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Performance Notes:

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Instrumentation

Part I
Part Ia
Part II
Part IIa

Sharp Key Ranges:

C Instrument I Bb Instrument I Eb Instrument I F Instrument I Bass Clef I	C Instrument Ia Bb Instrument Ia Eb Instrument Ia F Instrument Ia Bass Clef Ia	C Instrument 2 Bb Instrument 2 Eb Instrument 2 F Instrument 2 Bass Clef 2	C Instrument 2a Bb Instrument 2a Eb Instrument 2a F Instrument 2a Bass Clef 2a

Flat Key Ranges:

C Instrument I Bb Instrument I Eb Instrument I F Instrument I Bass Clef I	C Instrument Ia Bb Instrument Ia Eb Instrument Ia F Instrument Ia Bass Clef Ia	C Instrument 2 Bb Instrument 2 Eb Instrument 2 F Instrument 2 Bass Clef 2	C Instrument 2a Bb Instrument 2a Eb Instrument 2a F Instrument 2a Bass Clef 2a
			

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 Simple Meter
 Subito dynamics
 Staccato
 Repeated notes (double tonguing in advanced wind parts)

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Part I

Part Ia

Part II

Part IIa

I

Ia

II

IIa

mf
marcato

mf

p

p

p

pp

pp

p

f

f

pp

pp

A

7

I

Ia

II

IIa

f

p

p sub.

10

I

Ia

II

IIa

f

p

f

B

13

I

Ia

II

IIa

mf

p

mf

p

p

pp

pp

C

16

I *f* *p*

Ia *f* *p*

II *mf* *p*

IIa *mf* *p*

19

I *f* *ff* *p*

Ia *f* *ff* *p*

II *f* *ff* *p*

IIa *f* *ff* *p*

D

22

I *mf* *p*

Ia *mf* *p*

II *pp*

IIa *pp*

marcato

26 E

I *f*

Ia *f*

II *f*

IIa *f*

29

I *p* *f*

Ia *p* *f*

II *p sub.* *f*

IIa *p sub.* *f*

32

I *mf* *sub. p* *f*

Ia *mf* *sub. p* *f*

II *p* *f* *p*

IIa *p* *f* *p*

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Flat Key Ranges:

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The musical score is written for five parts: Part I, Part Ia, Part II, Part IIa, and Part IIb. The key signature is two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The tempo is marked 'Mysteriously' with a quarter note equal to 108 beats per minute. The score is divided into three measures. Part I and Part Ia begin with rests in the first measure and enter in the second measure with a *mf* dynamic and a *marcato* articulation. Part II and Part IIa play a steady eighth-note accompaniment starting in the first measure, marked *p*. Part IIb enters in the second measure with a *pp* dynamic. In the third measure, Part I and Part Ia reach a *f* dynamic, while Part II and Part IIb remain at *pp*. A large 'PREVIEW' watermark is overlaid diagonally across the score.

A

7

I *p*

Ia *p*

II *f*

IIa *f*

p sub.

p sub.

10

I *f* *p*

Ia *f*

II *f*

IIa *f*

B

13

I *mf* *p*

Ia *mf* *p*

II *p* *pp*

IIa *p* *pp*

C

16

I *f* *p*

Ia *f* *p*

II *mf* *p*

IIa *mf* *p*

19

I *f* *ff* *p*

Ia *f* *ff* *p*

II *f* *ff* *p*

IIa *f* *ff* *p*

D

22

I *mf* *p*

Ia *mf* *p*

II *pp*

IIa *pp*

marcato

E

26

I

Ia

II

IIa

f

f

f

f

29

I

Ia

II

IIa

p

p

f

f

f

p sub.

p sub.

32

I

Ia

II

IIa

mf

mf

sub. p

f

f

f

p

f

p

p

f

p