

# The Present's Presents

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$\text{♩} = 72$

**Violon 1**

tacet +- 1'

**Violon 2**

tacet +- 1'

**Violon 3**

tacet +- 1'

**Violon 4**

tacet +- 1'

**Violon alto 1**

tacet +- 1'

**Violon alto 2**

tacet +- 1'

**Violoncelle solo**

III min 15" glissando extrêmement lent  
IV pp min 30"      IV sons plaintifs, cris de loups ou de baleines obtenus en tirant latéralement sur la corde

**Violoncelle 1**

min 30"      III glissando extrêmement lent  
IV pp min 30"      IV

**Violoncelle 2**

min 40"      III glissando lent et tremolo discret  
IV pp min 30"      IV

**Contrebasse**

min 30"      glissando lent et tremolo discret  
pp min 15"

min 30" min 30" min 30" min 30" min 30"

IV souffles d'archet en étouffant la corde à la hauteur indiquée

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glissando très lent : les souffles font apparaître très progressivement des bribes du spectre en appuyant peu à peu sur la corde et en allégeant petit à petit la longueur du souffle

2

Vln. 1 IV min 45'' armonicando (\*) → tasto  
Vln. 2 IV min 45'' armonicando (\*) → tasto  
Vln. 3 IV min 45'' armonicando (\*) → tasto  
Vln. 4 IV min 45'' armonicando (\*) → tasto  
Vla. 1 min 45'' armonicando (\*) → tasto  
Vla. 2 min 45'' armonicando (\*) → tasto

Vc. solo armonicando rubato min 15'' flautato tasto  
cadenza : varier subtilement la vitesse des battements, le timbre, les dynamiques

Vc. 1 → tasto  
Vc. 2 → tasto

Cb. → non tremolo → tasto

IVIII II J = 56 armonicando molto

3

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vln. 3

Vln. 4

Vla. 1

Vla. 2

Vc. solo

Vc. 1

Vc. 2

Cb.

min 8"

armonicando ponticello

*pp*

normale

ponticello

IV III II

armonicando

*pp*

12

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vln. 3

Vln. 4

Vla. 1

Vla. 2

Vc. solo

Vc. 1

Vc. 2

Cb.

armonicando

**p**

(d.)

IV

souffles d'archet, doigts à moitié appuyés, archet flautatissimo

(d.)

simile

b..

armonicando  
III IV

**pp**

IV III IV

**p**

sul tasto

**pp**

glissando continu avec un léger repos  
sur chaque premier temps

IV **mp** en dehors

**p**

IV pizz.

**mp**

16

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vln. 3

Vln. 4

Vla. 1

Vla. 2

Vc. solo

Vc. 1

Vc. 2

Cb.

20

Vln. 1      *cresc.*      *ponticello armonicando*      *poco*

Vln. 2      *cresc.*      *mp*

Vln. 3      *cresc.*      *armonicando*      *mp*      *simile*

Vln. 4      *cresc.*      *armonicando*

Vla. 1      III IV      IV III      *mf en dehors*      glissando continu avec un léger repos sur chaque premier temps

Vla. 2      *cresc.*      glissando continu avec un léger repos sur chaque premier temps      *mf en dehors*

Vc. solo      *cresc.*

Vc. 1      *cresc.*      IV III II III

Vc. 2      *cresc.*      *mf*

Cb.      *cresc.*      *mf*

25 a *poco*      *crescendo*      *generale*

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vln. 3

Vln. 4

Vla. 1

Vla. 2

Vc. solo

Vc. 1

Vc. 2

Cb.

This musical score page contains ten staves of music for an orchestra. The staves are labeled from top to bottom: Vln. 1, Vln. 2, Vln. 3, Vln. 4, Vla. 1, Vla. 2, Vc. solo, Vc. 1, Vc. 2, and Cb. The score is divided into five measures by vertical bar lines. Measure 1 starts with a dynamic marking 'poco' and consists of two measures of rests. Measures 2 and 3 are labeled 'crescendo'. Measure 4 is labeled 'generale'. Measure 5 ends with a forte dynamic. Articulations such as accents and slurs are used throughout the score. The bassoon (Cb) has a significant presence in the lower register.

30

Vln. 1      *gliss.*

Vln. 2      *f*  
ponticello  
glissando continu

Vln. 3      *f*  
ponticello  
glissando continu

Vln. 4      *f*  
armonicando

Vla. 1      *f*  
détaché à la corde

Vla. 2      *f*

Vc. solo      *f*

Vc. 1      *f*  
ponticello  
glissando continu

Vc. 2      *f*  
arco 3 3

Cb.      *f*

*tutti*

*crescendo*

I   II   I   II   I   II

*e pocchissimo*

34 (8)

*accelerando*

*crescendo*

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vln. 3

Vln. 4

Vla. 1

Vla. 2

Vc. solo

Vc. 1

Vc. 2

Cb.

10

 $\text{♩} = \text{♩} = 132$ 38 loco  
dolce armonicando

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vln. 3

Vln. 4

Vla. 1

Vla. 2

Vc. solo

Vc. 1

Vc. 2

Cb.

*mp subito*  
loco  
dolce armonicando

*mp subito*

le glissando vient sur la fin du temps

*mp subito*

simile

*mp subito*

simile

*mf*

*mf*

armonicando

III  
*mf en dehors*  
armonicando

III  
*mf en dehors*  
armonicando

III  
*mf en dehors*

43

A musical score page showing ten staves of music for an orchestra. The staves are labeled from top to bottom: Vln. 1, Vln. 2, Vln. 3, Vln. 4, Vla. 1, Vla. 2, Vc. solo, Vc. 1, Vc. 2, and Cb. (Cello Basso). The score is divided into five measures by vertical bar lines. Measures 1-3 show mostly rests or short notes. Measure 4 features sustained notes (holldens) on the fourth measure line. Measure 5 shows rhythmic patterns with eighth and sixteenth notes. The Vc. solo, Vc. 1, and Vc. 2 staves have large, horizontal, wavy bracket markings underneath them. The Cb. staff at the bottom has a unique note head shape consisting of two dots.

48

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vln. 3

Vln. 4

Vla. 1

Vla. 2

Vc. solo

Vc. 1

Vc. 2

Cb.

This musical score page contains ten staves of music for an orchestra. The instruments listed from top to bottom are: Violin 1, Violin 2, Violin 3, Violin 4, Viola 1, Viola 2, Cello solo, Cello 1, Cello 2, and Cello basso (Cb.). The score is numbered 48 at the top left. The first five measures (measures 48-52) feature eighth-note patterns for the strings. Measures 53-56 show sustained notes. Measures 57-60 return to eighth-note patterns. Measures 61-64 show sixteenth-note patterns. Measures 65-68 show eighth-note patterns. Measures 69-72 show sustained notes. Measures 73-76 show eighth-note patterns. Measures 77-80 show sixteenth-note patterns. Measures 81-84 show eighth-note patterns. Measures 85-88 show sustained notes. The key signature changes throughout the section, starting with one sharp in measure 48, then alternating between no sharps or flats and one sharp in measures 49-56, and returning to one sharp in measures 57-88.

53

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vln. 3

Vln. 4

Vla. 1

Vla. 2

Vc. solo

Vc. 1

Vc. 2

Cb.

58

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vln. 3

Vln. 4

Vla. 1

Vla. 2

Vc. solo

Vc. 1

Vc. 2

Cb.

*crescendo*

*generale*

This musical score page shows a section for ten instruments. The first four measures (measures 55-58) feature eighth-note patterns from the strings (Vln. 1-4, Vla. 1-2, Vc. solo, Vc. 1, Vc. 2) and sustained notes from the bassoon (Cb.). Measures 55-57 end with a dynamic crescendo, indicated by a large upward arrow above the staff. Measure 58 begins with a dynamic level labeled "generale". The instrumentation consists of:

- Vln. 1
- Vln. 2
- Vln. 3
- Vln. 4
- Vla. 1
- Vla. 2
- Vc. solo
- Vc. 1
- Vc. 2
- Cb.

The score is divided into measures by vertical bar lines. The first four measures (55-58) show eighth-note patterns from the strings and sustained notes from the bassoon. Measures 55-57 end with a dynamic crescendo, indicated by a large upward arrow above the staff. Measure 58 begins with a dynamic level labeled "generale".

62

vibrato molto

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vln. 3

Vln. 4

armonicando

Vla. 1

simile

Vla. 2

solo  
sur les hauteurs données : timbres, dynamiques, coups d'archet, glissandi, trilles, ... ad libitum pour une improvisation survoltée

Vc. solo

armonicando

Vc. 1

détaché

armonicando

Vc. 2

détaché

simile

Cb.

70

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vln. 3

Vln. 4

Vla. 1

Vla. 2

Vc. solo

Vc. 1

Vc. 2

Cb.

74

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vln. 3

Vln. 4

I

Vla. 1

Vla. 2

Vc. solo

Vc. 1

Vc. 2

Cb.

This page contains ten staves of musical notation for an orchestra. The instruments listed from top to bottom are: Violin 1, Violin 2, Violin 3, Violin 4, Violoncello 1, Violoncello 2, Double Bass (Vc. solo), Double Bass 1, Double Bass 2, and Double Bass 3 (Cb.). The music is divided into measures by vertical bar lines. Measure 74 starts with a single note in Violin 1. Measures 75-76 show sixteenth-note patterns in Violin 2 and Violin 3. Measures 77-78 feature eighth-note chords in Violin 4. Measures 79-80 show sixteenth-note patterns in Violoncello 1. Measures 81-82 show eighth-note chords in Violoncello 2. Measures 83-84 show eighth-note chords in the Double Bass (Vc. solo). Measures 85-86 show sixteenth-note patterns in Double Bass 1. Measures 87-88 show sixteenth-note patterns in Double Bass 2. Measures 89-90 show eighth-note chords in Double Bass 3 (Cb.). The notation includes various rests, note heads, stems, and bar lines. Measure 74 is labeled with a Roman numeral 'I' above the staff.

*cres -*

*cen -*

*do*

*général*

79

This musical score page contains ten staves of music for an orchestra. The instruments listed from top to bottom are: Vln. 1, Vln. 2, Vln. 3, Vln. 4, Vla. 1, Vla. 2, Vc. solo, Vc. 1, Vc. 2, and Cb. The score is divided into four measures by vertical bar lines. Measure 79 begins with a dynamic instruction 'cres -' above the first three staves. Measures 80 and 81 begin with dynamic instructions 'cen -' and 'do' respectively. Measure 82 begins with a dynamic instruction 'général'. Measure 83 concludes the section. The Vln. 1 staff features slurs and grace notes. The Vln. 2, Vln. 3, and Vln. 4 staves show sixteenth-note patterns. The Vla. 1 staff includes eighth-note patterns with grace notes. The Vla. 2 staff has eighth-note patterns. The Vc. solo staff shows sustained notes. The Vc. 1 and Vc. 2 staves feature sixteenth-note patterns. The Cb. staff shows eighth-note patterns.

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vln. 3

Vln. 4

Vla. 1

Vla. 2

Vc. solo

Vc. 1

Vc. 2

Cb.

83

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vln. 3

Vln. 4

Vla. 1

Vla. 2

Vc. solo

Vc. 1

Vc. 2

Cb.

8va

pp

pp

This page of musical notation shows a section of an orchestra score. The instrumentation includes Violin 1, Violin 2, Violin 3, Violin 4, Viola 1, Viola 2, Cello solo, Double Bass 1, Double Bass 2, and Double Bass. The music begins at measure 83 and ends at measure 19. The notation is dense with sixteenth-note patterns, slurs, and dynamic markings such as 'pp'. Measures 19 and 20 feature a 3/8 time signature. The score is written on ten staves, with some parts having two staves each (e.g., Vln. 1-4, Vla. 1-2, Vc. 1-2). The overall style is complex and rhythmic.

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87

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vln. 3

Vln. 4

Vla. 1

Vla. 2

Vc. solo

Vc. 1

Vc. 2

Cb.

*armonicando* min. 6"

*ppp*  $\triangleleft$  *p*  $\triangleright$  *ppp*

*armonicando*

*pp*

*flautando*

*pp*

*p* *IV*

*pizz. main gauche* min. 6"

*mp*

Le mi frotté reste impassible.  
Les pizz. se font aussi loin  
que possible du sillet.

*n.b. : les séquences se répètent quelques fois dans le plus grand calme et la plus profonde écoute.*

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89

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vln. 3

Vln. 4

Vla. 1

Vla. 2

Vc. solo

Vc. 1

Vc. 2

Cb.

*P → T P → T*

*V n V n V*

*pp IV flottando mouvement circulaire de l'archet*

*d. = 50*

*V n V n V*

*pp IV flottando mouvement circulaire de l'archet*

*signe du VI 3*

*P → T P → T P → T*

*V n V n V*

*pp*

*P → T P → T P → T*

*V n V*

*calme armonicando*

*V n V n V*

*IV flottando mouvement circulaire de l'archet*

*P → T P → T P → T*

*V n V n V*

*pp*

*P → T P → T P → T*

*V n V n V*

*IV flottando mouvement circulaire de l'archet*

*pizz.*

*V n V n V*

*pp*

*P → T P → T P → T*

*V n V n V*

*Vn. 1*

*Vn. 2*

*Vn. 3*

*Vn. 4*

*Vla. 1*

*Vla. 2*

*Vc. solo*

*Vc. 1*

*Vc. 2*

*Cb.*

*d. = 52*

93

loco

Vln. 1       $P \rightarrow T$        $P \rightarrow T$

Vln. 2      ***p*** IV flottando mouvement circulaire de l'archet

Vln. 3       $P \rightarrow T$       simile  
2ème signe du VI 3

Vln. 4       $P \rightarrow T$        $P \rightarrow T$       simile

Vla. 1      ***p*** IV flottando mouvement circulaire de l'archet

Vla. 2       $P \rightarrow T$       simile

Vc. solo

Vc. 1       $P \rightarrow T$        $P \rightarrow T$       simile

Vc. 2      ***p*** IV flottando mouvement circulaire de l'archet

Cb.

préparer discrètement la scordatura IV = do

108

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vln. 3

Vln. 4

Vla. 1

Vla. 2

Vc. solo

Vc. 1

Vc. 2

Cb.

This page contains ten staves of musical notation. The first six staves represent the string section, with each staff having a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The first six staves are labeled Vln. 1, Vln. 2, Vln. 3, Vln. 4, Vla. 1, and Vla. 2. The next three staves represent the brass section, with the bassoon (Cb.) having a bass clef and a key signature of one sharp. The bassoon part is entirely blank. The violins play eighth-note patterns primarily consisting of quarter note pairs. The cellos and double bass play eighth-note patterns primarily consisting of quarter note pairs. The bassoon part is entirely blank.

123

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vln. 3

Vln. 4

Vla. 1

Vla. 2

Vc. solo

Vc. 1

Vc. 2

Cb.

*pp*

131

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vln. 3

Vln. 4

Vla. 1

Vla. 2

Vc. solo

Vc. 1

Vc. 2

Cb.

en s'estompant

This musical score page contains ten staves of music for a string quartet and a string orchestra. The staves are labeled from top to bottom: Vln. 1, Vln. 2, Vln. 3, Vln. 4, Vla. 1, Vla. 2, Vc. solo, Vc. 1, Vc. 2, and Cb. The Vln. 3 staff features a melodic line with grace notes and a dynamic marking 'p#'. The Vla. 1 and Vla. 2 staves have sustained notes. The Vc. solo staff features sustained notes with a dynamic marking 'mf'. The Vc. 1 and Vc. 2 staves have sustained notes. The Cb. staff is silent. The tempo is marked '131' at the top left. The text 'en s'estompant' appears on the right side of the page.

$\text{♩} = \text{♪} = 52$ 

140

Vln. 1

en s'estompant tasto

Vln. 2

en s'estompant tasto

Vln. 3

tasto

Vln. 4

Vla. 1

en s'estompant tasto

Vla. 2

en s'estompant tasto

Vc. solo

Vc. 1

pizz.

laisser résonner

mp III

Vc. 2

en s'estompant tasto

Cb.

*pp*

*p*

*p*

*p*

*p IV*

*pp*

151

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vln. 3

Vln. 4

Vla. 1

Vla. 2

Vc. solo

Vc. 1

Vc. 2

Cb.

armonicando

f

ff

armonicando

f

ff

armonicando

f

ff

armonicando

f

ff

156

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vln. 3

Vln. 4

Vla. 1

Vla. 2

Vc. solo

ff energico

Vc. 1

Vc. 2

Cb.

glissando continu d' 1/2 ton par temps  
ponticello molto

161

Vln. 1

glissando continu d' 1/2 ton par temps  
***ff***

Vln. 2

***ff***

Vln. 3

Vln. 4

Vla. 1

Vla. 2

Vc. solo

Vc. 1

Vc. 2

Cb.

*sostenuto lyrique*

*f*

*farmonicando molto*

*farmonicando molto*

*farmonicando molto*

*farmonicando molto*

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165

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vln. 3

Vln. 4

Vla. 1

Vla. 2

Vc. solo

Vc. 1

Vc. 2

Cb.

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31

167

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vln. 3

Vln. 4

Vla. 1

Vla. 2

Vc. solo

Vc. 1

Vc. 2

Cb.

5

9

5

9

5

9

5

6

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169

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vln. 3

Vln. 4

Vla. 1

Vla. 2

Vc. solo

Vc. 1

Vc. 2

Cb.

9

9

6

6

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33

171

This musical score page contains ten staves of music for an orchestra. The instruments listed from top to bottom are: Vln. 1, Vln. 2, Vln. 3, Vln. 4, Vla. 1, Vla. 2, Vc. solo, Vc. 1, Vc. 2, and Cb. (Cello Basso). The score is divided into two systems of six measures each. Measure 171 starts with Vln. 1 playing eighth-note pairs. Measures 172-173 show various patterns of eighth and sixteenth notes across the strings. Measures 174-175 feature sustained notes with grace notes. Measure 176 concludes the system with a dynamic instruction '6' under the Cb staff. Measure 177 begins the next system with sustained notes and grace notes.

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173

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vln. 3

Vln. 4

Vla. 1

Vla. 2

Vc. solo

Vc. 1

Vc. 2

Cb.

5

9

6

f

f

f

f

6

6

III II I

\* Armonicando :  
 Mode de jeu qui consiste à enrichir la note fondamentale écrite de l'un ou l'autre des partiels qui forment son spectre.  
 Cette spectralisation s'obtient en allégeant la pression de l'archet et en modulant sa vitesse.  
 Il est plus aisément d'obtenir cet effet sur les cordes à vide et non loin du chevalet, mais il est possible d'obtenir  
 cette spectralisation quel que soit le point de contact de l'archet ou la hauteur du son en surfant au fil de la corde.

175

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vln. 3

Vln. 4

armonicando

Vla. 1

pp armonicando

Vla. 2

pp armonicando

Vc. solo

pp armonicando

p II

glissando extrêmement lent et continu

armonicando glissando lent

Vc. 1

pp armonicando

Vc. 2

pp armonicando

Cb.

pp

ppp