

Carlo Gesualdo — Ino of Edman-Pas

IO PARTO

for five solo singers

*«Io parto» e non più dissi, che il dolore
Privò di vita il core.
Allor, proruppe in pianto e disse Clori
Con interrotti omèi:*

*«Dunque ai dolori io resto! Ah! Non fia mai
Ch'io non languisca in dolorosi lai».*

*Morto fui, vivo son, che i sospiri spenti
Tornaro in vita a sì piestosi accenti.*

—

*“I go.” And I said no more, for the pain
Deprived life.
Then she broke into tears, my Chloris,
And with halting voice said:*

*“So I remain alone with my woe. Ah, and I shall do no more
Than languish away in pain.”*

*I was dead, I am alive, my spent life's breath
Returned to life at such pitiful words.*

Io parto

Where there are no 5-lines but two (which are the tessitura's limits), sing as if you are speaking (normal voice) or whispering, or shouting.

The bold-glissando-lines indicate both duration and glissando or, when are quite horizontal, only duration. The thin vertical lines unite notes that sound exactly together; in any other case the timing is approximate according to the spacing.

The musicians are sitting around of a table.

[thema] 0.00'' 05'' 0.10'' 1

cheil do-lo-re, cheil do-lo-re
pp whispers (non vibr.) pp → 0

"Io par - to" e non piu dis-si cheil do-lo-re
pp (non vibr.) whispers

"Io par - to" e non piu dis-si cheil do-lo-re, cheil do-lo-re
pp (non vibr.) whispers pp → 0

"Io par - to" e non piu dis-si cheil do-lo-re
pp (non vibr.) whispers pp → 0

"Io par - to" e non piu dis-si cheil do-lo-re
pp (non vibr.) whispers pp → 0

[var.I]

0.10'' 20'' 30'' 40'' 50'' 1.00'' 10'' 15'' 1.20''

The score consists of six staves, each representing a different voice quality. The phonetic segments and dynamic markings are as follows:

- Staff 1:** *P (normal voice)*. Phonemes: *pr o i i i i i t*. Dynamics: *pp p* at the end.
- Staff 2:** *P (normal voice)*. Phonemes: *pr o d i i i i t*. Dynamics: *pp sprechstimme-like* and *p (normal voice)* at the end.
- Staff 3:** *P (normal voice)*. Phonemes: *pi o d i i i i i i c o o o r*. Dynamics: *pp* and *p* at the end.
- Staff 4:** *P (normal voice)*. Phonemes: *pr o d i i i i i o r*. Dynamics: *pp* and *p* at the end.
- Staff 5:** *P (normal voice)*. Phonemes: *pr o d i i ii l o r*. Dynamics: *pp* and *p* at the end.

[var.II]

[var.III]

1.20''

25''

30''

35''

1.40''

1.50''

The musical score consists of five staves, each representing a different voice part. The lyrics are written below the notes, and dynamic markings (p, ff, mp, pp, f) are placed below the staves. The score is divided into sections by time markers: 1.20'', 25'', 30'', 35'', 1.40'', and 1.50''. The lyrics are: "I o I o p p p to o t e dis se clo ri o i n", "I o I or(rrr) o r to e dis se clo ri n", "I o I o p r to o o e di e clo ri n i e n n", "I or(rrr) o o p r i i o e disse clo ri n i i", and "I o o p o r i i o e dis se clo ri n i".

[coda - codicula]

2.50'' 55'' 3.00'' 10'' 20'' 25'' 35'' 3.45'' 1''

mp *ff* shouts *fff*

mp *mf* *ff* shouts *fff* *fp* *mp* whispers *mp* *0* *ppp*

mf *f* *fff* shout *p* *fp* *mp* *with the last bit of breath* *non* *p dolce* *pp*

mp *mf* *ff* shouts *fff* *ppp* whispers *ppp*

f *e* *f* *p* *p* *NON* *I* *I* *ch'io* *fp dolce* *o* *N* *u* *pp* *c* 1''

0.00''

0.10''

Rapid scene change. The session is over and the musicians are chatting as they are going to leave.

The basse says to the tenor:

“Lllorrrdtu llui, pppupppo ssull,
cceeeeee u spppeerrdddi
spppeeeeddddddllll

Ddurrrlllurro ull dutee ee ssi
pppeeeeeeeedosssee
ucccceeeddddee.”

(or anything like that)

The tenor mistrusts this.

The alto murmurs on and on the same tune:



pp —————→ *0*

They've all gone.

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“*To parto, e non più dissi*”
(*Madrigali libro sesto*, 1611)
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