

# **AXIAL**

for eleven-player ensemble (2012)

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*the gates are open  
& all the paths are clear*

Elisabeth Bletsoe *Here Hare Here*

#### INSTRUMENTATION:

Flute 1 (doubling Alto Flute)  
Flute 2 (doubling Piccolo)  
Clarinet 1 in Bb  
Clarinet 2 in Bb (doubling Bass Clarinet)

Vibraphone (doubling Bass Drum)  
Harp

Violin 1  
Violin 2  
Viola  
Cello  
Double Bass

#### PLAYING TECHNIQUES:

##### Flutes:

- + bisbigliando (measured)
-  trill with both D and D# trill keys simultaneously, while LH plays written notes

##### Clarinets:

- + bisbigliando (measured)
-  unmeasured fast bisbigliando
- Square note head indicates multiphonic fingered thus:



and with intended sound thus:

**Duration: 12'**

**SCORE in C** (accidentals last for the whole bar)

# AXIAL

*to E for the times before and the times after*

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*J = 92*

Flute 1: *p bright*

Flute 2: *f*

Clarinet 1 in B♭: *f*

Clarinet 2 in B♭: *f*

Bass Drum: *mf*

Harp: *f*

**A Delicate, *J = 56***

Flute 1: *mfpp*

Flute 2: *mfpp*

Clarinet 1 in B♭: *mfpp*

Clarinet 2 in B♭: *mfpp*

Bass Drum: *rub skin (with hand)*

Harp: *mp pp*

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Violin I: *f pp*

Violin II: *f pp*

Viola: *pizz. ff*

Violoncello: *f pizz.*

Double Bass: *f*

Flute 1: *fl*

Flute 2: *multi*

Clarinet 1 in B♭: *pp air (no tone)*

Clarinet 2 in B♭: *(mf) rub skin (wire brush)*

Violin I: *sul pont.*

Violin II: *col leg bat*

Viola: *molto sul pont.*

Violoncello: *pp*

Double Bass: *pp*

Flute 1: *3*

Flute 2: *3*

Clarinet 1 in B♭: *3*

Clarinet 2 in B♭: *3*

Bass Drum: *3*

Harp: *3*

Violin I: *3*

Violin II: *3*

Viola: *3*

Violoncello: *3*

Double Bass: *3*

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**B**

Fl 1  
Fl 2  
Cl 1  
Cl 2  
B. D.  
Hp  
Vln I  
Vln II  
Vla  
Vc  
DB

poco s.p.  
pos nat.  
pizz sub-pont  
**B** arco pont  
poco s.p.  
pont  
col leg bat  
arco poco s.p.  
sul pont  
col leg bat  
ord.  
pos nat.  
arco  
pizz.  
col leg bat  
ord.  
col leg bat  
gettato pp  
ord.  
pizz.

13 harmonic arpeggio

Fl 1 *pp* senza vib

Fl 2 *pp* blend with cello apart from accents

B. D. wire brush *pp* stick *p* To Vib.

Hp *mf* *mp* *p* ord. *mp* *p* *mf*

Vln I pos nat *8va* *gliss.* *ord.* *p* *pp* *p* *pp*

Vln II ON bridge (no note) *p* *5* *5* *poco pont* *3* *poco pont* *3* *ord.* *3* *p* *pp* *p* *pp*

Vla *mf* *mp* *pizz.* *clb* *pizz. p* *3* *mp* *p* *pp* *p* *pp* *pizz. secco*

Vc col leg bat > *pizz.* *clb* *pizz. p* *3* *mp* *arco* *gliss.* *3* *8* *p* *3* *p*

DB *mf* *mp* *3* *p*

**C**

Fl 1      18      *pp*      *ppp*      *poco*      *pp bright*      *whisper tone*      *bright*

Fl 2      *pp*

Cl 1      *air*      *note*      *10*      *5*      *ppp*

Cl 2      *(mf)*      *air*      *note*      *10*      *5*      *ppp*

Vib      Vibraphone (slow vib)      bowed      *p*

Hp      *pp*

Vln I      *pont.*      *p*      *pp*      *molto tasto*      *poco tasto*      *pizz.*

Vln II      *p*

Vla      *p*

Vc      *arco*      *pp*      *pizz. secco*      *pizz. ord.*

DB      *arco*      *pp*

**D**

24 7

Fl 1 *fmp*  
Fl 2 *fmp*  
Cl 1 *multi* *poco marc.*  
Cl 2 *f*  
Vib  
Hp *ff* *p* *mf* *mp* *ord.* *en dehors* *10* *f*  
*To B. D.* *più*

Vln I *arco tasto* *f* *p leggiero* *3 p.d.l.t.* *8va* *pos nat* *mp* *pos nat* *mf*  
Vln II *arco tasto* *f* *p leggiero* *3 pizz.* *mp* *mp* *arco pos nat* *p*  
Vla *arco tasto* *gliss.* *p leggiero* *3 pizz.* *mp* *mf* *mp* *pizz sub-pont* *ord.* *3 mp* *mf*  
Vc *p* *mp* *mf*  
DB





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Fl 1

Fl 2

Cl 1

Cl 2

Vib

Hp

**G**

*f* *ff* *f p* *p* *whisper tone* *sp* *f ff* *mp f*

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc

DB

**G**

*arco* *pizz* *pizz* *arco* *molto sul pont* *pos nat* *mp arco* *pizz.* *arco* *meno mp arco* *arco* *ff*

*p* *mp* *p* *mp* *arco* *meno* *mp* *arco* *ff*



12

53

Fl 1 *f*

Fl 2

Cl 1 *ff*

Cl 2 *ff*  
fast vib.

Vib

Hp *sempre ff*

Vln I *ff*

Vln II solo *ff*

Vla *ff* *pp*

Vc

DB

I

*p vivace*

*p vivace* *mp p*

*p vivace*

Fl 1

Fl 2

Cl 1

Cl 2

Vib

Hp

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc

DB

60

*p* 3 *mp*

*p*

*p* cold

(senza vib) To A. Fl.

*ppp* 5 (senza vib)

*ppp*

no vib. *mf*

*mf* *f* *mp*

*mf* 3 *f*

*poco meno*

*poco più* 5

*mp* *p* *mp* pizz.

*p* arco

*mp* *p*

*pizz. secco*

*pizz ord*

*mp* 3 *mp*

67

Fl 1

Fl 2

Cl 1

Vib

Hp

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc

DB

**J** Alto Flute

*pp*

*lontano*

*p* *mp bright* *mf*

*mp bright* *f* *poco ff*

*mp* *f*

*p* *pp*

*mp* *p* *mf* *pp*

*spp* *3* *mf* *f* *pp*

*arco* *p* *mp* *mf* *pizz.*

*pizz.*

*spp* *3* *mf* *f*

*pizz.*

*pizz.*

*mp*

*f*

74

A. Fl      F1 2      Cl 1

*pp*      *p*      *più mp*      *p*      *meno*

*pp*      *p*      *più mp*      *pp*      *p*      *pp*      *più mp*      *warm*

*pp*      *p*      *più mp*      *pp*      *p*      *pp*      *più mp*      *mf*

K

15

Vib

Hp

*p*

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

*arco*

*p*

Vc

*arco*

*pp flaut*

DB

*pizz.*

*mp*

K

15

84

A. Fl      *mp*      *p but warm*      *meno*

Fl 2      *p but warm*      *meno*

Cl 1      *pp*      *6*      *mf*

Cl 2      *pp*      *mf*

Vib

Hp      *p*      *pp*      *f*

Vln I      *sul pont*      *molto*

Vln II      *pp*      *pizz.*

Vla      *pp*      *arco*

Vc

DB

**L**

*f*

*più 6*

*marc*

*arco*

*marc*

*marc*

*marc*

*f*



96

A. Fl (vib ord)  
Fl 2  
Cl 1  
B. Cl  
Vib  
Hp *p en dehors*  
*mp* *mf* *f* *mp*

(vib ord) *p warm* *mf*  
*mp* *warm*  
*mp with D.B.* *p delicate*

Vln I (vib ord) *poco più* *mp* *mf* *p warm*  
Vln II (vib ord) *mp* *mf* *p warm* *mf*  
Vla *mp* *mf* *p*  
Vc *mp* *mf* *p warm* *mf*  
DB *mp* *mf* *mp with bass Cl*

105

A. Fl      *mf*      *p*

Fl 2      *mf*      *p*

Cl 1      *mf*      *p*

B. Cl      *mf*

Vib      *mf*      *en dehors*

Hp      *mf*      *en dehors*      *mp*      *p*

**N**

Vln I      *mf*      *mf*      *tasto*      *sp*      *tasto*      *lontano*      *pp*      *pos nat.*      *senza vib.*      *pos nat.*      *senza vib.*

Vln II      *mf*      *mf*      *sp*      *tasto*      *pp*      *pp*      *mp pp*      *pos nat.*      *senza vib.*

Vla      *mf*      *f*      *mf*      *p*      *mp*      *pp*      *senza vib.*      *pp*      *pp*

Vc      *mf*      *mf*      *p*      *pp*

DB      *mf*      *en dehors*

**N**

26

A. Fl. *pp* (vib ord.) 2 3  
Fl 2 *pp* (vib ord.) 2 3  
Cl 1 *p* 2 3  
B. Cl. *p* *mp* 2 3  
Vib *p* *mp* 2 3  
Hp *mp* *poco* *mp* *più* *mf* 2 3  
Vln I (vib ord.) *mf* 2 3  
Vln II (vib ord.) *p* *mp* *pizz.* *f* arco 2 3  
Vla *mp* *p* *mp* *mf* 2 3  
Vc *mp* *mp* *mf* 2 3  
DB

121

O

A. Fl      *mf* — *f*

Fl 2      *f*

Cl 1      *f* *ff exuberant*

B. Cl      *f*

Vib      *f* *ff exuberant (poco en dehors)*

Hp      *ff exuberant*

O

Vln I      *ff* *f* — *ff*

Vln II      *ff* *pizz.* *ff* *ff*

Vla      *f* *più* *ff*

Vc      *f* *più* *ff*

DB      *ff en dehors* — *fff*



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A. Fl : f ff To Picc. f ff Piccolo To Fl. mf p ppp

Fl 2 : f ff

Cl 1 : f ff

B. Cl : -

Vib : f ff fff ff mp

Hp : f ff fff

Vln I : f ff pizz. arco f fff mp ppp

Vln II : f ff arco f fff mp ppp

Vla : f ff arco f fff mp ppp

Vc : pizz. ff arco f fff mp ppp

DB : f ff arco f fff mp ppp

**Q Delicate, = 56**

Musical score for orchestra and harp, page 145. The score includes parts for Flute, Piccolo, Clarinet 1, Vibraphone, Bassoon, Violin I, Violin II, Viola, Cello, Double Bass, and Harp. The score features complex rhythmic patterns, dynamic markings like *ppp*, *meno*, *più*, *ON bridge (no note)*, *col leg bat*, *arco*, *pizz.*, and *pos nat.*. The harp part is prominent, with instructions for *bowed (slow vib.)* and *ppp under harp*. The score concludes with a section labeled *To B. D.*

Fl *pp*

Picc *pp*

Cl 1

B. D. Bass Drum *pp*

To Vib.

Hp *p* *3* *3* *gliss.*

Vln I *pp*

Vln II *pp* *arco*

Vla *pp* *arco*

Vc *pp* *arco*

DB *pp*

**R** Poco più mosso, flowing ( $\text{♩} = 63 - 66$ )

*pp dolce*

*pp dolce*

*multi*

*pp*

*pizz.*

*pp flaut e dolce*

*pp flaut e dolce*

*pizz.*

*pp*

*flaut e dolce*

*pizz secco*





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172

Fl *ppp dolciss.* 5 *ppp dolciss.* **T** *mf* *f*

Picc

Cl 1

Cl 2 *mp mf* *f*

Vib *slow-med vib.* *f*

Hp *f meno f*

Vln I *tasto molto tasto* *ppp* *3* *pos nat* *mf* *3* *f*

Vln II *pp* *mp pp < mp* *mf* *3* *f* *pizz.* *3*

Vla *5* *3*

Vc *pizz.* *5* *f* *arco* *f*

DB *3* *pp flaut e dolce*

**T**

178 U  $\text{J} = 92$

Fl  
Picc  
Cl 1  
Cl 2  
Vib  
Hp  
Vln I  
Vln II  
Vla  
Vc  
DB

*ff exuberant and ringing*  
*ff exuberant 3 ringing*  
*più ff exuberant ringing*  
*ff ringing*  
*en dehors*  
*più 3*  
*ff exuberant & ringing*  
*ff exuberant & ringing*  
*più 6 5 3*  
*arco*  
*più 3*  
*ff ringing*  
*en dehors*  
*più arco*  
*pizz.*  
*ff*  
*arco*  
*pizz.*  
*f*  
*più 3*  
*ff*

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Fl

Picc

Cl 1

Cl 2

Vib

Hp

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc

DB

en dehors

sempre en dehors

en dehors

(pas en dehors)

pizz.

arco

pizz.

arco

f

ff

secco

5

Fl

Picc

To Flute

Cl 1

Cl 2

Vib

Hp

Vln I

pizz

f

ff

8va

arco

Vln II

pizz

ff

arco

Vla

arco

Vc

secco

DB

fff

fff

**V** 194

Flute: *mp*, *pp*

Cl 1: *mf*, *p*, *pp*

Cl 2: *pp*

Vib: *fff* balance with harp

Hp: *fff* balance with vibr.

**W**  $\text{J} = 56$

Flute: *pp*

Cl 1: air note, *pp delicate*

Cl 2: air note, *pp delicate*

Vib: bowed (v. slow vib), *pp*

Hp: trem/bisb. always unobtrusive & l.v., *pp delicate*, *p*

**V**

Vln I: pizz, *ff*, *mf*, *f*, *pp delicate* and floating

Vln II: *ppp*, *pizz*, arco, *f*

Vla: *pp* *tasto*, *meno*

Vc: *ff*, arco, *mp*, *f*

DB: *ppp*

**W**  $\text{J} = 56$

Vln I: *pp* *dolce e cantabile*, *col leg bat*, *gloss*, *col leg bat*

Vln II: *pp*, *col leg bat*, *gloss*

Vla: *pp*, *col leg bat*

Vc: *pp*, *col leg bat*

DB: *pp*, *5*

solos al fine

199

Fl Fl Cl 1 Cl 2 Vib Hp

Vln I Vln II Vla Vc DB

poco

*mf*

*p*

*poco*

*poco*

*poco*

*p*

*pp*

*tasto*

*poco*

*mp*

arco ord

delicate

gliss.

ON bridge (no note)

ord.

ON bridge (no note)

ord.

*poco*

*mp*



Fl 9 **Y**

Fl 9

Cl 1

Cl 2

Vib

Hp **pp delicate** **mf** **f** **Y**

Vln I (8)

Vln II **pp** **mp** **mp** **mf**

Vla

Vc arco **mp** **mf** **pizz.** **mf**

DB 5 **mp** **mf** **più** **p** arco

213

Fl (2 staves) *p* *pp* *p* *poco mp* *p* *senza vib*

Fl (2 staves) *p* *pp* *p* *mp* *p* *senza vib*

Cl 1 *pp*

Cl 2 *pp*

Hp *pp*

Vln I *pp lontano* *f*

Vln II

Vla *pizz.*

Vc *pizz.* *p* *arco* *p poco en dehors*

DB *poco pesante* *p*

219 (vib ord)

Fl *mp* (vib ord) *p*

Fl *mp* *p* *mf* (vib ord) *p*

Cl 1 *pp* *p*

Cl 2 *p*

Vib medium vib *pp* To B. D. Bass Drum *mf*

Hp *f* *p* *meno* *f*

Vln I *ppp* *ppp* bright *meno* *f*

Vln II *p* arco *pp* *f* pizz. *secco*

Vla *pp* *f* pizz.

Vc *pp* *f* pizz.

DB *mp* *p* *f*