

Full score

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flock foam fume
for solo violin & 8 speakers



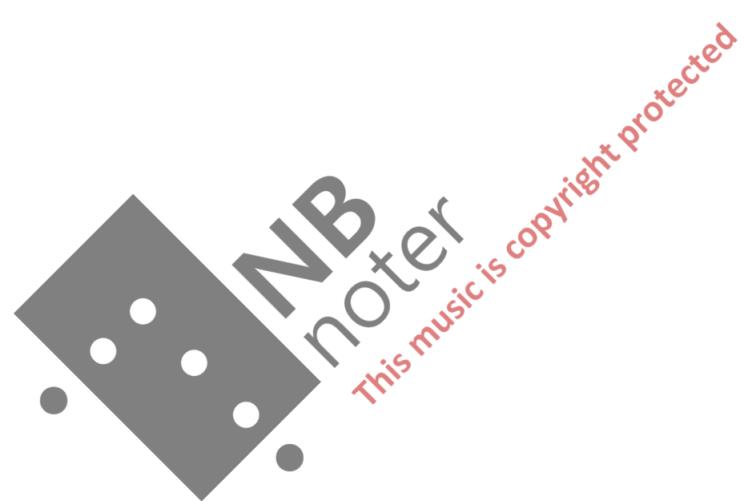
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*For solo violin, 16 pre-recorded violin parts,
and 8 speakers (octophony) circle-shaped surrounding audience and performer.*

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"Violin - Recorded I-16" are recorded and prepared in advance as 16 audio files, addressed in pairs to 8 speakers. The speakers are shaped as a circle surrounding the audience, with the performer in the center.

Any performer may use the already recorded 16 tracks, or record everything anew. If the performer choose the latter, the 16 tracks are to be recorded in the following manner:

- "by ear" : like "chinese whispers; after recording first track, the performer only hear the last recorded track (when recording track 2 the performer listens to track 1, when recording track 3 listen to track 2 etc.). This will often - but not always - give a delay for each track, which is part of the piece.
- "by click" : the performer is given everything needed for the passage, count-in, count-off, plain click. To be rhythmic precise.

Musical memory (M48) - This part needs additional recording. The performer records first a melody that is in some way special to her/him, preferably from childhood. This recording is used as a guide for imitation/reproduction synchronized, or conducted, by ear on to the 16 tracks, with pitchless strings played with tremolo. The audible result will be a clear contour of the melody, through pitchless tremolo. Any performer may use Karin Hellqvist's "Näktergalen", or base this part on the performer's own melodic memory.

When the piece is performed, the sound engineer starts the audio files at performer's que. There is no triggering or click, hence the main challenge with the piece is timing.

No vibrato throughout, except where noted.

mute is always a metal practising mute.

irr. - "irregular", meaning segment/pauses is not to be played steady, but rather with some rhythmic variation, also between voices.

ind. - "independent" (rhythm/tempo).

All time instructions given in seconds are approximate.

All instructions related to synchronicity addresses the *recording situation* and not the *live situation*.

Imitate mean to reproduce what is heard, as best possible; phrasing, timing, timbre, but replace pitch with what is notated.

>5" - a duration of more than 5 seconds.

<5" - a duration of less than 5 seconds.

ric. - "ricochet", bounce with bow on string.

b.o.s. - "(leave) bow on string(s)", dry, no/choke resonance.

The live violin bow can be prepared beforehand with a 4 cm long metal rod, max. 4 mm diameter. Attach at the tension screw with a rubber band. Or, and preferably, the player hold a triangle stick (or the like) in right hand - together with the bow - in the beginning and the end of piece.



- trill with prepared bow (rod on screw/triangle stick) between notated strings (e.g. II I). The exact resulting pitches are not of interest in this piece. The trill must be fast and consistent, no irregularities in dynamics.



- meant as a graphic representation of the side of the violin body, not as a C-clef. Top of staves is near neck of violin, bottom of staves is near cheek. Hence pitches indicates approximate placement for bowing.



- freely change pitch up/down max. a semitone.



- pitchless, all strings are mutes; no resonance from strings. If roman numbers are noted, they indicates muted position in left hand (e.g. III = "mute all strings in 3rd position").



- extreme flautando, very light bow pressure; between airy pitch and pitchless. It is preferred to place bow at 8va node, relative to pitch.



- No Meter



- dynamics written in quotation marks addresses the level of energy, not the audible dynamics.

MP
note
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Rec. synth. by ear

(♩=60)

Violin - Live

0" I" 2"
10" III III, gliss.
ca 40"

"mf" "pp"

Rec synch. by click-ques

(♩=80)

Violin - Recorded 1
(see footnotes) ppp/p ad lib small dyn waves

Violin - Recorded 2
follow dynamics from vln. 1

Violin - Recorded 3
follow dynamics from vln. 2

Violin - Recorded 4
follow dynamics from vln. 3

Violin - Recorded 5
follow dynamics from vln. 4

Violin - Recorded 6
follow dynamics from vln. 5

Violin - Recorded 7
follow dynamics from vln. 6

Violin - Recorded 8
follow dynamics from vln. 7

Violin - Recorded 9
(see footnotes) follow dynamics from vln. 8

Violin - Recorded 10
follow dynamics from vln. 9

Violin - Recorded 11
follow dynamics from vln. 10

Violin - Recorded 12
follow dynamics from vln. 11

Violin - Recorded 13
follow dynamics from vln. 12

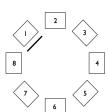
Violin - Recorded 14
follow dynamics from vln. 13

Violin - Recorded 15
follow dynamics from vln. 14

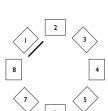
Violin - Recorded 16
follow dynamics from vln. 15

2" sim. (irr.) here: 2" 2" 2" 2" 8"
no accents gliss. 5" 20"
no accents gliss. 10", 5" 10", 5"
no accents gliss. 10", 5" 10", 5"

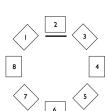
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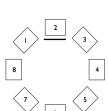
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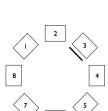
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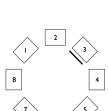
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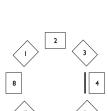
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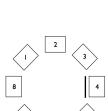
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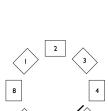
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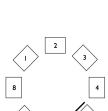
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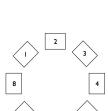
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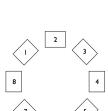
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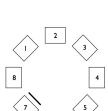
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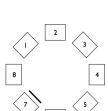
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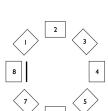
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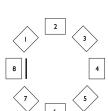
Violin - Recorded 13



Violin - Recorded 14



Violin - Recorded 15



Violin - Recorded 16

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**Rec. synch.
by click**

either continue,
or play this; optional

2

56" 2", 3", 2", sim. 1", 2", 8" 3" 2" 1", 1", 2" "mf" p "mf" 3" p "mf" p

Vln. L. Vln. R1 Vln. R2 Vln. R3 Vln. R4 Vln. R5 Vln. R6 Vln. R7 Vln. R8 Vln. R9 Vln. R10 Vln. R11 Vln. R12 Vln. R13 Vln. R14 Vln. R15 Vln. R16

repeat sim.
grad. imitate
what you hear 10"-15"

80

either continue,
or play this; optional

Live player $\text{J}=80$,

Mute click during rec., ind. tempi

4

I'55"

Vln. L.

grad. $\text{J} \rightarrow$ pitchless

p - - - p - - - sim.

ind. tempo

l.pos.

Vln. R1

pp

ind. tempo

l.pos.

Vln. R2

pp

ind. tempo

l.pos.

Vln. R3

pp

ind. tempo

l.pos.

Vln. R4

pp

ind. tempo

2.pos.

Vln. R5

pp

ind. tempo

2.pos.

Vln. R6

pp

ind. tempo

2.pos.

Vln. R7

pp

ind. tempo

2.pos.

Vln. R8

pp

ind. tempo

2.pos.

Vln. R9

pp

ind. tempo

3.pos.

Vln. R10

pp

ind. tempo

3.pos.

Vln. R11

pp

ind. tempo

3.pos.

Vln. R12

pp

ind. tempo

3.pos.

Vln. R13

pp

ind. tempo

4.pos.

Vln. R14

pp

ind. tempo

4.pos.

Vln. R15

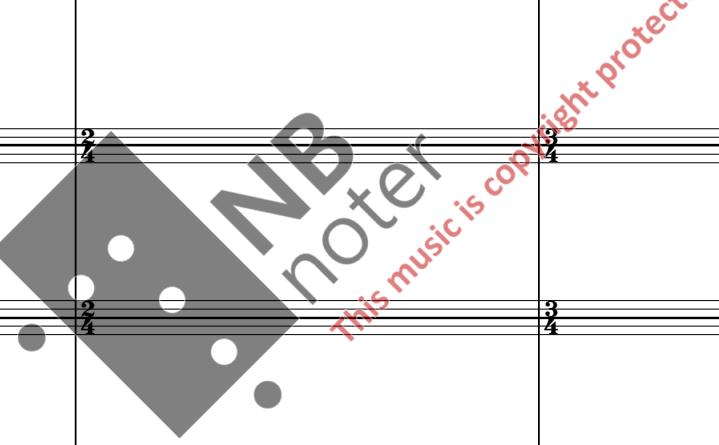
pp

ind. tempo

4.pos.

Vln. R16

pp



(Ind. pulse)

2'01"

15-18"

$\text{♩}=80$

5

**Synchr. by ear (=ca 92),
(=80) click stops**

6

2'31" approx. rhythms 8" b.o.s. 4"

Vln. L. f 6 p pp synch w/vln 1-8 by ear 9" 5" //

Vln. R1 N M z (pp) follow dyn. a tiny bit delayed after vln 1 9" 5" //

Vln. R2 N M z (pp) follow dyn. a tiny bit delayed after vln 2 9" 5" //

Vln. R3 N M z (pp) follow dyn. a tiny bit delayed after vln 3 9" 5" //

Vln. R4 N M z (pp) follow dyn. a tiny bit delayed after vln 4 9" 5" //

Vln. R5 N M z (pp) follow dyn. a tiny bit delayed after vln 5 9" 5" //

Vln. R6 N M z (pp) follow dyn. a tiny bit delayed after vln 6 9" 5" //

Vln. R7 N M z (pp) follow dyn. a tiny bit delayed after vln 7 9" 5" //

Vln. R8 N M z (pp) approx. rhythm, to enter just after live vln. w/mute 8" b.o.s. 4"

Vln. R9 N M f 5 p pp irr. gliss. # gliss. 8" b.o.s. 4"

Vln. R10 N M f 5 p pp imitate vln. 9 w/mute 8" sim. >4"

Vln. R11 N M f 5 p pp imitate vln. 10 w/mute 8" sim. >4"

Vln. R12 N M f 5 p pp imitate vln. 11 w/mute 8" sim. >4"

Vln. R13 N M f 5 p pp imitate vln. 12 w/mute 8" sim. >4"

Vln. R14 N M f 5 p pp imitate vln. 13 w/mute 8" sim. >4"

Vln. R15 N M f 5 p pp imitate vln. 14 w/mute 8" sim. >4"

Vln. R16 N M f 5 p pp imitate vln. 15 w/mute 8" sim. >4"

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Vln R1-8
synch by click

enter just before
vln. R9

>8"

sim.

b.o.s.

♩=80

**keep tempo as
best as possible**

grad. longer dur.
per note, grad. tasto →

7

Vln. L.

f 6 *p* — *pp*
w/mute, b.o.s.
2'48" 20"

Vln. R1

imperceptible
w/mute, b.o.s.
follow vln 1

Vln. R2

imperceptible
w/mute, b.o.s.
follow vln 2

Vln. R3

imperceptible
w/mute, b.o.s.
follow vln 3

Vln. R4

imperceptible
w/mute, b.o.s.
follow vln 4

Vln. R5

imperceptible
w/mute, b.o.s.
follow vln 5

Vln. R6

imperceptible
w/mute, b.o.s.
follow vln 6

Vln. R7

pizz. III *imperceptible*
w/mute, b.o.s.
follow vln 7

Vln. R8

mp *imperceptible*
w/mute, b.o.s.
follow vln 8

Vln. R9

just after
live vln / vln R1 *irr.* *ff* *p* — *pp* 8"
imitate vln. 9

Vln. R10

ff *p* — *pp* 8" *ff*
imitate vln. 10

Vln. R11

ff *p* — *pp* 8" *ff*
imitate vln. 11

Vln. R12

ff *p* — *pp* 8" *ff*
imitate vln. 12

Vln. R13

ff *p* — *pp* 8" *ff*
imitate vln. 13

Vln. R14

ff *p* — *pp* 8" *ff*
imitate vln. 14

Vln. R15

ff 5 *p* — *pp* 8" *ff*
imitate vln. 15 *gliss.(d)* *ff*

Vln. R16

ff *p* — *pp* 8" *ff*

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**(bow on
8va node
on D-str.)**

**make top
note weaker**

(III)

**pick up
mute**

Vln. L. **3'09"** **ppp** **p** **ppp** **p** **ppp** **p** **ppp**

=

3'37" **3'30"** **mute on/off side of bridge,
w/left hand** **(rep. before
tape starts)**

Rec synch. by click
cont. sim. & ind. until tape enters
+ 2 pitchless trem.
Change tempo each time

Vln. L. **mf** **ppp**

Vln. R1 **3 X 4+2 chords:
grad. transitions
from pitch→pitchless**
no mute

Vln. R2 **no mute**

Vln. R3 **no mute** **mp**

Vln. R4 **no mute** **mf**

Vln. R5 **no mute**

Vln. R6 **no mute** **mp**

Vln. R7 **no mute** **mf**

Vln. R8 **no mute**

Vln. R9 **no mute** **p**

Vln. R10 **no mute** **p**

Vln. R11 **no mute** **mp**

Vln. R12 **no mute** **poco f**

Vln. R13 **poco f** **"f"**

Vln. R14 **mp** **poco f** **"f"**

Vln. R15 **(mf)** **poco f** **mf** **"f"**

Vln. R16 **poco f**

5'52"

Vln. L.

(f) 5 5 5

on fingerboard w/mute 5 pp

mute on (mute) 5 5 5 5

pizz. arco IV

Vln. R1

pp f on fingerboard w/mute gliss. pp f

IV pizz. arco

Vln. R2

pp f on fingerboard w/mute gliss. pp f

IV pizz. arco

Vln. R3

w/mute pp f

pp f

Vln. R4

w/mute pp f

pp f

Vln. R5

w/mute pp f

pp

Vln. R6

w/mute pp f

pp

Vln. R7

on fingerboard w/mute pp

Vln. R8

on fingerboard w/mute pp

Vln. R9

→ on fingerboard pp

Vln. R10

→ on fingerboard pp

Vln. R11

→ on fingerboard pp

Vln. R12

→ on fingerboard pp

Vln. R13

→ on fingerboard pp

Vln. R14

→ on fingerboard pp

Vln. R15

→ on fingerboard pp

Vln. R16

→ on fingerboard pp

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Vln. L. *pp*

Vln. RI *pp*

Vln. R2 *pizz. arco pp*

Vln. R3 *pizz. arco pp*

Vln. R4 *IV arco pizz. arco pizz. arco pp*

Vln. R5 *f pizz. arco pizz. arco pizz. arco pizz. arco pp*

Vln. R6 *f pizz. arco pizz. arco pizz. arco pizz. arco pp*

Vln. R7 *f pizz. arco IV pizz. arco pizz. arco pp*

Vln. R8 *f pizz. arco IV pizz. arco pizz. pp*

Vln. R9 *w/mute IV+III f pp*

Vln. R10 *w/mute IV+III f pp*

Vln. R11 *w/mute IV+III f pp*

Vln. R12 *w/mute IV+III f pp*

Vln. R13 *w/mute IV+III f pp*

Vln. R14 *w/mute IV+III f pp*

Vln. R15 *w/mute IV+III f pp*

Vln. R16 *w/mute IV+III f pp*

17

Vln. L.

7'17" *pizz.* *f* *pp* *8va* *fff* *b.o.s.* *5* *6* *7*

Vln. R1

b.o.s. *f* *mp* *pizz.* *p*

Vln. R2

b.o.s. *f* *pizz.* *p*

Vln. R3

b.o.s. *f* *pizz.* *p*

Vln. R4

b.o.s. *f* *pizz.* *p*

Vln. R5

b.o.s. *mf* *b.o.s.* *pizz.* *p*

Vln. R6

8va *f poss.* *mf* *b.o.s.*

Vln. R7

8va *f poss.* *mp* *arc* *b.o.s.* *p*

Vln. R8

f *arc* *mp* *b.o.s.*

Vln. R9

f *p* *b.o.s.*

Vln. R10

mf *p* *b.o.s.*

Vln. R11

mf *p* *b.o.s.*

Vln. R12

mf *pp* *b.o.s.*

Vln. R13

mf *pp* *b.o.s.*

Vln. R14

mp

Vln. R15

mp

Vln. R16

mp

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7'29"

imitate speaker 8

cont. imitation,
begin ad lib. from bounce(last notes,
as if backw.)

I" 8va-

Vln. L. N M > pp ppp mp (as rec.)

Vln. RI N M I. rec. arco IV mute 5" 5" <5" <5" 30" etc. equal note/rest duration, grad. shorter → bounce (bounce) // (mp) 5" 5" on string, slight gliss. // pp f

Vln. R2 arco mute imitate (imitation cont.)

Vln. R3 arco mute imitate (imitation cont.)

Vln. R4 arco mute imitate (imitation cont.)

Vln. R5 arco mute imitate (imitation cont.)

Vln. R6 arco mute imitate (imitation cont.)

Vln. R7 arco mute imitate (imitation cont.)

Vln. R8 arco mute imitate (imitation cont.)

Vln. R9 arco mute imitate (imitation cont.)

Vln. R10 arco mute imitate (imitation cont.)

Vln. R11 arco mute imitate (imitation cont.)

Vln. R12 arco mute imitate (imitation cont.)

Vln. R13 arco mute imitate (imitation cont.)

Vln. R14 arco mute imitate (imitation cont.)

Vln. R15 arco mute imitate (imitation cont.)

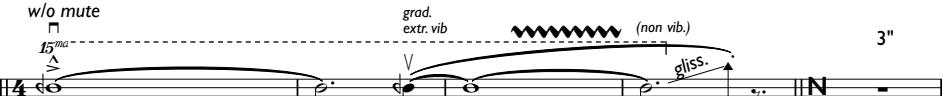
Vln. R16 arco mute imitate 8va- (imitation cont.)

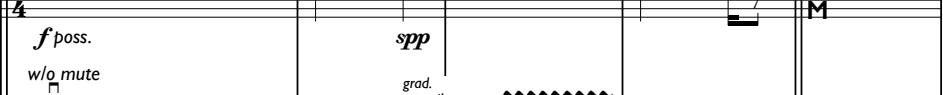
ad lib.
 "backw." + bounce
8'30"

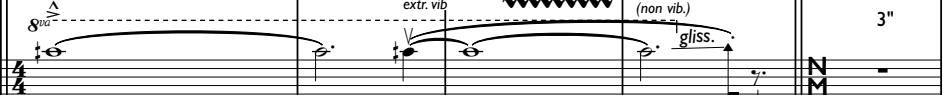
Vln. L. 

synch. by click
=80

after vibrato starts: 
pp

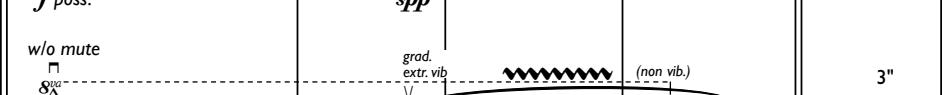
Vln. RI 

Vln. R2 

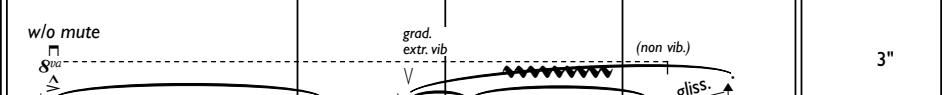
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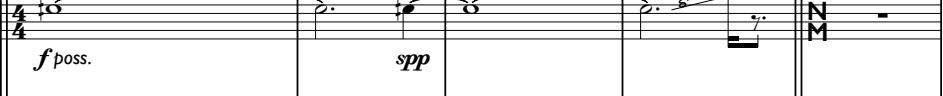
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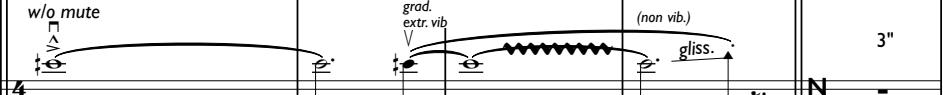
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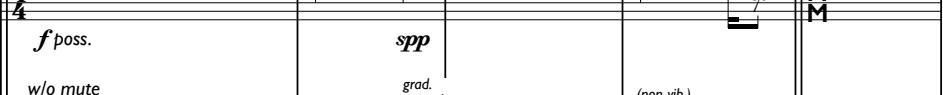
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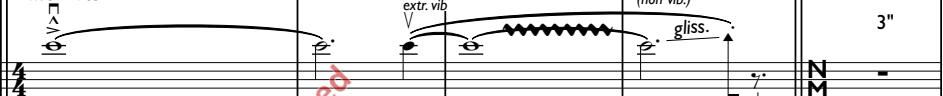
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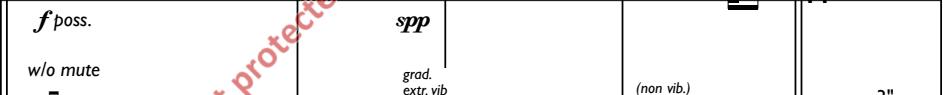
Vln. R8 

Vln. R9 

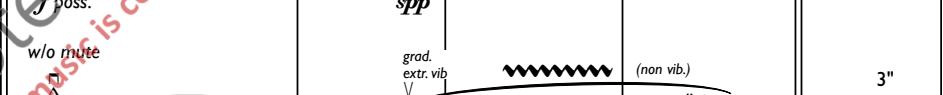
Vln. R10 

Vln. R11 

Vln. R12 

Vln. R13 

Vln. R14 

Vln. R15 

Vln. R16 

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imitate speaker I

12"

Cont. where rec. stops.
ad lib. based on rec.
gliss. notes 2+3+4

1 2 3 4

mf (as rec.)

>8"

Vln. L. 9'16" (8) **imitate speaker I**

Vln. R1 mute imitate (imitation cont.) >8"

Vln. R2 mute imitate (imitation cont.) >8"

Vln. R3 mute imitate (imitation cont.) >8"

Vln. R4 mute imitate (imitation cont.) >8"

Vln. R5 mute imitate (imitation cont.) >8"

Vln. R6 mute imitate (imitation cont.) >8"

Vln. R7 mute imitate (imitation cont.) >8"

Vln. R8 mute imitate (imitation cont.) >8"

Vln. R9 mute imitate (imitation cont.) >8"

Vln. R10 mute imitate (imitation cont.) >8"

Vln. R11 mute imitate (imitation cont.) >8"

Vln. R12 mute imitate (imitation cont.) >8"

Vln. R13 mute imitate (imitation cont.) >8"

Vln. R14 mute imitate (imitation cont.) >8"

Vln. R15 mute imitate (imitation cont.) >8"

Vln. R16 I. rec. IV mute (tiny pitch-dives) 20" <5" repeat, and grad. shorten pause + length of note faster still, irr. 6" >8"

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synch. by click

10'22" | =120 | 1 (cont., intense)

synch. by ear

stop at vibrato | begin when rec.=pp | III IV | III IV 21 | "f"

Vln. L. | mute off loud irr. bow | N | 3" 3" 10" | spp | p poss.

Vln. R1 | f poss. | spp | p poss.

Vln. R2 | f poss. | spp | p poss.

Vln. R3 | f poss. | spp | p poss.

Vln. R4 | f poss. | spp | p poss.

Vln. R5 | f poss. | spp | p poss.

Vln. R6 | f poss. | spp | p poss.

Vln. R7 | f poss. | spp | p poss.

Vln. R8 | f poss. | spp | p poss.

Vln. R9 | f poss. | spp | p poss.

Vln. R10 | f poss. | spp | p poss.

Vln. R11 | f poss. | spp | p poss.

Vln. R12 | f poss. | spp | p poss.

Vln. R13 | f poss. | spp | p poss.

Vln. R14 | f poss. | spp | p poss.

Vln. R15 | f poss. | spp | p poss.

Vln. R16 | f poss. | spp | p poss.

3" 5" 1" | 3" 3" 10" | spp | p poss.

11'10"