

DIES IRAE, Op. 47

•for Symphonic Band•

1st Prize

VIII International Composition Competition
BANDA SINFÓNICA PORTUGUESA 2020

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Instrumentation

- Piccolo
- Flute 1
- Flute 2
- Oboe 1
- Oboe 2/English Horn
- Bassoon 1
- Bassoon 2

- Eb Clarinet
- Bb Clarinet 1
- Bb Clarinet 2
- Bb Clarinet 3
- Bb Bass Clarinet

- Eb Alto Sax. 1/Bb Soprano Sax.
- Eb Alto Sax. 2
- Bb Tenor Sax.
- Eb Baritone Sax.

- Bb Cornet 1
- Bb Cornet 2,3
- Bb Trumpet 1,2

- F Horn 1,2
- F Horn 3,4

- Trombone 1
- Trombone 2
- Bass Trombone

- Euphonium 1,2
- Tuba 1,2

- Double Bass

- Timpani (+wood or bamboo chimes)

- Percussion 1
(Glockenspiel, Xylophone, Tubular bells)
- Percussion 2
(Vibraphone, Xylophone, Marimba, Crotales, Tam-tam,
High wood block, Castanets, Plastic bags tied to sticks*)
- Percussion 3
(Crotales, Tubular bells, Tam-tam, 2 Wood blocks,
Wind chimes, 2 Low toms, Pair of cymbals, Snare drum,
Frusta, Plastic bags tied to sticks*)
- Percussion 4
(Triangle, Bass drum, Suspended cymbal, Tam-tam,
Low wood block, Ratchet, Plastic bags tied to sticks*)

Underlined instruments require no duplication
*More details on the score and parts

Programme Notes

In the summer of 2017, Portugal experienced a real inferno of flames. The human and environmental tragedy was immense and flooded us with terrible images.

Melodically, this piece, it's based on the old and famous hymn "Dies Irae" already used by countless composers over the centuries.

Another parameter inspired by the fires was the rhythm, inspired by the unbelievable communications failure of the tragedy, converting to morse code some of the associated vocabulary (SIRESP, GNR, FIRE...)

In this case, we have the huge band putting out that fire.

At the end, we have a birdsong that resurfaces from the burnt wood. We have a birdsong that resurfaces from the burnt wood.

This work was premiered at the finale of the VIII International Composition Competition BSP 2020 at Casa da Música – Porto, by the Banda Sinfónica Portuguesa, conducted by Francisco Ferreira.

It was awarded the 1st Prize.

**Nelson Jesus,
Lisbon, January 2020**

DIES IRAE

Nelson Jesus, Op. 47

I. Praeludium

Lontano e nostalgico $\text{♩} = 72$

The musical score consists of three systems of staves, each starting with a dynamic instruction and tempo marking.

- System 1:** Starts with "Lontano e nostalgico $\text{♩} = 72$ ". Instruments include Piccolo, Flute 1, Flute 2, Oboe 1, Oboe 2/English Horn, Bassoon 1 (solo, mp , rubato, quasi senza tempo), Bassoon 2, Clarinet in E♭ (TACET), Clarinet in B♭ 1, Clarinet in B♭ 2, Clarinet in B♭ 3, Bass Clarinet, Alto Sax 1, Alto Sax 2, Tenor Sax, Baritone Sax.
- System 2:** Starts with "Lontano e nostalgico $\text{♩} = 72$ ". Instruments include Cornet 1, Cornet 2, 3, Trumpet in B♭ 1, 2, Horn in F 1, 2, Horn in F 3, 4, Trombone 1, Trombone 2, Bass Trombone, Euphonium, Tuba, Double Bass.
- System 3:** Starts with "Lontano e nostalgico $\text{♩} = 72$ ". Instruments include Piano, Timpani, Percussion 1, Percussion 2, Percussion 3 (Tam-tam (scrape) p), Percussion 4.

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6

($\text{♪}=\text{♩}$) *sempre*

Picc.

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob. 1

E. Hn.

Bsn. 1 *p* *cresc.* *fp*

Bsn. 2

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2

B♭ Cl. 3

B. Cl.

A. Sx. 1

A. Sx. 2

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

Cnt. 1

Cnt. 2, 3

B♭ Tpt. 1, 2

Hn. 1, 2

Hn. 3, 4

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

B. Tbn.

Euph.

Tuba

D.B. *pizz.* *p* *arco* *pp*

Pno.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

DIES IRAE

16 (3+2+2+2) (3+2+2)

Fl. 1
Fl. 2
Ob. 1
Bsn. 1 *sf*
Bsn. 2 *mp*
B♭ Cl. 1 *mp sf*
B♭ Cl. 2 *mp sf*
B♭ Cl. 3 *mp sf*
B. Cl. *mp sf*
A. Sx. 1
A. Sx. 2
T. Sx. *n— mp sf*
B. Sx. *p mp*

19

fp (don't rush)
fp (don't rush)
quasi Pizz
ord.
ord.
tr
fp
fp

(3+2+2+2) (3+2+2)

Cnt. 1
Cnt. 2, 3
B♭ Tpt. 1, 2
Hn. 1, 2 *mf sf*
Hn. 3, 4 *fp* Con sord.
Tbn. 1
Tbn. 2
B. Tbn.
Euph.
Tuba
D.B.
Pno.

19

Con sord. 1.
mf
Con sord. *p Solo*
mf — *p*
mf
mf
mf
mf
mf
mf
mf
mf
mf

(3+2+2+2) (3+2+2)

Timp.
Perc. 1
Perc. 2 *X*
Perc. 3
Perc. 4

19

poco cresc. 4
mp
mp
p Triangle
Wind chimes (with triangle beater) DON'T GLISS!

16

Più mosso e agitato

21

Più mosso e agitato

Picc.

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob. 1

E. Hn. E. Horn

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

Bb Cl. 2

Bb Cl. 3

B. Cl.

A. Sx. 2

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

Cnt. 1

Cnt. 2, 3

Bb Tpt. 1, 2

Hn. 1, 2

Hn. 3, 4

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

B. Tbn.

Euph.

Tuba

D.B.

Pno.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Perc. 4

Quasi Solo

ritmo giusto

improvvisando

ritmo giusto

ritmo giusto

8va

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37

E. Hn. *pp* — *p*

B. Cl.

Hn. 1, 2

Hn. 3, 4

B. Tbn.

Pno. *p* *pp* *vib (w/ slide)* *fpp* (*ma non troppo*)

Perc. 1 *p* *pp*

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

The movement only ends when the crotale stops ringing.

42

Picc.

E. Hn. *muta in Oboe* *pp*

B. Cl. *pp*

Hn. 1, 2 *pp*

Hn. 3, 4 *pp*

B. Tbn. *fpp* *a 1* *sul pont.*

Tuba *pp*

D.B. *ppp*

Pno. *ppp* *8va* *pp*

Perc. 1 ** 200.* *pp*

Perc. 2

Perc. 3 *Crotales* *p* *lv.*

II. Dies Irae

Allegretto giusto ed agitato $\text{♩} = 112$ ($\text{♩} = \text{♪} \text{ sempre}$)

(2+2+3)

Piccolo

Flute 1

Flute 2

Oboe 1

Oboe 2

Bassoon 1

Bassoon 2

Clarinet in E \flat

Clarinet in B \flat 1

Clarinet in B \flat 2

Clarinet in B \flat 3

Bass Clarinet

Alto Sax 1

Alto Sax 2

Tenor Sax

Baritone Sax

Soli bisb. (+4,5,6 ad.lib.)
 ♩ molto cresc.

Allegretto giusto ed agitato $\text{♩} = 112$ ($\text{♩} = \text{♪} \text{ sempre}$)

Cornet 1

Cornet 2, 3

Trumpet in B \flat 1, 2

Horn in F 1, 2

Horn in F 3, 4

Trombone 1

Trombone 2

Bass Trombone

Euphonium 1, 2

Tuba 1, 2

Double Bass

Piano

Allegretto giusto ed agitato $\text{♩} = 112$ ($\text{♩} = \text{♪} \text{ sempre}$)

Timpani

Percussion 1

Soli Marimba (medium/hard mallets)

Percussion 2

Percussion 3

Percussion 4

pizz.
 ff

arco
 ff

sul D
 $\text{pp} \xrightarrow{\text{mp}}$

p
 ff

(2+2+3)

molto cresc.
 ff

2 Wood blocks
 fp

Scrape cym.
 fp

10

DIES IRAE

Un poco meno mosso

Picc. *pp*

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

E♭ Cl.

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2

B♭ Cl. 3

B. Cl.

A. Sx. 1

A. Sx. 2

T. Sx.

B. Sx. *fp*

lunga

10 Tpo. I
(2+3) Solo *pp senza vib.*

Un poco meno mosso

*lunga***10** Tpo. I
(2+3)

Cnt. 1

Cnt. 2, 3

B♭ Tpt. 1, 2

Hn. 1, 2

Hn. 3, 4

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

B. Tbn.

Euph.

Tuba

D.B.

pizz.

p

Un poco meno mosso

*lunga***10** Tpo. I
(2+3)

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2 *fp* *p* ³

Perc. 3 *pp*

Perc. 4 *pp*

Tam-tam

p

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22

Picc. Fl. 1 Fl. 2 Ob. 1 Ob. 2 Bsn. 1 Bsn. 2 E♭ Cl. B♭ Cl. 1 B♭ Cl. 2 B♭ Cl. 3 B. Cl. A. Sx. 1 A. Sx. 2 T. Sx. B. Sx. Cnt. 1 Cnt. 2, 3 Tpt. 1, 2 Hn. 1, 2 Hn. 3, 4 Tbn. 1 Tbn. 2 B. Tbn. Euph. Tuba Pno. Timp. Perc. 1 Perc. 2 Perc. 4

(2+2+3) (2+2+3)

f *mf* *p* *mf*

p *pp* *Div.* *pp* *Div.*

p *mp* *f* *p* *flutt.*

f *Div.* *p* *flutt.*

f *Senza sord.* *p* *flutt.*

f *Senza sord.* *p*

p

p

Senza sord. *f* *Senza sord.* *f*

p

p

p

5 *mf*

f *Senza sord.* *f* *Senza sord.* *a2*

p

p

8va *f* *p* *mp* *p* *mp* *p* *sim.*

f *Xylophone*

f

fp *Scrape cym.*

Bass drum

(2+2+3) (2+2+3)

p

22

32 (3+2) (2+3) senza ritard. 35 (2+2+3)

Picc. Fl. 1 Fl. 2 Ob. 1 Ob. 2 Bsn. 1 Bsn. 2 E♭ Cl. B♭ Cl. 1 B♭ Cl. 2 B♭ Cl. 3 B. Cl. A. Sx. 1 A. Sx. 2 T. Sx. B. Sx.

Cnt. 1 Cnt. 2, 3 B♭ Tpt. 1, 2 Hn. 1, 2 Hn. 3, 4 Tbn. 1 Tbn. 2 B. Tbn. Euph. Tuba D. B. Pno. Timp. Perc. 1 Perc. 2

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32 (3+2) (2+3) senza ritard. 35 (2+2+3)

Picc. Fl. 1 Fl. 2 Ob. 1 Ob. 2 Bsn. 1 Bsn. 2 E♭ Cl. B♭ Cl. 1 B♭ Cl. 2 B♭ Cl. 3 B. Cl. A. Sx. 1 A. Sx. 2 T. Sx. B. Sx.

Cnt. 1 Cnt. 2, 3 B♭ Tpt. 1, 2 Hn. 1, 2 Hn. 3, 4 Tbn. 1 Tbn. 2 B. Tbn. Euph. Tuba D. B. Pno. Timp. Perc. 1 Perc. 2

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38 (2+2+3) (2+3)

Picc. Fl. 1 Fl. 2 Ob. 1 Ob. 2 Bsn. 1 Bsn. 2 E♭ Cl. B♭ Cl. 1 B♭ Cl. 2 B♭ Cl. 3 B. Cl. A. Sx. 1 A. Sx. 2 T. Sx. B. Sx.

Cnt. 1 Cnt. 2, 3 B♭ Tpt. 1, 2 Hn. 1, 2 Hn. 3, 4 Tbn. 1 Tbn. 2 B. Tbn. Euph. Tuba D.B. Pno. Timp. Perc. 1 Perc. 4

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(2+2+3) (2+3)

(2+2+3) (2+3)

(2+3)

Bass drum

Con fuoco, crudo

44

Picc.

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

E♭ Cl.

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2

B♭ Cl. 3

B. Cl.

A. Sx. 1

A. Sx. 2

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

Con fuoco, crudo

Cnt. 1

Cnt. 2, 3

B♭ Tpt. 1, 2

Hn. 1, 2

Hn. 3, 4

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

B. Tbn.

Euph.

Tuba

D. B.

Pno.

(Sforz.) - - -

Con fuoco, crudo

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 3

Perc. 4

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55

Picc.

Fl. 1

Fl. 2 *mf*

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

E♭ Cl.

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2

B♭ Cl. 3

B. Cl.

A. Sx. 1

A. Sx. 2

T. Sx. *sim.*

B. Sx. *sim.*

Cnt. 1

Cnt. 2, 3

B♭ Tpt. 1, 2 *a2* *f*

Hn. 1, 2

Hn. 3, 4

Tbn. 1 *sim.*

Tbn. 2 *sim.*

B. Tbn.

Euph. *sim.*

Tuba

D.B. *Div.* *fp* *cresc.*

Pno. (8va) *in loco*

Timp.

Perc. 1 *in loco*

Perc. 2 Marimba (medium/hard mallets)

Perc. 4 *fp* *cresc.*

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IMPORTANT: Make the breath to clean the messy sound before the new section (like a ♩ note rest)

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70

Picc. *pp*

Fl. 1 *pp*

Fl. 2 *pp*

Ob. 1 *f*

Ob. 2 *f*

Bsn. 1 *ff*

Bsn. 2 *ff*

E♭ Cl. *f*

B♭ Cl. 1 *f*

B♭ Cl. 2 *f*

B♭ Cl. 3 *f*

B. Cl. *f*

A. Sx. 1 *ff*

A. Sx. 2 *f*

T. Sx. *ff*

B. Sx. *ff*

Cnt. 1 *f*

Cnt. 2, 3 2. (Senza sord.)

B♭ Tpt. 1, 2 2.

Hn. 1, 2 4.

Hn. 3, 4 *ff*

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2 *fffz*

B. Tbn.

Euph.

Tuba *fffz*

D.B. *fffz* pizz. δ

Pno. *pp* *f* *mp* *fffz* *f* *fffz* *fffz*

Timp. *fffz* *fffz*

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 4 *fffz*

Conductor and orchestra freezes their movements to had a more dramatic feeling into the rests.

76

Don't move! -----

Don't move! -----

75

Picc. Fl. 1 Fl. 2 Ob. 1 Ob. 2 Bsn. 1 Bsn. 2 E♭ Cl. B♭ Cl. 1 B♭ Cl. 2 B♭ Cl. 3 B. Cl. A. Sx. 1 A. Sx. 2 T. Sx. B. Sx. Cnt. 1 Cnt. 2, 3 B♭ Tpt. 1, 2 Hn. 1, 2 Hn. 3, 4 Tbn. 1 Tbn. 2 B. Tbn. Euph. Tuba D. B. Pno. Timp. Perc. 1 Marimba Perc. 2

fp *molto cresc.* *7*

ord. *f* *fp* *fp* *3*

molto cresc. *7*

ff

76 Don't move! -----

fff

*

v.

76 Don't move! -----

fp *fp* *3*

fp *molto cresc.* *7*

ord. *fp* *fp*

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DIES IRAE

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Cnt. 1

Cnt. 2, 3

Tpt. 1, 2

Hn. 1, 2

Hn. 3, 4

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

B. Tbn.

Euph.

Tuba

D.B.

Pno.

Tim.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Con sord.

p

Con sord.

Senza sord.

f

pizz.

mf

mf

X_{20}

Vibraphone

mf

95

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105

Picc.

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

Eb Cl.

Bb Cl. 1

Bb Cl. 2

Bb Cl. 3

B. Cl.

A. Sx. 1

A. Sx. 2

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

Cnt. 1

Cnt. 2, 3

Bb Tpt. 1, 2

Hn. 1, 2

Hn. 3, 4

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

B. Tbn.

Euph.

Tuba

D.B.

Pno.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

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130 (3+2)

Picc.

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

E♭ Cl.

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2

B♭ Cl. 3

B. Cl.

A. Sx. 1

A. Sx. 2

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

135 (3+2)

Cnt. 1

Cnt. 2, 3

B♭ Tpt. 1, 2

Hn. 1, 2

Hn. 3, 4

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

B. Tbn.

Euph.

Tuba

D. B.

Pno.

(8va)

135 (3+2)

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 4

136

(3+2) (2+2+3) (2+3+2)

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cresc. e accel.

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DIES IRAE

Como una cadenza

166

Picc.

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

Eb Cl.

Bb Cl. 1

Bb Cl. 2

Bb Cl. 3

B. Cl.

A. Sx. 1

A. Sx. 2

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

Cnt. 1

Cnt. 2, 3

Bb Tpt. 1, 2

Hn. 1, 2

Hn. 3, 4

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

B. Tbn.

Euph.

Tuba

D. B.

Pno.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

(8va)

pp

fp

p

pp

f

mf

pp

pizz.

mf

pp

2 Wood blocks

ff

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180

Picc. Fl. 1 Fl. 2 Ob. 1 Ob. 2 Bsn. 1 Bsn. 2 E♭ Cl. B♭ Cl. 1 B♭ Cl. 2 B♭ Cl. 3 B. Cl. A. Sx. 1 A. Sx. 2 T. Sx. B. Sx.

(3+2)

Cnt. 1 Cnt. 2, 3 B♭ Tpt. 1, 2 Hn. 1, 2 Hn. 3, 4 Tbn. 1 Tbn. 2 B. Tbn. Euph. Tuba D.B. Pno. Timp. Perc. 1 Perc. 2 Perc. 3 Perc. 4

(3+2)

ord. slap a2 Div. f 8va - - -

p

f

p

f

180

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cresc. e accel.

Largo, con tremor

Largo, con tremor

cresc. e accel.

ff 2 Low Toms

Bass drum 3

Tam-tam

p

III. Epilogus (Il Canto degli Uccelli)

Meditativo ♩ = 52 - 60

ca: 10"

Piccolo

Flute 1

Flute 2

Oboe 1

Oboe 2

Bassoon 1

Bassoon 2

Clarinet in E♭

Clarinet in B♭ 1

Clarinet in B♭ 2

Clarinet in B♭ 3

Bass Clarinet

Alto Sax

Alto Sax

Tenor Sax

Baritone Sax

Cornet 1 TACET

Cornet 2, 3 TACET

Trumpet in B♭ 1, 2 TACET

Horn in F 1, 2 TACET

Horn in F 3, 4 TACET

Trombone 1 TACET

Trombone 2 TACET

Bass Trombone TACET

Euphonium 1, 2 TACET

Tuba 1, 2 TACET

Double Bass

Piano

Meditativo ♩ = 52 - 60

Wood or Bamboo Chimes

(Timpani) ♩ slow, long meditation ad. lib.

Percussion 1

Percussion 2

Percussion 3

Percussion 4

A

ca: 20"

Solo, lamento e vibrato sempre, bamboo tone

Fl. 1

(Timp.)

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Perc. 4

Tempo rubato, non giusto

p (port. by turning the flute)

lunga

mf (slow pitch bending)

Xylophone (play with the mallets butt or thin plastic mallets, on the edge of the bars, like a study sound)

ppp

(hard rubber mallets)

p

Fl. 1

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Perc. 4

(hard mallets)

f

(hard stick)

mf

(soft sticks)

p

ff

fp

Fl. 1

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Perc. 4

(TK TK TK TK)

Xylophone(hard mallets)

(decrease speed, non metrical but forte)

(Wood Block)

Frusta

Ratchet

Castanets

(f)

ff

fp

ffz

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B ♩ = 52

Fl. 1

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2

B♭ Cl. 3

B. Cl.

S. Sx.

A. Sx.

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

D.B.

Pno.

1.

pp

a2

p

pp

pp

a2

pp

pp

f

fp

fp

5

3

3

4

mf

mf

mf

mf

sul tasto

slow and large "vibrato" almost between E and Eb

ffff

f

ffff

ffff

DIES IRAE

Fl. 1

E. Hn.

Bsn. 1

Perc. 1

Perc. 2



Les oiseaux de Maurice et Olivier!

Almost random section:
Players could play what is written or repeat their cells randomly like free birds that start to sing after the fire.

D

Picc.

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

Bsn. 1

E♭ Cl.

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2

B♭ Cl. 3

A. Sx.

D.

D.B.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Perc. 4

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Picc. *f*

Fl. 1 *pp*

Fl. 2 *pp*

Ob. 1 *mf*

Ob. 2 *mf*

E♭ Cl.

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2

B♭ Cl. 3

A. Sx.

D. B.

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Perc. 4

Like birds spreading the wings to fly!

Picc. *pp*

Fl. 1 *pp*

Fl. 2 *pp*

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2

B♭ Cl. 3

(Timp.) *pp*

Perc. 1 *pp*

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Perc. 4

Jet Whistle

Jet Whistle

Jet Whistle

l.v.

ff

ff

ff