

"Fear"

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Instrumentation:

Piano 1
Piano 2

Marimba 1
Marimba 2
vibraphone

Percussion 1 (*Drum Set/Shaker*)
Percussion 2 (*Crotales, Bass Drum, Suspended Cymbal, Tam-Tam, Temple
Blocks (4), Toms (4)*)

Electronics

Composer's Notes:

Each movement depicts a differing nuance of the emotion Fear.

The first movement, despite its controlled beginning, should grow increasingly frantic, in tempo, dynamics, etc. The second movement should stagnate, each line completely independent of the other, locked into the steady beat, to depict the paralysis of being unable to escape your fear (*i.e. in a dream*). The final movement should emphasize the struggle to maintain control (*i.e. over thoughts, environmental factors, etc.*) and avoid triggers that set off an illogical fear reaction.

To the performers:

Thank you! All humming/singing may be done in an octave which suits you. Guitar: except when otherwise noted, please play with a mellow (not treble) clean amplifier. For the distortion, make it gritty! All other instructions are included in the parts. Don't be afraid to really GO FOR IT!

I - "Rush"

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♩ = 90

2 Sing vocal part

3 4 5 6 7

Piano 1

Piano 2

Marimba 1

Marimba 2

Vibraphone

Electric Guitar

Percussion 1 (Drum Set)

Percussion 2 (Multiple Perc.)

Electronics

Cue 1

♩ = 90

pp

ppp

p

8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 Pedaled, let ring

Pno. 1

Pno. 2

Mar. 1

Mar. 2

Vib.

E. Gtr.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Elec.

8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15

4

16 17 18 19 20 *molto rall.* 21 22 23

Pno. 1

Cel.

Mar. 1

Mar. 2

Vib.

E. Gtr.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Elec.

Soft Yarn Mallets

mf

dim.

8^{va} mp

mf

Cymbal roll into breathing/knife clip, build up the heartbeat

Cue 2

24 **A Tempo,** $\text{♩} = 120$ 25 26 27 28 **To Celesta** 29 30 5

Pno. 1 *pp* *8^{va}* *Ped.* *Piano*

Pno. *pp*

Mar. 1 *pp, cresc.*

Mar. 2 *p*

Vib. *p, cresc.* *Ped.*

E. Gtr. *p*

Perc. 1 **24** **A Tempo,** $\text{♩} = 120$ 25 26 27 28 29 30 *f* *Bass Drum* *mp*

Perc. 2 *f, dim.* *p*

Elec. *p*

6

31 32 33 34 35 36 37

Pno. 1

Pno.

Mar. 1

Mar. 2

Vib.

E. Gtr.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Elec.

mp

pp, cresc.

mf

p, cresc.

4

8

38

Celesta

39

40

41

42

43

44

7

Cel.

*pp**pedal simile*

Pno.

f

Mar. 1

mf

Mar. 2

Vib.

*pp**pedal simile*

E. Gtr.

f

38

39

40

41

42

43

44

Perc. 1

*f**mf*

Perc. 2

Elec.

38

39

40

41

42

43

44

8

45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53

Cel.

Pno.

Mar. 1

Mar. 2

Vib.

45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53

E. Gtr.

f *p* *p*

3

45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

ppp B.D. *ppp*

4

45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53

Elec.

Cue 3

54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61 9

Cel.

Pno.

Mar. 1

Mar. 2

Vib.

E. Gtr.

54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Elec.

54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61

Toms (4)

p, cresc.

Vivace, ♩ = 120

10

62 63 64 65 66 67 68

Piano

Pno.

mf, cresc. *ff* *subito pp, cresc.*

f *pp, cresc.*

Hard Plastic/Rubber Mallets

Mar. 1

Hard Plastic/Rubber Mallets

Mar. 2

P *mf, cresc.* *ff* *f*

Medium Yarn Mallets

Vib.

mf, cresc. *ff*

E. Gtr.

62 63 64 65 66 67 68

62 63 64 65 66 67 68

Perc. 1

pp *H.H.*

Perc. 2

ff

Elec.

62 63 64 65 66 67 68

69 8va 70 71 72 73 74 11

Pno. *mf* *dim.*

Pno. *mf*, *dim.*

Mar. 1

Mar. 2

Vib.

E. Gtr.

Perc. 1 *pp*

Perc. 2

Elec.

12

75 76 77 78

Pno. *pp*

Pno. *pp* (8)~

Mar. 1

Mar. 2

Vib.

E. Gtr.

Perc. 1 *f*

Perc. 2 *p*, molto crescendo

Elec.

Toms (4)

79 80 81 82 83 84 13

Pno. *ff* *ff* *Red.*

Pno. *ff* *simile as needed*

Mar. 1

Mar. 2

Vib.

79 80 81 82 83 84

E. Gtr.

79 80 81 82 83 84

Perc. 1 *f* *crescendo*

Perc. 2 *ff*

Elec.

93 94 95 96 97 98 99 100 101 15

Pno. *ff*

Pno. *ff*

Mar. 1

Mar. 2

Vib. *mf* *mf*

E. Gtr. *ff*

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Elec.

93 94 95 96 97 98 99 100 101

93 94 95 96 97 98 99 100 101

16

102 103 104 105 106 107

Pno. *p, cresc.* *ff* *ppp*

Ped. *ppp*

Mar. 1 *hard mallets* *ff* *Ped.*

Mar. 2 *hard mallets* *ff*

Vib. *mp* *Ped.*

E. Gtr. *ff*

Perc. 1 *f*

Perc. 2

Elec.

102 103 104 105 106 107

108 109 110 111 112 113 114 115 17

Pno. *f*

Pno. *f*

Mar. 1 *ff*

Mar. 2 *ff*

Vib. *mf* *ff*

E. Gtr. *f*, harmonic *ff*

Perc. 1 *ff* *p* *ff*

Perc. 2 *ff* *subito p*

Elec.

108 109 110 111 112 113 114 115

123 124 125 126 *rit.* 127 128 129 130 19

Pno. *fff*, out of control!

Pno. *fff*, out of control!

Mar. 1 *fff*, out of control!

Mar. 2 *fff*, out of control!

Vib.

E. Gtr. STOP! 130

Perc. 1 STOP! 130

Perc. 2 STOP!

Elec. Cue 4 Cue 5

II - Dread (Paralysis)

20

1 $\text{♩} = 90$ 2 3 4

Pno. 8^{ub} ff Ped.

Pno. 8^{ub} ff Ped.

Mar. 1

Mar. 2

Vib. $mf, \text{dim.}$ 4

E. Gtr. $mf, \text{dim.}$ 4

Perc. 1 $\text{♩} = 90$ $mf, \text{dim.}$ 2 3 4 4

Perc. 2 ppp p

Elec. 1 2 Cue 6 3 4

The musical score is for a piece titled 'II - Dread (Paralysis)'. It is written for a 4/4 time signature with a tempo of 90 beats per minute. The score spans 20 measures, divided into four measures per system. The instruments and their parts are: Piano (Pno.) with two staves, each featuring a sustained octave bass note (8^ub) with fortissimo (ff) dynamics and a sustain pedal (Ped.); Maracas (Mar. 1 and Mar. 2) with two staves, both containing rests; Vibraphone (Vib.) with a single staff playing a melodic line in the first measure, then rests, with a mezzo-forte (mf) and decrescendo (dim.) dynamic; Electric Guitar (E. Gtr.) with a single staff playing a melodic line in the first measure, then rests, with a mezzo-forte (mf) and decrescendo (dim.) dynamic; Percussion 1 (Perc. 1) with a single staff playing a rhythmic pattern of eighth notes in the first measure, then rests, with a mezzo-forte (mf) and decrescendo (dim.) dynamic; Percussion 2 (Perc. 2) with a single staff playing a rhythmic pattern of eighth notes in the first measure, then rests, with a pianissimo (ppp) dynamic; and Electric (Elec.) with a single staff playing a melodic line in the first measure, then rests, with a piano (p) dynamic. A cue mark 'Cue 6' is present at the start of the second measure of the Elec. part.

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9 10 11 12

Pno.

Pno.

Mar. 1

Mar. 2

Vib.

E. Gtr.

Perc. 1

Toms(4), Brushes

Crotales

To Perc.

Perc. 2

mf

Elec.

Detailed description: This musical score page covers measures 9 through 12. The instrumentation includes Piano (Pno.), two Maracas (Mar. 1, Mar. 2), Vibraphone (Vib.), Electric Guitar (E. Gtr.), two Percussion parts (Perc. 1, Perc. 2), and Electric Bass (Elec.). Measures 9 and 10 are in 3/4 time, while measures 11 and 12 are in 7/8 time. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). Perc. 1 uses Toms(4) and Brushes in measures 9-10, Crotales in measure 11, and To Perc. in measure 12. Perc. 2 plays a continuous rhythmic pattern in measures 9-10, then rests in measure 11, and plays a single note in measure 12. The Electric Bass part is mostly silent, with some triplet markings in measures 10 and 11.

13 14 15 16 17 23

Pno. *f*

Pno. *f*

Mar. 1

Mar. 2 *f*

Vib. *f*

E. Gtr.

Perc. 1 13 14 15 16 17

B.D., Brushes

Perc. 2 *p* 3 3 3 3 5 5 6 6 3 Tam-Tam

Elec. *p* 13 14 15 16 17

18 19 20 21 22 23

Pno.

Pno.

Mar. 1

Mar. 2

Vib.

E. Gtr.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Elec.

Sus. cymbal

f *mf*

24 25 26 27 28 29 30 25

Pno. *p*

Pno. *p* *dim.*

Mar. 1

Mar. 2

Vib. bowed (mf)

E. Gtr.

24 25 26 27 28 29 30

Perc. 1 *mf*

Crotales bowed

Bowed

Perc. 2

Elec. *mf*

Sweep strings with both palms with pedal depressed

31 32 33 35 36 37

Pno.

Pno.

Mar. 1

Mar. 2

Vib.

E. Gtr.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Elec.

31 32 33 34 35 36 37

Random rhythms using these notes (any octave)

Random rhythms using these notes (any octave)

Sweep strings with both palms with pedal depressed

38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45

Pno. *n*

Pno. *n*

Mar. 1 *fff* *n*

Mar. 2 *fff* *n*

Vib.

E. Gtr. 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45

Perc. 1 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45

Perc. 2

Elec. 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45

III - "Phobia" (Dolls)

28

1 **Slowly**, ♩ = 60

2 3 4

Cel. *ppp*

Pno.

Mar. 1

Mar. 2

Vib. *p*
Ped.

E. Gtr. *mf*

Perc. 1 **Slowly**, ♩ = 60

Perc. 2 *ppp*

Elec.

1 2 3 4

5 6 7 8

Cel.

Pno.

Mar. 1

Mar. 2

Vib.

E. Gtr.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Elec.

mf

3

Wind Chimes

p

Cmaj7

30

9

Cel.

Pno. *mp*

Red.

Mar. 1

Mar. 2

Vib.

E. Gtr. *p*

9

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Elec. *mf*

10

11

12

13

add distortion effect

14 15 16 17 To Pno. 18

Cel.

Pno.

Mar. 1

Mar. 2

Vib.

E. Gtr.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Elec.

14 15 16 17 18

14 15 16 17 18

14 15 16 17 18

mf

mf

mp

mf

Cue 7

Detailed description: This is a page of a musical score, page 31, covering measures 14 through 18. The score is arranged in a multi-staff format. The instruments and their parts are as follows: Cello (Cel.) plays a melodic line in measures 14-16, consisting of eighth-note patterns. Piano (Pno.) provides accompaniment with chords and moving lines. Maracas 1 (Mar. 1) and Maracas 2 (Mar. 2) are silent throughout. Vibraphone (Vib.) has a melodic line in measures 14-16, featuring a triplet in measure 15, and a solo in measure 18. Electric Guitar (E. Gtr.) is silent. Percussion 1 (Perc. 1) and Percussion 2 (Perc. 2) are silent. Electric Bass (Elec.) is silent until measure 17, where it has a 'Cue 7' mark. Dynamics include mf (mezzo-forte) and mp (mezzo-piano). The page number 31 is in the top right corner.

Score for measures 19-22, featuring multiple instruments and dynamic markings.

Measures 19-20:

- Pno. (Piano):** Measures 19 and 20 are silent. Measure 21 features a *ff* (fortissimo) chord.
- Pno. (Piano):** Measure 19 is silent. Measure 20 features a *mf* (mezzo-forte) chord. Measure 21 features a *f* (forte) chord. Measure 22 features a *mp* (mezzo-piano) chord.
- Mar. 1 (Maracas):** Measures 19-20 feature a *mf* (mezzo-forte) triplet pattern. Measure 21 is silent. Measure 22 is silent.
- Mar. 2 (Maracas):** Measures 19-20 feature a *mp* (mezzo-piano) sextuplet pattern. Measure 21 is silent. Measure 22 is silent.
- Vib. (Vibraphone):** Measures 19-20 feature a *8va* (octave up) pattern. Measure 21 features a *mf* (mezzo-forte) chord. Measure 22 features a *mf* (mezzo-forte) chord.
- E. Gtr. (Electric Guitar):** Measures 19-20 feature a *p, distorted* (piano, distorted) pattern. Measure 21 features a *p, distorted* (piano, distorted) pattern. Measure 22 features a *p, distorted* (piano, distorted) pattern.
- Perc. 1 (Percussion):** Measures 19-20 are silent. Measure 21 features a *mp* (mezzo-piano) pattern. Measure 22 is silent.
- Perc. 2 (Percussion):** Measures 19-20 are silent. Measure 21 is silent. Measure 22 is silent.
- Elec. (Electric):** Measures 19-20 are silent. Measure 21 is silent. Measure 22 is silent.

Measures 21-22:

- Pno. (Piano):** Measures 21 and 22 feature a *ff* (fortissimo) chord.
- Pno. (Piano):** Measures 21 and 22 feature a *mp* (mezzo-piano) chord.
- Mar. 1 (Maracas):** Measures 21 and 22 are silent.
- Mar. 2 (Maracas):** Measures 21 and 22 are silent.
- Vib. (Vibraphone):** Measures 21 and 22 feature a *mf* (mezzo-forte) chord.
- E. Gtr. (Electric Guitar):** Measures 21 and 22 feature a *p, distorted* (piano, distorted) pattern.
- Perc. 1 (Percussion):** Measures 21 and 22 are silent.
- Perc. 2 (Percussion):** Measures 21 and 22 are silent.
- Elec. (Electric):** Measures 21 and 22 are silent.

Additional markings:

- Mar. 1 (Maracas):** "Bend up & down" (measures 19-20).
- Mar. 2 (Maracas):** "to 4 mallets (soft)" (measure 21).

23 24 25 26 27

Pno.

Pno.

Mar. 1

Mar. 2

Vib.

E. Gtr.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Elec.

23 24 25 26 27

p

ppp, crescendo

p

ppp, crescendo

Ped.

Cue 8

This musical score is for measures 28 through 32 of the piece 'The Day After Tomorrow'. The tempo is marked as 120 beats per minute. The score includes parts for Piano (Pno.), Maracas (Mar. 1, Mar. 2), Vibraphone (Vib.), Electric Guitar (E. Gtr.), Percussion 1 (Perc. 1), Percussion 2 (Perc. 2), and Electric Bass (Elec.).

Measure 28: The Piano part features a complex, fast-moving melody in the right hand and a steady bass line in the left hand. The Maracas parts play a consistent rhythmic pattern. The Vibraphone part has a melodic line. The Electric Guitar part has a melodic line. The Percussion parts are active.

Measure 29: The Piano part continues with the same complex melody. The Maracas parts continue their rhythmic pattern. The Vibraphone part has a melodic line. The Electric Guitar part has a melodic line. The Percussion parts are active.

Measure 30: The Piano part continues with the same complex melody. The Maracas parts continue their rhythmic pattern. The Vibraphone part has a melodic line. The Electric Guitar part has a melodic line. The Percussion parts are active.

Measure 31: The Piano part continues with the same complex melody. The Maracas parts continue their rhythmic pattern. The Vibraphone part has a melodic line. The Electric Guitar part has a melodic line. The Percussion parts are active.

Measure 32: The Piano part continues with the same complex melody. The Maracas parts continue their rhythmic pattern. The Vibraphone part has a melodic line. The Electric Guitar part has a melodic line. The Percussion parts are active.

33 34 35 36 37 38

Pno.

Pno.

Mar. 1

Mar. 2

Vib.

E. Gtr.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Elec.

33 34 35 36 37 38

38 *sim.*

39 40 41 42 43 44

Pno.

Pno.

Mar. 1

Mar. 2

Vib.

E. Gtr.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Elec.

39 40 41 42 43 44

39 40 41 42 43 44

38 A Tempo, ♩ = 60

52 Sing vocal part

Pno. *ppp*

53 54 55

Sing vocal part

Pno. *ppp*

Sing vocal part

Mar. 1

Sing vocal part

Mar. 2

Sing vocal part

Vib. *ppp*

52 Sing vocal part

53 54 55

E. Gtr.

52 A Tempo, ♩ = 60

To Brushes

53 Cymbals with brushes (not too busy)

54 55

Perc. 1 Sing vocal part

Sing vocal part Wind Chimes

Perc. 2 *p*

Sing vocal part

Elec. Cue 10

52 53 54 55