

A String Quartet for Ralph Matson

D A E B A F A F E $\flat$ A G

String Quartet No. 2

Allegro non troppo $\text{♩} = 112$

Neely Bruce

Violin I

Violin II

Viola

Cello

f

5

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

R a l p h M a t s o n

3

3

3

3

10

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

13

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

17

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Poco più mosso ♩ = 120

mf

mf pizz.

arco

pizz.

21

Vln. I

mp

Vln. II

mp

Vla.

mp

poco

poco

poco

poco

poco

mf

Vc.

f

arco

25

sul ponticello

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

mf

mf

mf

mf

29

A

normale

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

mf

f

mp

mp

mp

poco

poco

poco

32

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

poco poco poco

36

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

mp

Tempo primo ♩ = 112

40

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

mp cresc. molto

mp cresc. molto

mp

mf simile

Measure 40: Vln. I, Vln. II, and Vla. play a half note G4 (flat), quarter note A4 (flat), quarter note B4 (flat), and half note C5 (flat). Vc. is silent. Dynamics: *mp* for Vln. I and Vln. II, *mp* for Vla. with a crescendo line. Measure 41: Vln. I, Vln. II, and Vla. play a half note G4 (flat), quarter rest, and half note A4 (flat). Vc. is silent. Dynamics: *mp* for Vln. I and Vln. II, *mp* for Vla. with a crescendo line. Measure 42: Vln. I, Vln. II, and Vla. are silent. Vc. plays a half note G3 (flat), quarter note A3 (flat), quarter note B3 (flat), and half note C4 (flat). Dynamics: *mf*. Measure 43: Vln. I, Vln. II, and Vla. are silent. Vc. plays a half note D4 (flat), quarter note E4 (flat), quarter note F4 (flat), and half note G4 (flat). Dynamics: *mf*. Similarity: *simile* is written above the cello staff.

42

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

mf simile

Measure 42: Vln. I, Vln. II, and Vla. are silent. Vc. plays a half note G3 (flat), quarter note A3 (flat), quarter note B3 (flat), and half note C4 (flat). Dynamics: *mf*. Measure 43: Vln. I, Vln. II, and Vla. are silent. Vc. plays a half note D4 (flat), quarter note E4 (flat), quarter note F4 (flat), and half note G4 (flat). Dynamics: *mf*. Similarity: *simile* is written above the cello staff.

44

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

mf

simile

simile

Detailed description: This block contains the musical notation for measures 44 and 45. Vln. I has whole rests in both measures. Vln. II has a whole rest in measure 44 and enters in measure 45 with an eighth-note pattern starting on G4, marked *mf*. Vla plays a continuous eighth-note pattern in both measures. Vc plays a continuous eighth-note pattern in both measures, with a sharp sign indicating a key signature change. The word 'simile' appears under Vln. II in measure 45 and under Vc in measure 44.

46

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

mf

simile

simile

Detailed description: This block contains the musical notation for measures 46 and 47. Vln. I has a whole rest in measure 46 and enters in measure 47 with an eighth-note pattern starting on G4, marked *mf*. Vln. II continues its eighth-note pattern in both measures. Vla continues its eighth-note pattern in both measures. Vc continues its eighth-note pattern in both measures. The word 'simile' appears under Vln. I in measure 47 and under Vc in measure 46.

48

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

poco à poco crescendo

poco à poco crescendo

poco à poco crescendo

poco à poco crescendo

50

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

simile

3/4

52 **B**

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

ff *f* *mf*

ff *f* *mf*

ff *f* *mf*

ff *f* *mf*

55

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

mp *p*

mp *p*

mp *p*

mp *p*

60

Vln. I

mp

mf

Vln. II

mp

mf

Vla.

mp

mf

Vc.

mp

mf

63

Vln. I

ff

f

Vln. II

ff

f

Vla.

ff

f

Vc.

ff

f

1.

67

Vln. I

ff *mp*

Vln. II

ff

Vla.

ff

Vc.

ff

C

69

Vln. I

Vln. II

mp

Vla.

Vc.

71 marcato

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

73

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

mp

mp

75 marcato

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

cresc.

cresc.

cresc.

cresc.

77 **D**

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

f

f

f

f spiccato

79

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

82

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

86

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

V. S.

V. S.

86

87

88

89

90

90

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

mp

90

91

92

93

94

93

E

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

mp

p

mp

p

Con sord.

97

Con sord.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

p

pizz.

mp

pizz.

mp

101

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

arco

mp

105

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Senza sord.

f Senza sord. *p* *ff* *f* *mf*

f arco *p* *ff* *f* *mf*

f *p* *ff* *f* *mf*

109

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

pp

mf

pp

mp

pp

mp

pp

mp

F

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

mf

114

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.



116 marcato

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.



f

118

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

f

f

f

122

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

f

124

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

126 marcato

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

mf

f

G

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

f

p

p

p

133

Meno mosso ♩ = 80

sul ponticello
legato

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

mf

mp

mf

mp

mp

mp

137

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

legato

mf

Measures 137-140: Violin I and II play a melodic line with eighth and sixteenth notes. Viola plays a supporting line with eighth and sixteenth notes. Violoncello is silent.

141

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

normale

normale

mf

Measures 141-144: Violin I and II play a melodic line with eighth and sixteenth notes. Viola plays a supporting line with eighth and sixteenth notes. Violoncello is silent.

Poco più mosso ♩ = 104

146

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

legato

mp

151

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

legato

mp

H

Score for Vln. I, Vln. II, Vla., and Vc. (Mezzo-piano, *mp*).

Measures 154-157:

- Vln. I:** Treble clef, key of B-flat major. Measures 154-157 show a melodic line with eighth and sixteenth notes, including a triplet in measure 156.
- Vln. II:** Treble clef, key of B-flat major. Measures 154-157 show a melodic line with eighth and sixteenth notes, including a triplet in measure 156.
- Vla.:** Bass clef, key of B-flat major. Measures 154-157 show a sustained low note (B-flat) with a fermata.
- Vc.:** Bass clef, key of B-flat major. Measures 154-157 show a melodic line with eighth and sixteenth notes, including a triplet in measure 156. The instruction *legato* is written above the staff.

mp

Score for Vln. I, Vln. II, Vla., and Vc. (Mezzo-piano, *mp*).

Measures 158-161:

- Vln. I:** Treble clef, key of B-flat major. Measures 158-161 show a melodic line with eighth and sixteenth notes, including a triplet in measure 159.
- Vln. II:** Treble clef, key of B-flat major. Measures 158-161 show a melodic line with eighth and sixteenth notes, including a triplet in measure 159.
- Vla.:** Bass clef, key of B-flat major. Measures 158-161 show a sustained low note (B-flat) with a fermata.
- Vc.:** Bass clef, key of B-flat major. Measures 158-161 show a melodic line with eighth and sixteenth notes, including a triplet in measure 159.

161

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

legato

mp

This system of music covers measures 161 to 163. It is written for four string instruments: Violin I, Violin II, Viola, and Violoncello. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 3/4. In measure 161, Violin I plays a rapid sixteenth-note scale. Violin II has a few notes followed by a whole rest. Viola enters in measure 162 with a half note, marked 'legato' and 'mp'. Violoncello has a half note in measure 161 and a half rest in measure 162. The system concludes with measure 163, where all instruments have notes.

164

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

This system of music covers measures 164 to 166. The instrumentation remains the same. In measure 164, Violin I continues with a sixteenth-note scale. Violin II has a half note followed by a quarter note. Viola has a half note. Violoncello has a half note. In measure 165, Violin I has a half note. Violin II has a half note followed by a quarter note. Viola has a half note. Violoncello has a half note. The system concludes with measure 166, where all instruments have notes.

Tempo primo ♩ = 112

166

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

mp

simile

Violin I and II play eighth notes in measure 166. In measure 167, Violin I and II hold a half note. Viola and Violoncello play a continuous eighth-note pattern. Dynamics include *mp* and *simile*.

168

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

mp

simile

Violin I and II have a measure rest in measure 168. In measure 169, they play a half note. Viola and Violoncello continue their eighth-note patterns. Dynamics include *mp* and *simile*.

170

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

mp simile

simile

I

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

arco

mp simile

174

Vln. I

poco à poco crescendo

simile

Vln. II

poco à poco crescendo

Vla.

poco à poco crescendo

Vc.

poco à poco crescendo

176

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

178

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

f

3

J

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

p

p

mf

p

183

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

mf

Measures 183 and 184. Vln. I and Vln. II are silent. Vla. and Vc. play a rhythmic pattern of eighth and sixteenth notes. The dynamic is marked *mf*.

185

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

marcato

Measures 185 and 186. Vln. I and Vln. II are silent. Vla. and Vc. play a rhythmic pattern of eighth and sixteenth notes. The dynamic is marked *marcato*.

187

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

mf

f

f

f

190

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

mf

p

mf

p

mf

p

Meno mosso ♩ = 80

196

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

ff

ff

ff

200

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

p

p

p

p

mp

mp

mp

f

f

f

K

Con sord.

mp legato

Con sord.

mp

Con sord.

mp

Con sord.

mp

mp

208

en dehors

sempre legato

212

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

en dehors

legato

3

216

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

mp

mp

mp

220

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

mp

mp

mp

en dehors

legato

sempre legato

224

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

L

228

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

232

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

lunga

Tempo primo ♩ = 112

236 Senza sord.

Vln. I *pp* *ff* 3

Vln. II *pp* *ff* 3

Vla. *pp* *ff* 3

Vc. *pp* *ff* 3

240

Vln. I *sf* 3

Vln. II *sf* 3

Vla. *sf* 3

Vc. *sf* 3

244 M

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

3

sf

sf

sf

sf

247

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

3

sf

sf

sf

sf

[illegible]

257

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

This system of music covers measures 257 to 260. It features four staves: Violin I (Vln. I), Violin II (Vln. II), Viola (Vla.), and Violoncello (Vc.). The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The time signature changes from 3/2 to 4/4 at measure 258, and then to 5/4 at measure 260. In measure 257, the Violin I part has a half note G4 with a bar line, followed by a half note F#4. The Violin II part has a half note G4, followed by a half note F#4. The Viola part has a half note G4, followed by a half note F#4. The Violoncello part has a half note G4, followed by a half note F#4. In measure 258, all parts have a quarter rest. In measure 259, the Violin I part has a triplet of eighth notes (G4, A4, B4), followed by a quarter note G4. The Violin II part has a triplet of eighth notes (G4, A4, B4), followed by a quarter note G4. The Viola part has a triplet of eighth notes (G4, A4, B4), followed by a quarter note G4. The Violoncello part has a triplet of eighth notes (G4, A4, B4), followed by a quarter note G4. In measure 260, the Violin I part has a quarter note G4, followed by a quarter note F#4, and then a half note G4. The Violin II part has a quarter note G4, followed by a quarter note F#4, and then a half note G4. The Viola part has a quarter note G4, followed by a quarter note F#4, and then a half note G4. The Violoncello part has a quarter note G4, followed by a quarter note F#4, and then a half note G4.

261

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

This system of music covers measures 261 to 264. It features the same four staves as the previous system. The time signature changes from 5/4 to 2/4 at measure 262, and then back to 5/4 at measure 264. In measure 261, the Violin I part has a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note G4, and then a quarter note F#4. The Violin II part has a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note G4, and then a quarter note F#4. The Viola part has a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note G4, and then a quarter note F#4. The Violoncello part has a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note G4, and then a quarter note F#4. In measure 262, all parts have a quarter rest. In measure 263, the Violin I part has a triplet of eighth notes (G4, A4, B4), followed by a quarter note G4. The Violin II part has a triplet of eighth notes (G4, A4, B4), followed by a quarter note G4. The Viola part has a triplet of eighth notes (G4, A4, B4), followed by a quarter note G4. The Violoncello part has a triplet of eighth notes (G4, A4, B4), followed by a quarter note G4. In measure 264, the Violin I part has a quarter note G4, followed by a quarter note F#4, and then a half note G4. The Violin II part has a quarter note G4, followed by a quarter note F#4, and then a half note G4. The Viola part has a quarter note G4, followed by a quarter note F#4, and then a half note G4. The Violoncello part has a quarter note G4, followed by a quarter note F#4, and then a half note G4.

N

String Quartet score for measures 1-4. The score is for Violin I (Vln. I), Violin II (Vln. II), Viola (Vla.), and Violoncello (Vc.). The time signature changes from 2/4 to 3/8, then back to 2/4, and finally to 4/4. The music features various articulations, including accents and slurs, and dynamic markings such as *mf* and *mp*.

Poco più mosso ♩ = 120

269

String Quartet score for measures 269-272. The score is for Violin I (Vln. I), Violin II (Vln. II), Viola (Vla.), and Violoncello (Vc.). The time signature is 4/4. The music features various articulations, including accents and slurs, and dynamic markings such as *mf*, *mp*, *f*, and *pizz.* (pizzicato). The Viola and Violoncello parts include markings for *pizz.* and *arco* (arco). The Viola part also includes the marking *poco* (poco).

272

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

mf

mf

mf

poco

poco

poco

sul ponticello

sul ponticello

sul ponticello

276

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

mf

mf

mf

mf

mf

mf

mf

f

mp

mp

mp

mp

normale

normale

normale

normale

280

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

poco poco poco

283

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

mp

mp

mp

287

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

mp

mp

mp

mp

Tempo primo ♩ = 112

290

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

mf

simile

294

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

mf

simile

simile

The image shows a musical score for measures 294 and 295. The staves are for Violin I (Vln. I), Violin II (Vln. II), Viola (Vla.), and Violoncello (Vc.). Vln. I is silent in both measures. Vln. II, Vla., and Vc. play a rhythmic pattern of eighth notes. Vln. II starts with a forte (mf) dynamic. Vla. and Vc. have 'simile' markings. The score is divided into two measures by a bar line.

P

Vln. I *mf* simile

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Vln. I 298 *poco à poco crescendo* simile

Vln. II *poco à poco crescendo*

Vla. *poco à poco crescendo*

Vc. *poco à poco crescendo*

300

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

302

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

sempre crescendo

sf

305

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

f *mf* *mp*

f *mf* *mp*

f *mf* *mp*

f *mf* *mp*

V. S.

Q

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

pp molto sul ponticello

pp molto sul ponticello

pp molto sul ponticello

pp molto sul ponticello

312

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

ordinario

ff subito
ordinario

f *mf*

ff subito
ordinario

f *mf*

ff subito
ordinario

f *mf*

ff subito

f *mf*

316

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

pp

p

mp

pp

p

mp

pp

p

mp

pp

p

mp

320

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

mf

ff

mp

3

323

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

mf

f

3

325

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

328

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

fff

fff

fff

fff

Change bows frequently for maximum volume. No tremolo. Do not coordinate the bowing. No ritard, no fermata, end suddenly, no button.

con tutta forza

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