

ANAPHORA

Matthew Ricketts (2020)

INSTRUMENTATION

Alto Flute (I)
Alto Flute II (doubling Bass Flute)
Clarinet in B \flat
Bassoon

Horn

Percussion (1 player):

Tibetan Singing Bowls (4) 

Thai Gongs (5) 

Almglocken (4) 

Vibraphone

Piano

Violin I
Violin II
Viola
Violoncello

Duration: ca. 11'30

PERFORMANCE NOTES

s.v. = senza vibrato

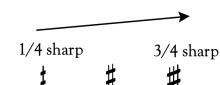
p.v. = poco vibrato

m.v. = molto vibrato

String harmonic notation: the sounding pitch and string are typically given; the performer is usually left to decide which touched node is needed to produce that sounding pitch.

Bariolage (rapid alternation of the same pitch on adjacent strings) is notated II/III (e.g.).

Bass Flute is written at sounding pitch in the score; the part is transposed.

Microtonal notation:  An arrow points from the first note to the second note.

Approx. 31 cents flat (7th partial of overtone series)



EACH day with so much ceremony
begins, with birds, with bells,
with whistles from a factory;
such white-gold skies our eyes
first open on, such brilliant walls
that for a moment we wonder
“Where is the music coming from, the energy?
The day was meant for what ineffable creature
we must have missed?” Oh promptly he
appears and takes his earthly nature
instantly, instantly falls
victim of long intrigue,
assuming memory and mortal
mortal fatigue.

More slowly falling into sight
and showering into stippled faces,
darkening, condensing all his light;
in spite of all the dreaming
squandered upon him with that look,
suffers our uses and abuses,
sinks through the drift of bodies,
sinks through the drift of classes
to evening to the beggar in the park
who, weary, without lamp or book
prepares stupendous studies:
the fiery event
of every day in endless
endless assent.

Elizabeth Bishop, “Anaphora” from *North & South* (1946)

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♩=110 Quick, light

Alto Flute (sounding pitch) *f aggressivo* *f aggressivo*

Bass Flute *ppp pale* con sord. (cloth) *mf*

B♭ Clarinet *mp sub. ppp*

Bassoon *ppp* *mp sub. ppp*

Horn

extremely soft mallets (very little attack, mostly resonance) (slightly faster than prevailing ♩)

Almglocken *n.* *ppp* *ppp*

Piano

Violin I con sord. (leather mute) *sul tasto* *pp secretive* *mp*

Violin II *III* *ppp* *pp mormorando* *mp*

Viola con sord. (leather mute) *IV* *ppp* *pp mormorando* *mp*

Violoncello con sord. (leather mute) *III* *ppp* *pp mormorando* *mp*

(7) A. Fl. (I) *p* *mf* (*meno aggressivo*) *f* *mf* (non decresc.)

B. Fl. *p* *mf* (*meno aggressivo*) *f* *mf* (non decresc.)

Cl. *pp* *ppp* *ppp*

Bsn. *ppp*

Hn. *p animato* *mf* (*non troppo*) *p (sim.)* *mf*

(slightly slower than prevailing ♩)

Alm. *p* *ppp*

Pno. *mf* *pp* *ppp* *pp* *ppp* l.v. *p* *p*

Ped. una corda

Vln. I *pp* 0 II 0 II 0 II 0 III 0 III 0 *ppp* *pp* (*secretive, quasi parlano*) *p* *pp*

Vln. II *pp* sul tasto flautando *ppp* *pp* (*mormorando*) *p* *pp* (sim.)

Vla. 7 7 7 7 7 *p* *sub. pp* 0 II 0 II 0 sim. 0 II 0 II 0 poco sul pont.

Vc. *pp* 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 *mf*

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A. Fl. (I) B. Fl. Cl. Bsn.

f brillante *f brillante* *mp più calmo*

p *ppp* *pp* *mp*

Hn.

Bsn. *ppp* *pp dolce* *mp*

Alm.

Pno. *p* *p* *ppp*

(Ped.) *

Vln. I *pp* *pp* *p* *pp*

Vln. II *p sub. pp* *ord.*

Vla.

Vc. *pp (mormorando)* *ord.* *ppp* *pp* *(I)* *p* *pp*

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A. Fl. (I) B. Fl. Cl. Bsn.

mf *mf* *legatissimo* *mf* *f* *5:3* *3*

pp *ppp (shadow)* *p* *espress.*

Hn. *mp* *mf*

Alm.

Pno. *p* *ppp* *mp* *pp* *mp* *pp*

Pno. *mf* *mp* *pp* *p chiaro* *p* *mf* *pp*

Ped. * Ped.

Vln. I *mp* *pp* *5* *mf* *pp*

Vln. II *p* *pp* *II:12* *mf* *III:12* *pp*

Vla.

Vc. *ppp* *mp* *pp* *(slightly slower than prevailing ♩)* *mf* *pp*

II trem. rapidissimo *III* *(rapid but uneven trem.)*

(28)

A. Fl. (I) *p* ff *mf* f

B. Fl. l-3 ff l-3 mf

Cl. l-3 mfp

Bsn. l-3 mfp mf

Hn. mp + mf

Alm.

Pno. p 3 pp p 3 pp <mf chiaro pp (Ped.)

Vln. I 5:3 II sul tasto molto flautando sub. p spiccato (off the string) animato (sempre pp) II

Vln. II 3 3 3 mp animato (rapid but uneven trem.)

Vla. 3 3 mp sub. pp (l.v.) sul pont.

Vc. 3 3 mp pp (l.v.) sul pont. mf

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A Slightly slower (sempre animato)
♩=104

(35)

A. Fl. (I) (non flutt.) animato 5 wild! G.P.

B. Fl. 3 animato 5 wild!

Cl. 3 5 mf (match flutes) wild!

Bsn. p

Hn.

Alm.

Pno. 5 3 3 3 ppp (as if restarting) ppp mormorando

Ped.
(una corda)

Vln. I 7:6 3

Vln. II 3 3 3

Vla. (III) mfp mp mfp mp mfp mp p mf

(47)

A. Fl. (I) B. Fl. Cl. Bsn.

mp *mf* (*animato*) *mp* *mf* (*animato*) *ppp* (*shadow*) *ppp* (*shadow*) (non cresc.)

Hn. (approximating 7th partial on C)

p *mp* *leggiero* *p* (*echo*) *pp* *p* *gentle*

Alm. (R.H. only) *p* *pp* *ppp*

Pno. (Ped.) *sub. pp* *mp*

Vln. I sul tasto molto flautando

Vln. II ord. *ppp* *p* *pp* *mormorando*

Vla. ord. *ppp* *p* *pp* *mormorando* (IV)

Vc. ord. IV *p* *pp* *pp* *mormorando*



(49)

A. Fl. (I) B. Fl. Cl. Bsn.

mp *mf* *fp* *mf* *fp* *f* *mf* *fp* <*mf*

Hn. *mp* > *pp*

(non dcresc.)

Alm. *pp*

Hn. + + p < *mp* *pp*

to Vibraphone

Alm. (disappear into piano)

Pno. *sub. pp* *7/8* 5 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 *p* 3 3 3 *pp* 3 3 5

* Ped. (L.H. only)

Vln. I 5:3 5 3 ord. o pp mp *mf* *mf*

Vln. II 3 3 3 5 0 pp mp *pp* *mf* *sub. p*

Vla. 7/8 II 5 (II) mp *pp* mp *mf* *p* 5

Vc. 5:3 3 3 3 3 mp mp *pp* *p* (p)