

Reactionaries Forever

for Trumpet in B $\flat$ and Piano

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PERFORMANCE NOTES: The trumpet part of this score is written in Bb.

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

PROGRAM NOTES: *Reactionaries Forever* is one half of a diptych of political pieces (the other being *Premonitions of the Ideal*, for horn and piano.) These two pieces have very similar structures, on top of which two very different surfaces are presented; both titles are taken from William T. Vollmann's 1987 novel *You Bright and Risen Angels*.

G-F-C-A $\flat$ -D $\flat$ -A-E-E $\flat$ -D-B $\flat$ -G $\flat$ -B. A politicking time bomb under tautening skies...

Reactionaries Forever

for Trumpet and Piano

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Trumpet in B $\flat$

$\bullet = 63$, calm

p

Piano

p

4

Tpt. in B $\flat$

mp

p

Pno.

8

7

Tpt. in B $\flat$

tr

Pno.

8

9

Tpt. in B $\flat$

mp

Pno.

8

ppp

p

ppp

8

11

rit. - - - - $\text{♩} = 52$, slower, mournful

Tpt. in B $\flat$

pp

Pno.

8

p

p

15

Tpt. in B $\flat$

mf

f

Pno.

f

18

Tpt. in B $\flat$

Pno.

ff

mp

ff

p

20

Tpt. in B $\flat$

Pno.

rit.

ff

mp

mf

p

mf

23

Tpt. in B $\flat$

Pno.

$\bullet = 63$, as before, pleading

mp

mp

pp

8

24

Tpt. in B $\flat$

Pno.

mp *pp* *mp*

8

26

Tpt. in B $\flat$

Pno.

rit. *p* *mp* $\text{♩} = 96, \text{moving forward, stronger}$

8

30

Tpt. in B $\flat$

Pno.

mf *mp*

sim. l.v. until m. 57,
occasional half-pedal
to clear resonance

8

33

Tpt. in B $\flat$

Pno.

f

mf

37

Tpt. in B $\flat$

Pno.

mf

mp

41

Tpt. in B $\flat$

Pno.

44

Tpt. in B $\flat$

Pno.

mf

48

Tpt. in B $\flat$

Pno.

ff

gliss

53

Tpt. in B $\flat$

Pno.

ff

57 $\bullet = 42$, glacial, crashing down

Tpt. in B $\flat$

fff > < *mp* < *mf* > *mp* < *f* >

Pno.

60

Tpt. in B $\flat$

mp < *mf* > *p* < *mf*

Pno.

62 $\bullet = 63$, simple, a return

Tpt. in B $\flat$

fp > *mp* < *p*

Pno.

pp *p*

8

66

Tpt. in B $\flat$

Pno.

8

mp

mf

mp

69

Tpt. in B $\flat$

Pno.

8

mp

mf

p

pp

72

Tpt. in B $\flat$

Pno.

8

mp

mf

p

75

Tpt. in B $\flat$

mp *p*

Pno.

pp

8

75

76

77

78

Tpt. in B $\flat$

mf *mp*

Pno.

mp

8

78

79

80

81