mp A sha-dow brings the cool-ing wreath,

pp A sha - - - - dow

146

brings death's sa - cred flood, *p* Through this day I live full of

I feel death's re - ju - ven-a - ting sa - cred flood, *p* Through this day I live full of

brings death's sa - cred flood, I live,

149

cour - age and faith, And die, and die In ho - ly fire, in ho - ly fire,

cour - age and faith, And die, and die In ho - ly fire, in ho - ly fire,

I live, and die In ho - ly fire, in ho - ly fire,

Vocalise

153

p

Vocalise

p

Vocalise

p

157

rall.

And die in ho - ly fire,

And die in ho - ly fire.

rall.

And die in ho - ly fire,

And die in ho - ly fire.

rall.

And die in ho - ly fire,

And die in ho - ly fire.



## Trakl Songs

This work was composed in 2004 for soprano Emma Horwood and pianist Stefan Ammer and first performed in a concert that was part of the Firm's subscription series of that year. It has received several performances since that time and was released in 2005 on the CD *Night Dreams*, featuring Emma with pianist Jamie Cock.

A recording from that CD is on the accompanying CD.

## Commentary

This set of three songs is settings of translations of poems by the Austrian poet from the beginning of the twentieth century, Georg Trakl. These poems are grim and dark in tone and it took some time before I found musical materials to my liking. Trakl is expressionistic and imagist, and though a mood of pessimism generally dominates the surface a deep, lyrical spiritual order is always affirmed. The great poet Rilke said of Trakl: "in his work...falling is the pretext for the most continuous ascension." He is a lyrical poet and so I worked towards a lyrical setting of his words. But to balance the darkness I found myself choosing materials of a sweet and, at times, romantic character.



# TRÄKL SONGS

FOR SOPRANO AND PIANO

MANKIND  
EASTERN FRONT  
CREDO



QUENTIN GRANT  
2003

DURATION C. 10 MINUTES



POEMS BY GEORG TRÄKL, TRANS. BY CHRISTOPHER MIDDLETON  
 ADAPTED BY THE COMPOSER

MANKIND

ROUND GORGES DEEP WITH FIRE MANKIND;  
 A ROLL OF DRUMS, DARK DRUMS OF SOLDIERS MARCHING,  
 FOOTSTEPS IN BLOOD, IN FOG DARK WITH BLOOD  
 SAD NIGHT OF THOUGHT, HIGH FLYING DESPAIR.  
 CLOUD BROKEN BY GOLDEN LIGHT,  
 EVE'S SHADOW FALLS THE SUPPER'S END,  
 THIS BREAD, THIS WINE COLD SILENCE KEEPS.  
 HERE DO THE HOLY TWELVE STAND,  
 UNDER THE TREES THEY CRY AT NIGHT,  
 INTO THE WOUND SAINT THOMAS DIPS HIS HANDS.

EASTERN FRONT

THE ANGER OF THE PEOPLE IS DARK,  
 LIKE THE WILD ORGAN NOTES OF WINTER STORM.  
 THE BATTLE'S CRIMSON WAVE, A NAKED  
 FOREST OF STARS.

WITH SILVER ARMS  
 TO DYING SOLDIERS NIGHT COMES BECKONING.  
 IN THE SHADE OF THE TREES  
 GHOSTS OF THE FALLEN ARE SIGHING.

LOOK! THORNY WILDNESS HOLDS THE TOWN,  
 FROM BLOODY DOORWAYS THE MOON  
 CHASES FEAR  
 WILD WOLVES HAVE POURED THROUGH THE GATES.

WITH SILVER ARMS  
 TO DYING SOLDIERS, NIGHT COMES,  
 IN THE SHADE OF THE TREES,  
 GHOSTS OF THE FALLEN ARE SIGHING.

CREDO

THE CLOUDS ARE FILLING THE DEEP FOREST WITH GHOSTLY EYES,  
 BRUSHING EVERY SHADOW,  
 STAINING EVERY HAND, EACH HEART WITH BLOOD UNSEEN.  
 FALLEN NOW YOUR EYELIDS,  
 TANGLED YOUR HAIR,  
 FALLEN, YOUR SISTER'S EYES.

OVER THE NEW GRAVES A SINGLE DARK CRY FLOATING, SILENTLY  
 WITH HOLLOW ECHO MOVES A STREAM, DARKLY CRIMSON.  
 PASS THE DEAD CHILD,  
 PASS THE SINGLE DAISY, SHINING DAISY  
 TOUCHED WITH THE BLOOD OF CHRIST.  
 FRUIT OF HUMAN KINDNESS,  
 TOUCHED WITH THE FRUIT OF HUMAN KINDNESS,  
 TOUCHED WITH THE BLOOD OF HUMAN KINDNESS.



# MANKIND

*p* sost.

5

Round gor - ges deep with fire man -

*mf*

*p*

9

kind.

A roll of  
a tempo

poco rall.

13

drums, dark drums of sol - diers mar - ching, foot - steps in blood, in

17

fog dark with blood Sad, sad night of thought,

21

high fly - ing de - spair.

**mf** **p** sost.

25

cresc.

29

**f**

**ff**

33

end, This bread, this wine cold si - lence keeps. Here do the ho - ly Twelve

37

sost.

41

stand, Un - der the trees they cry at night, In - to the wound Saint Thom -

as dips his hands.

45

p

mf p

49

cresc.

53

# EASTERN FRONT

# EASTERN FRONT

$\bullet = 72$

**f** The an - ger of the peo - ple is dark, Like the

*mf* 3 \* *Red.* 3

wild or - gan notes of win - ter storm. The

\* *Red.* 3

7 scorrevole  $\bullet = 92$

ba - tle's crim - son wave, a na - ked for - est of stars. With sil - ver arms to dy - ing

*p* *sostenuto* \*

11 sol - diers night comes beck - - - on - - - ing. In the

17

shade of the trees Ghosts of the fallen are sigh - - -

22

ing, sigh - - -

27

$\text{♩} = 72$

ing.

3

mp

3 Red.

\*

31

3

3

mp

Look! Thorn-y wild-ness holds the town,

3

3

Red.

\*

Red.

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36

From bloo - dy door - ways the moon chas - es fear - ful -

girls, Wild wolves have poured through the gates.

*mf* sostenuto

*mp*

With sil - ver arms, to dy - ing

53

sol - diers, night comes, In the shade of the trees,

58

Ghosts of the fallen are sigh - - - - -

62

*mf* ing, *p* sigh - - - - -

poco rall.

66

ing.

# CREDO

**CREDO**

$\bullet = 72$

The musical score consists of four staves of music. The first staff starts with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp, and a common time signature. It features a dynamic marking of *mp* and a performance instruction *sostenuto*. The second staff begins with a bass clef, a key signature of one sharp, and a common time signature. The third staff starts with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp, and a common time signature. The fourth staff begins with a bass clef, a key signature of one sharp, and a common time signature. The lyrics "The clouds are fill - ing the deep for - est with ghost - ly eyes," are written below the third staff, corresponding to measures 13 through 18. The lyrics "brush - ing e - 'vry sha - - - dow, Stain - ing ev - 'ry hand, each heart" are written below the fourth staff, corresponding to measures 19 through 24. Various dynamics and performance instructions like *rall.*, *a tempo*, *poco rall.*, *mf*, and *p* are included throughout the score.

25

with blood un - seen.

*mp sostenuto*

*Reed.*

33

*mf*

41

Fall-en now your eye - lids, Tang-led your hair, fall - en, your

*p*

*Reed.* \* *Reed.* \* *Reed.* \* *Reed.* \*

48

sis - ter's eyes. *mp* O-ver the new graves a sin - gle dark

*p*

*Reed.*

55

poco rall. tempo, poco accel.

cry float - ing, si-lent - ly with holl-low e-cho moves a stream

62

tempo

dark - ly crim - son. Pass the dead child, pass the sin - gle dai - sy,

69

dai - sy, shi-ning dai - sy touched with the blood of christ Fruit of hu-man

76

kind - ness, *p* cresc. fruit of hu - man, so hu - man kind - - - -

82 accel. -

ness, *mf* cresc. touched with the fruit of hu - man

88 *f* touched with the blood

94 of hu - man kind ness.

100 rall. e dim. kind ness. kind ness.





## Psyche

*Psyche* was written to a commission from the early music group *Musica da Camera* who were looking for a new work to place alongside a programme of Renaissance and Baroque works.

The work was written and had its first performances in 2005.

## Commentary

The theme of the Greek legend of Psyche was chosen by *Musica ca Camera* for one of their concerts and so librettist Humphrey Bower set to work on a text. After several drafts and much cutting I finally had a text I felt I could work with. One of the hardest challenges were the many long sections of necessary storytelling that were not very lyrical in nature. After considering a number of options I chose to treat the piece as a dramatic work, with a continuous music accompaniment. This way I could address all aspects of the text: the storytelling, the drama, and the moments of reflection and pathos. It also made a match with the music one is more used to hearing from this group if instruments, with a continuo playing under dramatic action a feature of much Baroque music.

The ensemble of soprano, recorders, Baroque cello and harpsichord was an unusual one for a contemporary composer, and it took a while before I imagined sounds that seemed satisfactory to me. Happily, I was pleased with the final results, and felt that my writing for the instruments was satisfactory, with little need for correction.



# psyche

*a song cycle for  
soprano, recorder,  
harpsichord and cello*



**music by Quentin Grant**

**words by Humphrey Bower**

Commissioned by Adelaide Baroque (2005)  
with assistance from the Australia Council for the Arts

**musical notes**

- harpsichord stops to be chosen at the discretion of the player, taking into account the dynamic changes in the piece
- tenor recorder to be used
- trills to use the natural note above, unless indicated otherwise

**psyche Humphrey Bower 2005**

**NOTE:**

This poem is included on pages 205-206 of the print copy of the thesis held in the University of Adelaide Library.

**psyche**

## NOTE:

This song is included on pages  
207-225 of the print copy of the thesis  
held in the University of Adelaide  
Library.



### **Disappearance**

This work was composed in 2002 for the programme given that year by the Settembrini Piano Trio as part of the Firm's subscription series in Adelaide.

The recording on the accompanying CD is of that performance.

### **Commentary**

This piece could be seen as a companion piece to the *Elegy - on the Death of Robert Schumann* discussed in the first volume of this submission. The composer in this case is Franz Schubert and instead of taking a theme for my starting point I've chosen a complete song cycle in this case: that of the sublime *Winterreise*. And, although there are a couple of moments in my work, especially the final 30 seconds, which are reminiscent of the Schubert work it is more the world of that song cycle that is used to set a tone, a sense of place for my work. So it is in a way a landscape piece that is a survey of a very particular landscape: that of the village and countryside around the town that is the setting for *Winterreise*. And in this landscape there is a ghost, an absence that inhabits it: that of the narrator of the song cycle's tale. Perhaps all our landscapes are similarly "inhabited" by the "disappeared", for do we not see ourselves placed in the landscapes of our lives and, eventually, in the process of aging, begin to see some (and then all) of these landscapes with ourselves missing from them? This is partly what the narrator in *Winterreise* is doing. He is not only visiting scenes and recalling past happiness but also seeing these places, already, as coloured by his absence, by his impending suicide. In *Disappearance* I have shadowed Schubert's music to explore, in my own particular way, this village and in doing so, my own 'village'; my own 'life spaces' to evoke a sense of melancholy and wonder at our 'beingness' and ultimate absence.



# **Disappearance**

**for piano trio**



**Quentin Grant, 2002**



# **Disappearance**

## **for piano trio**



**Quentin Grant, 2002**

### Notes

- espressivo sempre
- tone clusters are indicated by a bracket between the top and bottom notes of the cluster (a dotted line indicates a succession of clusters)
- accidentals apply for the whole bar and revert to naturals after a barline.
- (piano) accidentals apply only to the staff
- dynamics are often specific to one line.
- pedalling may be altered

Duration is c. 9 minutes.



## Disappearance

 $\bullet = 72$ 

con sord., sul tasto

 $\bullet = 96$ 

Quentin SD Grant 2002

senza sord.

*ppp*  $\longleftrightarrow$  *pp*  
con sord., sul tasto

*ppp*  $\longleftrightarrow$  *pp*

pno { *p*      3 3 3  
3 3 3

6 *pp* *pp*

*mf* [tone clusters] *pp* sostenuto *mf*  
*mp* \* *Réo.*

12 *pp* *pp*

*ppp* *p* *ppp*

Sheet music for piano, page 20, measures 20-35. The music is in common time and consists of two staves. The top staff uses a treble clef, and the bottom staff uses a bass clef. Measure 20 starts with a forte dynamic. Measure 21 shows a transition with various dynamics (p, f, ff). Measure 22 begins with a piano dynamic (p) and includes a grace note. Measure 23 continues with a piano dynamic. Measure 24 starts with a forte dynamic. Measure 25 shows a transition with various dynamics (p, f, ff). Measure 26 begins with a piano dynamic (p) and includes a grace note. Measure 27 continues with a piano dynamic. Measure 28 starts with a forte dynamic. Measure 29 shows a transition with various dynamics (p, f, ff). Measure 30 begins with a piano dynamic (p) and includes a grace note. Measure 31 continues with a piano dynamic. Measure 32 starts with a forte dynamic. Measure 33 shows a transition with various dynamics (p, f, ff). Measure 34 begins with a piano dynamic (p) and includes a grace note. Measure 35 continues with a piano dynamic.

44 sul pont.

62

*p*

*p*

*pizz.*

*p* sostenuto

*p*

*rall.*

*accel.*

*p* = 60

*p* = 72

*sim.*

77

pizz.

*pp*

81

85

89                    *poco rall.*                    *a tempo*

93

97

102

107

110

*p*

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113

*pizz.*

*pp*

*p*

125

131

poco rall.

a tempo: Liberamente, espressivo

136 sul tasto  
mp

arco sul tasto  
mp

140

poco rall.

144 *poco più mosso*

150 *poco meno mosso*

156

*pp* *sostenuto*

*mf*

*Red.*

\*

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Musical score for string quartet, featuring four staves (Violin 1, Violin 2, Cello, Bass) across two pages. The score includes dynamic markings such as *rall.*, *pp*, *p*, *sul pont.*, *pizz.*, *arco*, *pp*, *mp*, *8va*, *3*, *Red.*, and *8*. The music consists of various rhythmic patterns, including eighth-note and sixteenth-note figures, with some measures featuring grace notes and slurs. Measure 177 starts with a dynamic *pp* and a *rall.* Measure 183 begins with a tempo of  $\text{d} = 60$ .

189 pizz. arco arco

(Sva) 3  
 3 \* Red. \* Red. \*

191 pizz. arco

(Sva) 3 (loco) 3 \* Red. \* Red. \*

194 arco

<> <> \* Red. \* Red. \*

Musical score for orchestra and piano, page 197-207.

**Page 197:**

- Measure 197: Treble clef, 4/4 time, dynamic *rall.*, tempo  $\text{♩} = 96$ . Bassoon part:  $\text{F} \cdot \text{G} \cdot \text{A} \cdot \text{B} \cdot \text{C} \cdot \text{D} \cdot \text{E} \cdot \text{F}$ .
- Measure 198: Bassoon part:  $\text{F} \cdot \text{G} \cdot \text{A} \cdot \text{B} \cdot \text{C} \cdot \text{D} \cdot \text{E} \cdot \text{F}$ . Dynamic *norm.*, *mp*.
- Measure 199: Bassoon part:  $\text{F} \cdot \text{G} \cdot \text{A} \cdot \text{B} \cdot \text{C} \cdot \text{D} \cdot \text{E} \cdot \text{F}$ . Dynamic *norm.*, *mp*.
- Measure 200: Bassoon part:  $\text{F} \cdot \text{G} \cdot \text{A} \cdot \text{B} \cdot \text{C} \cdot \text{D} \cdot \text{E} \cdot \text{F}$ . Dynamic *sostenuto*.
- Measure 201: Bassoon part:  $\text{F} \cdot \text{G} \cdot \text{A} \cdot \text{B} \cdot \text{C} \cdot \text{D} \cdot \text{E} \cdot \text{F}$ .
- Measure 202: Bassoon part:  $\text{F} \cdot \text{G} \cdot \text{A} \cdot \text{B} \cdot \text{C} \cdot \text{D} \cdot \text{E} \cdot \text{F}$ .
- Measure 203: Bassoon part:  $\text{F} \cdot \text{G} \cdot \text{A} \cdot \text{B} \cdot \text{C} \cdot \text{D} \cdot \text{E} \cdot \text{F}$ .
- Measure 204: Bassoon part:  $\text{F} \cdot \text{G} \cdot \text{A} \cdot \text{B} \cdot \text{C} \cdot \text{D} \cdot \text{E} \cdot \text{F}$ .
- Measure 205: Bassoon part:  $\text{F} \cdot \text{G} \cdot \text{A} \cdot \text{B} \cdot \text{C} \cdot \text{D} \cdot \text{E} \cdot \text{F}$ .
- Measure 206: Bassoon part:  $\text{F} \cdot \text{G} \cdot \text{A} \cdot \text{B} \cdot \text{C} \cdot \text{D} \cdot \text{E} \cdot \text{F}$ .
- Measure 207: Bassoon part:  $\text{F} \cdot \text{G} \cdot \text{A} \cdot \text{B} \cdot \text{C} \cdot \text{D} \cdot \text{E} \cdot \text{F}$ . Dynamic *rall.*
- Measure 208: Bassoon part:  $\text{F} \cdot \text{G} \cdot \text{A} \cdot \text{B} \cdot \text{C} \cdot \text{D} \cdot \text{E} \cdot \text{F}$ . Dynamic *pizz.*
- Measure 209: Bassoon part:  $\text{F} \cdot \text{G} \cdot \text{A} \cdot \text{B} \cdot \text{C} \cdot \text{D} \cdot \text{E} \cdot \text{F}$ .

213  $\text{♩} = 60$

*Red.* \*

*niente*

*8va*

*ppp*



### **in darkness**

This work was composed in 2006 for the programme given that year by the Settembrini Piano Trio as part of the Firm's subscription series in Adelaide.

The recording on CD 2 is of that performance.

### **Commentary**

The process of composing this piece is an unusual one for me, and one that I engage in very rarely. For here the emphasis has been on the rhythms and sound colours rather than on lyrical and harmonic aspects, as is more generally my focus. It sits alongside works such as *Burnt Sky* from 1998 and *Torn Flight* from 1995.

It is interesting that when working with this type of material, where the composer is working with the shaping of sound as colour and movement that a different, one might say, a more lax approach is sufficient. And the techniques of the colourists, of composers such as Debussy, early Stravinsky or Boulez, or even the new complexitists, come to the fore (though the actual materials I use in this piece have little in common with any of these). So I find myself writing in sections, and continuing with a certain rhythm and tone colour until I tire of it, and then moving on to another section, and so on until a piece of sufficient length is formed. I will still have ingredients binding the whole, motivic connections, repetitions, but they seem less important, less vital in writing a work such as this. The momentum is principally generated by the continual movement from one section to another, by changes in tempo and changes in activity levels. And I can get these contrasts by not having to introduce contrasting harmonic or melodic material, but by simply introducing an extreme change of tessitura or dynamic or metre. Though not requiring the concentration that writing a motivically driven work, the balance of the ingredients still has to be found, and the momentum maintained. The strong, driving rhythms are central to this momentum and propel the piece forward with vigour. And by not lingering on any particular rhythm, but rather moving from one energetic rhythm to another, I've avoided (hopefully) the chance that any section will start to flag for the listener.



# in darkness

*for violin, cello and piano*



by Quentin SD Grant, 2006



# in darkness

*for violin, cello and piano*



by Quentin SD Grant, 2006

## Notes

- accidentals apply for the whole bar and revert to naturals after a bar line
- tremolo is indicated by three dashes on the stem
  - piano part to be sustained as much as possible
- hairpins indicate, unless otherwise given, a crescendo or diminuendo of one dynamic graduation.

Duration is c. 9 minutes.



## in darkness

schnell,  $\text{♩} = 164$

quentin sd grant

6

*p*

6

*mp*

6

*mp*

*Rosa*

12

*f*

*pizz.*

*arco*

*f*

12

*f*

\*

18

18 pizz. arco pizz.

18

24 pizz. arco

24

24

30

p f p f p

30 arco

p f p f p

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40 pizz. arco

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*p* cresc.

*mf*

64

*p* cresc.

*mf*

65

*p* cresc.

*mf*

66

67

*p* cresc.

*mf*

72

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76

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80

meno mosso,  $\bullet = 112$

sul pont.

pizz. (norm.)

arco (sul pont.)

80

pizz.

80

80

85 pizz. arco  $\sharp$  pizz. arco  $\sharp$  pizz.

85

85

90 arco  $\sharp$  pizz. arco  $\sharp$   $\sharp$

90 arco pizz. arco

90

95 pizz. arco  $\sharp$  pizz. arco  $\sharp$

95 pizz. arco

95

**schnell,  $\text{♩} = 164$**

100 pizz.  
100 pizz.  
100  
106 arco, sul tasto  
106 pizz.  
106  
112  
112  
112  
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118

pizz. arco

118

arco

*p*

118

sost.

*mf*

*Rit.*

\*

123

pizz. arco norm.

*p*

123

pizz.

*mf*

*p*

123

*p sost.*

129

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*Rit.*

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*Rit.*

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*Rit.*

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*Rit.*

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166 mehr schnell!,  $\text{♩} = 180$

166 arco  
 $p$  cresc.

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174

*p* cresc.

174

*f*

174

*b2.*

*b2.*

182

*arco, sul pont*

*p* cresc.

182

*arco, sul pont*

*p* cresc.

182

*b2.*

*b2.*

190

*col legno*

*f*

190

*cresc.*

*f*

197  $\text{=}$   
arco, norm.

197 arco, norm.  
*f*

198 *f*

203 pizz.

203

204

209 pizz.

209

209

215      col legno

*f*

215

*f*      *mf* cresc.

222 arco

*mf* cresc.      *f*

222

*f*

228 cresc.

228 cresc.

meno mosso,  $\text{♩} = 112$

233

233 (pizz.)

233 ff

233 ff

240 *quel pont.*

240 mp

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240 tr

240 tr

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Musical score page 10, measures 248-252. The score consists of four staves. The top two staves (Treble and Bass) are mostly blank with a few short dashes. The third staff (Bass) starts at measure 248 with a sixteenth-note pattern: B, A, G, F#; D, C, B, A; E, D, C, B; G, F#, E, D. This pattern repeats three times. The fourth staff (Bass) starts at measure 250 with a sixteenth-note pattern: B, A, G, F#; D, C, B, A; E, D, C, B; G, F#, E, D. This pattern repeats three times. Measures 252 begin with a change in time signature: the first two measures are in common time (4/4), followed by a measure in 6/8, and then another in 6/8. The bass staff continues its sixteenth-note patterns throughout.

$\text{♩} = 90$

257 norm. page 17

271

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*(8 basso)*

schnell,  $\text{♩} = 164$

275

*ff*

275

*ff*

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*Con moto, = 180*

*f*

*f*

*f*

(8 basso)

307

page 21

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325

cresc.

cresc.

cresc.

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331

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331

$\bullet = 180$

334

ff

f

334

ff

f

334

ff

f

337

gl.

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340

meno mosso, ♩ = 112

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(8 basso)

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**Worklist: 1992 - 2007**

listed with year of composition and duration; \* denotes recording made

**Solo piano**

7 Bagatelles	<i>2005, c.14 minutes*</i>
8 Bagatelles	<i>2005, c.14 min.*</i>
Schubert Variations	<i>2002, c. 20 min.*</i>
Angels	<i>2003, c.18.5 min.*</i>
The Misty Hill	<i>2000, c.21 min.*</i>
Seven Mysteries	<i>1998, c.16 min.*</i>
Cold Variations	<i>1992, c.12 min.</i>
Essays and Meditations	<i>1992, c.12 min.</i>

**Piano and Strings**

Red Line and Sky	<i>piano trio, 2007, c.12 min.*</i>
Shadows	<i>2 vlns and piano 2006, c.10 min.*</i>
Piano Trio No.1	<i>2004, c. 11 min.*</i>
Disappearance	<i>piano trio, 2002, c.9.5 min.*</i>
Fantasie on themes of Schönberg	<i>piano trio, 2001, c.7min.*</i>
Meditations & Ecstasies	<i>piano trio, 1999, c.13 min.</i>
Sky and Vertigo	<i>piano quintet, 1999, 12 min.</i>
Canon on G	<i>viola and piano, 1996, c.6 min.</i>
Torn Flight	<i>violin and piano, 1995 c.14 min.</i>

**Strings**

a greeting through the stars... with dances	<i>quartet, 2005, c.10.5 min.*</i>
The Heavens Shine	<i>quartet, 2005, c.13.5 min.*</i>
String Quartet No 3	<i>2003, c.14 min. *</i>
String Trio No.3	<i>2002, c.17 min.*</i>
three pieces on themes of Schubert	<i>quartet, 2002, c.10 min.*</i>
three broken moments	<i>quartet, 2001, c.10.5 min.*</i>
String Quartet No 2	<i>2001, c.15 min.*</i>
String Sextet	<i>1998, c.17 min. *</i>
String Quartet No 1	<i>1996, c.14 min.</i>
String Trio No.2	<i>1996, c.15 min. *</i>
Desire	<i>trio, 1992, c.12 min. *</i>

**Mixed Chamber**

Maggot for Max	<i>Pierrot ensemble and percussion, 2000, c.3 min.</i>
eleven broken dances	<i>cl, vln, pno, 2000, c.16 min.*</i>
Circus Music	<i>fl, cl, hn, vln, vla, vc, pno, 1999, c.10 min.*</i>
Burnt Sky	<i>Pierrot ensemble and perc., 1998, c.9.5 min. *</i>
Sky and Vertigo	<i>recorder and vc, 1994, c. 9 min.</i>
Starless Night, Hidden Flame	<i>recorder quartet, 1993, c.8 min.</i>
The Magical Death of History	<i>cl, vla, vc, pno, 1990, rev. 2002, c.15 min.*</i>

**Other**

4 Pieces	<i>solo double bass, 2007, c.6 min. *</i>
from a burnt notebook	<i>solo guitar, 2005, c.8 min.</i>

**Orchestra**

to be sung under open sky	<i>symp. orchestra, 2006, c.31 min.</i>
haunted landscape- March, 2003	<i>symp. orchestra, 2003, c.6 min.*</i>
Elegy - on the death of Robert Schumann	<i>string orch., 2000, c. 13.5 min.*</i>
Lullaby,1901	<i>chamber orchestra, 2000, c.11.5 min.</i>
Machine	<i>symp. orchestra, 1999, c.12 min.</i>
Bright Fires	<i>symp. orchestra, 1998, c.8 min. *</i>
Night Piece	<i>chamber orchestra, 1997, c.11 min.*</i>

**Voice**

Russian Songs	<i>soprano and piano, 2007, c. 11 min.*</i>
Psyche	<i>sop, recorder, vc, harpsichord,2005, c.11 min. *</i>
Irish Songs	<i>soprano and string quartet, 2004, c.12 min.*</i>
Trakl Songs	<i>soprano and piano, 2003, c. 9.5 min.*</i>
five love songs	<i>soprano and string quartet, 2000, c.11 min.*</i>
The Lover	<i>sop, fl, vln, vla, vc, harp, 1999, c.16 min.</i>
gnostic songs	<i>soprano and piano, 1998, c.14 min.*</i>
Murderer Songs	<i>2 sops, cl, 2 vcs, 1990, rev. 1996, 15 min.</i>
Songs of Dark and Light	<i>sop, Pierrot ensemble and perc, 1995, c.20 min.</i>
Various miscellaneous songs	

**Choral SATB.**

In the dying of the rain	<i>2005, c.9 min.*</i>
last words of Christ on the cross	<i>2005, c.9 min.*</i>
Lullaby	<i>2002, c.8.5 min.*</i>
Hymns to the Night	<i>2001, c.11.5 min.*</i>

**Theatre Scores**

- This Uncharted Hour (Brink Productions / State Theatre 2007)  
 The Birthday Party (Flying Penguin Productions 2007)  
 Cheeseboy (Slingsby 2007)  
 Drums in the Night (Brink Productions, 2005)  
 Night Letters (State Theatre of South Australia, 2004)

**Film Scores**

- Cyclone Alley (1001 Productions, 2007)  
 The Day the Flames Came (1001 Productions, 2006)  
 Black Tuesday (1001 Productions, 2005)

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