

gravity

for string quartet



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gravity is a single-movement work for string quartet composed between September and November of 2009. It is a primarily tonal work based largely on the opening cello theme.

duration 16'

Performance Note:

I have used a specific rhythmic device at measures 121 - 123 that is, in effect, a written accelerando.

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$\text{♩} = 60$

Violin 1
Violin 2
Viola
Cello

Measure 1: Violin 1, 2, Viola rest; Cello: ♫ p. Measure 2: Violin 1, 2, Viola rest; Cello: ♫. Measure 3: Violin 1, 2, Viola rest; Cello: ♫. Measure 4: Violin 1, 2, Viola rest; Cello: ♫ pp.

Vln. 1
Vln. 2
Vla.
Vlc.

Measure 5: Vln. 1, 2, Vla. rest; Vlc.: ♫ p. Measure 6: Vln. 1, 2, Vla. rest; Vlc.: ♫. Measure 7: Vln. 1, 2, Vla. rest; Vlc.: ♫ ppp. Measure 8: Vln. 1, 2, Vla. rest; Vlc.: ♫ p.

Vln. 1
Vln. 2
Vla.
Vlc.

Measure 9: Vln. 1, 2, Vla. rest; Vlc.: ♫ pp. Measure 10: Vln. 1, 2, Vla. rest; Vlc.: ♫. Measure 11: Vln. 1, 2, Vla. rest; Vlc.: ♫ p. Measure 12: Vln. 1, 2, Vla. rest; Vlc.: ♫ pizz.

Vln. 1
Vln. 2
Vla.
Vlc.

Measure 13: Vln. 1, 2, Vla. rest; Vlc.: ♫. Measure 14: Vln. 1, 2, Vla. rest; Vlc.: ♫ p. Measure 15: Vln. 1, 2, Vla. rest; Vlc.: ♫. Measure 16: Vln. 1, 2, Vla. rest; Vlc.: ♫ arco p.

17

Vln. 1

f

Vln. 2

f

Vla.

f

Vlc.

f

21

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

25

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

29

Vln. 1

p

p

lunga

Vln. 2

p

p

ppp

Vla.

p

p

Vlc.

pizz.

arco

pp

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5

33

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

pizz.
p

arco
p

pp

37

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

mf

f

mf

f

mf

f

41

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

ff

ff

ff

ff

45

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

pizz.
ppp

pizz.
mp

pizz.
mf

arco

arco

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6 49

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

p

arco

p

ppp

arco

ppp

53

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

mf

p

mp

p

p

57

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

mp

mp

mp

mp

61

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

poco accel.

65

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

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a tempo

pizz. *mp*

fff

fff

arco

fff

arco

fff *f*

69

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

pizz. *pp*

arco

pp *fff*

pizz. *pp*

arco

pp *fff*

pizz. *pp*

arco

pp *fff*

pp

fff arco

73

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

77

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

ppp < *ff* *p* < *ff*

ff *p* < *ff*

ppp < *ff* *p* < *ff*

f

f

8

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

f

Vla.

Vlc.

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85

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

89

Vln. 1

p

Vln. 2

p

Vla.

p

Vlc.

p

pp

pp

pp

93

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

pp

ppp

ppp

6

6

6

6

$\frac{6}{4}$

$\frac{6}{4}$

$\frac{6}{4}$

$\frac{6}{4}$

$\frac{3}{4}$

$\frac{3}{4}$

$\frac{3}{4}$

$\frac{3}{4}$

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9

97

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

101

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

105

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

109

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

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10
113

Vln. 1
Vln. 2
Vla.
Vlc.

117

Vln. 1
Vln. 2
Vla.
Vlc.

121

Vln. 1
Vln. 2
Vla.
Vlc.

125

Vln. 1
Vln. 2
Vla.
Vlc.

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11

129

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

133

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

137

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

141

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

12

145

Vln. 1

ff

Vln. 2

pppp

Vla.

Vlc.

gravity

149

Vln. 1

mf

ff

Vln. 2

ff

mf *sfz*

Vla.

Vlc.

153

Vln. 1

f

mf

Vln. 2

pp

mf

Vla.

Vlc.

157

Vln. 1

p

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

mf

gravity

13

161

Vln. 1
Vln. 2
Vla.
Vlc.

165

Vln. 1
Vln. 2
Vla.
Vlc.

169

Vln. 1
Vln. 2
Vla.
Vlc.

173

Vln. 1
Vln. 2
Vla.
Vlc.

gravity

14
177

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

181

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

pp

pizz.

sffz

pp

pizz.

pp

pizz.

pp

185

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

189

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

gravity

15

193

Vln. 1
Vln. 2
Vla.
Vlc.

197

Vln. 1
Vln. 2
Vla.
Vlc.

201

Vln. 1
Vln. 2
Vla.
Vlc.

205

Vln. 1
Vln. 2
Vla.
Vlc.

gravity

16
209

Vln. 1
Vln. 2
Vla.
Vlc.

pppp

213

Vln. 1
Vln. 2
Vla.
Vlc.

p

217

Vln. 1
Vln. 2
Vla.
Vlc.

p

221

Vln. 1
Vln. 2
Vla.
Vlc.

mp arco

arco **mp**

arco **mp**

mp

gravity

17

225

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

229

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

233

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

237

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

18
241

Vln. 1
Vln. 2
Vla.
Vlc.

gravity

p
p
p
p

245

Vln. 1
Vln. 2
Vla.
Vlc.

pp
pp
pp
pp

249

Vln. 1
Vln. 2
Vla.
Vlc.

pizz.
pizz.

pizz.
pizz.

253

Vln. 1
Vln. 2
Vla.
Vlc.

pppp

gravity

19

257 $\text{♩} = 60$

Vln. 1
Vln. 2
Vla.
Vlc.

261

Vln. 1
Vln. 2
Vla.
Vlc.

265

Vln. 1
Vln. 2
arco
Vla.
Vlc.

269

Vln. 1
Vln. 2
pppp
Vla.
Vlc.

gravity

20
273

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

ff

p

ff

f

277

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

ff

fff

f

281

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

ff

285

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

4 3

4 - 3

4 - 3

4 - 3

gravity

289

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

291

293

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

p

297

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

f

p

301

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

p

pp

mf

22

305

gravity

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

309

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

313

$\text{♩} = 40$ acel. poco a poco

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

317

$\text{♩} = 60$

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

gravity

321

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

pizz. *mp* *ppp*

pizz. *mp* pizz. *mp*

pizz. *mf*

arco 23

325

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

pppp

pppp

329

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

pppp *sffz* *fff* arco

fff arco

fff arco

fff

333

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

24

337

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

gravity

341

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

dim. poco a poco to m. 355

ffff

ffff

ffff

ffff

345

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

349

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

(ff)

(ff)

(ff)

(ff)

gravity

25

353

Vln. 1 (f)

Vln. 2 (f)

Vla. (f)

Vlc. (f)

357

Vln. 1 pppp

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc. arco

361

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc. pizz. pp arco ppp

365

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc. ppp

gravity

26 369

Vln. 1 Vln. 2 Vla. Vlc.

arco

ppp

pizz.

373

Vln. 1 Vln. 2 Vla. Vlc.

pppp

pppp

pppp

376

Vln. 1 Vln. 2 Vla. Vlc.

arco

pppp

379

Vln. 1 Vln. 2 Vla. Vlc.

6

6

6

6

n

n

n

n