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Sullen earth

for violin and string orchestra (2005)

Ian Wilson
*(*1964)*

Note:

the Solo Violin and Violins 1, 3, 4, 6 and 7 must tune their lowest strings up a semitone to G sharp;
Violas 1 and 2 and Cellos 2 and 3 must tune their lowest strings up a semitone to C sharp.
The notes in the score show the *sounding* notes, but the parts show the *fingered* notes - therefore
any notes on string IV in the parts of the above instruments will sound a semitone higher than written.

Also, Violins 3, 4 and 5, Viola 2 and Cello 2 use ordinary mutes while Violins 6, 7 and 8, Viola 3 and
Cello 3 use heavy rubber practice mutes.

String orchestra:

**8 Violins
3 Violas
3 Cellos
1 Double Bass**

Duration c. 13 minutes

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for Gordana Matijevic-Nedeljkovic

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1 $\frac{4}{4}$ = 60

5 $\frac{5}{4}$ $\frac{4}{4}$

con sord. - normal

pp

con sord. - normal

pp

con sord. - normal

pp

poco sul pont. \rightarrow ord. \rightarrow sul pont.

poco sul pont. \rightarrow ord. \rightarrow sul pont.

III

gl. p

gl. p

gl. p

con sord. - heavy rubber

p

con sord. - normal p^3

pp

con sord. - heavy rubber

p

con sord. - heavy rubber

p

con sord. - normal

pp

con sord. - heavy rubber

p

con sord. - heavy rubber

p

con sord. - heavy rubber

p

Double Bass

7

5

4

4

32

Vln.1

Vln.2

Vln.3

Vln.4

Vln.5

Vln. S

Vln.6

Vln.7

Vln.8

Vla.1

Vla.2

Vla.3

Vc.1

Vc.2

Vc.3

D. b.

15

4

Vln.1 *f* molto

Vln.2 *f* molto

Vln.3 *f* *mf*

Vln.4 *f* *mf*

Vln.5 *f* *mf*

Vln. S *f* 3 *mf* 3 *mp* 3 *p*

Vln.6 *ff* molto

Vln.7 *ff* gl.

Vln.8 *ff* gl.

Vla.1 *f* molto

Vla.2 *f* *mf* *mp* *p*

Vla.3 *ff* molto *mp*

Vc.1 *f* gl.

Vc.2 *f* *mf* *mp* *p*

Vc.3 *ff* gl. *mp*

Db. *f* gl.

5

4

non vib.

3

4

non vib.

5

4

non vib.

2

4

26

2 **3** **4** **4** **3** **4**

Vln.1 *mp* *mf* *pp*

Vln.2 *mp* *mf* *pp*

Vln.3 *mf*

Vln.4 *mf* *pp*

Vln.5 *mf* *pp*

Vln. S *mf* *p* vib.

Vln.6 *mf* vib.

Vln.7 *mf* vib.

Vln.8 *mf*

Vla.1 *mp* *mf* *pp*

Vla.2

Vla.3 *mf*

Vc.1 *mp* *mf* *pp*

Vc.2 *mf* *pp*

Vc.3

D. b. *mp*

D Poco più mosso $\text{♩} = 60$

36 3 4 4 5 3 4

Vln.1 - *ff*
Vln.2 - *ff*
Vln.3 - *ff*
Vln.4 - *ff*
Vln.5 - *ff*
Vln. S - (sul IV) *ff* 3 5
Vln.6 - *p*
Vln.7 - *p*
Vln.8 - *p*
Vla.1 - *ff*
Vla.2 - *ff*
Vla.3 - *p*
Vc.1 - *ff*
Vc.2 - *ff*
Vc.3 - *p*
Db. - *ff*

5 pizz.
mp
pizz.
mp
pizz.
mp
pizz.
mp
p
pizz.
p
pizz.
p
pizz.
p
ord. non vib. pizz.
pp mp
pizz.
p mp pizz.
gl.
pizz.
p
ord. non vib. pizz.
pp mp

40 **3** **4**

Vln.1

Vln.2

Vln.3 arco ord.

Vln.4 arco ord.

Vln.5 arco ord.

Vln. S *mp* *mp* *mf* *gl.* *poco*

Vln.6 *mp* *mf* *molto*

Vln.7 *mp* *mf* *molto*

Vln.8 *mp*

Vla.1

Vla.2

Vla.3 arco *mp*

Vc.1 arco non vib. *pp*

Vc.2

Vc.3

Db. arco non vib. *pp*

46

5 **4** **3** **4** **5**

Vln.1

Vln.2

Vln.3 (quarter-tone flat)
non vib.

Vln.4

Vln.5

Vln. S *sul III* *p* *mp* *p* *p*

Vln.6 *f* *mp*

Vln.7 (quarter-tone sharp)

Vln.8 *f* *mp*

Vla.1 poco sul pont.
non vib.

Vla.1 *pp*
arco ord.
non vib.

Vla.2 *pp*
non vib.

Vla.3 *p*

Vc.1 pizz. *p* *pp* arco ord.
non vib.

Vc.2 pizz. *p* *pp* arco
non vib.

Vc.3 pizz. *p* *pp* arco
non vib.

Db. pizz. *p* *pp*

51

Vln.1

Vln.2

Vln.3 (vib.) $\begin{smallmatrix} 3 \\ p \end{smallmatrix}$

Vln.4 $\begin{smallmatrix} 3 \\ p \end{smallmatrix}$

Vln.5 $\begin{smallmatrix} 3 \\ p \end{smallmatrix}$

Vln. S $\begin{smallmatrix} 3 \\ pp \end{smallmatrix}$

Vln.6

Vln.7

Vln.8

Vla.1 (vib.) $\begin{smallmatrix} 3 \\ mp \end{smallmatrix}$

Vla.2 (vib.) $\begin{smallmatrix} 3 \\ p \end{smallmatrix}$

Vla.3 (vib.) $\begin{smallmatrix} 3 \\ mp \end{smallmatrix}$

Vc.1

Vc.2 (vib.) $\begin{smallmatrix} 3 \\ mp \end{smallmatrix}$

Vc.3 (vib.) $\begin{smallmatrix} 3 \\ mp \end{smallmatrix}$

D. (vib.) $\begin{smallmatrix} 3 \\ mp \end{smallmatrix}$

57

3 **2**

Vln.1

Vln.2

Vln.3

Vln.4

Vln.5

Vln. S

Vln.6

Vln.7

Vln.8

Vla.1

Vla.2

Vla.3

Vc.1

Vc.2

Vc.3

D. b.

58

4 **4**

3 **2**

E Poco più mosso

15

62 **3** **2** $\downarrow = 72$

4

Vln.1

Vln.2

Vln.3

Vln.4

Vln.5

Vln. S

Vln.6

Vln.7

Vln.8

Vla.1

Vla.2

Vla.3

Vc.1

Vc.2

Vc.3

Db.

65

3 **2**

Vln.1

Vln.2

Vln.3

Vln.4

Vln.5

Vln. S

Vln.6

Vln.7

Vln.8

Vla.1

Vla.2

Vla.3

Vc.1

Vc.2

Vc.3

Db.

4 **4**

3 **2**

68 **3**

Vln.1

Vln.2

Vln.3 *pp*

Vln.4 *pp*

Vln.5 *pp*

Vln. S *p* *mf* *ord. (IV)*

Vln.6

Vln.7

Vln.8

Vla.1

Vla.2 *pp*

Vla.3

Vc.1

Vc.2 *pp*

Vc.3

D. b.

4
4

3 *accel.*

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F Più mosso

$$\frac{5}{4} \quad \bullet = 90$$

pizz. 

3
4

5
4

58

(accel.)

Sheet music for orchestra, page 10, measures 11-12.

Measure 11: The score consists of 15 staves. The first 8 staves (Vln.1 to Vln.8) play pizzicato (pizz.) at forte (ff). The 9th staff (Vln. S) has grace notes on beat, followed by a forte dynamic ff. The 10th staff (Vln. 6) plays pizzicato (pizz.) at forte (ff). The 11th staff (Vln. 7) and 12th staff (Vln. 8) play pizzicato (pizz.) at forte (ff). The 13th staff (Vla.1) has grace notes on beat, followed by a forte dynamic ff. The 14th staff (Vla. 2) and 15th staff (Vla. 3) play pizzicato (pizz.) at forte (ff).

(sul IV)

Measure 12: The first 8 staves (Vln.1 to Vln.8) continue pizzicato (pizz.) at forte (ff). The 9th staff (Vln. S) continues grace notes on beat, followed by a forte dynamic ff. The 10th staff (Vln. 6) continues pizzicato (pizz.) at forte (ff). The 11th staff (Vln. 7) and 12th staff (Vln. 8) continue pizzicato (pizz.) at forte (ff). The 13th staff (Vla.1) continues grace notes on beat, followed by a forte dynamic ff. The 14th staff (Vla. 2) and 15th staff (Vla. 3) continue pizzicato (pizz.) at forte (ff).

78 5 5 4

Vln.1 ff arco no trem. f p

Vln.2 ff arco no trem. f p

Vln.3 ff arco no trem. f p

Vln.4 ff arco no trem. f p

Vln.5 ff arco no trem. f p

Vln. S ff arco f mp

Vln.6 ff arco no trem. f p

Vln.7 ff arco no trem. f p

Vln.8 ff arco no trem. f p

Vla.1 ff arco no trem. f p

Vla.2 ff arco no trem. f p

Vla.3 ff arco no trem. f p

Vc.1 ff arco no trem. f mp pp

Vc.2 ff arco no trem. f mp pp

Vc.3 ff arco no trem. f mp pp

Db. ff arco f mp pp

84

5 **3** **4**

Vln.1 *pp*

Vln.2 *pp*

Vln.3 *pp*

Vln.4 *pp*

Vln.5

Vln. S *p* III II III *pp*

Vln.6 *p*

Vln.7 *p*

Vln.8

Vla.1

Vla.2

Vla.3

Vc.1 *mf* *p* *mf*

Vc.2 *mf* *p* *mf*

Vc.3

Db. *mf* *p* *mf*

rit.

G Poco meno mosso

$\text{♩} = 76$

5

4

4

Vln.1

Vln.2

Vln.3

Vln.4

Vln.5

Vln. S

Vln.6

Vln.7

Vln.8

Vla.1

Vla.2

Vla.3

Vc.1

Vc.2

Vc.3

Db.

H Più mosso

32

3
4

5
4

4

Musical score for orchestra and piano, page 10, measures 11-12. The score includes parts for Vln.1, Vln.2, Vln.3, Vln.4, Vln.5, Vln. S, Vln.6, Vln.7, Vln.8, Vla.1, Vla.2, Vla.3, Vc.1, Vc.2, Vc.3, and Db. The score shows various musical markings such as dynamics (p, mf), articulations (circles with dots, dashes, etc.), and performance instructions (e.g., 3 p, 3 mf). The piano part is indicated by a bracket on the left.

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3 **4**

Vln.1

Vln.2

Vln.3

Vln.4

Vln.5

Vln. S

Vln.6

Vln.7

Vln.8

Vla.1

Vla.2

Vla.3

Vc.1

Vc.2

Vc.3

D. b.

ord.

mp

non vib.

mp

p

mp

p

109

3

3

4

Vln.1

Vln.2 *mf* *p* $\sharp\alpha$

Vln.3

Vln.4

Vln.5

Vln. S *mf* *p*

Vln.6

Vln.7

Vln.8

Vla.1 *p* *mf* *p* α

Vla.2

Vla.3 *mf*

Vc.1 *mf* *p* $\bar{\alpha}$ β α

Vc.2

Vc.3

D. b.

rit.

I $\text{J} = 64$

5 **4** **3** **4**

Vln.1

Vln.2

Vln.3

Vln.4

Vln.5

Vln. S

Vln.6

Vln.7

Vln.8

Vla.1

Vla.2

Vla.3

Vc.1

Vc.2

Vc.3

D. b.

123

5 **4** **4** **3** **2** **4** **4** **2** **7** **8** **4**

Vln.1

Vln.2

Vln.3

Vln.4

Vln.5

Vln. S

Vln.6

Vln.7

Vln.8

Vla.1

Vla.2

Vla.3

Vc.1

Vc.2

Vc.3

D. b.

129 **4** **5** **accel.**

K **Più mosso** **$\text{♩} = 80$**

Vln.1 *mp*

Vln.2 *mp*

Vln.3 *mp*

Vln.4 *mp*

Vln.5 *mp*

Vln. S *mf*

Vln.6 *mf*

Vln.7 *mf*

Vln.8 *mf*

Vla.1 *mp*

Vla.2 *mp*

Vla.3 *ff*

Vc.1 *mp*

Vc.2 *mp*

Vc.3 *mp*

Db. *mp*

ord.

f non legato

f non legato

f non legato

f non legato

ff

ord.

f non legato

ord.

f non legato

pizz. arco ord.

ff *f non legato*

pizz. arco

ff *f non legato*

f non legato

f non legato

ord.

134

Vln.1 *f*

Vln.2 *f*

Vln.3 *f* *mf*

Vln.4 *f* *mf*

Vln.5 *f* *mf sub.*

Vln. S *f* *sul III*

Vln.6 *ff* *mf*

Vln.7 *f* *mf*

Vln.8 *f* *mf sub.*

Vla.1

Vla.2 *mf*

Vla.3 *mf*

Vc.1

Vc.2

Vc.3

Db.

136

4

3

Vln.1

Vln.2

Vln.3 *mp*

Vln.4 *mp*

Vln.5 *mp*

Vln. S *mf* *mp*

Vln.6 *mp* *(mp)*

Vln.7 *mp* *(mp)*

Vln.8 *mp* *#(mp)*

Vla.1

Vla.2 *mp*

Vla.3 *mp* *(mp)*

Vc.1

Vc.2 *mp*

Vc.3 *mp* *(mp)*

Db.

138 **3** **4** rit. **4** **3** **4**

[L] $\text{♩} = 64$

Vln.1

Vln.2

Vln.3 *p*

Vln.4 *p*

Vln.5 *p*

Vln. S sul IV *p*

Vln.6

Vln.7

Vln.8

Vla.1

Vla.2 *p* *pp*

Vla.3

Vc.1

Vc.2

Vc.3

Db.

143

3 **4** **M** **5** **4**

Vln.1

Vln.2

Vln.3

Vln.4

Vln.5

Vln. S

Vln.6

Vln.7

Vln.8

Vla.1

Vla.2

Vla.3

Vc.1

Vc.2

Vc.3

Db.

sul III

gl.

mp

mf

p

pp

148

4 **3** **2** **4** **4** **5**

Vln.1

Vln.2

Vln.3

Vln.4

Vln.5

Vln. S

Vln.6

Vln.7

Vln.8

Vla.1

Vla.2

Vla.3

Vc.1

Vc.2

Vc.3

Db.

154 **5** **5** **4** **4** **3** **2** **3** **4**

N ♩ = 90

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163

Vln.1

Vln.2

Vln.3

Vln.4

Vln.5

Vln. S

Vln.6

Vln.7

Vln.8

Vla.1

Vla.2

Vla.3

Vc.1

Vc.2

Vc.3

Db.

non vib.
sul pont.

ppp

ppp

senza sord.

non vib.
sul pont.

ppp

non vib.
sul pont.

senza sord.

non vib.
sul pont.

ppp

non vib.
sul pont.

senza sord.

ppp

non vib.
sul pont.

ppp

non vib.
sul pont.

ppp

185

Vln.1
Vln.2
Vln.3
Vln.4
Vln.5
Vln. S vib. **p**
Vln.6
Vln.7
Vln.8
Vla.1 (non vib.) ord.
Vla.2 (non vib.) ord.
Vla.3 (non vib.) ord.
Vc.1 (non vib.) ord.
pp (non vib.) ord.
Vc.2 (non vib.) ord.
pp (non vib.) ord.
Vc.3 (non vib.) ord.
pp (non vib.) ord.
Db. **pp**

196 **O** $\text{♩} = 60$

Vln.1 $\frac{4}{4}$ ord. *pp*

Vln.2 ord. *pp*

Vln.3 ord. *pp*

Vln.4 ord. *pp*

Vln.5 ord. *pp*

Vln. S

Vln.6 ord. *pp*

Vln.7 ord. *pp*

Vln.8

Vla.1

Vla.2

Vla.3

Vc.1

Vc.2

Vc.3

D. b.

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201

Vln.1

Vln.2

Vln.3

Vln.4

Vln.5

Vln. S

Vln.6

Vln.7

Vln.8

ord.

Vla.1

Vla.2

Vla.3

Vc.1

Vc.2

Vc.3

Db.

pp

204

Vln.1

Vln.2

Vln.3

Vln.4

Vln.5

Vln. S *mp*

Vln.6

Vln.7

Vln.8

Vla.1

Vla.2

Vla.3

Vc.1

Vc.2

Vc.3

Db. *pp*

207

Vln.1

Vln.2

Vln.3

Vln.4

Vln.5

(8)

Vln. S

Vln.6

Vln.7

Vln.8

Vla.1

Vla.2

Vla.3

Vc.1

Vc.2

Vc.3

D. b.

210

Vln.1
Vln.2
Vln.3
Vln.4
Vln.5
Vln. S
(8)
Vln.6
Vln.7
Vln.8
Vla.1
Vla.2
Vla.3
Vc.1
Vc.2
Vc.3
Db.

213

Vln.1

Vln.2

Vln.3

Vln.4

Vln.5

(8)

Vln. S

Vln.6

Vln.7

Vln.8

Vla.1

Vla.2

Vla.3

Vc.1

Vc.2

Vc.3

D. b.

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216

Vln.1

Vln.2

Vln.3

Vln.4

Vln.5

(8)

Vln. S

p

Vln.6

Vln.7

Vln.8

Vla.1

Vla.2

Vla.3

Vc.1

Vc.2

Vc.3

Db.

219

3
4
4

(8)

pp

loco

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224 **4** **3** **4** (non vib.) **3** **4**

P $\text{J} = 64$

229

Vln.1

Vln.2

Vln.3

Vln.4

Vln.5

Vln. S

Vln.6

Vln.7

Vln.8

Vla.1

Vla.2

Vla.3

Vc.1

Vc.2

Vc.3

Db.