

Internecine

for Soprano, Viola, and Piano, ~5'

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PERFORMANCE NOTES:

Accidentals apply through the measure without octave transposition. Courtesy accidentals are sometimes provided for clarity.

The required range for the soprano is F $\sharp_4$ - A $_5$. Grace notes should always be performed on the same syllable as the note they are attached to.

For the viola, slurs indicate phrasing and articulation, as opposed to specific bowings.

Piano pedaling is left up to the discretion of the performer. Have fun!

PROGRAM NOTES:

in·ter·ne·cine (,in(t)ər' nē, sīn/), *adj.*, **1.** of or relating to conflict within a group or faction. **2.** of a conflict, destructive to all sides.

A gentle curve, made by gravity and love and months to reverse and be slipped into, a remarkable volume of red and purple. I can taste copper and citrus and rot on the face tautening against mine as a tongue scoops out my voice and a hand reaches down. Egos topple, defenses crash on shores, recognitions stop, passing and mending and lashing and mending.

To Berio, Satoh, and Feldman, who got me through.

Interneccine

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$\bullet = 48$, pained

Soprano

Viola

Piano

pp *mp* *ord.* *gliss.* *sul tasto*

5

S.

Vla.

Pno.

pp *mp* *f* *ord.* *3* *sul pont*

9

S. *p*

I can taste cop-per_ and cit-rus

Vla. ord., rubato, resonant, folky

p *mf* *f* *mp*

Pno. *mp*

12

S.

I can taste cop-per_ and rot_____

Vla. sim.

p *f* *mp* *f*

Pno.

15

S. *I can taste rot on the*

Vla. *mp* *pp*

Pno. *mf* *f* *mp*

rubato, folky, dance-like

17

S. *face taut - en-ing a- gainst mine Taut - en -*

Vla. *p* *mp* *f* *p*

Pno. *p* *mf*

20

S.

- ing — rot - ting —

Vla.

very simply

mp

Pno.

Unmeasured tremolo; freely vary speed and dynamics.

pp

26

S.

Vla.

mp

mf

Pno.

p

30

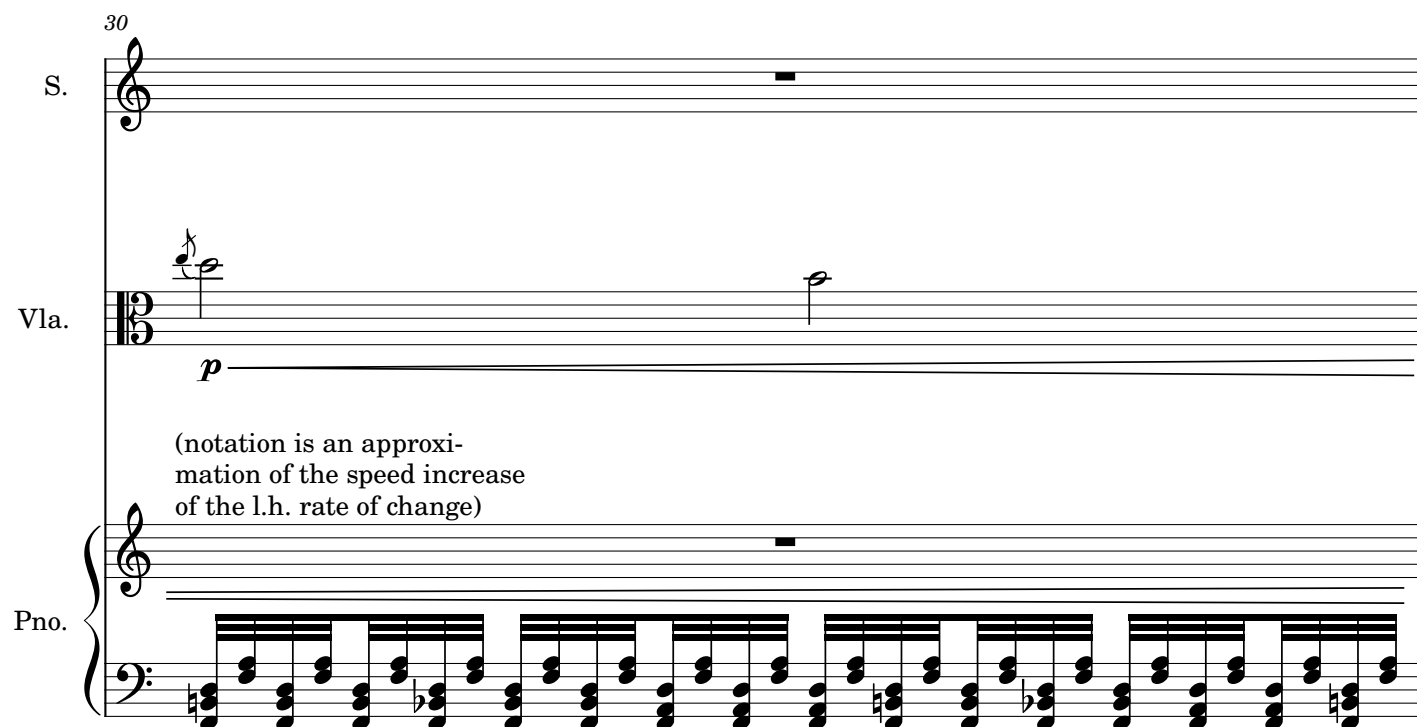
S.

Vla.

p

(notation is an approximation of the speed increase of the l.h. rate of change)

Pno.



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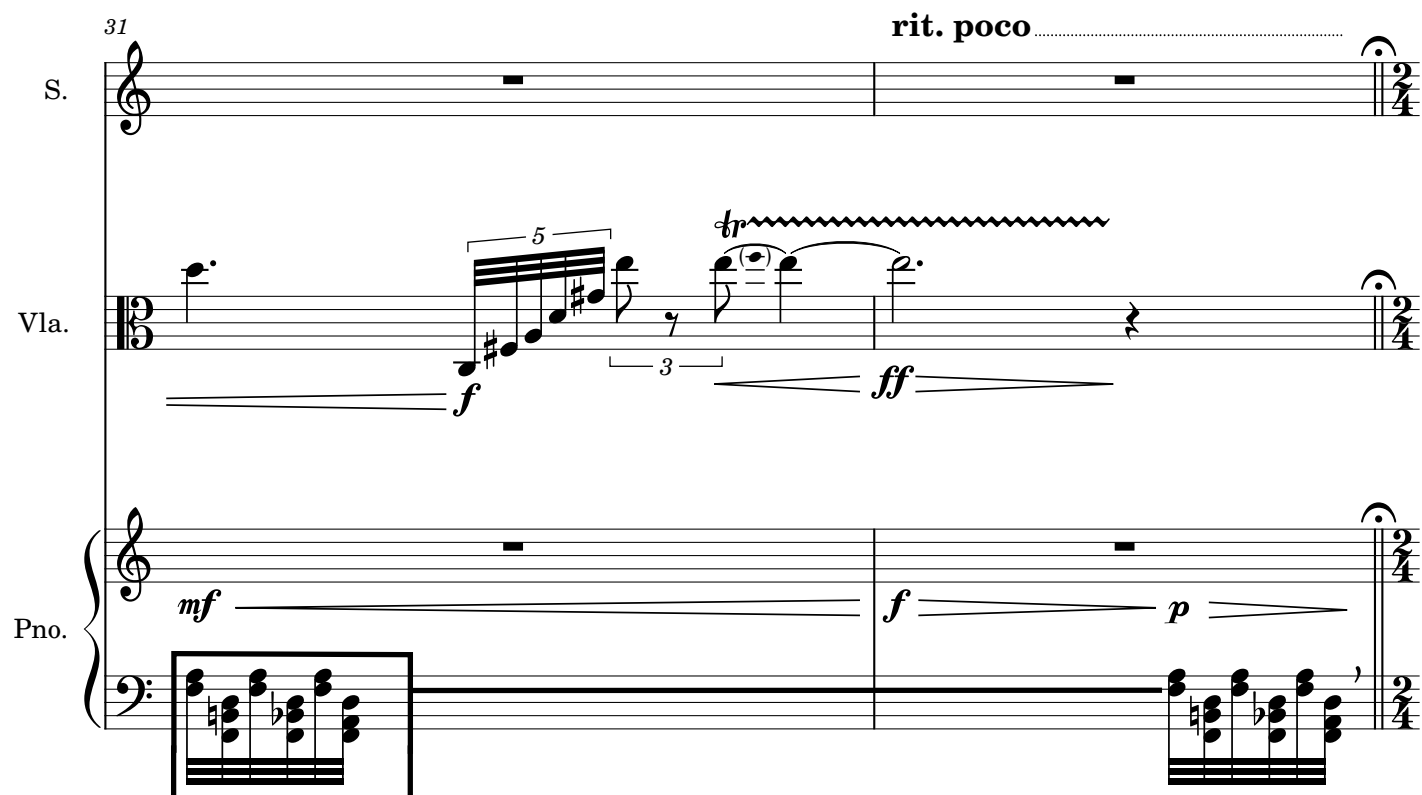
rit. poco.....

S.

Vla.

f *ff*

mf *f* *p*



33 ♩ = 48, a tempo

S.

Vla.

Pno.

p

S.

Vla.

Pno.

f

37

S. *mp* A tongue

Vla. *mp* lightly flutter two fingers up and down the strings
p *mf* *p*

Pno. *mp* *mf* sempre l.v.; clear resonance only if it becomes too murky

39

S. scoops out my voice a

Vla. *sim.* *p* *mf* *p*

Pno. *mf* *p*

42

S. *tongue* *scoops* *scoops* *scoops* *out* *my* *voice* _____

Vla. **III**

Pno.

45 **accel.**..... *p*

S. *and* *a*

Vla. *pp*

Pno. *p* pedal normally

46 *mp*

S. *hand* a

Vla.

Pno.

Measure 46: Soprano (S.) has a whole note 'hand' (F4) and a half note 'a' (A4). Viola (Vla.) has a continuous triplet eighth-note pattern: F4, G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F4. Piano (Pno.) has a whole note chord: F4, A4, C5.

47 *mf*

S. *hand* your

Vla.

Pno.

mp

Measure 47: Soprano (S.) has a whole note 'hand' (F4) and a half note 'your' (G#4). Viola (Vla.) has a continuous triplet eighth-note pattern: F4, G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F4. Piano (Pno.) has a whole note chord: F4, A4, C5.

Measure 48: Soprano (S.) has a whole note 'hand' (F4) and a half note 'your' (G#4). Viola (Vla.) has a continuous triplet eighth-note pattern: F4, G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F4. Piano (Pno.) has a whole note chord: F4, A4, C5.

48 *f*

S. *hand* *a*

Vla. *mf*

Pno.

49

S. *hand* *your*

Vla.

Pno. *mf*

50 *ff*

S. hand your

Vla. *f*

Pno. *f*

Handwritten musical score for measures 50-54. The vocal line (S.) has lyrics 'hand' and 'your'. The viola (Vla.) and piano (Pno.) parts feature complex rhythmic patterns with triplets and slurs. The piano part is marked 'ff' and the viola part is marked 'f'.

(♩ ≈ 120)

51

S. hand and a

Vla.

Pno.

Handwritten musical score for measures 51-55. The vocal line (S.) has lyrics 'hand', 'and', and 'a'. The viola (Vla.) and piano (Pno.) parts continue with complex rhythmic patterns. The piano part includes accents (^) on the final notes of measures 54 and 55.

$\bullet = 56$, a tempo

52

S. *fff* hand reach - es *f*

Vla. *fff* III ord. *ff* *fff* molto sul pont. ord. *ff*

Pno. *ff* 8

54

S. *mf* *ff* reach - es

Vla. molto sul pont. *fff* sul pont. *ff*

Pno. *ff* 5 *ff*

56 *p*

S. *down*

Vla. *I ord.* *pp*

Pno. *8 p* *f*

Detailed description: This block contains the musical notation for measures 56 and 57. The Soprano part (S.) begins with a half note on G4, marked with a piano (*p*) dynamic and a 'down' instruction. The Viola part (Vla.) has a whole rest in measure 56, followed by a half note on C5 in measure 57, marked with 'I ord.' and a pianissimo (*pp*) dynamic. The Piano part (Pno.) has a whole rest in measure 56, followed by an 8-measure arpeggiated figure in measure 57, marked with a piano (*p*) dynamic and a forte (*f*) dynamic.

57

S.

Vla.

Pno. *8*

Detailed description: This block contains the musical notation for measures 57 and 58. The Soprano part (S.) has a whole rest in measure 57. The Viola part (Vla.) has a whole note on C5 in measure 57, marked with a slur. The Piano part (Pno.) has an 8-measure arpeggiated figure in measure 57, marked with a forte (*f*) dynamic.

58

S.

Vla.

Pno.

8

59

S.

Vla.

Pno.

8

pp

3

3