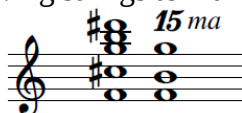


INTO THE SACRED PATH (2006)
for solo piano

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PERFORMANCE INSTRUCTIONS

- Apply labels to mark the following strings to make the performance of the final section easier:



- Time signatures (particularly those having a high number of beats) are to be considered as mere “note containers”, having only little metric meaning. Their main purpose is to highlight phrasing. Simply look at the different groupings of quavers to workout the metrics in each case.
- Play with an improvised character using a soft and velvety sound. Some expressivity is possible, yet without romantic excess.
- Amongst more conventional sustain pedal symbols, the following are being used:

 = lift the pedal gradually
  = press the pedal gradually

- As mentioned above, the final section of the piece uses the “string piano” technique. It is indicated as follows:

f.t. = pluck the string with fingertip
 f.n. = pluck the string with nail.

In both cases have the finger ready on the string, even though this might result in dumping the same notes that are played on the keyboard. However, mind not to dump more than one string at the same time.

Special notes

- Take this silent bar into account only in the event you decide to play "Into the Sacred Path" on its own and not the previous piece of the collection.
Alternatively, should you wish to play the work entirely, that bar must not be performed.
- Weak accents (do not hold back).
- Add repetitions and sounds if the hall requires. Also, the pianist is encouraged to freely improvise with pitches and rhythms towards the end of this bar, playing with hand independency.
- "Expand" the sound by means of evocative gesture.
- Hands should keep "singing" a phantom sound by means of gesture. Then, gradually slow down movements until complete stop of vibrations.

INTO THE SACRED PATH

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To a Mother, her Daughter and everything eternal in between...

Presto, dreamy and warm

$\text{♩} = 180 \text{ ca.}$

a) *pp legato, flowing una corda (sempre)* *pp* *poco Ped.* *Ped.*

poco a poco non legato *non legato, poco marcato ritmico and a bit playfully* *mp pp* *mf* *p echo* *Ped.*

mf *p* *pp dreamy* *Ped.*

playfully *mf* *dim.* *p* *mp* *Ped.* *senza Ped.* *Ped.*

a bit dreamy... flowing *more oneiric...* *poco tratt.* *mf* *p* *pp echo* *Ped.* *Ped. ad lib.*

a tempo *mp* *p cresc.* *reverbering...* *quasi f* *a bit foggy...* *dim.* *Ped. ad lib.*

bright and sighing... *tratt. molto* *movendo*

pp *f* *tre corde* *pp*

top part *legato sempre* *a tempo*

mf *p* *dim.* *p*

dreamy and foggy...

mp *mf* *pp*

poco rit. *rit. molto*

p *pp* *f*

movendo *a tempo* *rit.*

mp *dim.* *pp*

The musical score is written for piano and a top part. It consists of six systems of staves. The piano part is in 9/8 time, and the top part is in 7/8 time. The score includes various dynamics such as *pp* (pianissimo), *f* (forte), *mf* (mezzo-forte), *p* (piano), and *dim.* (diminuendo). Tempo markings include *bright and sighing...*, *tratt. molto* (trattando), *movendo*, *legato sempre*, *a tempo*, *dreamy and foggy...*, *poco rit.* (poco ritardando), *rit. molto* (ritardando molto), and *rit.* (ritardando). The score also includes a *tre corde* marking and a *mf* marking. The piano part features a variety of rhythmic patterns, including eighth and sixteenth notes, and rests. The top part features a variety of rhythmic patterns, including eighth and sixteenth notes, and rests. The score is written in a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat).

Meno mosso
(tempo II)

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tratt. accel.

rit.

pp espressivo

poco *℞d.* (sempre)

movendo

p

sempre movendo

(tempo I)

(,)

accel. molto

più *℞d.*

f

mf

mp

p

p cresc. subito

*pochiss.
tratt.*

f

p

cresc.

f

sempre a tempo

p
tre corde

cresc. *a poco ...* *a poco ...*

sempre più Ped.

poco rit.

più p cresc. *più p cresc.*

a tempo

più p cresc. *sf*

ff *mp* *f*

a gradual metamorphosis...

una corda
ppp sempre

senza Ped.

mysterious, reverbering from the ancient times... e un po' marcato

(ppp sempre)

First system of the musical score. The right hand (treble clef) begins with a forte (*f*) dynamic, followed by a piano (*p*) dynamic, and then a long, sustained chord. The left hand (bass clef) plays a steady eighth-note accompaniment. Time signatures change from 8/8 to 6/8 and back to 12/8.

Second system of the musical score. The right hand continues with a sustained chord. The left hand plays a steady eighth-note accompaniment. The dynamic marking *pochiss. Led.* is present.

Third system of the musical score. The right hand enters with a melodic line, marked *cresc.* with a wedge. The left hand continues with a steady eighth-note accompaniment. The dynamic marking *(ppp sempre) più Led.* is present. The system ends with *keep cresc. f mp*.

Fourth system of the musical score. The right hand plays a melodic line with a long, sustained chord. The left hand continues with a steady eighth-note accompaniment.

Fifth system of the musical score. The right hand plays a melodic line with a long, sustained chord. The left hand continues with a steady eighth-note accompaniment. The dynamic marking *p astonished, reverbering...* is present. The system ends with *senza Led. (sempre)*.

Sixth system of the musical score. The right hand plays a melodic line with a long, sustained chord. The left hand continues with a steady eighth-note accompaniment.

tratt. movendo *mellow, with enthusiasm*

tratt. movendo

Ped. *Ped.* (held as much as possible)

a tempo *dim.* *p*

Ped. *Ped.* *Ped.* *senza Ped.* *f* *p* *mf*

8va *f sparkling* *mp* *Ped.* (held as much as possible) *f* *mp*

(8) *mf* *p* *dim.* *senza rall.* *meno Ped.*

getting lost... *pp* *8vb*

The musical score is written for piano and bass. It consists of six systems of staves. The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The time signature changes from 7/8 to 9/8, then to 11/8, and finally to 14/8. The score includes various musical notations such as slurs, accents, and dynamic markings. Performance instructions are written above and below the staves, including 'tratt. movendo', 'mellow, with enthusiasm', 'a tempo', 'dim.', 'p', 'mf', 'f', 'senza rall.', 'meno Ped.', and 'getting lost...'. Pedal markings are indicated as 'Ped.' and 'Ped. (held as much as possible)'. An 8va (octave up) marking is present in the fourth system, and an 8vb (octave down) marking is in the sixth system.

Musical score for piano, measures 7-16. The score is written for two staves (treble and bass clef) and includes various dynamics and articulations.

Measure 7: Bass clef. Dynamics: *p* (piano), *mf* (mezzo-forte). Articulation: *poco staccato* (piano), *ff* (fortissimo), *sostenuto* (sustained), *pp a tempo* (pianissimo at tempo).

Measure 8: Bass clef. Dynamics: *pp* (pianissimo). Articulation: *con Ped. (sempre)* (with sustain pedal, always).

Measure 9: Bass clef. Dynamics: *p* (piano). Articulation: *poco rit.* (piano ritardando), *sostenuto* (sustained), *mf pp* (mezzo-forte pianissimo).

Measure 10: Bass clef. Dynamics: *ppp* (pianississimo). Articulation: *a tempo* (at tempo).

Measure 11: Bass clef. Dynamics: *mf ppp cresc. subito* (mezzo-forte pianississimo crescendo subito), *f* (forte).

Measure 12: Bass clef. Dynamics: *ppp subito, calmo* (pianississimo subito, calm).

Measure 13: Bass clef. Dynamics: *mp* (mezzo-piano), *ff* (fortissimo).

Measure 14: Bass clef. Dynamics: *ff* (fortissimo).

Measure 15: Bass clef. Dynamics: *pp* (pianissimo).

Measure 16: Bass clef. Dynamics: *pp* (pianissimo).

Additional markings include *accel., agitato!* (accelerando, agitated!) and *cresc. molto* (crescendo molto) in measures 12 and 13.

ppp cresc.

tratt. ff P subito

cresc.

*more threatening,
and a bit foggy...* (highlight the top notes)

pp movendo a tempo, cresc. e accel a poco...

a poco...

poco tratt., a tempo subito

f più p

p

tratt. a tempo

più p cresc. (sempre)

tratt. a tempo subito tratt., a tempo subito

p cresc. (sempre)

tratt., a tempo subito poco tratt., a tempo subito

poco movendo, rit. molto

tratt. ff p reverbering ppp

Lento, movendo

♩=126 mf p

mf pp pochiss. marcato, stunned...

tratt., molto espr.

...like an ancient song re-emerging from oblivion...

ff

Led.

Led. held

a tempo
grotesque
pp

tratt.,
movendo a gradual metamorphosis...
più p

accel. e cresc. a poco... a poco...
tratt.
mf *ppp*
eco

cresc. e agitando a poco...
a poco...

8va

(♩ = 120)

8^{va}

8^{vb}

tratt. movendo a tempo

pp cresc. ... more and more violent

sf fff

8^{vb}

Ped. held (with discretion)

(♩ = 120)

8^{va}

ff

più accel.

fff

c)

♩ = 100

l.v. until sounds completely fade away

ppp very tenderly una corda

(pedal still held)

ppp

pppp

8^{vb}

rit.

pppp echo

15

♩=142
Tratt., movendo

ppp
legato sempre cresc., more and more lively

♩=162 ca.

subito poco più mosso
pp rit.

p warmly

lower part more and more evident

15 12 11

tratt. *movendo*

♩=154 with intense marvel

molto espressivo e declamato ad lib.

molto rit. and fading away...

mp

ppp *cresc.* *tratt.*

11 13 12

♩=110 ca.

♩=90 ca.

poco rit.

rit. molto

very tenderly!

ppp

like echo of distant bells...

12 20

♩=120 ca.

a tempo

pp

20 22

molto rit.
rocking *almost freely* $\text{♩} = 110 \text{ ca.}$

ppp *ppp* *p subito*

pp dim. $\frac{1}{4}$ Ped. Ped. held

rit. *ppp languido* **Tintinnabuli** $\text{♩} = 172 \text{ ca.}$

movendo *pp* *a tempo*

poco rit.

molto tratt.
e declamato *movendo* $\text{♩} = 172 \text{ ca.}$
a tempo

pp *ppp* *ppp*

*PPP tratt. a tempo***Pochissimo meno mosso**

tender and lunar *d)*

f.t. sempre *p*

amazed...

più p, getting lost...

rall. a poco... a poco...

f.n. sempre

e)

ppppp

(very long)

[Total duration 6-7mins]