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Alice Lisle: her Pavane

for oboe d'amore & piano

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is the dance of homage that Alice Lisle never had. Tried by Judge Jeffreys in the notorious "Bloody Assize" of 1685, Alice Lisle was charged with harbouring a protestant clergyman, knowing that he was a rebel. Dame Alice, a frail and deaf seventy year old woman, maintained that she could not be convicted unless the clergyman had been convicted of treason first.

The jury's verdict – "Not Guilty" – enraged Judge Jeffreys who ranted and raged and sent them back twice before they finally found her "Guilty"

Later Parliament reversed her conviction, but not before she had walked to her death from an upstairs window of the Eclipse Inn in Winchester, on to a scaffold erected for her execution.

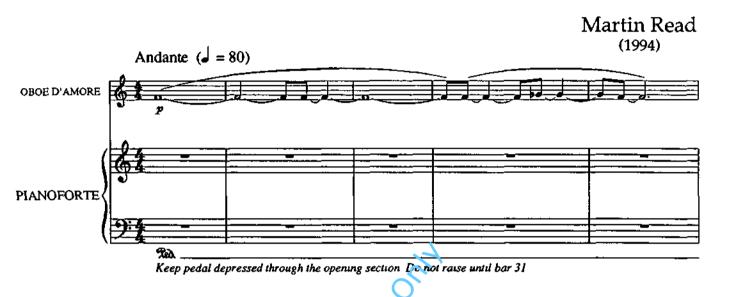
The British legal system, still fair after all these years!

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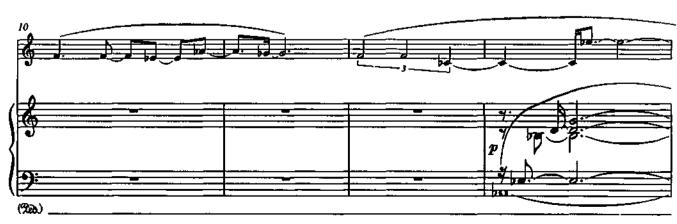
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for Sylvia and Alan

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