

SERENADE FOR STRINGS

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INSTRUMENTATION

Conductor Score	1
Violin I	8
Violin II	8
Viola	5
Cello	5
String Bass	5

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One word describes the style required for this piece—elegant. Wherever the melodic material appears, the tone should be warm but clean and well-focused. Pay careful attention to the expansive dynamics that follow the contours of the phrases.

Work for an intense climax after measure 37, keeping the style elegant with plenty of bow speed after each accented attack. In the recapitulation at measure 47, balance tone with cleanly articulated bows in the ornamented melody.

All of the *louré* figures in the accompanying voices should be clean but subtle—no long pauses. The accompaniment must match the elegance of the melody.

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CONDUCTOR SCORE

Duration - 4:00

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Moderato Piacevole (♩ = ca. 72) *cantabile*

Violins I: *div.*, *mf*, *cantabile*

Violins II: *mp*

Viola: *mp*, *pizz.*

Cello: *mf*, *mp*, *pizz.*

String Bass: *mf*, *mp*, *pizz.*

Violins I: *mf*

Violins II: *mp*

Viola: *mp*

Cello: *arco*, *V*

String Bass: $\frac{1}{2}$ *arco*, *V*, $\frac{1}{2}$ *pizz.*

9 **Poco rit.** 10 **A Tempo** 11 12

Vlns. I *mp* *p*
div.

Vlns. II *p* *pp*

Vla. *p* *pp*

Cello *p* *pp*
Tutti
∇ arco

Str. Bass *p* *pp* $\frac{1}{2}$ pizz.

13 14 15 16

Vlns. I *f* *p*

Vlns. II *f* *p*

Vla. *f* *p*

Cello *f*

Str. Bass *f* Tutti arco

17 18 19 V 20

I Vlns. *mf* *mp*

II Vlns. *mf* *mp*

Vla. *mf* *mp*

Cello *p* *mf* *pizz.* *mp*

Str. Bass *mf* *pizz.* *mp*

21 22 23 Ritard. 24

I Vlns. *f* *mp*

II Vlns. *f* *mp*

Vla. *f* *mp*

Cello *arco* *mf* *f* *mp*

Str. Bass *f* *arco* *mp*

25 *poco accel.* 26 *ritard.* 27 **A Tempo** 28 29

V Vlns. I *mp* *p* *mp*

Vlns. II *p*

Vla. *p*

Cello *pizz.* *p*

Str. Bass *pizz.* *p*

30 31 32 33

Vlns. I *mp* *mf*

Vlns. II *mp* *mf*

Vla. *mp* *mf*

Cello *mp* *mf*

Str. Bass *mp* *mf*

34 35⁻² 36 37 A Tempo 38

Poco rit.

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

mp *mp* *mp* *mf* *mp* *mf* *mp* *mp*

arco

39 40 41 42 43

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

f *f* *f* *f* *f*

Ritard. **47 A Tempo** 48 *delicato*

Vlns. I
44 45 46 47 48
mp

Vlns. II
p

Vla.
p

Cello
p
div.
p

Str. Bass
p
(pizz.)

Vlns. I
49 50 51 52
mf

Vlns. II
mf

Vla.
mf

Cello
mf

Str. Bass
mf

I
Vlns.
II
Vla.
Cello
Str. Bass

53 54-2 55 56 57

div.

This system contains measures 53 through 57. It features five staves: Violins I, Violins II, Viola, Cello, and String Bass. The Violin I part has a melodic line with slurs and accents. The Violin II part is marked *div.* and plays a rhythmic accompaniment. The Viola, Cello, and String Bass parts provide harmonic support with various rhythmic patterns.

Ritard. Poco a poco

I
Vlns.
II
Vla.
Cello
Str. Bass

58 59 60 61 62

f *mf* *p*

div.

f *pizz.* *arco* *div.*

f *pizz.* *arco*

mf *p*

This system contains measures 58 through 62. It features the same five staves as the previous system. The tempo markings *Ritard.* and *Poco a poco* are indicated above the staves. The Violin I part starts with a *f* dynamic and ends with a *p* dynamic. The Violin II part is marked *div.*. The Viola part starts with *f* and includes *pizz.* and *arco* markings. The Cello part starts with *f* and includes *pizz.* and *arco* markings. The String Bass part starts with *mf* and ends with *p*. The system concludes with a double bar line and a repeat sign.