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# Night Train to Perugia



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## **Night Train to Perugia**

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Cover image: René Magritte, *La Durée Poignardée*

## Instrumentation

3 Flutes (3<sup>rd</sup> Flute also Piccolo)  
3 Oboes (3<sup>rd</sup> Oboe also English Horn)  
3 Bb Clarinets (3<sup>rd</sup> Clarinet also Bass Clarinet)  
3 Bassoons (3<sup>rd</sup> Bassoon also Contrabassoon)

4 Horns  
3 C Trumpets  
2 Trombones  
Bass Trombone  
Tuba

Timpani  
3 Percussionists

Glockenspiel, Tubular Chimes  
Bass Drum, Snare Drum,  
1 Large Suspended Cymbal, Crash Cymbals, Tam-Tam  
Triangle, Guiro or Washboard, Brake Drum, Shakers

Harp  
Piano

Strings

## Performance Notes

Score is transposed.

Accidentals remain in effect for the duration of the measure, only at the octave in which they occur. They are sometimes rewritten within a measure for clarity. Naturals are often used across barline boundaries to further improve readability.

**Approximate duration:** 5' 30"

## Program Listing

*Night Train to Perugia* (2012) Michael Gandolfi (b. 1956)

## Notes

*Night Train to Perugia* is a monothematic work that takes flight through musings on neutrinos (subatomic particles), trains, and surrealism. Variations in musical time and perception are explored as the theme progresses through myriad guises. During the piece's brief duration, train whistles (old and new), train-track rhythms, Doppler effects, neutrino showers, time dilation effects, and a host of contrapuntal thematic treatments are heard. After a grand arrival at "the station," we magically find ourselves poised at the beginning, as if the train has yet to leave the station, implying that the beginning of the journey and the end are the same; a condition that is an odd reality for life on the quantum level, and one that is in kinship with a neutrino's perspective.

While composing this piece, several serendipitous circumstances conspired to influence its direction. One day while composing a passage evocative of steam train whistles, a freight train passed nearby. I transcribed its pitches and scored them for the French horns (a good match for the timbre of that train's horn), at the precise point in the piece at which I was working. On another day, surrealist references, which mix well with the nonsensical quantum world, seemed appropriate for many of the work's descriptive/expressive phrasings. During a recent trip to Chicago, I placed several of these phrases in the score and took a break to visit the Art Institute of Chicago. While strolling through the galleries I found Magritte's classic surrealist painting, *La Durée Poignardée*, literally "ongoing time stabbed by a dagger," but popularly known as "Time Transfixed," which depicts a train emerging from a dining-room fireplace, as well as a clock that rests on the fireplace mantle in front of a mirror that partially reflects the contents placed on the mantle. This painting best exemplifies the main conceptual sources of my piece: trains, surrealism, and time and its odd, quantum effects.

*Night Train to Perugia* derives its title from an underground scientific 'test-track,' which begins at the Cern particle accelerator in Switzerland and terminates at a research facility under Italy's Gran Sasso Mountain. Neutrinos are sent along this 'track' to test various quantum effects. Perugia is the penultimate city under which the neutrinos travel. While considering a name for the work, I called upon Boston-based writer, Dana Bonstrom, who provided this evocative title.

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*...the quantum effect: timelessness... "in my beginning is my end."...****♩ = c. 88, Misterioso***

Flute 1

Flute 2

Flute 3

Oboe 1

Oboe 2

Clarinet in B♭ 1

Clarinet in B♭ 2

Bassoon 1

Bassoon 2

Horn in F 1,2

Horn in F 3

Trumpet in C 1

Trombone 1

Trombone 2

Bass Trombone

Tuba

Timpani

Percussion 1

Harp

Piano

Violin I

Violin II

Viola

Violoncello

Contrabass

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## **Tempo I, Allegro** (♩.= c. 120-126)

9

13

2

7

**Tempo I, Allegro (♩ = c. 120-126)**

9 13

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Fl. 3

Ob. 1

B♭ Cl. 1

Hn. 1,2

Hn. 3

Hn. 4

Tbn. 1,2

B. Tbn.

Tuba

Con sord.

## **Tempo I, Allegro** (♩. = c. 120-126)

Musical score for orchestra showing measures 1-2 of the first movement. The score includes parts for Horn (Horn), Violin I (Vln. I), Violin II (Vln. II), Cello (Cb.), Double Bass (Vla.), and Bassoon (Vc.). The key signature is B-flat major (two flats). Measure 1 starts with a sustained note from the Horn (mf). Measures 2-3 show the Violins playing eighth-note patterns, while the Double Bass and Bassoon provide harmonic support. Measure 4 begins with a dynamic *f*, followed by sixteenth-note patterns in the Violins and eighth-note patterns in the Double Bass and Bassoon. Measure 5 concludes with another dynamic *f*. The tempo is indicated as **Tempo I, Allegro (♩ = c. 120-126)**.

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Musical score for orchestra and snare drum, page 17. The score includes parts for Flute 1, Flute 2, Oboe 1,2, Bassoon 1,2, Bassoon 3, C Tpt 1,2, Trombone 1,2, Percussion 3, Violin I, Violin II, Viola, Cello, and Double Bass. The score shows various musical staves with corresponding measures. Dynamics such as *f*, *mf*, and *pizz.* are indicated. The snare drum part is labeled "Snare Dr." and includes dynamic markings *f* and *div.*



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4

34

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Picc.

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

Bsn. 3

Hn. 1,2

Hn. 3,4

C Tpt. 1

C Tpt. 2

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

B. Tbn.

Tuba

Timp.

Cym.

B. Dr.

S.Dr.

Pno.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

37

41

*to Cbsn.*

44

47  
...the doppler effect...

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

B♭ Cl. 1,2

Hn. 2

Hn. 4

C Tpt. 1

C Tpt. 2

C Tpt. 3

Tbn. 1

Pno.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

55

63  
E.H.

Ob. 3

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2

B♭ Cl. 3

Hn. 1,2

Hn. 3

C Tpt. 1

C Tpt. 3

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

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6

65

71

Fl. 1,2  
Fl. 3  
Ob. 1  
Ob. 2  
E. Hn.  
B♭ Cl. 1  
B♭ Cl. 2  
B♭ Cl. 3

*f* *ff*

*to Ob.*

*mf*

*f* *p*

*f*

*to B. Cl.*

*f*

This section shows the woodwind and brass sections. It includes Flutes 1 & 2, Flute 3, Oboe 1, Oboe 2, English Horn, Bassoon 1, Bassoon 2, and Bassoon 3. Dynamics include forte (f), very forte (ff), mezzo-forte (mf), and piano (p). Performance instructions like 'to Ob.' and 'to B. Cl.' are present. Measure 65 ends with a dynamic ff. Measures 66-71 show various entries and dynamics for the woodwinds and bassoons.

Hn. 1,2  
Hn. 3  
C Tpt. 1  
C Tpt. 2  
C Tpt. 3  
Tbn. 1  
Tbn. 2  
B. Tbn.  
Tuba

*f* *p*

*f* *p*

*f*

*mf* *f* *mf*

This section shows the brass and tuba sections. It includes Horns 1 & 2, Horn 3, Cornet Trumpet 1, Cornet Trumpet 2, Cornet Trumpet 3, Trombone 1, Trombone 2, Bass Trombone, and Tuba. Dynamics include forte (f), piano (p), and mezzo-forte (mf). Measure 65 ends with a dynamic f. Measures 66-71 show various entries and dynamics for the brass instruments.

Timp.

This section shows the timpani (Timp.) part, which remains silent throughout the measures shown.

Perc. 1  
Perc. 2  
Perc. 3

This section shows the percussion parts (Percussion 1, Percussion 2, Percussion 3) which remain silent throughout the measures shown.

Hp.

*p* *θ* *p* *θ*

Vln. I  
Vln. II  
Vla.  
Vc.  
Cb.

*ff*

*ff*

*p sub.* *p*

*p sub.* *p*

*p sub.* *p*

*ff*

*p sub.* *p*

This section shows the string and harp parts. It includes Violin I, Violin II, Cello, Double Bass (Cb.), and Harp (Hp.). Dynamics include ff, p, and p sub. Measures 66-71 show various entries and dynamics for the strings and harp.

75

79

83  
a 2

This page contains six systems of musical notation. The top system (measures 75-79) includes parts for Flute 1,2; Flute 3; Oboe 1; Oboe 2; Bassoon 1; Bassoon 2; Horn 1,2; Horn 3; Horn 4; Trombone 1; Trombone 2; Bass Trombone; Tuba; Timpani; Percussion 1; Percussion 2; Percussion 3; Horn; Piano; Violin I; Violin II; Cello; Double Bass. Measure 75 has rests. Measures 76-79 show woodwind entries with dynamics f. Measure 80 starts with a bassoon entry. Measures 81-83 show woodwind entries with dynamics ff. The bottom system (measures 83-87) shows string entries with dynamics ff.

Fl. 1,2  
Fl. 3  
Ob. 1  
Ob. 2  
B♭ Cl. 1  
B♭ Cl. 2  
Bsn. 1  
Bsn. 2

Hn. 1,2  
Hn. 3  
Hn. 4  
Tbn. 1  
Tbn. 2  
B. Tbn.  
Tuba

Timp.  
Perc. 1  
Perc. 2  
Perc. 3

Hp.  
Pno.

Vln. I  
Vln. II  
Vla.  
Vc.  
Cb.

85

Fl. 1,2  
Fl. 3  
Ob. 1  
Ob. 2  
Ob. 3  
Bsn. 1  
Bsn. 2  
Bsn. 3

*ff*

91

Hn. 1,2  
Hn. 3  
Hn. 4  
Tbn. 1  
Tbn. 2  
B. Tbn.  
Tuba

*tr*

Tim.

Perc. 1  
Perc. 2  
Perc. 3

Hp.

Pno.

Vln. I  
Vln. II  
Vla.  
Vc.  
Cb.

95

Fl. 1,2  
Fl. 3  
Ob. 1  
Ob. 2  
Ob. 3  
B♭ Cl. 1  
B♭ Cl. 2  
B♭ Cl. 3  
Bsn. 1  
Bsn. 2  
C. Bn.

102

Hn. 1,2  
Hn. 3  
Hn. 4  
Tbn. 1  
Tbn. 2  
B. Tbn.  
Tuba

Tim.

Perc. 1  
Perc. 2

Pno.

Vln. I  
Vln. II  
Vla.  
Vc.  
Cb.

**B. Cl.**

**Crash Cymb.**

**Large Suspended Cymbal**

L.V.

**p — ff**

**f**

**L.V.**

**p — ff**

**p — ff**

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...time transfixed I: surrealist trains from afar...

10

106

(♩=♩) (♩=♩ = c. 90-94+)

110

non vib. (evocative of an old steam-train whistle)

mf non vib. (evocative of an old steam-train whistle)

mf non vib. (evocative of an old steam-train whistle)

mf non vib. (evocative of an old steam-train whistle)

mf

pp

f

Fl. 1,2  
Fl. 3  
B♭ Cl. 1  
B♭ Cl. 2  
B. Cl.  
Bsn. 1  
Bsn. 2  
C. Bn.

*molto*

*p*

Hn. 1,2  
Hn. 3,4  
C Tpt. 1  
Tbn. 1  
Tbn. 2  
B. Tbn.  
Tuba

*a 2*

*molto*

*molto*

*molto*

*molto*

*molto*

*molto*

*Con sord.*

*f*

*pp*

(♩=♩) (♩=♩ = c. 90-94+)

Tim. *p*

Tub. Chimes

Cym.  
L.V.  
Cym.  
*ff*  
Perc. 3

*p*

**Brake Drum**

*p*

**Shakers**

*p*

Hp.

*mp*

Pno.

Vln. I  
Vln. II  
Vla.  
Vc.  
Cb.

*molto*

*ppp*

*p*

*pizz.*

*molto*

*mp*

(♩=♩) (♩=♩ = c. 90-94+)

*fff*

*pp*

**116**

Fl. 1,2  
Fl. 3  
Ob. 1,2  
Ob. 3  
B♭ Cl. 1  
B♭ Cl. 2  
B. Cl.  
Bsn. 1

Hn. 1,2  
Hn. 3,4  
C Tpt. 1  
C Tpt. 2  
Con sord.  
Tbn. 1  
p Con sord.  
Tbn. 2  
p Con sord.  
B. Tbn.  
p  
Tuba

Tub. Ch.  
Brk. Dr.  
f  
Shakers  
f  
pp

Hp.  
Pno.

Vln. I  
pp  
f  
pp  
III. 8va - legato  
Vln. II  
III. 8va - legato  
Vla.  
Vcl.  
Vc.  
Cb.

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**120**

Fl. 1,2  
Fl. 3  
Ob. 1,2  
Ob. 3  
B♭ Cl. 1  
B♭ Cl. 2  
B. Cl.  
Bsn. 1

Hn. 1,2  
Hn. 3,4  
C Tpt. 1  
f  
C Tpt. 2  
Con sord.  
Tbn. 1  
p Con sord.  
Tbn. 2  
p Con sord.  
B. Tbn.  
p  
Tuba

Tub. Ch.  
Brk. Dr.  
f  
Shakers  
f  
pp

Hp.  
Pno.

Vln. I  
pp  
f  
pp  
III. 8va - legato  
Vln. II  
III. 8va - legato  
Vla.  
Vcl.  
Vc.  
Cb.

Con sord.  
f pp

legato  
ad lib.  
pp Una Corda

legato  
ad lib.  
harmonics gliss. ad lib.

legato  
III. mp harmonics gliss. ad lib.

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12

122

Fl. 1,2  
Fl. 3  
B♭ Cl. 1  
B♭ Cl. 2  
B. Cl.  
Bsn. 1  
Bsn. 2  
C. Bn.

124

Hn. 1,2  
Hn. 3,4  
C Tpt. 1  
Tbn. 1  
Tbn. 2  
B. Tbn.  
Tuba

Timp.

Tub. Ch.

Brk. Dr.  
Shakers

Hp.

Pno.

Vln. I  
(8va)-

Vln. II  
(8va)-

Vla.  
(8va)-

Vc.  
arco

Cb.  
*p*

126

Fl. 1,2  
Fl. 3  
Ob. 1  
Ob. 2  
B♭ Cl. 1  
B♭ Cl. 2  
B. Cl.  
Bsn. 1  
Bsn. 2  
C. Bn.

Hn. 1,2  
Hn. 3,4  
Tbn. 1  
Tbn. 2  
B. Tbn.

Tub. Ch.  
Brk. Dr.  
Shakers

Hp.

Pno.

Vln. I  
Vln. II  
Vla.  
Vc.  
Cb.

129

*pp* *f*

*mp* *mp* *to Bsn.*

*p*

*p*

*mf* *Tre Corde*

*p*

*p*



134

135 ...chromatic flight (fanfare)...

139

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

Ob. 3

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2

B. Cl.

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

Hn. 1,2

Hn. 3,4

C Tpt. 1

C Tpt. 2

C Tpt. 3

Tbn. 1

Glk.

Brk. Dr.

Shakers

Hp.

Pno.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

to E.H.

Senza sord.

pizz.

mf

pizz.

mf

pizz.

mf

141

...time dilation I: reference frames...

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

Ob. 3

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

Hn. 1

Hn. 3

C Tpt. 1

C Tpt. 2

C Tpt. 3

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

B. Tbn.

Tuba

Timp.

143

147

Hn. 1

Hn. 3

C Tpt. 1

C Tpt. 2

C Tpt. 3

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

B. Tbn.

Tuba

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Hp.</p

149

151

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

E. Hn.

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

Bsn.

Hn. 1

Hn. 3

C Tpt. 1

Tbn. 1

B. Tbn.

Tuba

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

*f* *molto*

*f* *molto*

*to Ob.*

*f* *molto*

*mf* *f* *molto*

*mf* *f* *p*

*mf* *f* *p*

*f* *molto*

*f* *molto*

*f* *molto*

*Senza sord.*

*mf* *f* *molto*

*p*

*div.*

*p*

*unis.*

*p*

*arco*

...neutrino showers...

157

161

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob. 2

B♭ Cl. 1

Vln. I

cresc.

Vln. II

cresc.

Vla.

cresc.

Vc.

cresc.

Cb.

cresc.

p

p

p

f

f

f

f

f

f

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18

164

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Fl. 3

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

Ob. 3

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2

B. Cl.

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

Bsn. 3

Hn. 1,2

Hn. 3,4

C Tpt. 1,2

C Tpt. 3

Tbn. 1

B. Tbn.

Tuba

Timpani

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Hp.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

166

*mf cresc.*

*mp*

*mf cresc.*

*mf cresc.*

*mf*

*cresc.*

*mf cresc.*

*(B. Cl.)*

*mf cresc.*

*gliss.*

*mp*

*6*

*6*

*cresc.*

*cresc.*

*cresc.*

*cresc.*

*cresc.*

*like Dali's Melting Clock*

(♩=♩) **Tempo I**, (♩. = c. 120-126)

171 ...fugato neutrino (brief return of the scherzo)...

174

177

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20

(♩=♩)(♩= c. 90-94+)

180 ...time dilation II: metamorphosis...

183

186

Ob. 1

Bsn. 1 *f*

Perc. 3

Guiro or Washboard

Pno.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc. *ff*

189 time transfixied II: surrealist trains nearby

191

195

...time transfixed II. surrealist trains nearby...

Fl. 1,2

Pic.

Ob. 1,2

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 3

Bsn. 1,2

C. Bn.

Hn. 1,2

Hn. 3,4

Tbn. 1,2

Tbn. / Tuba

*ff non vib.*

Pic.

*ff non vib.*

*ff*

Cl.

*ff non vib.*

*ff non vib.*

*ff*

*ff*

*ff like a freight-train horn*

*ff like a freight-train horn*

a 2

a 2 *f*

*f* Tam-Tam

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Guiro/Wshbd.

**B. Drum**

*ff*

*ff'*

Musical score for orchestra. The score includes parts for Piano (Pno.), Violin I (Vln. I), Violin II (Vln. II), Cello (Vc.), and Double Bass (Cb.). The piano part features sustained notes with dynamic markings *ff* and *vib.*. The strings play eighth-note patterns. The cello and double bass parts are mostly silent. The score is in common time, with a key signature of one flat.

197

199

*...time travel I: inverted worlds...*

Musical score page 11, measures 11-12. The score includes parts for Bassoon 1, Bassoon 2, C. Bn., Hn. 1,2, Hn. 3,4, C Tpt. 1, C Tpt. 2, C Tpt. 3, Tbn. 1,2, B. Tbn. / Tuba, Guiro/Wshbd., Pno., Vln. I, Vln. II, Vla., Vc., and Cb. Various dynamics like 'molto' and 'mf' are indicated.

205

210

*...time travel II: surrealist, neo 18th-century fly-by...*

Musical score for orchestra, measures 11-12. The score includes parts for C Tpt. 1, C Tpt. 2, C Tpt. 3, Vln. I, Vln. II, Vla., and Vc. The vocal parts (C Tpt. 1, C Tpt. 2, C Tpt. 3) play eighth-note patterns with grace notes. The string parts (Vln. I, Vln. II, Vla., Vc.) play eighth-note patterns. Measure 11 ends with a forte dynamic (f). Measure 12 begins with a forte dynamic (f).

214

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Fl. 3

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

Ob. 3

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2

B♭ Cl. 3

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

B. Tbn.

Tuba

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Hp.

Pno.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

218

222

223

1

1

228

*...arriving at the station..*

The tubular chimes high C's (dotted quarters) are meant to evoke a train's bell when arriving at a station. The rhythm also parses the melody in the strings (with principle high-winds doubling) to illuminate the melody as it appears in compound meter, as in the beginning of the piece.

**Tub. Chimes**

**Perc. 1**

**Perc. 2**

**Perc. 3**

**Pno.**

**Vln. I**

**Vln. II**

**Vla.**

**Vc.**

**Cb.**

232

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Fl. 3

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

Ob. 3

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2

B♭ Cl. 3

Bsn. 1,2

C. Bn.

Hn. 1,2

Hn. 3,4

C Tpt. 1

C Tpt. 2

C Tpt. 3

Tbn. 1,2

B. Tbn.

Tuba

Timpani

Tub. Ch.

Glk.

Trgl.

Pno.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

236

*to Picc.*

(pedal notes, if not available, should be played 8va)

243

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Fl. 3

Picc.

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

Ob. 3

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2

B♭ Cl. 3

Bsn. 1,2

C. Bn.

Hn. 1,2

Hn. 3,4

C Tpt. 1

C Tpt. 2

C Tpt. 3

Tbn. 1,2

B. Tbn.

Tuba

Timp.

Tub. Ch.

Glk.

Trgl.

Pno.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

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*...the quantum effect: timelessness "in my end is my beginning."...*

**(♩=♩) Tempo I, Allegro (♩.= c. 120-126 )**



rit.

♩ = c. 88, Misterioso

263

Fl. 1  
Fl. 2  
Fl. 3  
Ob. 1  
Ob. 2  
B♭ Cl. 1  
B♭ Cl. 2  
Bsn. 1  
Bsn. 2  
C. Bn.

267

270

**Flute**

**pp**

Hn. 1,2  
Hn. 3,4  
C Tpt. 1,2  
Tbn. 1  
Tbn. 2  
B. Tbn.  
Tuba

rit.

♩ = c. 88, Misterioso

Timp.

**Glock.**

S.Dr.  
Perc. 2

L.V. *sempre*

Hp.

Pno.

rit.

♩ = c. 88, Misterioso

Vln. I  
Vln. II  
Vla.  
Vc.  
Cb.

div.

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(The D♭ only pertains to the lower-part, touch-harmonic. The upper part holds the fundamental D-natural.)

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