

# String Quartet

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## Hidden, scampering

Each player independent, unless otherwise indicated.

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Enter 1" after violoncello begins to move  
sul pont., molto legato

(♩ = 60)  
ord.

sul pont., molto legato

1

1"

sul pont., molto legato

pp

sul pont., molto legato

pp

2"

(♩ = 60)  
ord.

sul pont., molto legato

pp

mp

1"

sempre molto legato

1"

sempre molto legato

(stress) (stress)

(connect)

1"

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$\text{♩} = \pm 60$  rubato  
 ord. *tr* *nv*  
*sempre pp*

$\text{♩} = \pm 60$ , rubato  
 ord. *tr* *nv*  
*sempre pp*

$\text{♩} = 60$  arco *nv*  
*pizz., ord.* *gliss.* *gliss.* *gliss.* *gliss.*  
 $\text{♩} = 60$  non rubato (nv)  
*sempre pp*

$\text{♩} = \pm 60$  rubato  
 ord. *tr* *nv*  
*sempre pp*

after all parts play repeated sections for about 10" - Vln. I cues tutti

10" separate bows, harsh (bear down!)  
*pp* *molto* *ff*

15"

12" separate bows, harsh (bear down!)  
*pp* *molto* *ff*

2" separate bows, harsh (bear down!)  
 $\text{♩} = 60$  ord.  
*pp* *molto* *ff* *mf*

2" separate bows, harsh (bear down!)  
 $\text{♩} = 60$  gliss.  
*pp* *molto* *ff* *mf* *pp* *pont.*

♩ = 60

2" gliss. gliss. sul pont., molto legato

mp

pp

1" sul pont., molto legato

pp

2" sul pont., molto legato

pp

1" sul pont., molto legato

pp

Detailed description of the first system: This system contains four staves of music. The top staff is in treble clef and begins with a tempo marking of ♩ = 60. It features a 2-measure rest followed by a glissando (gliss.) marked with a 2-measure rest. The dynamics are marked as mp and then pp. The instruction 'sul pont., molto legato' is written above the staff. The second staff is also in treble clef and begins with a 1-measure rest, followed by a melodic line marked 'pp' and 'sul pont., molto legato'. The third staff is in alto clef (C4) and begins with a 2-measure rest, followed by a melodic line marked 'pp' and 'sul pont., molto legato'. The fourth staff is in bass clef and begins with a 1-measure rest, followed by a melodic line marked 'pp' and 'sul pont., molto legato'.

♩ = 60

1" ord.

mf

sempre molto legato

Detailed description of the second system: This system contains four staves of music. The top staff is in treble clef and begins with a tempo marking of ♩ = 60. It features a 1-measure rest followed by a melodic line marked 'mf' and 'ord.'. The instruction 'sempre molto legato' is written below the staff. The second staff is in treble clef and contains a melodic line. The third staff is in alto clef (C4) and contains a melodic line with accents (>) over several notes. The fourth staff is in bass clef and contains a melodic line.

1" *sul pont., molto legato*  $\text{♩} = 60$  *ord.*

*pp* *gliss.*

The first system consists of four staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat and a tempo of 60 quarter notes per minute. It begins with a first fingering '1'' and a dynamic marking of 'pp'. The music is marked 'sul pont., molto legato' and 'ord.'. The second and third staves are in treble clef, and the fourth staff is in bass clef. The piece concludes with a glissando.

*sul pont.*

*f* *pp molto legato*

$\text{♩} = \pm 60, \text{rubato}$

*ord.* *tr* *nv*

*pp*

$\text{♩} = 60 \text{ non rubato}$

*ord.* *nv* *IV* *tr*

*sempre pp*

The second system continues with four staves. The top staff starts with a dynamic marking of 'f' and 'pp molto legato'. The tempo is marked as '♩ = ± 60, rubato'. The second staff includes a trill ('tr') and a dynamic marking of 'pp'. The third staff has a tempo change to '♩ = 60 non rubato' and includes a Roman numeral 'IV' and a trill ('tr'). The system ends with the instruction 'sempre pp'.

Musical score for the first system, featuring two staves. The top staff contains a complex rhythmic pattern with various accidentals and dynamics. The bottom staff contains a similar pattern with a *sempre pp* marking. The tempo is marked  $\text{♩} = \pm 60, \text{rubato}$ . The score includes markings for *nv., ord.*, *tr*, and *III*.

as before, after 10" tutti, entrance cued by Vln. I

Musical score for the second system, showing four staves. The tempo is marked  $\text{♩} = 50$ . The score includes performance instructions such as "separate bows, harsh" and dynamic markings *pp*, *molto*, and *ff*. The score is divided into measures with time signatures  $\frac{2}{4}$  and  $\frac{4}{4}$ . The bottom two staves include markings for *ord.*, *mf*, *gliss.*, and *to pont.*

*pizz.*  
3  
*sfz*

*arco, sul pont.*  
*nv ord.*  
3  
*pp*  
*sempre legato*

*sul pont.*  
*pp*  
*sempre legato*

*ord.*  
*sul pont.*  
*mf > f*  
*f*

*sord., spiccato, leggero*  
*pp!*  
*via sord. 1''*

*alternatively aggressive and lyrical*  
*arco, ord.*  
*l.h. pizz.*  
*f p ff*

*1''*  
*alternatively aggressive and lyrical,*  
*ord. synchronized with Vln. I*  
*mp*  
*sempre sul pont., legato*

*molto sul pont. (buzz)*  
*fp*  
*ord.*  
*mf*  
*p*  
*1''*  
*pp non sync.*

$\text{♩} = 60$   
alternatively aggressive and lyrical  
arco, ord.

13

gliss. gliss.  
*p* < *mf* > < > < >  
*p*  
*tr.* *nv*  
*pp* *lontano*  
*pizz.* *arco*  
*ff* *ff* *p* *ff* *p* *tr.* *sul pont.* *ord., nv*  
*pp* *pp* *lontano*  
*pp* *lontano*

14

*nv sempre*  
*nv sempre* *legato*  
*sempre non sync.*  
*(♩ = 60)*  
*sempre non sync.*

15

*sul pont.*

*pp* sempre non sync.

*sul pont.*

*pp* sempre non sync.

After all parts arrive at repeated material  
continue **10"** then connect to metered  
passage following.



23

*sul pont.*  
*ricochet*

*ord., espress.*

*p*

II

III → *sul pont.*

*tr* 6

6

*sul pont.*

*ord., espress.*

*f*

*mp*

3

5

26

*aggressive*  
*ord., espress.*

*mf*

*tenderly*

*mp*

*molto*

*f*

*sempre mp*

*sempre mp*

*arco*

III

II

3

*mf*

29 ♩ = 60

IV  
III *lourè*

IV

gliss. gliss. legato poss.  
gliss.gliss.

III

ricochet sul pont.

*f* *mp* *f* *mf* *mp*

32

gliss. gliss. gliss. gliss.

up bow on every note

gliss. *mf* > *p*

*ppp*

*ppp*

sul pont.

*p* *ppp*

35

*mp* *nv* *vib.* *nv* *vib.* *mf*

*mp* *nv* *vib.* *nv* *vib.* *p*

*mp* *nv* *vib.* *p* *fp* *fp* \*

*mp* *nv* *vib.* *p*

41

*p* *tr* *(arco)* *l.h. pizz.* *fp* (III)

*louré* *fp* *fp* *fp* \*

*louré* *fp* *sempre p* *mf*

*louré* *pizz.* *arco* *p* *mf*

\* accents down bow, very loud, and with heavy bow pressure (as much noise as pitch)

48 like a moan  
 IV *mp* *gliss.* *pp*  
*mp* *gliss.* *f* *harsh, bear down* *ord.* *pp*  
*gliss.* *gliss.* *gliss.* *ppp*  
*sul pont. ord.* *pp* *mf* *mp* *pp* *ppp*  
*mp* *pp* *ppp*  
*tasto* *pizz., ord.* *arco* *ppp*  
*ppp* *mp* *ppp*

54 *gliss.* *sim.*  
*gliss.* *sim.*  
*tenuto!*  
*tenuto!*

♩ = 50 Slower  
softly but in tempo

60

8va ..... 1  
II 8va ..... 1  
gliss.  
loco pizz. **f**  
I  
pizz. **f** II  
8va ..... 1  
loco  
ppp  
loco  
pizz. **f**  
(ppp)

Detailed description: This system contains measures 60 through 65. It features four staves. The top staff has a treble clef and contains a triplet of eighth notes, followed by a half note, and then a glissando. The second staff has a treble clef and contains a melodic line with a 'pizz.' marking and a dynamic of 'f'. The third staff has a bass clef and contains a melodic line with an '8va' marking and a dynamic of 'ppp'. The bottom staff has a bass clef and contains a melodic line with a 'pizz. f' marking and a dynamic of '(ppp)'. There are various performance instructions like 'loco' and 'II' throughout.

66

gliss. gliss. pizz. **mf** arco **ppp** gliss. (♩ = 100)  
gliss. foreground gliss. foreground  
p < mp > pp < p > pp  
gliss. mp > p pp  
nv  
pp

Detailed description: This system contains measures 66 through 71. It features four staves. The top staff has a treble clef and contains a triplet of eighth notes with a 'gliss.' marking, followed by a 'pizz.' marking and a dynamic of 'mf', then an 'arco' marking and a dynamic of 'ppp', and finally a 'gliss.' marking. The second staff has a treble clef and contains a melodic line with 'gliss.' and 'foreground' markings. The third staff has a treble clef and contains a melodic line with 'gliss.' and 'foreground' markings. The bottom staff has a bass clef and contains a melodic line with a 'p' marking and a dynamic of 'pp'. There are various performance instructions like 'pizz.', 'arco', 'gliss.', and 'foreground' throughout.

♩ = 80 quasi andante, slower e molto lontano!

72

*8va* ..... (ten.)

*ppp* *p* *mp* *pp* *ppp* *p* *mf subito* *pp lontano* *pp lontano* *ppp* *pp* *f*

*nv* *vib.* *sul pont.*

76

*Vln. I slowly to foreground*

*pp* *mormorando*

79

$\text{♩} = \text{♩}$  ( $\text{♩} \text{ } \gamma \text{ } \gamma = 80$ ) L'istesso tempo

ord., vib.  $\overbrace{\quad\quad}^2$  *ten.*

*mp*  $\langle \rangle$

*ten.*

*mp*

*pp*  $\langle \rangle$

*pp*  $\langle \rangle$

6

6

I *mp*

II *gliss.* *gliss.*

5

*pp*  $\langle \rangle$

81

*foreground* *gliss.* *gliss.*

*p*  $\langle \rangle$

*vib.*  $\overbrace{\quad\quad}^3$  *foreground* *gliss.*

*tr* (\*)

*pp*

*arco, sul tasto*  $\overbrace{\quad\quad}^7$  *pp*

6

6

6

6

6

6

7

7

7



87  $\text{♩} = 60$

*sul pont.*

*ord. trum*

*mf*

*f*

*ord.*

*gliss. pizz.*

*mf > sfz*

*f p*

*ord.*

*pont. 7*

*f f*

*mf*

*ord. trum*

*6*

*mf*

*f*

*I*

*p*

*pizz. arco gliss.*

*ff mf*

*pizz. arco*

*mf*

*mf*

*mp*

*arco*

*sul pont.*

*ord. trum trum trum trum*

*f*

*mf*

*p*

91 *espressivo, lamenting*

*mf*

*l.h. pizz. arco*

*f p*

*pont. II*

*ff*

*I*

*pp*

*sul tasto*

*pont. II*

*ff*

*pizz. arco*

*ff p*

*l.h. pizz.*

*mf*

*arco, sul tasto*

*mp*

*gliss.*

*f*

*mf*

*gliss. gliss.*

*gliss. gliss.*

*f*

*like moaning*

*trum*

*mp*

*mf*

*ff*

*f*

*mf*

*intense*



106

*sul tasto* → *pont.* *sul tasto* → *pont.* *nv* → *vib.* *sul tasto* → *pont.*

*ffp* *ff* *ffp* *ff* *ffp* *ff*

→ *pont. sul tasto* → *pont.* *sul tasto* → *pont.* *sul tasto* → *pont.* *sul tasto* →

*ff ffp* *ff* *ffp* *ff* *ffp* *ff* *ffp*

→ *pont.* *sul tasto* → *ord.* → *pont.* *sul tasto* →

*p* *ff* *ffp* *ff* *ffp* *ff* *ffp* *ff* *ffp*

*arco* *sul tasto* → *ord.*

*ffp* *ff* *sempre ff*

111

*sul tasto* → *pont. ord.* → *pont. ten.* *ord. ten.* *ten.* *ten.*

*ffp* *ff ffp* *p* *molto ff ff*

→ *pont. ord.* → *pont. ord. ten.* *ten.* *ten.*

*ff ffp* *sempre p* *p* *molto ff ff*

→ *pont. ord.* → *pont. ord. ten.* *ten.* *ten.*

*ff ffp* *sempre p* *p* *molto ff ff*

*sempre ff*

*Intense*

116

ten. *mf* sul pont. *(mf)* 8va

119

8va sul pont. *(mf)* sul pont. *(mf)* ord., pizz. \* libero *p* *f* *f* *f > p* gliss.

\* an extremely light pizzicato, like raindrops

122

*ord., pizz  
libero*

*p*

*ord., pizz  
libero*

*p*

*f molto*

*p*

*pp*

*gliss.*

*gliss.*

\* an extremely light pizzicato, like raindrops

125

*pizz.*

*p*

*mormorando*

*arco*

*pp*

*pizz.*

*p*

129

*arco, alla punta, molto sul pont.*

(Vc. cue) *pp* 6 6 6 6

(Vc. cue) *pp* 5 5 5 5

(Vc. cue) *pp*

*arco*  
*f* aggressively

*molto (change mood)* *p* espress., dolce

131

*ord., bear down, harsh!*

6 *molto ff*

*ord., bear down, harsh!* *sul tasto*

7 *molto ff pp subito*

*ord., bear down, harsh!* *sul tasto*

5 *molto ff* (*p* superimpose)

*ord., bear down, harsh!*

*pp!* 5 5 *molto ff*

*alla punta, molto sul pont.*

134

harsh! 6  
mp ————— ff

gliss. ord.  
mp ————— ff

ord. sul tasto  
f 3 ————— p

6  
mp ————— ff

138

harsh! 6  
3 < ff ————— ff

scream! 6  
3 < ff ————— ff

gliss. gliss. gliss. gliss. gliss.  
p ————— mp ————— p

sempre p (p)

6  
3 < ff ————— ff

141

a little distant, no vibrato, almost like harmonics

Musical score for measures 141-143. The score consists of four staves. The top staff contains a melodic line with dynamics *p* and *mp*. The two middle staves contain chordal accompaniment with dynamics *mp*, *mf*, and *mp*. The bottom staff contains a bass line with dynamics *f*, *mf*, and *mp*. Performance instructions include *pont.* (ponticello), *tasto* (tasto), *espress.* (espressivo), and a triplet of 3. A first ending bracket labeled *I* is present at the end of the section.

144

Musical score for measures 144-146. The score consists of four staves. The top staff contains a melodic line with dynamics *p*, *f*, and *pp*. The two middle staves contain chordal accompaniment with dynamics *mf*, *p*, and *pp*. The bottom staff contains a bass line with dynamics *mf* and *pp*. Performance instructions include *ord.* (ordine), *pont.* (ponticello), *tasto* (tasto), *gliss.* (glissando), and *(noisy)*. A second ending bracket labeled *II* is present at the end of the section.

147

*gliss.* *(noisy)* *→ pont. ord.*

*f* *pp* *gliss.* *molto* *f* *mp*

*mp* *gliss.* *gliss.* *gliss.* *3*

*mp* *gliss.* *3*

*sul tasto* *gliss.* *3* *gliss.* *3* *gliss.*

*pp* *mp* *ord.* *mf* *espress.* *p* *pizz.* *f* *3*

150

*mf* *3* *f* *ff subito* *5* *5*

*gliss.* *5:4* *(vib.)* *non crescendo* *mf* *mf* *like a harmonic*

*gliss.* *gliss.* *f* *brutale* *ff* *6*

153

*mp*

*feroce*

*ff subito*

*arco*

*mp*

**Precisely synchronized:**

*coordinated bowing - clean - brilliant - resonant!*

*(accents synchronized)*

*mp*

*ff*

*feroce*

*f pesante*

*ff feroce*

*(accents synchronized)*

*(accents synchronized)*

*(accents synchronized)*

*(accents synchronized)*

157

Musical score for measures 157-162. The score is written for four staves: Treble (top), Alto (second), Tenor (third), and Bass (bottom). The music is in a key with one flat (B-flat major or D minor) and a 4/4 time signature. The notation features a complex rhythmic pattern with many sixteenth notes and rests. The number '5' is written below many notes, likely indicating a fingering. The piece concludes with a double bar line and a fermata over the final note.

159

Musical score for measures 159-164. The score is written for four staves: Treble (top), Alto (second), Tenor (third), and Bass (bottom). The music is in a key with two sharps (D major or F# minor) and a 4/4 time signature. The notation features a complex rhythmic pattern with many sixteenth notes and rests. The number '5' is written below many notes, likely indicating a fingering. The piece concludes with a double bar line and a fermata over the final note.

161

ten.

(accents not synchronized)

(accents not synchronized)

(accents not synchronized)

(accents not synchronized)

163

*pp! subito*

*nv, senza espress.*

*floating*

*nv, floating, senza espress.*

*pp! subito*

165

sempre **ff**

sempre **ff**

*senza espress., floating*  
*nw IV*

**pp** ! sub.

169

III III IV

*nw*

**pp** ! subito, senza espress., floating

*gliss.*

**ff** feroce

**p** **pp**

173

*silvery*

*pp*

*p*

IV

*pp*

175

*mp*

*mf*

*mp*

(foreground) *secco*

*pp*

*pizz.*

*mp*

III

II

III

IV

*sul pont.*

178

ord.

*pp* ! as before, but with vibrato

arco

*pp* ! as before, but with vibrato

II III

*mp*

arco ten.

pizz. ten.

*mf*

181

con sord., vibrato floating

*pp*

pizz.

*mp*

arco, con sord., floating

*pp*

arco, con sord., vibrato floating

*pp*

pont. \* col legno battuta

*ppp*

*mp* secco

\* deaden all strings so there is no pitch and no resonance

185

*con sord, vibrato*

*pp*

*gliss.*

*ppp*

*non dim.*

*ord.*

*p* 6

→ *pont.*

189

*don't rush silence*

*8va*

*(pont.)*

*ppp*

*ppp*

*don't rush*

*(accel.)*  
→ *pont.*

*poco cresc.*

*3*

*3*