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# Another woman of another kind

seven stories for flute and eight voices on texts by Paul Griffiths

for Claire Chase & Roomful of Teeth

story 1 - do

story 2 - life

story 3 - snow

story 4 – words

story 5 – numbers

story 6 – a piece of music

story 7-it seems I should remember what to say

Written for Claire Chase and commissioned by the Pnea Foundation for Density 2036: part iv

# instrumentation \*

flute solo	
voice 1	soprano
voice 2	soprano
voice 3	alto
voice 4	alto
voice 5	tenor
voice 6	tenor
voice 7	bass
voice 8	bass

<sup>\*</sup> This work is also performable as a piece for live solo flute (amplified) with pre-recorded voice parts played through audio speakers. Separate instructions for this version, including details of the sound diffusion, are available from the composer.

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DURATION

ca. 22 minutes

# performance notes

#### AMPLIFICATION & BALANCE

This work may be performed by flute and eight solo voices without any amplification; however, under normal circumstances the flute and each of the eight voices should be individually amplified. Care should be taken to produce a heightened natural sound, with two special considerations:

- (1) the flute sound must be foregrounded (especially in its lowest register)
- (2) all spoken words and recited narrations must be clearly audible, and foregrounded

#### **FLUTE**

The general flute sound is senza vibrato, unless notated otherwise

Standard noteheads [ • , • ] are played normally

Cross noteheads [x] are whispered into the instrument

Triangular noteheads [ \( \) denote tongue ram ('ram')

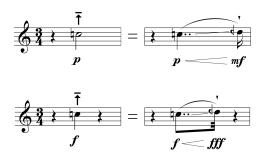
Right triangle noteheads [ ] denote lip pizzicato ('pizz.')

Diamond noteheads [ ,, ) denote wind/air sounds (+ 'jet' = jet whistle)

Square noteheads [ , , ] are sung into the instrument

If possible, preserve the notated register of the sung tones

This symbol involves a specific kind of release: it denotes ending a given note with a rapid intensification of volume/intensity, accompanied by a rising microtonal inflection, followed by a sudden cut-off. It is related to the 'reverse sound' [Rückwärtssound]. The length of the gesture varies according to the length of the note to which it is attached:



#### **VOICES**

The voice parts are written for two sopranos, two altos, two tenors, and two basses [ssaattbb].

The general singing tone is direct and without foregrounded vibrato. Emphasis always should be on the clarity and vividness of the text.

Underlined words in the spoken sections (of Stories 1, 2, 5, and 6) denote accents and emphases, allowing the articulations to be read more easily in performance.

Notations on the 5-line staff:

Standard noteheads [ • , • ] are sung normally

Notations on the 1-line staff:

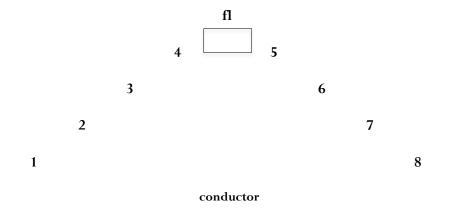
Standard noteheads [  $_{ullet}$  ,  $_{ullet}$  ] are spoken (at different volumes, according to directions)

Cross noteheads [x] are whispered (at different volumes, according to directions)

Unmetered narrations (such as those in Story 1 & Story 6) should always be foregrounded

### LAYOUT \*

The flautist stands on a podium. The height of the podium allows the flautist's waist to be at eyelevel with the tallest member of the vocal ensemble.



<sup>\*</sup> Other options are possible. For example, the flute moves to different positions for each story: offstage during Story 1, near voices 1–4 during Story 2, near voices 5–8 during Story 3, etc., culminating atop the podium during Story 7. If technical and musical details allow it, the voices might also reconfigure to different positions for each story; however, such shifting would occur between (and not during) the stories. Differentiation may also be accomplished with lighting.

# acknowledgments

#### **TEXT**

The seven stories are by Paul Griffiths, from his work—in—progress *Hamlet Stories*. The texts are copyright © Paul Griffiths, and are used with written permission of the author.

Each story is a reading of the First Folio text of Shakespeare's *Hamlet* (spoken words only), with omissions. The connection to *Hamlet* is not central to *Another woman of another kind*, and should therefore not be made explicit by the performers or in any programme notes.

The original titles of the seven stories are "A Moment of Philosophy", "Another Moment of Philosophy", "A Hope", "A Matter in the Book", "A Sum", "A Piece of Danish music", and "Hamlet's Eight and Six".

#### **MUSIC**

Source material for the work is based on Claire Chase's recording of Edgard Varèse's 1936 composition *Density 21.5*, made on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2016 at Meyer Sound Lab in Berkeley, California.

Microtiming measurements were made using the Lucerne Audio Recording Analyser [LARA]. With thanks to Olivier Senn.

#### **COMMISSION**

Another woman of another kind was written for Claire Chase and commissioned by the Pnea Foundation for Density 2036: part iv.

#### **PERFORMERS**

The premiere performances were given in New York at The Kitchen on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> of December 2016, as the concluding work of Density 2036: part iv.

Claire Chase, flute Brad Wells, conductor

1 – Abigail Lennox 5 – Eric Dudley

2 - Martha Cluver
 3 - Eliza Bagg
 4 - Virginia Warnken
 6 - Thomas McCargar
 7 - Dashon Burton
 8 - Christopher Jackson

Directed by Lydia Steier Sound design by Levy Lorenzo Video design by Monica Duncan Lighting design by Nick Houfek



Be that as it may, as I was saying, — know what I mean? — at the end of the day — know what I mean? — at the end of the day, you have to do what you do — know what I mean? — there's nothing more you can do, is there?, nothing at all, at the end of the day — know what I mean? — you have to do what you do, you cannot do more, can you?, you have to do what you do — know what I mean? — I mean, there's nothing at all, at the end of the day — know what I mean? — at the end of the day, you have to do what you do — know what I mean?

# STORY 2 — life

If you think about it, life, if you think about it, think about it, if you think about it, when you think about it, life, life, life, when you think about it, when you think about it, would you think about it?, life, if you think about it, life, if, life...

STORY 3 — snow

That it may bring, that it may bring, that bring, that it may bring, that it may bring, that it may bring, that it may bring, that it bring, that bring, that it bring, bring, that it may snow white snow, that it bring, that it may bring

# STORY 4 — words

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# STORY 5 — numbers

What is one to the power of one take away two, take away one hundred and eleven, take away two to the power of one point one with the addition of two to the power of threescore thousand, take away two thousand and one, take away fifty one million to the power of sixteen thousand, take away thirty dozen times twelve, times one, take away half a thousand times ten thousand, take away a half to the power of a half divided by point seven, times two point three three eight nine three, times ten, take away forty thousand millions, take away four and a half?

You hear this bell, and then a voice is heard: the trumpet, sounding the high scale of dream lands. This voice's first note bears a gentle accord of winds, which change to a march, slow. The third time the winds do this the subject is 'Songs of the Moon'. A double second may take the wind higher, but kettledrum and trumpet burst in with the ground set: A—Do—A—As. Waves follow, and you hear fast stars and strange roots. From records the set will come again, heard fast. The set's notes drift nearer, and a slight sound closes the phrase.

Enter a music pale and piteous. Then we hear the set above a fast lightness, this time the set backward. The piece is moving to A natural, and in the wind a second row is heard, above the general set. Lines in the wind fall, crash and thunder. Pause. Low down we hear sixteen play a monstrous organ. Again a pause.

Whips fly, and love music. Bells in quick lines mirror the set, and you hear a pipe sound the fall of a second. Rock music. Recorders recover the harmony. The organ will enter upon highest A sharp, with the strings below. You hear the set in compound time, with flame music in the wind. There is a discord, strong but smooth. Pause.

All the wind speed the set to a march in a bastard scale, after which the wind again play melodious folk songs. To lead the wind comes the trumpet (and bell) to sing requiem, and a treble voice. All now is memory.

# STORY 7 — it seems I should remember what to say

It seems I should remember what to say,
But in my mind I hear strange troubles speak
And I, concealed in silence, shall not play;
The trumpet here will call, I am too weak.
What can I say that will not be a lie?
My words, I will say this, are not my own,
I mouth the lines, and see them as they die:
A life of puppets by the wind is blown.
My words could I reword and not repent?
This bad begins, and worse remains behind:
No means I have to show you how I meant
Another woman of another kind.
In shapes and sorts and swords I did my best,
I let the audience act and tell the rest.

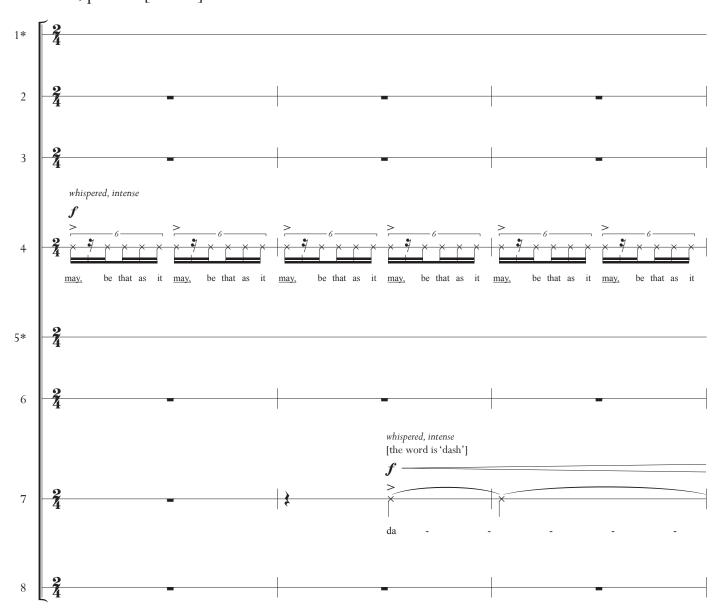
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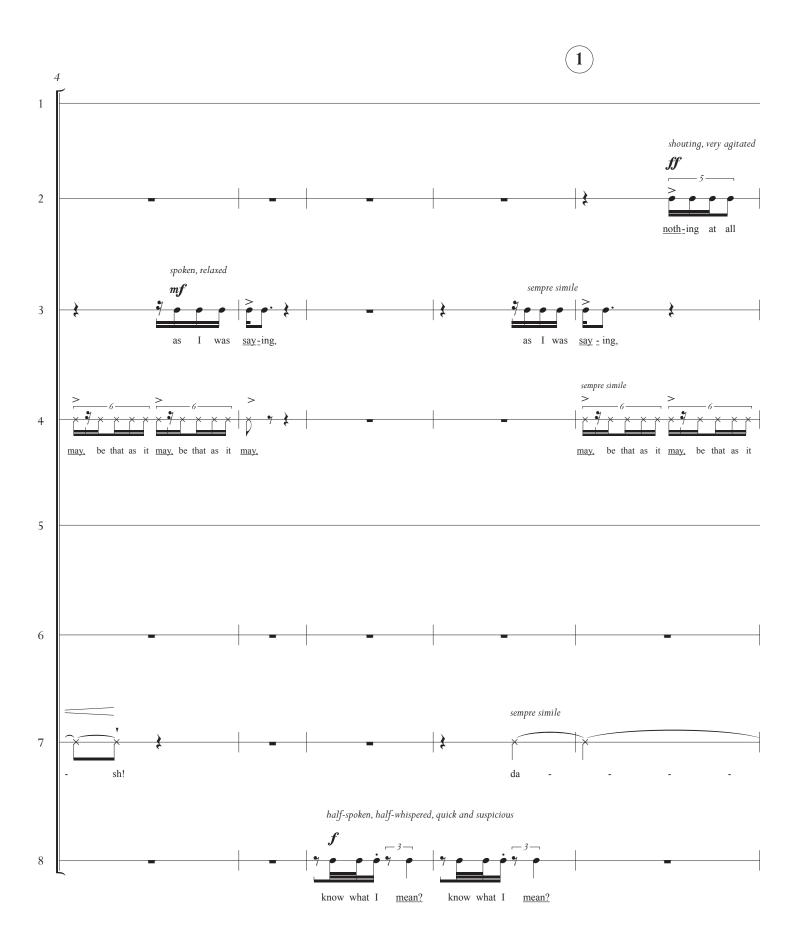
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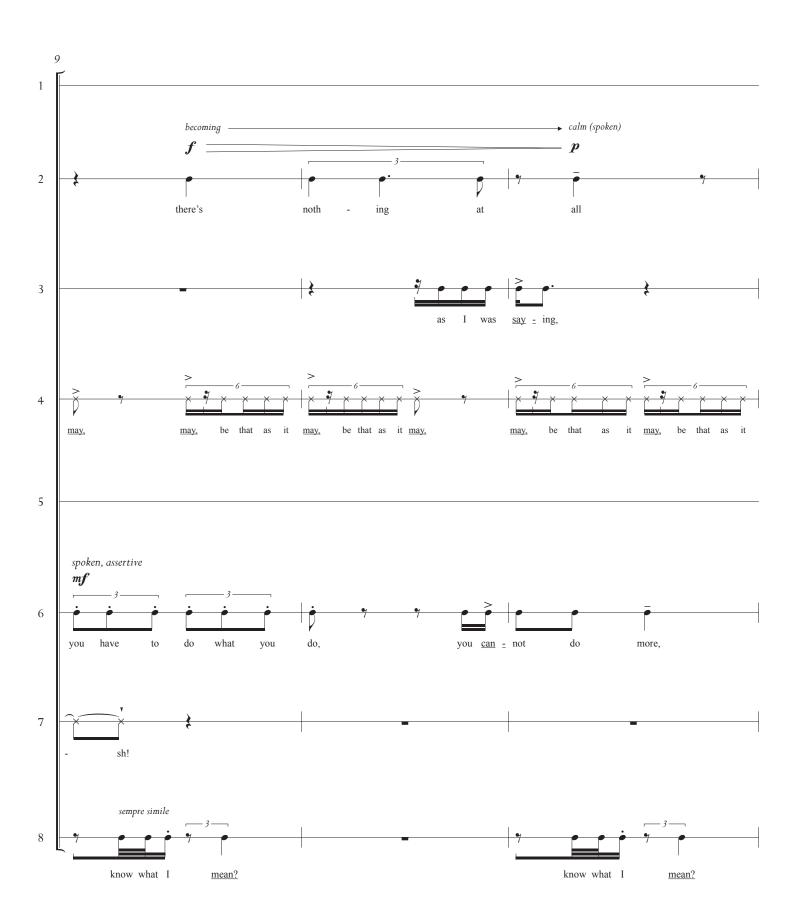
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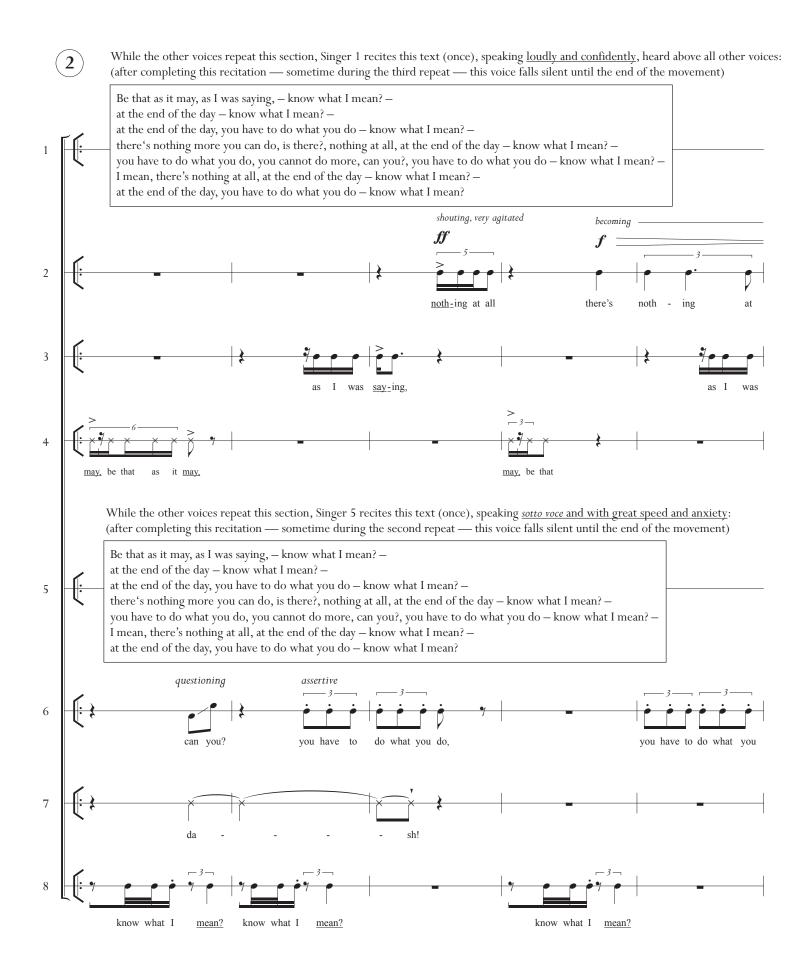
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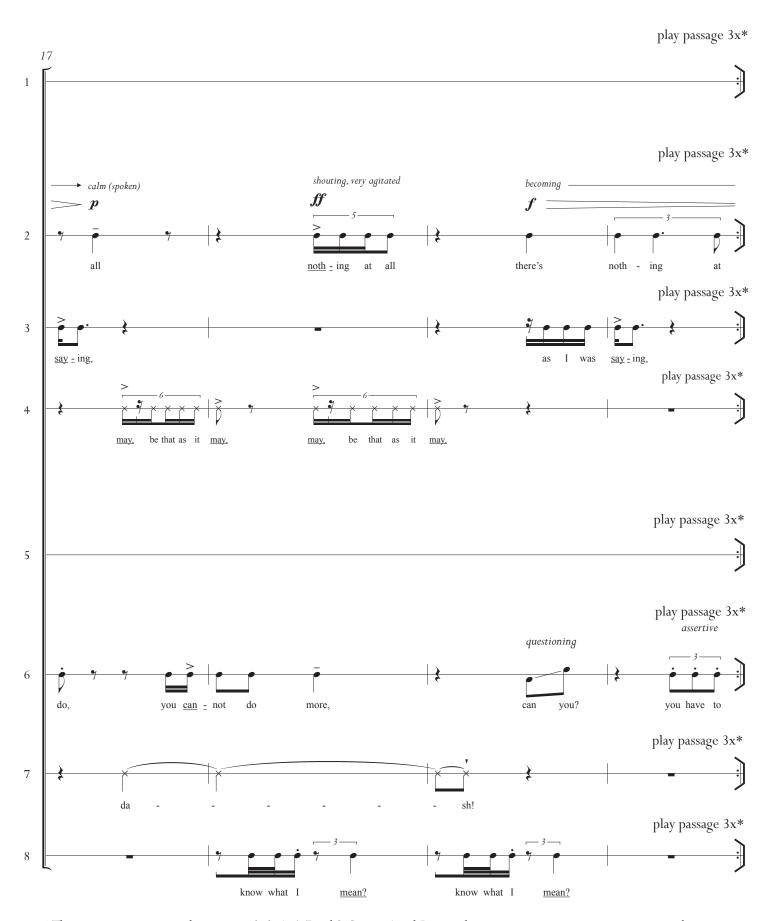
<sup>\*</sup> Singers 1 and 5 give unmetered recitations beginning in measure 12.



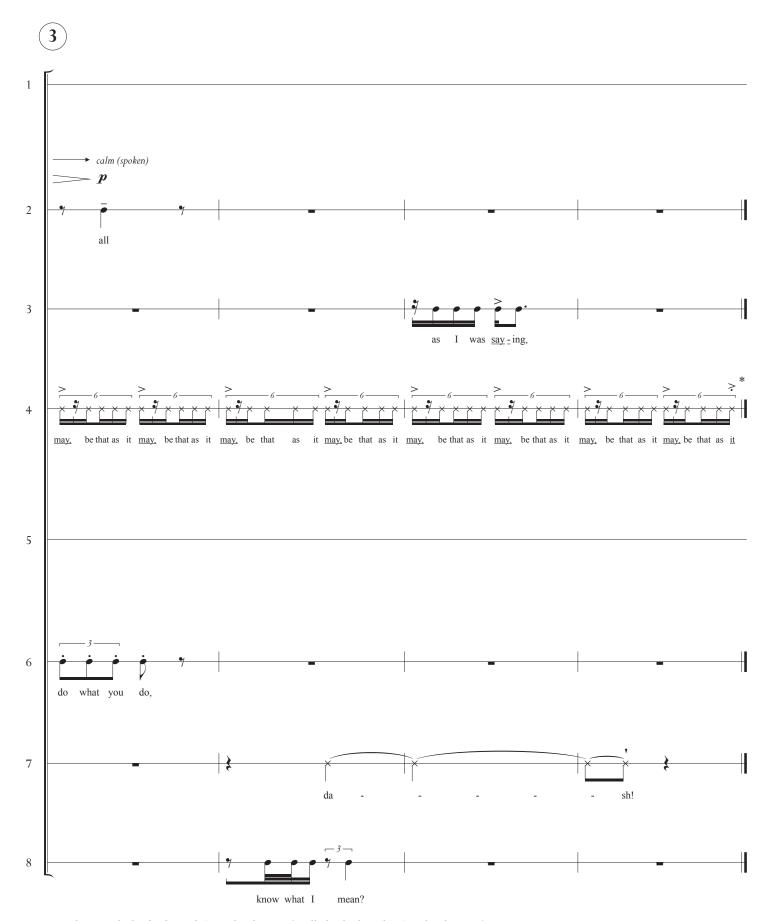




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<sup>\*</sup>The repeat sign pertains only to singers 2, 3, 4, 6, 7 and 8. Singers 1 and 5 recite their respective texts one time, as instructed.



<sup>\*</sup> At this speed, the final words 'may, be that as it' will also be heard as 'maybe that is it'.

flute, 1, 2, 3, 4

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At this tempo, the pronounciation of 'another' will emphasize the second syllable, and sound like 'a-NUH-tha'



<sup>\*</sup>The syllables here are derived from the text spoken by the singers, and should sound like abbreviated versions of those sounds. In a later edition, they maybe rendered in IPA (International Phonetic Alphabet).

<sup>\*\*</sup>This articulation, based on the word 'life', involves two parts in rapid succession: (1) the whispering of the syllabe 'li' and (2) the exhaling of the 'f' sound. The latter will create a small amount of incidental pitch on the second half of the beat.





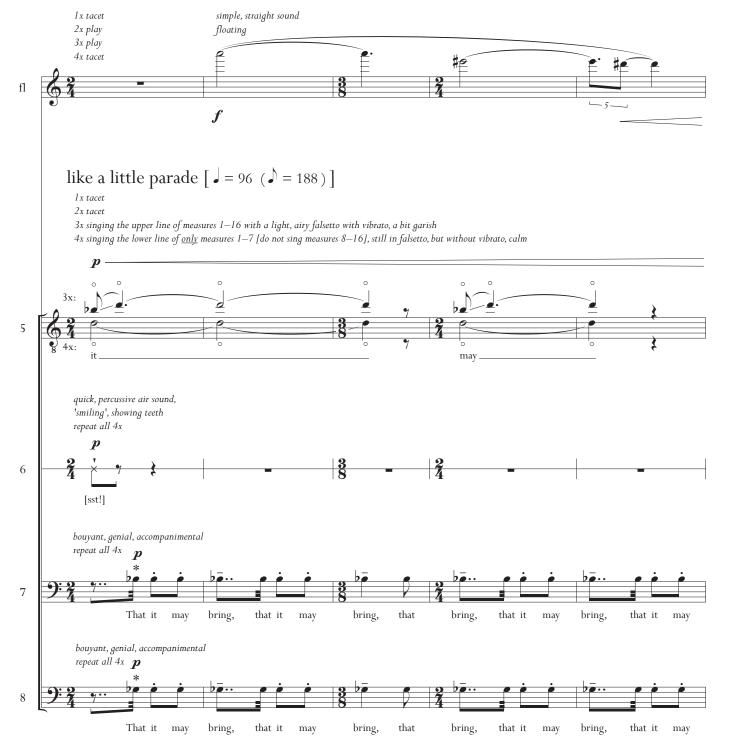
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flute, 5, 6, 7, 8

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<sup>\*</sup> At this speed, the 32nd note will result in a slight elision, sounding like "THEdit" (rhyming with 'edit').



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<sup>\*</sup> Pronounce only the beginning of the word 'words' (do not pronouce 'ds').

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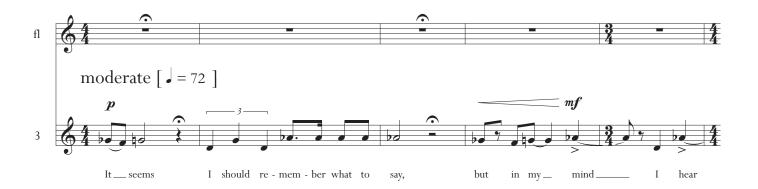
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Below is the score for the voices. The flute has its own score (see pages 26–27). Both scores include cues.

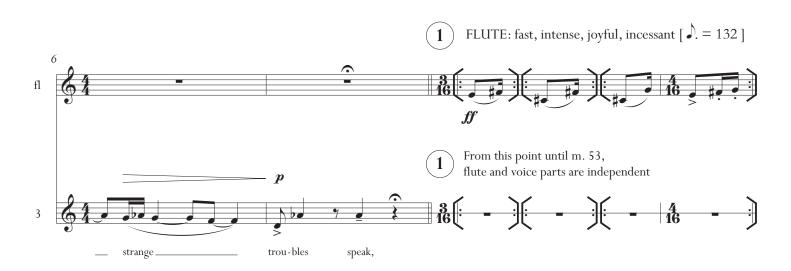
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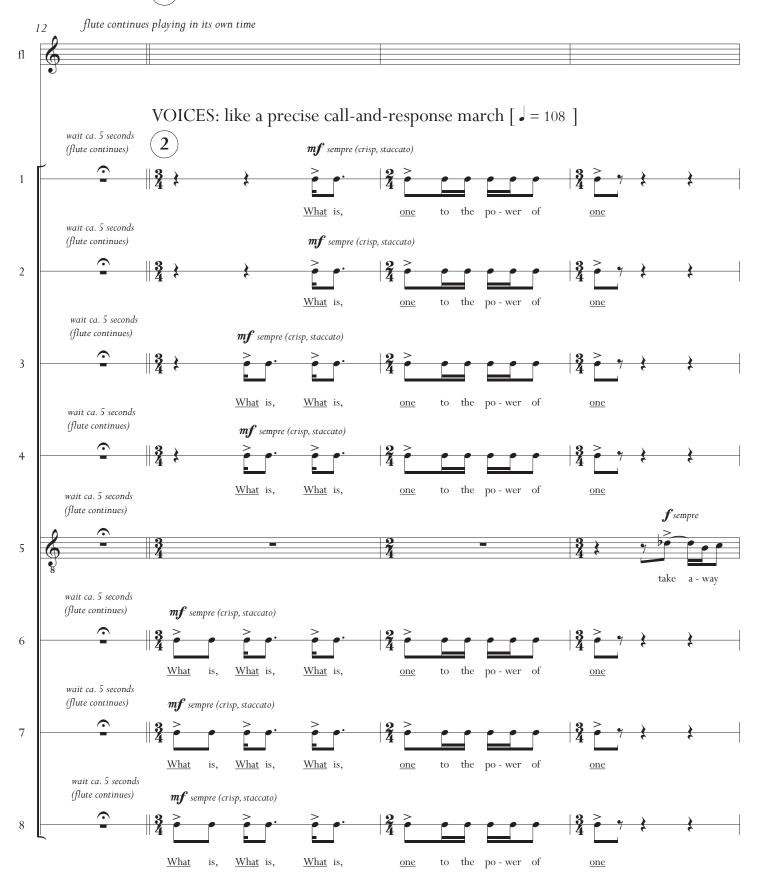
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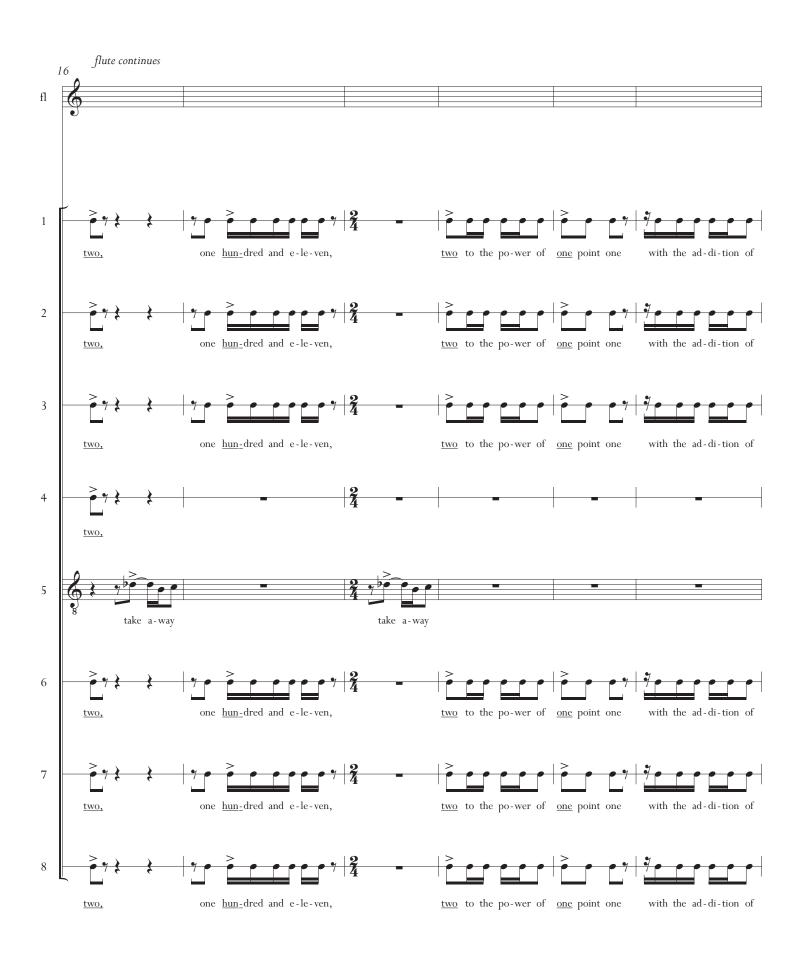
The parts rejoin briefly at the conclusion of the story, at m. 53 in this score.

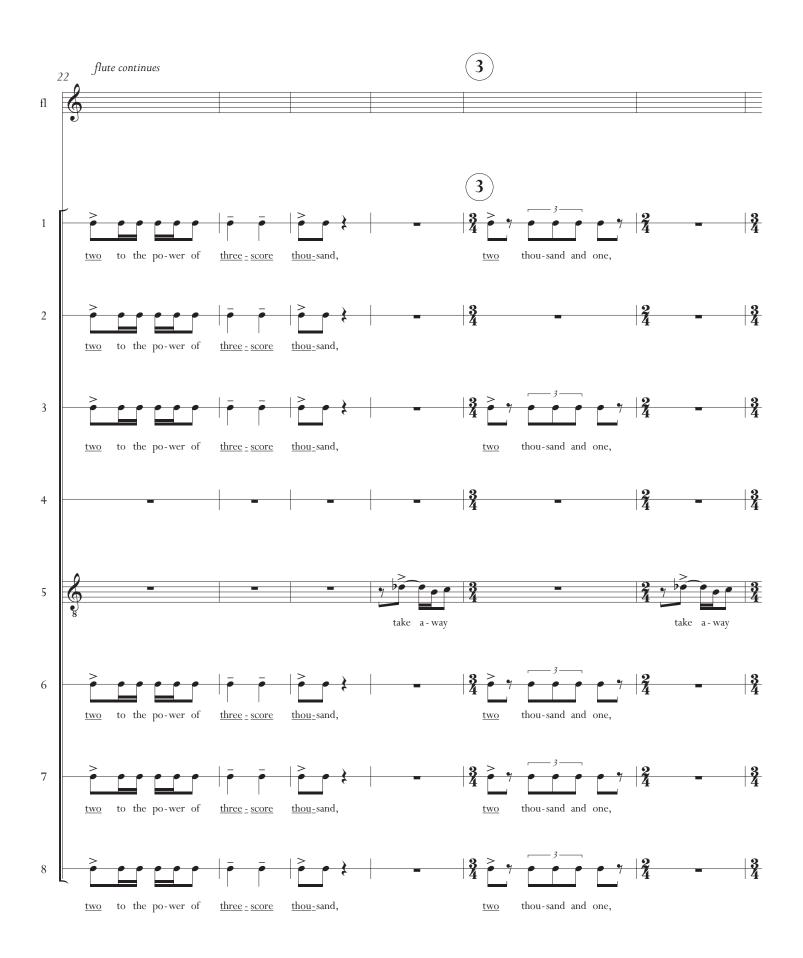






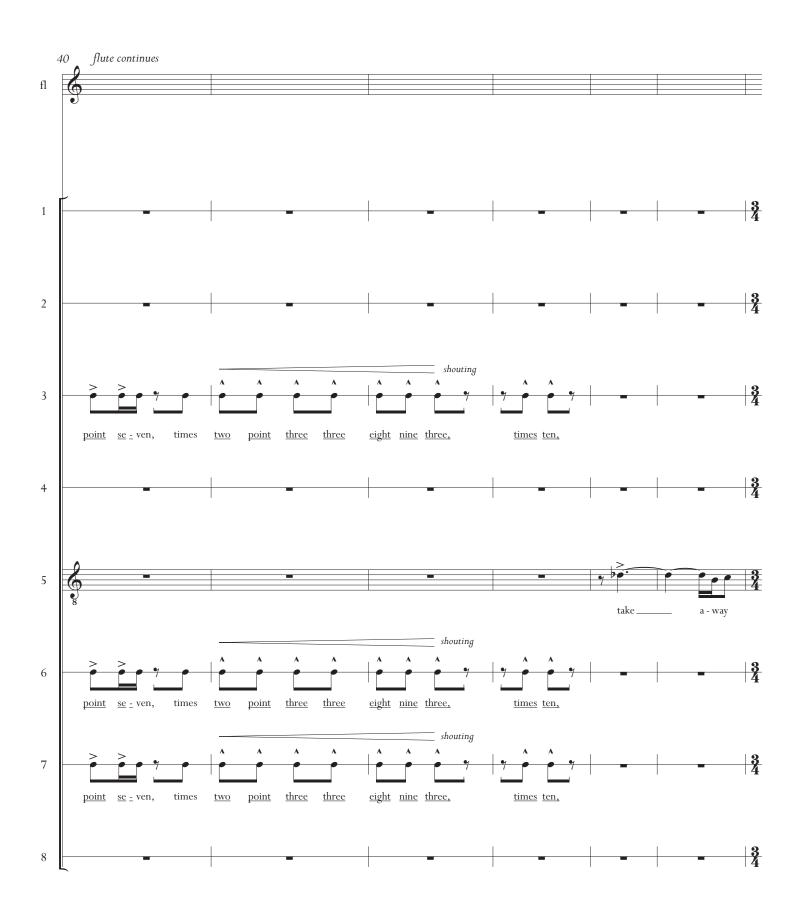


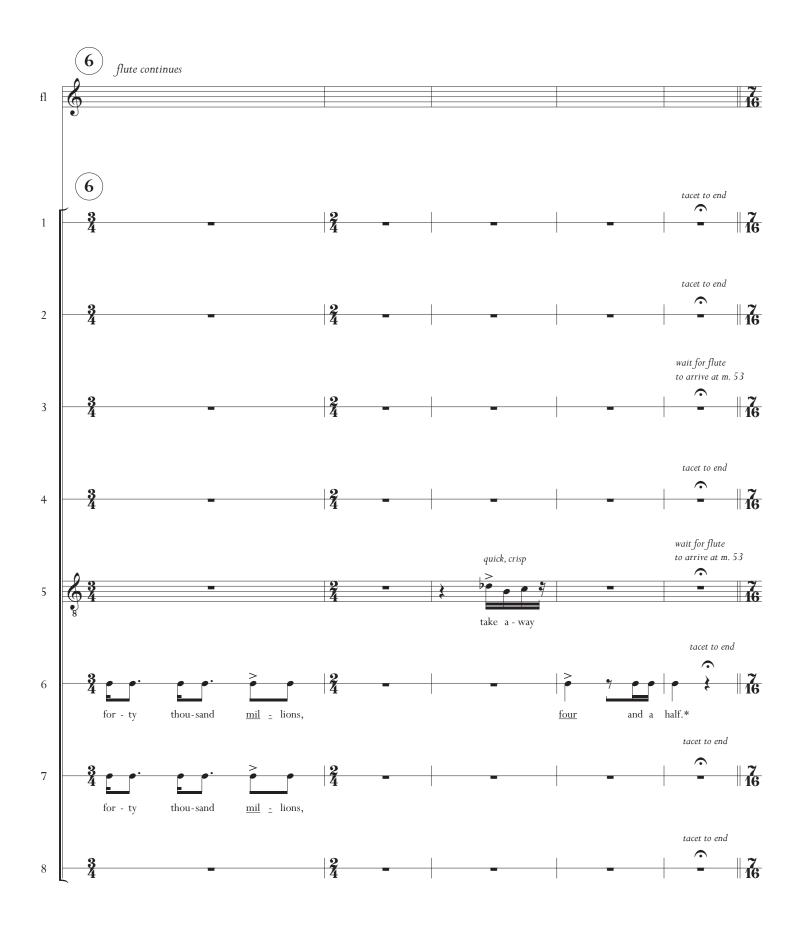




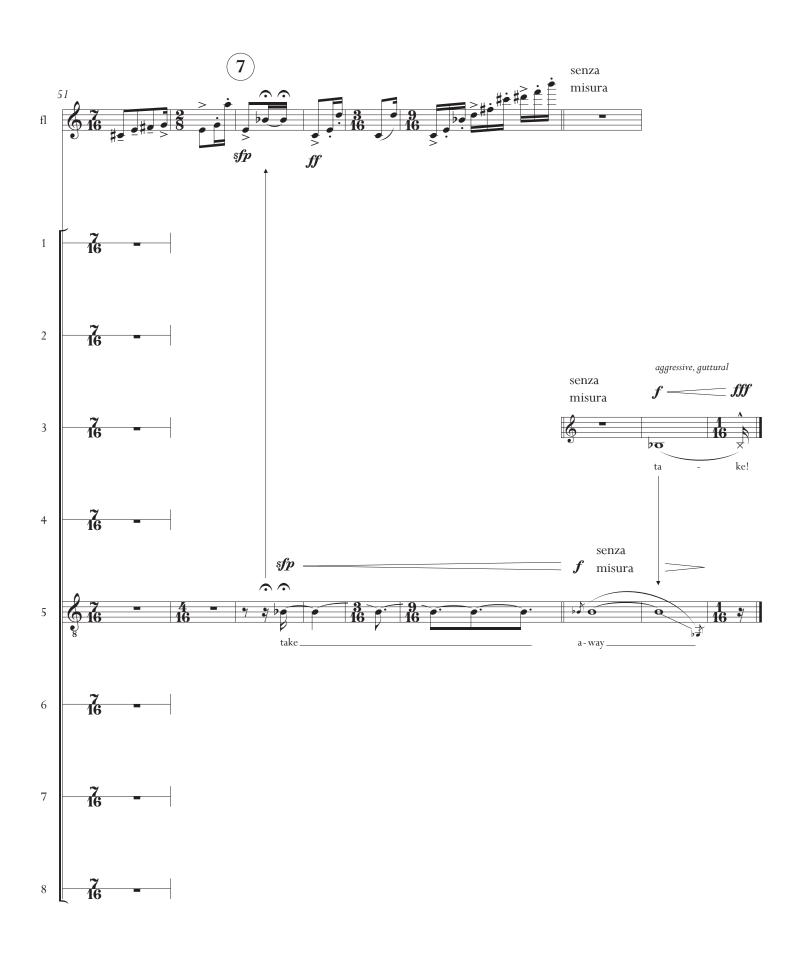








<sup>\*</sup> Originally ending with a question mark ['...four and a half?'], it should here be spoken as though there is no question mark, as a statement of fact.



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## INDEPENDENT PARTS:

flute, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

Below is the score for the flute. The voices have their own score (see pages 17–25). Both scores include cues.

Beginning at m. 8 in this score, the flute and voices become independent of one another.

Each has their own tempo, and their unsynchronized musics are overlaid.

The parts resynchronize briefly at the conclusion of the movement, at m. 71 in this score.



fast, intense, joyful, incessant \* [  $\lambda$ . = 132 ]





<sup>\*</sup>Taking breaths as necessary.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Throughout this movement, the flautist may further articulate the beginning of each measure by adding vocal consonants ('k', 't', 'p', etc.).











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flute, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

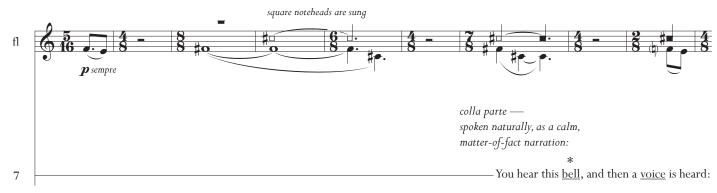
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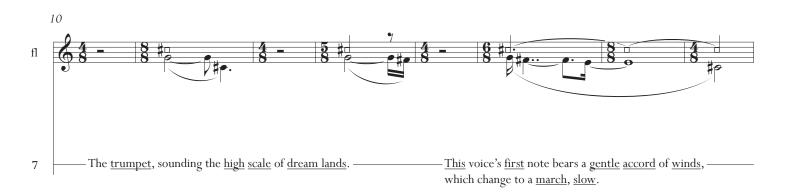
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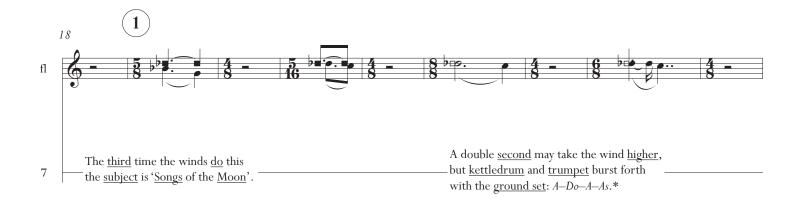
The flautist should not respond in any way (musically or physically) to the content of the spoken words. This solo is played as if in its own world (the narrators will follow colla parte).



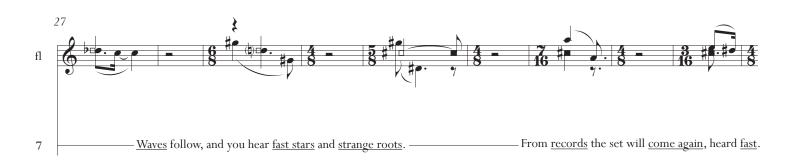




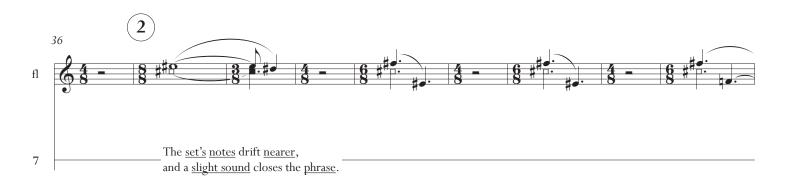
\*The underlined words in the narration denote a subtle emphasis on a specific word (or word-pair) to allow for a clear presentation of meaning.



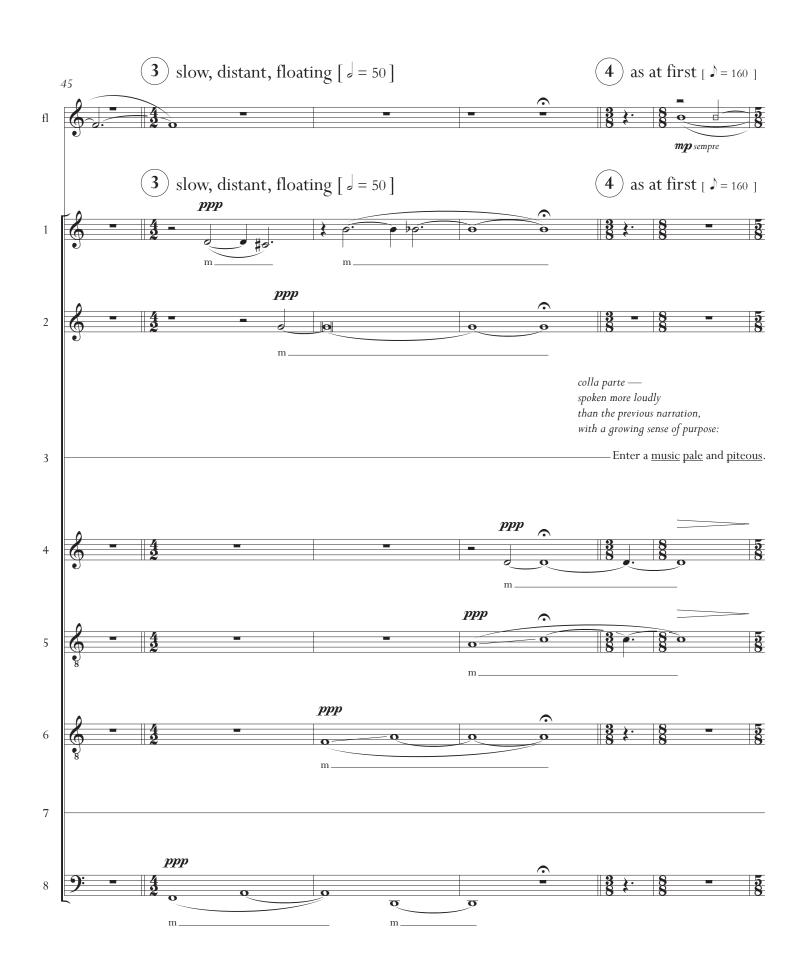




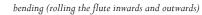


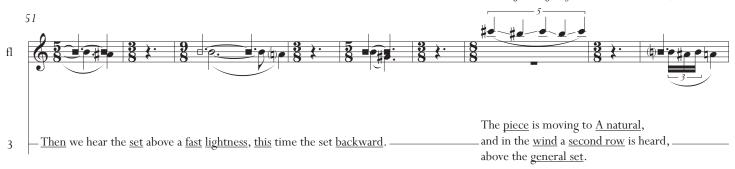


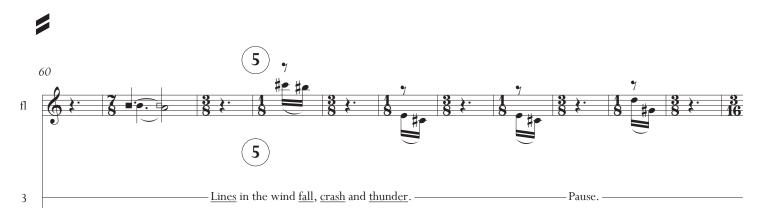
<sup>\*</sup>These four solfège syllables should be read aloud, not sung.

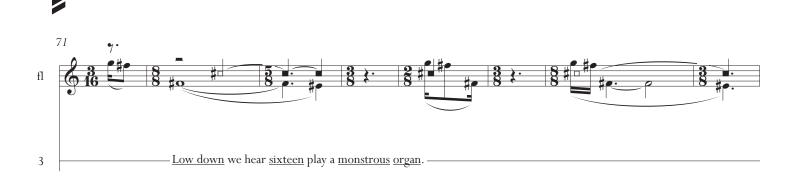


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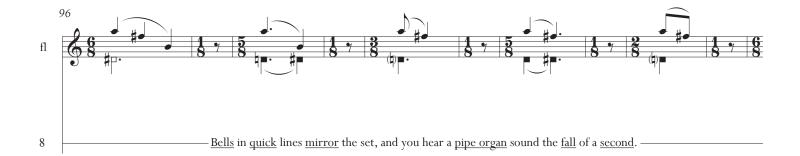


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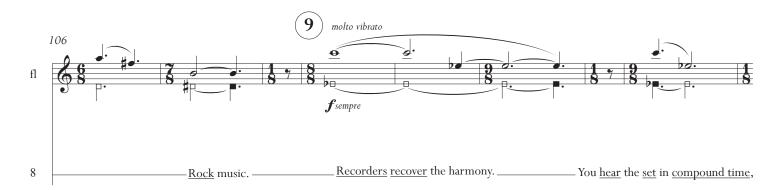


<sup>\*</sup>The vowel sounds on this page [e, o, i] are those found in the word 'memory'. The arrows denote a gradual transformation from one vowel sound to another.

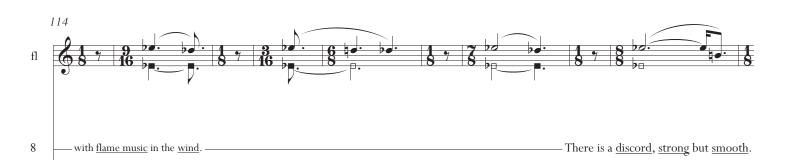
<sup>\*\*</sup>The words 'love music' should be pronounced with an accent on 'love', in the same way that one might say 'rock music' or 'salsa music'

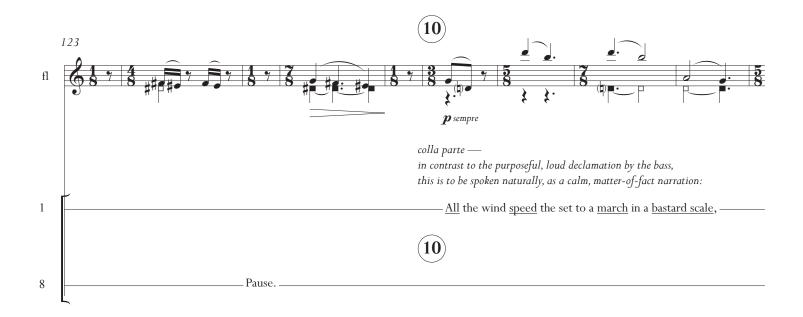




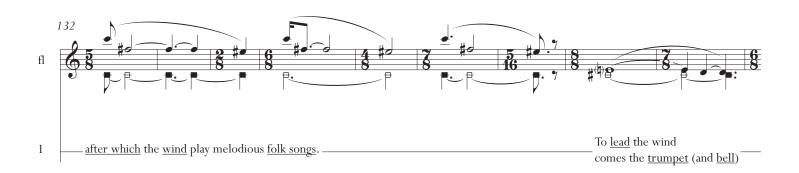


















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## story 7 – it seems I should remember what to say

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<sup>\*</sup> Throughout this movement, the flautist may articulate certain attacks by adding vocal consonants (`k', `t', `p', etc.).

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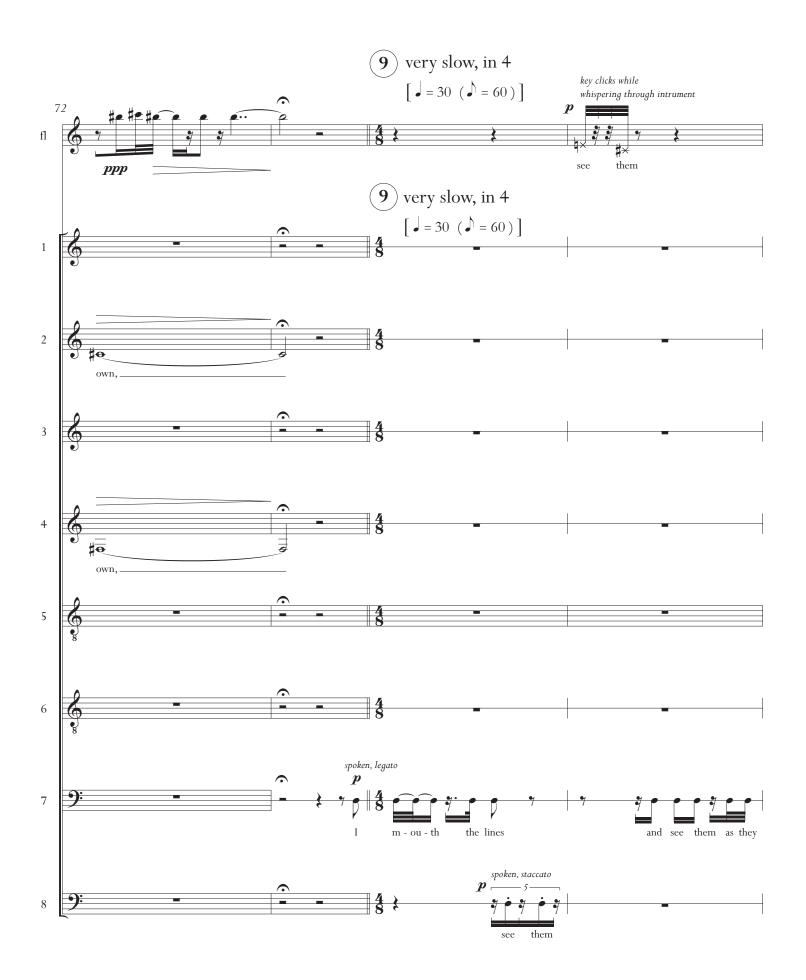
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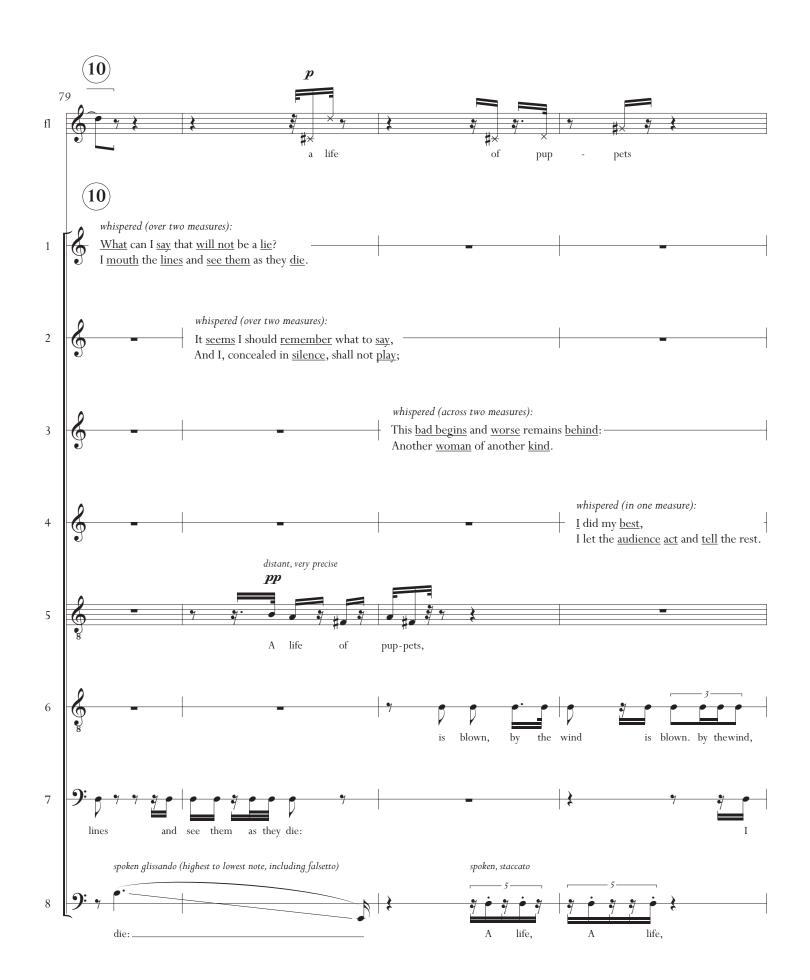
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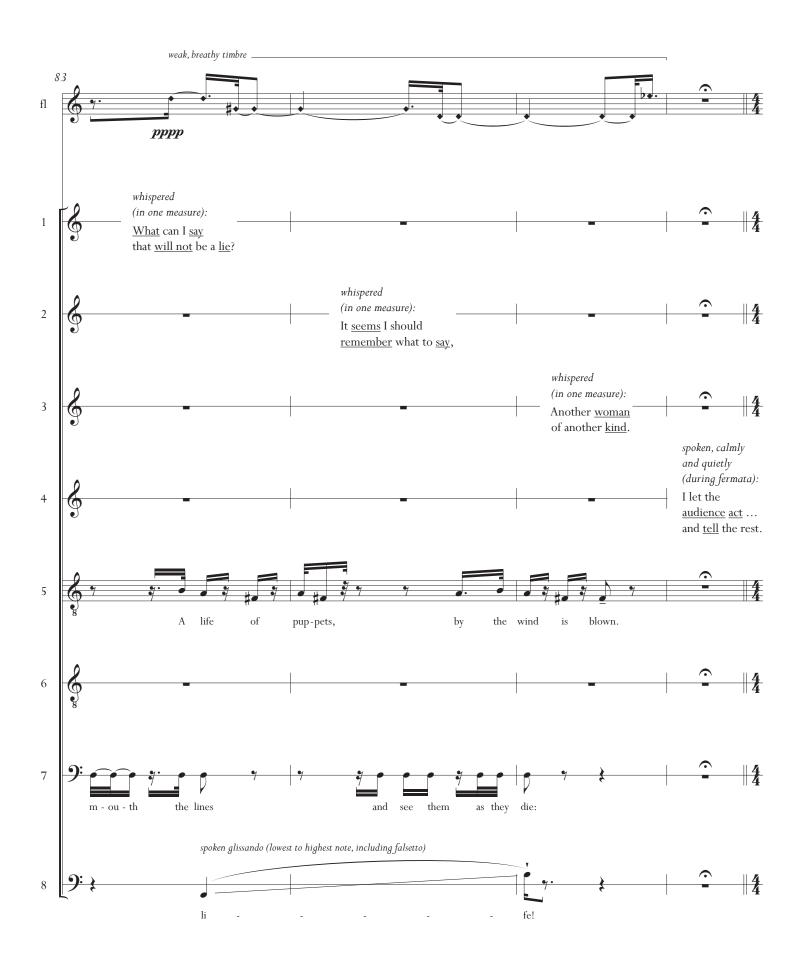
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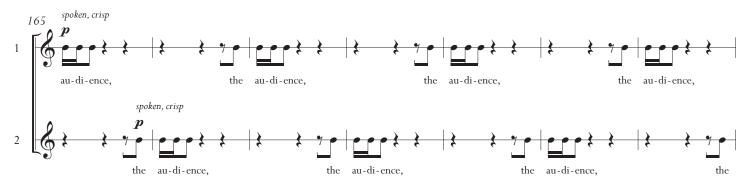


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