

Full Score

Gioacchino Rossini

William Tell Overture

arranged for 6-part
Cello Orchestra

Performance Notes

The key signatures in this arrangement are as in the original orchestral score until the Allegro Vivace at bar 226. At that point, the arrangement moves to D Major [rather than the E major of the original score] to make the parts more accessible to cello tuning. To achieve this transposition, bars 223-225 have been modified from the original.

The tempi and metronome markings in this arrangement are as in the original 1829 score. However the $\text{minim}=108$ in the Allegro at bar 48 and the $\text{crotchet}=152$ of the Allegro Vivace at bar 226 will probably be on the fast side for most cello ensembles, as many of the notes do not lie "under the hand" in the same way as they would in the original violin parts.

In the original 1829 score, the first 47 bars are marked to be played by five solo cellos, with pizzicato double bass coming in at bar 17. In the present arrangement, all six parts are marked Solo until bar 48. Some or all of the parts could be played Soli rather than Solo if desired, but the arpeggios at the beginning and end of the section need a solo Cello 1. The phrasing on the Cello 1 solo is as given in the 1829 score, but is not necessarily an indication of bowing.

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Andante $\text{♩} = 54$
Solo (to bar 50)

Cello1 *p* Solo (to bar 50)

Cello2 *pp* Solo (to bar 50)

Cello3 *pp* Solo (to bar 50)

Cello4 *pp* Solo (to bar 50)

Cello5 *pp* Solo (to bar 48)

Cello6 *pp* Solo (to bar 48)

Vc1 *p* Solo (to bar 50)

Vc2 *pp* Solo (to bar 50)

Vc3 *pp* Solo (to bar 50)

Vc4 *pp* Solo (to bar 50)

Vc5 *pp* Solo (to bar 48)

Vc6 *pp* Solo (to bar 48)

12

Vc1

Vc2

Vc3

Vc4

Vc5

Vc6

pizz.

Detailed description: This system of musical notation covers measures 12 through 17. It features six staves labeled Vc1 to Vc6. Vc1 is in treble clef, while Vc2-Vc6 are in bass clef. The key signature has one sharp (F#). Vc1 plays a melodic line with a long note in measure 17. Vc2-Vc5 play rhythmic accompaniment with slurs and accents. Vc6 has a 'pizz.' (pizzicato) instruction in measure 17.

18

Vc1

Vc2

Vc3

Vc4

Vc5

Vc6

pp

tr

Detailed description: This system of musical notation covers measures 18 through 23. Vc1 is in treble clef, Vc2-Vc6 are in bass clef. The key signature has one sharp (F#). Vc1 features a triplet in measure 18 and a long note in measure 23. Vc2-Vc5 play sustained notes with slurs. Vc6 plays a rhythmic accompaniment. Vc4 has a 'pp' (pianissimo) instruction and a 'tr' (trill) in measure 23.

24 **A**

Musical score for measures 24-28, featuring six violas (Vc1-Vc6). The score includes dynamics like *pp* and *p*, and a section marker **A**. The music is in G major and 4/4 time. Vc1 has a treble clef, while Vc2-Vc6 have bass clefs. Vc1 plays a melodic line with a trill-like figure in the first measure. Vc2-Vc5 play sustained notes with some movement. Vc6 plays a rhythmic pattern of eighth notes.

29

Musical score for measures 29-33, continuing the six-violin ensemble. The score includes triplets, dynamics like *pp*, and an *arco* marking. The music is in G major and 4/4 time. Vc1 has a treble clef, while Vc2-Vc6 have bass clefs. Vc1 plays a melodic line with triplets. Vc2-Vc5 play sustained notes with some movement. Vc6 plays a rhythmic pattern of eighth notes.

B

34

Vc1 *p* *tr#*

Vc2 *p*

Vc3 *pp*

Vc4 *pp*

Vc5 *pp*

Vc6 *pp*

39 (tr)

Vc1 (tr)

Vc2

Vc3

Vc4

Vc5 *pp*

Vc6

45

Vc1

Vc2

Vc3

Vc4

Vc5

Vc6

sotto voce

sotto voce

sotto voce

sotto voce

sotto voce

C Allegro $\text{♩} = 108$

48

Vc1

Vc2

Vc3

Vc4

Vc5

Vc6

Tutti

pp

Tutti

pp

50 **Tutti**

Vc1 *pp* **Tutti**

Vc2 *pp* **Tutti**

Vc3 *pp* **Tutti**

Vc4 *pp* **Tutti**

Vc5 *pp*

Vc6 *pp*

53

Vc1 *sotto voce*

Vc2 *sotto voce*

Vc3 *sotto voce*

Vc4 *sotto voce*

Vc5 *pp*

Vc6 *pp*

58

Vc1

Vc2

Vc3

Vc4

Vc5

Vc6

pp

pp

60

Vc1

Vc2

Vc3

Vc4

Vc5

Vc6

pp

pp

pp

pp

63

Vc1

Vc2

Vc3

sotto voce

Vc4

sotto voce

Vc5

sotto voce *pp*

Vc6

sotto voce *pp*

68

D

Vc1

pp

Vc2

pp

Vc3

pp

Vc4

pp

Vc5

pp

Vc6

pp

71

Vc1 *sotto voce*

Vc2 *sotto voce*

Vc3 *sotto voce*

Vc4 *sotto voce*

Vc5 *pp*

Vc6 *pp*

76

Vc1 *pp*

Vc2 *pp*

Vc3 *pp*

Vc4 *pp*

Vc5 *pp*

Vc6 *pp*

80

Vc1

Vc2

Vc3

Vc4

Vc5

Vc6

pp

83

Vc1

Vc2

Vc3

Vc4

Vc5

Vc6

pp

pp

86

Vc1

Vc2

Vc3

Vc4

Vc5 *div*

Vc6

89

Vc1 *rinforz*

Vc2 *rinforz*

Vc3 *rinforz*

Vc4 *rinforz*

Vc5 *rinforz*

Vc6 *rinforz*

E

91

Vc1

Vc2

Vc3

Vc4

Vc5 unis

Vc6

ff

ff

ff

ff

94

Vc1

Vc2

Vc3

Vc4 unis

Vc5

Vc6

ff

ff

106

Vc1

Vc2

Vc3

Vc4

Vc5

Vc6

ff

ff

ff

ff

ff

110

Vc1

Vc2

Vc3

Vc4

Vc5

Vc6

G

129

Vc1

Vc2

Vc3

Vc4

Vc5

Vc6

sf *sf* *f*

f

132

Vc1

Vc2

Vc3

Vc4

Vc5

Vc6

sf *sf* *f*

f

sf

sf

sf

sf

135

Vc1

Vc2

Vc3

Vc4

Vc5

Vc6

div.

unis

sf

sf

unis

sf

138

Vc1

Vc2

Vc3

Vc4

Vc5

Vc6

sf

sf

sf

141

Vc1 *p*

Vc2 *p*

Vc3 *p*

Vc4 *p*

Vc5 *p*

Vc6 *p*

144

Vc1 *p*

Vc2

Vc3

Vc4

Vc5

Vc6

21

147

H

Musical score for measures 147-149 (measures 21-23). The score is for six violas (Vc1-Vc6) in a key of one sharp (F#) and 12/8 time. Measure 147 (21) features a piano (*p*) dynamic. Vc1 has a quarter rest. Vc2 has a quarter rest. Vc3 has a half note G2. Vc4 has a quarter note G2. Vc5 has a sixteenth-note triplet. Vc6 has a half note G2. Measure 148 (22) features a piano (*p*) dynamic. Vc1 has a quarter rest. Vc2 has a sixteenth-note triplet. Vc3 has a half note G2. Vc4 has a quarter note G2. Vc5 has a sixteenth-note triplet. Vc6 has a half note G2. Measure 149 (23) features a piano (*p*) dynamic. Vc1 has a quarter rest. Vc2 has a quarter rest. Vc3 has a half note G2. Vc4 has a quarter note G2. Vc5 has a sixteenth-note triplet. Vc6 has a half note G2.

150

Musical score for measures 150-152 (measures 24-26). The score is for six violas (Vc1-Vc6) in a key of one sharp (F#) and 12/8 time. Measure 150 (24) features a piano (*p*) dynamic. Vc1 has a quarter note G2. Vc2 has a sixteenth-note triplet. Vc3 has a half note G2. Vc4 has a quarter rest. Vc5 has a half note G2. Vc6 has a half note G2. Measure 151 (25) features a piano (*p*) dynamic. Vc1 has a quarter note G2. Vc2 has a sixteenth-note triplet. Vc3 has a half note G2. Vc4 has a quarter note G2. Vc5 has a quarter rest. Vc6 has a sixteenth-note triplet. Measure 152 (26) features a piano (*p*) dynamic. Vc1 has a quarter rest. Vc2 has a half note G2. Vc3 has a half note G2. Vc4 has a quarter note G2. Vc5 has a sixteenth-note triplet. Vc6 has a half note G2.

153

Vc1

Vc2

Vc3

Vc4

Vc5

Vc6

p

Detailed description: This system contains measures 153, 154, and 155. Vc1 is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It has rests in measures 153 and 154, and a half note G4 in measure 155. Vc2 is in bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#), playing a whole note chord of G2 and B2 in measure 153, which is sustained through measure 154. Vc3 is in bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#), playing a whole note chord of G2 and B2 in measure 153, and a sixteenth-note scale in measure 154. Vc4 is in bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#), playing a half note G2 in measure 153, which is sustained through measure 154. Vc5 is in bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#), playing a half note G2 in measure 153, and a sixteenth-note scale in measure 154. Vc6 is in bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#), playing a sixteenth-note scale in measure 153, and a whole note chord of G2 and B2 in measure 154.

156

Vc1

Vc2

Vc3

Vc4

Vc5

Vc6

unis.

p

Detailed description: This system contains measures 156, 157, and 158. Vc1 is in bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#), playing a whole note chord of G2 and B2 in measure 156, which is sustained through measure 158. Vc2 is in bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#), playing a half note G2 in measure 156, and a sixteenth-note scale in measure 157. Vc3 is in bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#), playing a sixteenth-note scale in measure 156, and a whole note chord of G2 and B2 in measure 157. Vc4 is in bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#), playing a half note G2 in measure 156, and a sixteenth-note scale in measure 157. Vc5 is in bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#), playing a whole note chord of G2 and B2 in measure 156, which is sustained through measure 158. Vc6 is in bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#), playing a half note G2 in measure 156, and a sixteenth-note scale in measure 157.

201

Score for measures 201-203. The system includes staves Vc1 through Vc6. Vc1 is in treble clef, while Vc2-Vc6 are in bass clef. The key signature has one sharp (F#). Measure 201 features a long slur over Vc1 and Vc3. Vc3 has sixteenth-note runs with '6' fingerings. Vc4 has a 'Soli' section starting in measure 202 with triplets and a 'p' dynamic. Vc5 has a 'pp' dynamic. Vc1 has a 'II' marking in measure 203.

204

Score for measures 204-206. The system includes staves Vc1 through Vc6. Vc1 is in alto clef (C4), while Vc2-Vc6 are in bass clef. The key signature has one sharp (F#). Measure 204 features a long slur over Vc1 with sixteenth-note runs and '6' fingerings. Vc2 is marked 'arco'. Vc4 has triplets. Vc5 is marked 'pizz.'. Measure 206 has a '(b)' marking above Vc1.

L

207

207

Vc1 *pp*

Vc2 *p*

Vc3 *pp* *pizz.*

Vc4 *pp* *div.*

Vc5 *arco* *p* *dolce*

Vc6 *pp* *pizz.* *div.*

Measures 207-211. Vc1: *pp* sixteenth-note runs. Vc2: *p* triplet eighth notes. Vc3: *pp* *pizz.* chords. Vc4: *pp* *div.* long notes. Vc5: *arco* *p* *dolce* triplet eighth notes. Vc6: *pp* *pizz.* chords.

212

212

Vc1 *pp*

Vc2

Vc3

Vc4 *pp* *pp* *unis pizz.*

Vc5 *div.*

Vc6 *unis arco*

Measures 212-216. Vc1: *pp* sixteenth-note runs. Vc2: triplet eighth notes. Vc3: chords. Vc4: *pp* *pp* *unis pizz.* chords. Vc5: *div.* long notes. Vc6: *unis arco* triplet eighth notes.

Vc1 *ff*

Vc2 *ff*

Vc3 *ff*

Vc4 *ff* (#)

Vc5 *ff*

Vc6 *ff*

234

Vc1

Vc2

Vc3

Vc4

Vc5

Vc6

N

242

Vc1 *pp*

Vc2 *pp*

Vc3 *pp*

Vc4 *pp*

Vc5 *pp*

Vc6 *pp* **Soli**

249

Vc1 *ff* *pp*

Vc2 *ff* *pp*

Vc3 *ff* *pp*

Vc4 *ff* *pp*

Vc5 *ff* *pp*

Vc6 *ff* *pp*

O

255

Vc1 *ff* *f*
 Vc2 *ff* *f*
 Vc3 *ff* *f*
 Vc4 *ff* *Soli*
 Vc5 *ff*
 Vc6 *ff*

261

Vc1
 Vc2
 Vc3
 Vc4
 Vc5
 Vc6

Musical score for measures 268-274, featuring six staves (Vc1-Vc6) in G major. The score includes various rhythmic patterns such as eighth notes, sixteenth notes, and rests. The key signature is one sharp (F#).

Musical score for measures 275-281, featuring six staves (Vc1-Vc6) in G major. The score includes dynamic markings such as *p*, *fp*, and *p pizz*. The key signature is one sharp (F#).

P

280

Vc1 *pp*

Vc2 *pp*

Vc3 *p*

Vc4 *pp*

Vc5 *p* arco Soli

Vc6 *p* arco

Detailed description: This system contains measures 280 through 285. It features six staves for violas. Vc1 and Vc2 play in the bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). Vc3 and Vc4 play in the treble clef with the same key signature. Vc5 and Vc6 play in the bass clef with a key signature of two flats (Bb). The music consists of rhythmic patterns of eighth and sixteenth notes. A dynamic marking of *pp* (pianissimo) is present in measures 281-282 for Vc1 and Vc2, and *p* (piano) for Vc3, Vc4, Vc5, and Vc6. A box containing the letter 'P' is located above the first staff. The word 'arco Soli' is written above Vc5 in measure 284, and 'arco' is written above Vc6 in measure 284.

286

Vc1 *pp*

Vc2 *pp*

Vc3 *ff* *pp*

Vc4 *ff* *pp*

Vc5 *ff* *pp*

Vc6 *ff* *pp*

Detailed description: This system contains measures 286 through 291. It features six staves for violas. Vc1 and Vc2 play in the bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). Vc3 and Vc4 play in the bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). Vc5 and Vc6 play in the bass clef with a key signature of two flats (Bb). The music consists of rhythmic patterns of eighth and sixteenth notes. Dynamic markings include *ff* (fortissimo) in measures 287-288 for Vc1, Vc2, Vc3, Vc4, and Vc5, and *pp* (pianissimo) in measures 289-291 for Vc1, Vc2, Vc3, Vc4, and Vc5. Vc6 has *pp* markings in measures 289-291. A fermata is placed over a note in Vc5 in measure 289.

Vc1 *ff*

Vc2 *ff*

Vc3 *ff*

Vc4 *ff*

Vc5 *ff*

Vc6 *ff*

Q

tutta forza

Vc1 *ff* *tutta forza*

Vc2 *ff* *tutta forza*

Vc3 *ff* *tutta forza*

Vc4 *ff* *tutta forza*

Vc5 *ff* *tutta forza*

Vc6 *ff* *tutta forza*

305

Musical score for measures 305-310, featuring six violas (Vc1-Vc6) in bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The score includes dynamic markings such as *ff* and *p*. Measure 305 shows a complex rhythmic pattern with sixteenth notes in Vc1 and Vc2. Measures 306-310 continue with various rhythmic textures, including eighth and sixteenth notes, and rests.

311

Musical score for measures 311-316, featuring six violas (Vc1-Vc6) in bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). Measure 311 includes a dynamic marking of *sf > pp* and a box labeled 'R' above the staff. Measures 312-316 show various rhythmic patterns, including sixteenth-note runs and rests. Measure 316 includes the instruction *pizz. div.* and a dynamic marking of *pp*. The word *div.* is also written to the right of the staff in measure 312.

317

Musical score for measures 317-321, featuring six staves (Vc1-Vc6) in bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#).
- Vc1: Bass line with eighth and sixteenth notes, dynamic *pp* starting at measure 319.
- Vc2: Bass line with eighth and sixteenth notes, dynamic *pp* starting at measure 319.
- Vc3: Bass line with long notes, dynamic *pp* starting at measure 319.
- Vc4: Bass line with long notes, dynamic *pp* starting at measure 319, includes a *div.* (divisi) marking at measure 321.
- Vc5: Bass line with eighth notes and rests, dynamic *pp* starting at measure 319.
- Vc6: Bass line with long notes, dynamic *pp* starting at measure 319.

322

Musical score for measures 322-326, featuring six staves (Vc1-Vc6) in bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#).
- Vc1: Bass line with eighth and sixteenth notes.
- Vc2: Bass line with eighth and sixteenth notes.
- Vc3: Bass line with long notes, dynamic *pp* starting at measure 322, includes a *unis* (unison) marking at measure 324.
- Vc4: Bass line with long notes, dynamic *pp* starting at measure 322, includes a *unis* marking at measure 324.
- Vc5: Bass line with eighth notes and rests, dynamic *pp* starting at measure 322, includes a *unis* marking at measure 324.
- Vc6: Bass line with eighth notes and rests, dynamic *pp* starting at measure 322, includes a *pizz.* (pizzicato) marking at measure 324.

327

pizz

Vc1

Vc2

Vc3

Vc4

Vc5

Vc6

div.

arco

arco

332

Vc1

Vc2

Vc3

Vc4

Vc5

Vc6

arco

unis

div.

unis

pizz.

348

Musical score for measures 348-353, featuring six staves (Vc1-Vc6) in bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The score includes various rhythmic patterns and dynamics. Measure 353 is marked with a forte (*ff*) dynamic. The notation includes eighth and sixteenth notes, rests, and slurs.

354

Musical score for measures 354-359, featuring six staves (Vc1-Vc6) in bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The score includes various rhythmic patterns and dynamics. Measure 359 is marked with a forte (*ff*) dynamic. The notation includes eighth and sixteenth notes, rests, and slurs.

41

360 **T**

Musical score for measures 360-366. The score is for six voices (Vc1-Vc6) in a key with one sharp (F#). Vc1-Vc3 are in bass clef, Vc4 is in treble clef, and Vc5-Vc6 are in bass clef. Vc4 is marked *ff* and *Soli*. The music consists of rhythmic patterns with eighth and sixteenth notes, and rests.

367

Musical score for measures 367-373. The score is for six voices (Vc1-Vc6) in a key with one sharp (F#). Vc1-Vc3 are in bass clef, Vc4 is in treble clef, and Vc5-Vc6 are in bass clef. The music continues with rhythmic patterns similar to the previous system.

374

Vc1 *p*

Vc2 *p*

Vc3 *p*

Vc4 *fp*

Vc5

Vc6 *p pizz.*

380

U

Vc1 *pp*

Vc2 *pp*

Vc3 *pp* **Soli**

Vc4 *pp arco*

Vc5 *p pizz.* *arco*

Vc6 *arco* *pp*

Musical score for measures 386-391, featuring six violas (Vc1-Vc6) in a key of one sharp (F#). The score includes dynamic markings such as *ff* and *ff*. The notation includes various rhythmic patterns, including eighth and sixteenth notes, and rests. A double bar line is present at the end of measure 391.

Musical score for measures 392-397, featuring six violas (Vc1-Vc6) in a key of one sharp (F#). The score includes dynamic markings such as *ff* and *ff*. The notation includes various rhythmic patterns, including eighth and sixteenth notes, and rests. A double bar line is present at the end of measure 397. A text annotation "Soli with Vc3" is placed above the Vc4 staff in measure 392.

399 **V** stringendo

Musical score for strings, measures 399-404. The score is for six string parts (Vc1-Vc6) in a key with one sharp (F#). The tempo is marked 'stringendo' and the dynamics are 'ff' (fortissimo). The notation includes various rhythmic patterns, including sixteenth-note runs and eighth-note figures. Vc1 and Vc2 play rapid sixteenth-note passages. Vc3 and Vc4 play eighth-note patterns. Vc5 plays a steady eighth-note accompaniment. Vc6 plays a melodic line with eighth notes.

Musical score for strings, measures 405-410. The score is for six string parts (Vc1-Vc6) in a key with one sharp (F#). The tempo is 'stringendo' and the dynamics are 'ff'. The notation continues with similar rhythmic patterns. Vc1 has a more active role with sixteenth-note runs. Vc2 and Vc3 play eighth-note patterns with some rests. Vc4 and Vc5 play eighth-note accompaniment. Vc6 plays a melodic line with eighth notes.

47

(ad lib, non div.)

439

Vc1

Vc2

Vc3

Vc4

Vc5

Vc6

sf

sf

sf

sf

sf

sf

sf

sf

sf

445

X unis.

Vc1

Vc2

Vc3

Vc4

Vc5

Vc6

ff

ff

ff

ff

ff

ff

ff

451

Vc1 *G.P.* **Y**

Vc2 *G.P.* *mf*

Vc3 *G.P.* *mf*

Vc4 *G.P.* *mf*

Vc5 *G.P.* *mf*

Vc6 *G.P.* *mf*

457

Vc1 *ff*

Vc2 *ff*

Vc3 *ff*

Vc4 *ff* *marcato* *fff*

Vc5 *ff*

Vc6 *ff*

463

Musical score for measures 463-469. The score is for six violas (Vc1-Vc6) in G major. Vc1 and Vc2 play eighth-note patterns. Vc3 plays chords. Vc4 has a dynamic marking of *ff* and a slur. Vc5 and Vc6 play eighth-note patterns.

470

Musical score for measures 470-476. The score is for six violas (Vc1-Vc6) in G major. Vc1 and Vc2 play eighth-note patterns. Vc3 plays chords. Vc4 and Vc5 play eighth-note patterns. Vc6 plays eighth-note patterns. The score ends with a double bar line.