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A Shaker Lament

**The Death of a
Commune Member**

Opus 27

(1988)

The Shaker lament was sang on the day of death, occasionally at the funeral and sometimes at the anniverary of the death. It is sometimes known as "Our Sister (Brother) is dead. Belived to be originated at the New England commune.

INSTRUMENTS:

2 Flutes
Oboe
Clarinet in B♭
Bassoon
2 Horns in F
Trumpet in B♭
Timpani
Bass Drum
6 Violins I
4 Violins II
2 Violas
2 Violoncellos
Contrabass

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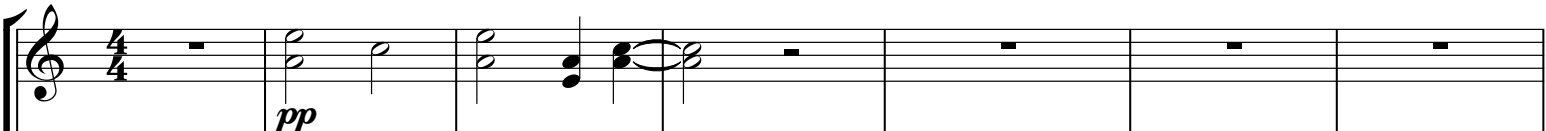
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Adagio poco lento ♩ = 54

a2

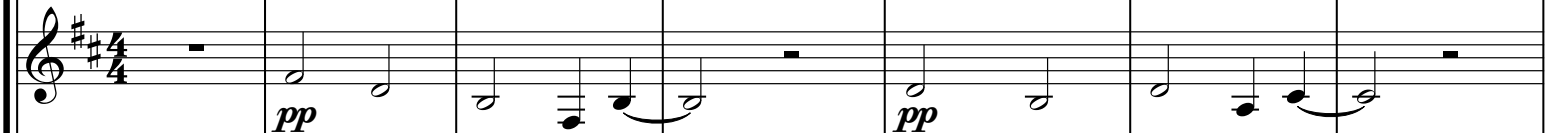
Flutes



Oboe



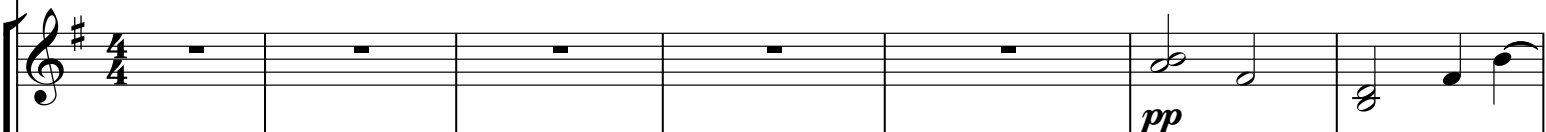
Clarinet in B♭



Bassoon



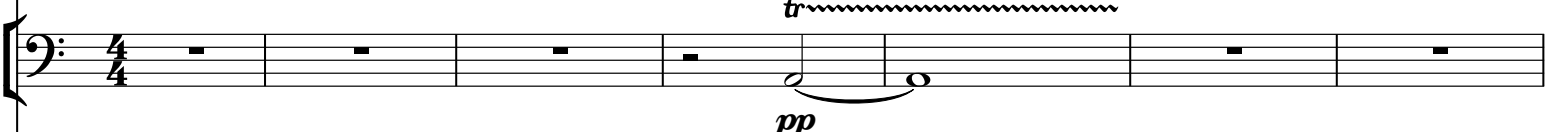
Horns in F



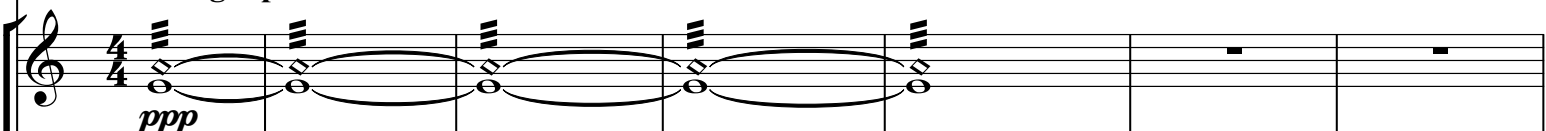
Trumpet in B♭



Timpani



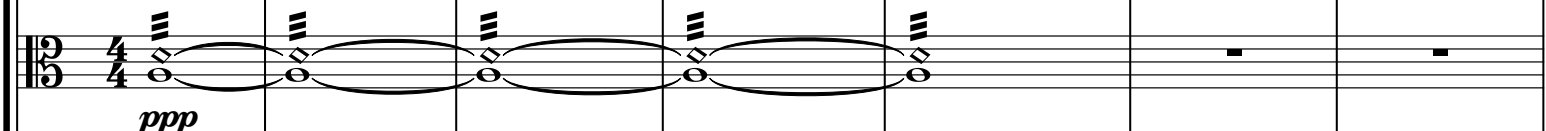
Violin I



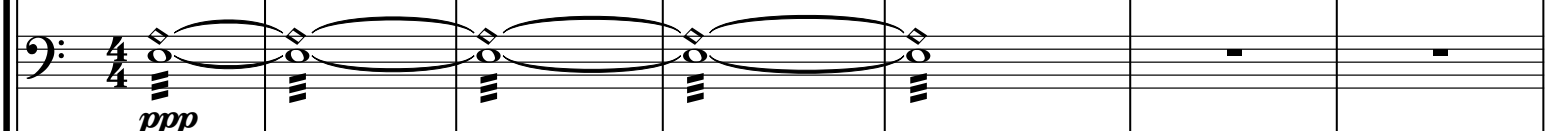
Violin II



Viola



Violoncello



Contrabass



4

8

Cl. 1

Hns

Tpt.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

ppp

ppp

ppp

ppp

ppp

ppp

1°

mp

espress.

p

dolce

mp

espress.



13

Fl. 1

Cl. 1

Timp.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

pp

pp

ppp

tr

p

espress.

mp

pp

pp

pp

pizz.

19

Fl. 1

Ob. 1

Cl. 1

Hns

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

p

pp

pp

24

Fl. 1

Ob. 1

Cl. 1

Hns

Timp.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

tr

mp

mp espress.

mp espress.

p

1°

2°

5

[illegible]

This musical score segment covers measures 36 through 39. It features eight staves: Flute 1 (Fl. 1), Oboe 1 (Ob. 1), Clarinet 1 (Cl. 1), Horns (Hns), Timpani (Timp.), Violin I (Vln. I), Violin II (Vln. II), Viola (Vla.), Violoncello (Vc.), and Contrabass (Cb.). The key signature has one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 2/4. Measure numbers 36, 37, 38, and 39 are indicated above the first staff. A rehearsal mark 'B' is placed at the beginning of measure 37. Dynamics include *p* (piano) and *mp* (mezzo-piano). Performance instructions like 'arco' (arco) are present. The woodwinds have rests in measures 37-39. The strings play rhythmic patterns, with the lower strings (Viola, Vc., Cb.) playing sixteenth-note figures starting in measure 38.

40 7

Fl. 1

Ob. 1

Cl. 1

Bsn. 1

Timp.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

mp

p

p



42

Cl. 1

Bsn. 1

Hns

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

p

mp

8

47

C

1°

Fl. 1

Ob. 1

Cl. 1

Bsn. 1

Timp.

C

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

mp *espress.*

mp

mp

mp

mp

mp *espress.*

mp *espress.*

mp *espress.*

mp *espress.*

mp *espress.*

dolce

dolce

dolce

dolce

dolce

51 a2 9

Fl. 1

Ob. 1

Cl. 1

Bsn. 1

Timp.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

mp espress.

mp espress.

mp espress.

mp

10

63

D Poco più mosso ♩ = 72

Ob. 1

mp espress.

Hns

p

Tpt.

mp espress.

Vln. I

p

Vln. II

p

Vla.

p

Vc.

Cb.

63

64

65

66

67

68

70 1° 2°

Hns

Tpt.

Vc.

Cb.

p

p

mp *espress.*

mp *espress.*

pizz.

p *espress.*

pizz.

p *espress.*

più p

più p

p *espress.*

p *espress.*

più p

p *espress.*

77

Hns

Tpt.

Vln. I

Vc.

Cb.

mp *espress.*

p *dolce*

tr

arco

più p

arco

più p

1°

85

Ob. 1

Cl. 1

Bsn. 1

Hns

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

mp espress.

mp

E

11

[illegible]

[illegible]

107

Fl. 1

Hns

Timp.

mf

p

Detailed description: This is a musical score for three instruments: Flute 1 (Fl. 1), Horns (Hns), and Timpani (Timp.). The score covers measures 107 through 112. Flute 1 is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It has rests in measures 107, 108, and 109, then plays a melody starting in measure 110 with a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic. Horns are also in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp. They play a rhythmic pattern of eighth and sixteenth notes in measures 107-109, then play chords in measure 110, and have rests in measures 111 and 112. Timpani is in bass clef and has rests in measures 107-109, then plays a melody starting in measure 110 with a piano (*p*) dynamic. The dynamics *mf* and *p* are indicated below the respective staves.

[illegible]

121

Fl. 1

Cl. 1

Hns

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

a2

p

3

14

129

Hns

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

p

3

==

136

Ob. 1

Bsn. 1

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

p

3

144

Ob. 1

Bsn. 1

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

I

mp

pizz.

p

15



151

Ob. 1

Cl. 1

Bsn. 1

Hns

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

mp

pp

pp

152

153

154

155

156

16

157

2° ^

1° ^

J

Fl. 1

Ob. 1

Cl. 1

Bsn. 1

Hns

p

p

p

p

==

163

Fl. 1

Cl. 1

Hns

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

mf

mf

p

pizz.

p

pizz.

p

p

mp

mp

p

p

p

p

171

Fl. 1

Ob. 1

Cl. 1

Bsn. 1

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

mp

f

p

5

17



178

Fl. 1

Ob. 1

Cl. 1

Bsn. 1

Hns

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

f

mp

mf

5

a2

203

Cl. 1

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

pp

3

3

215

Cl. 1

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

pp

3

^

20

226

Adagio

K

[illegible]

Ob. 1

Cl. 1

Bsn. 1

Hns

Timp.

B. D.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

mf

mf

*a2*³

248

23

Fl. 1

Ob. 1

Cl. 1

Bsn. 1

1°

2°

Hns

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

[illegible]

263 1° 25

Fl. 1

Ob. 1

Cl. 1

Bsn. 1

Hns

Tpt.

Timp.

B. D.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

mf

mp espress.

f

f

mf

mf

26

270

2°

N

Misterioso

$\text{♩} = 70$

Fl. 1

Cl. 1

Hns

Tpt.

Vln. I

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

mp *espress.*

mp *espress.*

mp

mf

mf

mf

mf

mf

mp

N

Misterioso

$\text{♩} = 70$



278

Cl. 1

Bsn. 1

Tpt.

B. D.

Vc.

p

p

mf

pp

p

p

p

mf

pp

p

