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PRIAM'S NIGHT-JOURNEY

based on the K. Cavafy's poem

for voice (^{mezzo}soprano), clarinet in B_b
(doubling bass-clarinet in B_b), violin,
cello and piano.

PRIAM'S NIGHT-JOURNEY (translated by the composer)

There is pain and lamentation in Ilium.

The land
of Troy is in bitter despair and dread,
it weeps for the great Hector, son of Priam.

The loud threnody echoes heavily.

Not a soul
in Troy is left not mourning,
the memory of Hector neglecting.

But the great lamentation is in vain,
superfluous,
in the wretched city
the ill-disposed destiny is deaf.

Priam, hating the useless, takes out
gold
from the treasury; he adds
cauldrons, rugs and cloaks; and even
chitons, tripods, a stack of peplums
sparkling
and whatever other offering he considers handy
and piles them on the chariot.

With ransom he wants to recover from the broad
foe
the body of his child
and honor it with a venerable funeral.

He leaves in the silence of night
he speaks
little. The only thought he has now
is for the chariot to run swiftly, swiftly.

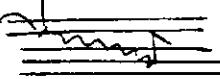
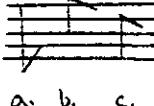
The dreary road stretches before him.
pitously
The wind walks and laments.
A frightful raven croaks in the distance.

Here the barking of a dog is heard;
over there,
a hare passed swift-footed, like a whisper.
The king spurs, spurs the horses on.

The shadows of the plain awaken
sinister,
and they wonder why the scion of Dardanus
flies in such haste toward the ships
of the murderous Argives and Achaeans
boorish.
But the king does not notice these things;
provided the chariot runs swiftly, swiftly.

K. Cavafy, 1893

NOTATION - INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE SINGER

- s.v. = senza vibrato
n.v. = normal vibrato
ord. = ordinario (including
vibrato when there
is no n.v. or s.v.
indication)
incr.vibr. = increase vibr. to as much as possible
(approx. minor 3rd around the note)
 = glissando with
"molto" vibrato
-  = spoken
a. with high voice(highest possible)
b. with ordinary, medium
voice
c. with low voice (lowest possible)
- X, X etc. = "sprechgesang"

PHONETIC ALPHABET (Based on the International Phonetic Alphabet)

- a → pəlm / ha:t
ɛ → bəd / shed
L → see / sit
ɔ → hot / spot
ʊ → hoover / loo
- =
y → like Yes with more pressure of the tongue
r → like french sur or arrive' with no
the R vibration
ʃ → the
θ → thin
R → rein (German rolled + in the front of the mouth)
χ → like German Ach
ɛ → like German Ich
s → ceiling
k → cæt (When kɛ, it sounds in the front of the
mouth like kɛ, but with very fast i)
ks → ex, Xmas

The rest of the consonants sound like the
English ones.

Word-by-word translation for the singer, using the phonetic alphabet and with the accents

[A]

ált̄os en tl̄ líos kl̄m̄osi
pain ⁱⁿ leius and lamentation

the land

t̄ls trias ^{en} apelpism̄o p̄kr̄j KE t̄l̄
of Troy is in despair bitter and dread

ton mé̄tan ékt̄ra ton priam̄jy kl̄el̄
the great Hector the son of Priam it weeps

○ θr̄mos voer̄j̄s, var̄is l̄gl̄
the threnody is loud, heavily it echoes
pslḡi
a soul

T̄m̄ m̄n̄t̄ en tl̄ tria m̄ p̄n̄t̄isa,
is not left in Troy not mourning
tv̄ ékt̄ros t̄m̄ minim̄n̄ amel̄isa
Hector the memory neglecting

aline m̄t̄eos anofelis
but it is vain useless
polis
superfluous

θr̄mos en poli tal̄p̄rl̄m̄en̄;
the lamentation in city hardship

l̄ ðlsm̄en̄is k̄f̄rl̄ lm̄rm̄en̄
the bad-destined is silent wretched

[B]

tanofeli ○ priam̄os mis̄m̄,
the useless priam̄ hating

xrl̄s̄m̄
gold

exs̄aje Ek tv̄ ñlsavr̄j̄ pr̄st̄et̄l̄
he takes out from the treasury he adds

léritas, tapitas KE xl̄emas; k̄t̄l̄
cauldrons, rags and cloaks and even

cl̄t̄mas, tript̄as, péplon s̄or̄m̄
chitons, tripods peplums stack

lambr̄on
sparkling
KE st̄l̄ also pr̄s̄for̄m̄ ikl̄z̄l̄
and anything else offering/handy he homes
KEpi tv̄ arm̄at̄os tv̄ ta st̄v̄az̄l̄
and on his chariot he puts them

D̄él̄ me litra ap̄s̄ ton tr̄mer̄on
He wants with ransom from the dread

Exðr̄m̄
foe

tv̄ tek̄nu tv̄ to siðma manakt̄ise
his child's the body to recover/regain

KE me sept̄im̄ k̄dian̄ ma tim̄sl̄.
and with venerable funeral to honor

C

fívgi en tl mukti tl sigili
he leaves in the night the silent
lali
he speaks

Olíta mómln sképsen tóra égl
little. The only thought now we has
taçi, taçi to arma tv na trégl.
swiftly, swiftly his chariot to run.

EXTINETE o ðrómos zoferós
stretches the road dreary
LKTRÓS
pitously

o áñemos ðirete kimòzi
the wind walls and laments

Kðraks apëslos makrðem krozl.
raven frightful in the distance croaks

EDòs, kimòs akiretlaki;
Here, of a dog a barking is heard

Eki,
overthere

os psiñlros latòs perná taçipus
like a whisper a hare passes swift-footed

o vasilefs kedá, kedá tvs ipus
the king spurs spurs the horses

tes pðlðjós eksipnún skei
of the plain awaken shadows
lee'
sinister

KE aporún PROS TL em tósl via
and they wander for what in such a haste

peta o ðardaniðls PROS ta plia
flies the scion of Dardanus toward the ships

aryion fomikón, KE ageón
Argives murderous and Achaeans
skésm.
foolish.

ala o vasilefs aftá ðen ta PROÉG;
But the King ~~these things does not notice~~

fðamí to arma tv taçi, taçi na trégl.
provided his chariot swiftly swiftly to run.

ΠΡΙΑΜΟΥ ΝΥΚΤΟΠΟΙΑ
 (Priam's Night-Journey) based on K.Cavafy's poem

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$\text{f} = 92$

Voice

*B/C
 (in Bb
 sounds a
 9th lower)*

s.p. → ord.
increase vibr.
*(sul G)
 gliss.
 with
 molto vibr.*
ff mf sub.

s.p. → ord.
incr. vibr.
ff f

s.p. → ord.
arco
ff ff ff mf sub.
df
fff ff mf sub.

s.p. → ord.
incr. vibr.
fff ff mf sub.

s.p. → ord.
incr. vibr.
fff ff mf sub.

f = 92

(5)

B/C
 Vln
 Vc
 Pno

10/8 4/4 2/4 4/4
 4/4 2/4 4/4 9/8
 8/8 4/4 4/4 8/8
 ff pizz. ff mf sub. ff ff
 ff ff ff ff
 s.p. ord. incr. vibr. s.p. ord.
 ff ff ff ff ff
 s.p. ord. incr. vibr. s.p. ord.
 ff ff ff ff ff
 ff ff ff ff ff

10/8 4/4 2/4 4/4
 4/4 2/4 4/4 9/8
 8/8 4/4 4/4 8/8
 ff pizz. ff pizz. ff ff
 ff ff ff ff
 s.p. ord. incr. vibr. s.p. ord.
 ff ff ff ff ff
 ff ff ff ff ff

10/8 4/4 2/4 4/4
 4/4 2/4 4/4 9/8
 8/8 4/4 4/4 8/8
 ff pizz. ff pizz. ff ff
 ff ff ff ff
 s.p. ord. incr. vibr. s.p. ord.
 ff ff ff ff ff
 ff ff ff ff ff

10/8 4/4 2/4 4/4
 4/4 2/4 4/4 9/8
 8/8 4/4 4/4 8/8
 ff pizz. ff pizz. ff ff
 ff ff ff ff
 s.p. ord. incr. vibr. s.p. ord.
 ff ff ff ff ff
 ff ff ff ff ff

(10) $\Gamma=108$

$\Gamma=92$

Handwritten musical score for orchestra and piano. The score is divided into measures by vertical dashed lines. The key signature changes between measures. The time signature is mostly common time (indicated by '2'). Measures 1-4 are at $\Gamma=108$, and measures 5-8 are at $\Gamma=92$.

Orchestra Instruments:

- B/c'e:** Dynamics include ff , f , mp , s.p. , m.v. , s.v. , incr. vibr. , and ff m f sub. .
- Vcl:** Dynamics include ff , f , non legato , s.p. , ord. , ff m f sub. , and $\text{ff} = \text{ff}$.
- Vc:** Dynamics include ff , f , marcato , non legato , ff m f sub. , ff , m.v. , ff , ord. , and ff .
- Pno:** Dynamics include ff , ff , and ff .

Piano Pedal: The piano part includes a dynamic marking ped. with a bracket labeled (ped.) .

Tempo: The tempo is marked $\Gamma=108$ for the first four measures and $\Gamma=92$ for the last four measures.

(15) F = 108

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Flute (Fl)

Violin (Vln)

Cello (Vc)

Piano (Pno)

Dynamics and Instructions:

- Measure 1: ff, f, s.v.
- Measure 2: ff mfs sub.
- Measure 3: incr. vibr.
- Measure 4: ff, f marcato
- Measure 5: ff mfs sub.
- Measure 6: incr. vibr.
- Measure 7: ff
- Measure 8: ff
- Measure 9: ord., s.p.
- Measure 10: (s.p.)
- Measure 11: ord.
- Measure 12: ff
- Measure 13: ff
- Measure 14: ff
- Measure 15: ff
- Measure 16: ff
- Piano Pedaling: (ped.)

(19) $\text{f} = 92$

$\text{f} = 84$

Handwritten musical score for strings (Bc, Vln, Vc) and piano (Pno). The score is divided into two sections by vertical dashed lines. The first section (measures 1-8) has a tempo of $\text{f} = 92$. The second section (measures 9-16) has a tempo of $\text{f} = 84$.

Bc (Double Bass):

- M1-2: f , ff , dim.
- M3-4: f , fp to mf
- M5-8: f , ff , 5:3:1

Vln (Violin):

- M1-2: s.v. , ff , pizz. , ff
- M3-4: s.v. , ff , arco p , ff
- M5-8: s.v. , ff , arco p , ff

Vc (Cello):

- M1-2: s.v. , ff , pizz. , ff
- M3-4: s.v. , ff , arco p , ff

Pno (Piano):

- M1-2: f , ff , ff , ff , ff , ff , ff , ff
- M3-4: f , ff , ff , ff , ff , ff , ff , ff
- M5-8: f , ff , ff , ff , ff , ff , ff , ff

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(24) accel. - - - - - $\rightarrow F=112$

Bc (Bassoon)

- ord.
- ff mp sub.
- f p
- pp
- add trem.
- pizz. ff
- pp
- f

Vcl (Violin)

- ord.
- pp
- f
- pizz. ff
- pp
- f

Vc (Cello)

- ord.
- pp
- p > pp
- pizz. ff
- arcu
- p
- mf

Pno (Piano)

- accel. - - - - - $\rightarrow F=112$
- cresc.
- ff
- staccato
- ped.

(29) rit. - - - - → $\text{f} = 76$

$\text{f} = 84$

accel. - - - - → $\text{f} = 120$

Vln

Vc

Pno

rit. - - - - → $\text{f} = 76$

$\text{f} = 84$

accel. - - - - → $\text{f} = 120$

(pizz.) f

incr. vibr.

m f

rit. - - - - → $\text{f} = 76$

ff mp sub.

fpp sub.

ff

$\text{f} = 84$

non legato

ped. → *

ped. → *

A

(34) rit. - - - - - → $\Gamma = 76$
 $\Gamma = 92$ ff int incr. vibr. ff f <

Voice (soprano) | 4 3 (4 8 3 | 2 a | 2 4 6 7 |

B/c. | 4 3 (4 8 3 | 2 a | 2 4 6 7 | 3

Vln | 4 3 pizz. mf ff s.p.

Vc | 4 3 pizz. mf ff ord. arco tff dim.

Pno { f cresc. ped. * ped. * (senza ped.) ped. → $\Gamma = 76$
 $\Gamma = 92$ arco tff mf sub. incr. vibr. cresc.

(senza ped.) ped. * ped. * (senza ped.) ped. →

(38)

Vcl: *ff mf* *ff* *f* *incr. vibr.* *f* *incr. vibr.* *mf* *mp* *mf*
a- *a-*

B/cel: *X bend* *X bend* *s.v.* *add flz* *f* *ffp* *ff*

Vcl: *ord.* *ffp ff*

Vc: *s.p.* *ord.* *s.p. v* *ff* *ff* *f d* *pp*

Pno: *(ped.)*

⑬ *ff* *mf* *x* *f*
 $\Gamma = 89$
incr. vibr. *-ff* *os*
a *ff* *x* *s.v.* *bend* *>f*
s.v. *add flz* *pp* *ff*
s.p. *ord.* *2#p* *incr. vibr.* *p* *incr. vibr.*
ff *fp sub.* *(ord.)* *ff* *ff* *p < f* *mp* *mf*
pizz. *fff* *arco* *mf*
 $\Gamma = 89$ $\Gamma = 92$
pp *ff* *ff* *ff* *ff* *ff* *ff*
ped. *8* *senza ped.* *8*

50 *f*, s.v.
a —

take the clarinet
 (sounds a 2nd lower)

m.v. *s.v.* *m.v.*
p *f p* *f* *p sub.* *f p*

Vln
f p

osc. *s.p.* *ord.* *s.p.*
f p sub. *f mf* *f*

incr. vibr. *pizz.* *f*
accel. *f*

Pno
 (ff) *dim.* *f* *ff f*
 (senza ped.)

→ F=112
F=84

51

f
incr. vibr.
s.v.
-wos
-lfs

poco rit. → F=89
ff mp sub.
incr. vibr.

s.mor2. → F=89
s.v. add flz
mp
ff
pp

Vclm
(pi22.) f
ff
f
salta
ff
ff

Vc
(pi22.) f
ff
f
ff
ff

→ F=112
F=84

F=92

poco rit. → F=89

Pno
(senza ped.)
ped. →

$\text{f} = 92$ f $\text{rit.} \dots \rightarrow \text{f} = 56$

(59) ff v. x 10 m.v. x ?
 v k'oi- -mu- k'oi- -mu- -mu- -gi-
 f) KL $\text{m)$ KL $\text{m)$ $\text{g)$
 c. bend bend bend bend bend bend
 ff f f f f f
 ord. s.p. ord. s.p. ord.
 Vln arco arco arco arco arco
 ff f < ff p incr. vibr. f = mf
 s.p. ord. extrem. s.p.
 Vc arco arco arco arco f
 ff f < ff p
 $\text{rit.} \dots \rightarrow \text{f} = 56$

$\text{f} = 92$

10 8 4 5
 8 4 8

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$\text{f} = 84$
 (scream with the lowest voice)

(63) ff fff mf sfp m.v. f incr. vib. f bend m.v.

(i) tis tis as en a - pel - pl smj $\text{en a - pel pi-sinj pl-KR -}$

(ii) ff

Vc ord. s.p. ord. add trem.
 PP f f PP

$\text{f} = 84$
 ff mf f f p sub. incr. vib. f PP

Pno ff $\text{ped.} \longrightarrow$

(f) s.v. f p sub. f p incr. vibr. f

68 (—ū) kai óé — ei kai sá - ee
 (ɔ) KE JE L KE ÓÉ L

mf m.v. accel. — — — — →

cóv pé-jav "Ek-to-ez "E-
 tñm Mé-Tan Ék-tó-RA E — kt)

Vln

ord. # ♫ pp incr. vibr. s.p.

add trem. s.p. ord. incr. vibr. s.p.

Vc

PP f PP f

accel. — — — — →

$\rightarrow F=92$
 (73) ff f — ff n.v.
 ✓ 1st 2nd

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(78)

accel. - - - - - → $\text{f} = 112$

Vln

(ord.) s.p. ord. s.p. ord. add trem.

incr. vibr. ff fp sub. incr. vibr. f fp niente

(ord.) s.p. ord. add molto vibr. s.v. trem.

incr. vibr. ff fp sub. gliss. salt. → sul d → sul g → sul c f

acc. dim. poco a poco → $\text{f} = 112$

dim. poco a poco pp ped →

Vc

Pno

82

rit. --- \rightarrow $\text{f} = 84$

mf incr. vibr.

n.v.

$\leftarrow \text{fp} \rightarrow \text{mf}$

incr. vibr.

rit. --- \rightarrow $\text{f} = 76$ accel \rightarrow

mp *mf*

s.v.

take the Bass-Clarinet

vln

stop trem.

(s.v.)

add trem. \rightarrow s.p.

add trem. \rightarrow s.p.

rit. --- \rightarrow $\text{f} = 84$

pp *mp*

pp

rit. --- \rightarrow $\text{f} = 76$ accel \rightarrow

(ped)

8 - cresc. poco a poco
with ped.

→ $\Gamma = 12$ $\Gamma = 84$
 ⑧8 ffff (scream) mf sfz p < mf mp sfz p < mf s.v. m.v.
*psi-xi
psl-ql* *der mi- ucc
den me - nl* *en zj
en tl* *Teoi- a mi
TRL - a mi* *new
pen* *new
du* *new
pen*

$\text{smorz.} \dots \text{bend}$ $\text{smorz.} \dots \text{bend}$ $\text{bend.} \dots \text{bend}$
 pp p sfz p < sfz p f p fp fp < mf

vln f

vc s.v. pp pp increase vibr. decrease vibr.
 senza crepi.

→ $\Gamma = 92$ $\Gamma = 84$
 Pno ped.

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✓ A (93)

 ✓ B/C

 ✓ V

97 *mf* *f p* *incr. vib.* *f* *m.v.* *ff* rit. \rightarrow $F=76$ accel. \rightarrow $F=112$

✓ A 2 *me-* *lo-* *ea* *sa*
 a *me-* *lu* *sa*

add flz
 B/G 2 *f* *mf* *ff* *sfp* *ff* *m.v.* *smorz.* *(smorz.)* *uiente* *pp*

Pno { rit. \rightarrow $F=76$ accel. \rightarrow $F=112$
regato *with ped.*
 1C.

103 ✓ $\text{f} = 69$ accel. - - - - - $\rightarrow \text{f} = 112$

 B/C (smorz.) - - - - - (ord) pp f ff ff ff f

 Pno { $\text{f} = 69$ accel. - - - - - $\rightarrow \text{f} = 112$
 (pp legato) p pp legato mp p
 (with ped.) (1C.) $3c.$

108
 ✓

$\text{I}=84$
 accel. - - - - - $\text{I}=112$
 f p n.v. incr.vibe.
 a - - vw - g-e- a - no - fe- lis

$\text{I}=92$
 rit. - - - - - ff (shout)
 ff incr.vibe.
 g pñ - - nos.
 ORI - - ngs

s.v. add ffz
 B/c

$\text{I}=84$
 f p f

$\text{I}=84$
 accel. - - - - - $\text{I}=112$
 P cresc.
 (with ped.)

rit. - - - - - $\text{I}=92$
 ff (sliss. with mello vib.) \rightarrow ord.
 ff ff p sub.
 ff ff p sub.

senza ped.
 ped. ped. ped.

113 ffmt
 incr. vibr.
 ff

Opin-
 BRI

nos
 En pô-lô
 ta-le-po-RL—
 TMÉ—nl

B/c (ff) ff

Vcl (ord.) s.p. ord.
 ff psub. ff marcato

Vc (ord.) → s.p. ord. → s.p.
 incr. vibr. ff

Pno ff
 (ped.) 8 ped. ff

take the clarinet

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rit. - - - - - → F=69

(117)

vcl 2 7 8 3. 7 5 f mf s.v. 9 mp 14 pp

Suc-pe-t-vis xar-geó-ex ci-pan-pé-vu
dis-me-nis kó-fé-vl l-mar-mé-nl

vcl 2 7 8 3. 7 5 14

vln 2 7 8 3. 7 5 14 → s.p. add trem. ord. stop trem.

fp ttp sub. dim. poco a poco

vcl 2 7 8 3. 7 5 s.v. 14 pp ppp niente ppp

rit. - - - - - → F=69

pno 2 7 8 3. 7 5 mf 9 7 b7 pp 14 b7 pp
(ped.) 3. 8 7 b7 ped. 7 7 9 8 7 b7 ped. 8 7 b7 ped.

(123) accel. ————— → $\text{♩} = 92$

Handwritten musical score for three voices (Vln, Vc, Pno) and piano. The score consists of five systems of music. The first system starts with a dynamic of pp and includes markings for ad , II , III , mf , and $\text{dim. poch. a poch.}$. The second system starts with mf and $\text{dim. poch. a poch.}$. The third system starts with $\text{ad.} \text{—————} \text{♩} = 92$. The fourth system starts with p and pp . The fifth system ends with $\text{ped.} \rightarrow$.

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Vln: ad , II , III , mf , $\text{dim. poch. a poch.}$

Vc: mf , $\text{dim. poch. a poch.}$

Pno: $\text{ad.} \text{—————} \text{♩} = 92$, p , pp , ped.