

a midnight dance

...through the poison garden

for symphonic winds & percussion



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A MIDNIGHT DANCE... THROUGH THE POISON GARDEN

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| PROGRAM NOTES |

Adjacent Alnwick Castle, in Northumberland, England, is a vast complex of formal gardens. Amongst these many gardens sits a smaller one, that is only accessible through a black gate. And fixed to the front of this gate is a sign with a prominent skull & crossbones, and the words, "THESE PLANTS CAN KILL". For all the plants within these gates are toxic. Visitors are forbidden from touching, tasting, or smelling any of these plants, or risk the natural consequences.

A Midnight Dance... through the poison garden imagines one entering through these gates and dancing their way through this precarious organic environment. The intoxicating element of danger guiding their steps and movement under the light of a full moon.

| INSTRUMENTATION |

Piccolo
2 Flute
2 Oboe
2 Bassoon
3 Bb Clarinet
Bb Bass Clarinet

2 Alto Sax
Tenor Sax
Baritone Sax

4 F Horn
3 Bb Trumpet
3 Trombone
Euphonium
Tuba

St Bass

Piano

Timpani

Perc 1: Vibraphone
Perc 2: Glockenspiel, triangle
Perc 3: Xylophone
Perc 4: Crash Cymbal, Suspended Cymbal, Splash Cymbal, Marimba
Perc 5: Concert Bass Drum, Mounted Castenets, Finger Cymbals

**Instrument is shared*

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Dark & mysterious ♩=100

Piccolo
Flute 1
Flute 2
Oboe 1|2
Clarinet 1
Clarinet 2
Clarinet 3
Bass Clarinet
Bassoon 1|2
Alto Sax 1
Alto Sax 2
Tenor Sax
Bari Sax
Horn 1|2
Horn 3|4
Trumpet 1
Trumpet 2|3
Trombone 1|2
Bass Trombone
Euphonium
Tuba
String Bass
Piano
Timpani
Perc 1
Perc 2
Perc 3
Perc 4
Perc 5

2 3 4 5 6

molto rall.

A page from a musical score for orchestra, page 34. The score is arranged in ten staves. The first six staves are in common time and common key signature (no sharps or flats). The last four staves are also in common time and common key signature. The music includes dynamic markings like ff (fortissimo), f (forte), and ff (double forte). Measure numbers 8 through 11 are visible at the bottom of the page.

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Bombastic ♩ = 160

3 G.P.

Picc.

Fl 1

Fl 2

Ob 1 | 2

Ci 1

Ci 2

Ci 3

B. Cl.

Bsn.

Alto Sax 1

Alto Sax 2

Ten. Sax.

Bari. Sax.

Hn 1 | 2

Hn 3 | 4

Tpt 1

Tpt 2 | 3

Tbn 1 | 2

B. Tbn.

Euph.

Tu

S. Bass

Pno.

Tim.

P1

P2

P3

P4

P5

ff

xylo

Crash ff

BD ff

splash

12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19

4

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mischiefous

Picc.

Fl 1

Fl 2

Ob 1 | 2

Cl 1 *solo* *mp* 3 *f* *mp*

Cl 2

Cl 3

B. Cl.

Bsn. *i. solo* *mp* 3 *p* *mf*

Alto Sax 1

Alto Sax 2

Ten. Sax. *mp*

Bari. Sax.

Hn 1 | 2

Hn 3 | 4

Tpt 1 4 3

Tpt 2 | 3 4

Tbn 1 | 2

B. Tbn.

Euph.

Tu

S. Bass

Pno. *delicate* *p*

Timp. 4 3

P1 *p* triangle

P2 *p*

P3 *mar(med/soft)*

P4 *mp* 3 *p* *mf*

P5

20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27

5

29 30 31 32 33 34

Picc.

Fl 1

Fl 2

Ob 1 | 2

Ci 1

Ci 2

Ci 3

B. Cl.

Bsn.

Alto Sax 1

Alto Sax 2

Ten. Sax.

Bari. Sax.

Hn 1 | 2

Hn 3 | 4

Tpt 1

Tpt 2 | 3

Tbn 1 | 2

B. Tbn.

Euph.

Tu

S. Bass

Pno.

Timp.

P1

P2

P3

P4

P5

35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42

A detailed musical score page featuring 21 staves of music. The instruments include Picc., Fl 1, Fl 2, Ob 1/2, Cl 1, Cl 2, Cl 3, B. Cl., Bsn., Alto Sax 1, Alto Sax 2, Ten. Sax., Bari. Sax., Hn 1/2, Hn 3/4, Tpt 1, Tpt 2/3, Tbn 1/2, B. Tbn., Euph., Tu, S. Bass, Pno., Timp., P1, P2, P3, P4, and P5. The score is in 2/4 time, with measures numbered 43 through 48 at the bottom. Dynamic markings such as ff (fortissimo) and ff (fortissimo) are present. Measure 43 starts with ff dynamic. Measures 44-45 show various instrument parts playing eighth-note patterns. Measures 46-47 feature sustained notes with ff dynamics. Measure 48 concludes with ff dynamics. Measure 43 has a rehearsal mark '43' in the top left corner. Measure 48 has a note labeled '(crash)' with an asterisk.

Picc. *pp*

Fl 1 *pp*

Fl 2 *pp*

Ob 1 | 2 *pp* *mf*

Ci 1 *pp* *mf*

Ci 2 *pp* *mf*

Ci 3 *pp* *mf*

B. Cl. *pp* *mf*

Bsn. *pp* *mf*

Alto Sax 1 *pp* *mf*

Alto Sax 2 *pp* *mf*

Ten. Sax. *pp* *mf*

Bari. Sax. *pp* *mf*

Hn 1 | 2 *pp* *mf*

Hn 3 | 4 *pp* *mf*

Tpt 1 *-* *mf*

Tpt 2 | 3 *mf*

Tbn 1 | 2 *pp* *mf*

B. Tbn. *pp* *mf*

Euph. *pp* *mf*

Tu *pp* *mf*

S. Bass *pp* *mf*

Pno.

Timp.

P1

P2

P3

P4

P5

57 | Resumé ♩=160

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70

rit.

Picc. *ff*

Fl 1 *ff*

Fl 2 *ff* *ff*

Ob 1 | 2 *ff*

Ci 1 *ff*

Ci 2 *ff*

Ci 3 *ff*

B. Cl. *ff* *ff*

Bsn. *ff*

Alto Sax 1 *ff*

Alto Sax 2 *ff*

Ten. Sax. *ff*

Bari. Sax. *ff*

Hn 1 | 2 *ff*

Hn 3 | 4 *ff*

Tpt 1 *ff*

Tpt 2 | 3 *ff*

Tbn 1 | 2 *ff*

B. Tbn. *ff*

Euph. *ff*

Tu *ff*

S. Bass *ff*

Pno. *ff*

Tim. *ff*

P1 *ff*

P2 *ff*

P3 *ff*

P4 *ff*

P5 *ff*

71 72 73 74 75

76 *Slower, serene* ♩=124

Picc.

Fl 1

Fl 2

Ob 1/2

Cl 1

Cl 2

Cl 3

B. Cl.

Bsn.

Alto Sax 1

Alto Sax 2

Ten. Sax.

Bari. Sax.

Hn 1/2

Hn 3/4

Tpt 1

Tpt 2/3

Tbn 1/2

B. Tbn.

Euph.

Tu

S. Bass

Pno.

Timp.

P1

P2

P3

P4

P5

76 77 78 79

Fl 1 *all*
 Fl 2
 Ob 1 | 2
 Cl 1
 Cl 2
 Cl 3
 B. Cl.
 Bsn.
 Alto Sax 1
 Alto Sax 2
 Ten. Sax.
 Bari. Sax.
 Hn 1 | 2
 Hn 3 | 4
 Tpt 1
 Tpt 2 | 3
 Tbn 1 | 2
 B. Tbn.
 Euph.
 Tu
 S. Bass
 Pno.
 Timp.
 P1
 P2
 P3
 P4
 P5

80 81 82 83 84 85

88 Waltz $\text{♩} = 132$

rit.

Picc.

Fl 1

Fl 2

Ob 1 | 2

Cl 1

Cl 2

Cl 3

B. Cl.

Bsn.

Alto Sax 1

Alto Sax 2

Ten. Sax.

Bari. Sax.

Hn 1 | 2

Hn 3 | 4

Tpt 1

Tpt 2 | 3

Tbn 1 | 2

B. Tbn.

Euph.

Tu

S. Bass

Pno.

Tim.

P1

P2

P3

P4

P5

86 87 88 89 90 91 92 93

Picc.

Fl 1 *f*

Fl 2 *mf*

Ob 1 | 2

Ci 1 *p*

Ci 2 *mf*

Ci 3 *mf*

B. Cl. *p* *mf*

Bsn.

Alto Sax 1

Alto Sax 2

Ten. Sax.

Bari. Sax.

Hn 1 | 2

Hn 3 | 4

Tpt 1

Tpt 2 | 3

Tbn 1 | 2

B. Tbn.

Euph.

Tu

S. Bass

Pno.

Tim.

P1

P2 *mf*

P3

P4

P5

94 95 96 97 98 99 100 101

rit.

Picc.

Fl 1

Fl 2

Ob 1|2

Cl 1

Cl 2

Cl 3

B. Cl.

Bsn.

Alto Sax 1

Alto Sax 2

Ten. Sax.

Bari. Sax.

Hn 1|2

Hn 3|4

Tpt 1

Tpt 2|3

Tbn 1|2

B. Tbn.

Euph.

Tu.

S. Bass.

Pno.

Timp.

P1

P2

P3

P4

P5

102 103 104 105 106 107 108 109 110

111 *Slower* ♩ = 124

Picc. f
 Fl 1 f
 Fl 2 f
 Ob 1 | 2 f
 Cl 1
 Cl 2
 Cl 3
 B. Cl. mf
 Bsn. mf
 Alto Sax 1
 Alto Sax 2
 Ten. Sax. mf
 Bari. Sax. mf
 Hn 1 | 2 mf
 Hn 3 | 4 mf
 Tpt 1
 Tpt 2 | 3
 Tbn 1 | 2 mf
 B. Tbn. mf
 Euph. mf
 Tu mf
 S. Bass mf
 Pno. mf
 Timp.
 P1 mf
 P2 mf
 P3 (soft)
 P4 mf
 P5 f

111 112 113 114 115 116 117 118

rall. 123 Grand, dark $\text{♩} = 92$

Picc.

Fl 1 p

Fl 2 p

Ob 1 | 2 p

Ci 1 p

Ci 2 p

Ci 3 p

B. Cl. p

Bsn. p

Alto Sax 1 p

Alto Sax 2 p

Ten. Sax. p

Bari. Sax. p

Hn 1 | 2 p

Hn 3 | 4 p

Tpt 1 p

Tpt 2 | 3 p

Tbn 1 | 2 p

B. Tbn. p

Euph.

Tu p *arco*

S. Bass p

Pno.

Timp. f

P1 p

P2

P3

P4 p

P5

Picc. *ff*

Fl 1 *ff*

Fl 2 *ff*

Ob 1 | 2 *ff*

Ci 1 *ff*

Ci 2 *ff*

Ci 3 *ff*

B. Cl. *ff*

Bsn. *ff*

Alto Sax 1 *ff*

Alto Sax 2 *ff*

Ten. Sax. *ff*

Bari. Sax. *ff*

Hn 1 | 2 *ff*

Hn 3 | 4 *ff*

Tpt 1 *ff*

Tpt 2 | 3 *ff*

Tbn 1 | 2 *ff*

B. Tbn. *ff*

Euph. *ff*

Tu *ff*

S. Bass *ff*

Pno. *ff*

Tim. *ff*

P1 *ff*

P2

P3

P4 *f*

P5

rit.

134 *Resume* ♩=92

Picc.

Fl 1

Fl 2

Ob 1 | 2

Ci 1 *f*

Ci 2

Ci 3

B. Cl.

Bsn.

Alto Sax 1

Alto Sax 2

Ten. Sax.

Bari. Sax.

Hn 1 | 2 *mf* *mute*

Hn 3 | 4 *mf* *mute*

Tpt 1

Tpt 2 | 3

Tbn 1 | 2

B. Tbn.

Euph.

Tu

S. Bass

Pno.

Tim.

P1

P2

P3

P4

P5

140

141

142

143

144

145

accel.

Allegro ♩=160

157

Picc. - *fff*

Fl 1 - *fff*

Fl 2 - *fff*

Ob 1 | 2 - *fff*

Ci 1 - *fff*

Ci 2 - *fff*

Ci 3 - *fff*

B. Cl. - *fff*

Bsn. - *fff*

Alto Sax 1 - *fff*

Alto Sax 2 - *fff*

Ten. Sax. - *fff*

Bari. Sax. - *fff*

Hn 1 | 2 - *fff*

Hn 3 | 4 - *fff*

Tpt 1 - *fff*

Tpt 2 | 3 - *fff*

Tbn 1 | 2 - *fff*

B. Tbn. - *fff*

Euph. - *fff*

Tu - *fff*

S. Bass - *fff*

Pno. - *fff*

Tim. - *fff*

P1 - *fff*

P2 - *fff*

P3 - *fff*

P4 - *fff*

P5 - *fff*

solo 3 *mp*

finger cymbals *mp*

Musical score for orchestra and piano, page 25. The score is divided into two systems by a vertical bar line at measure 160.

Measure 159: Instruments play eighth-note patterns. Picc., Fl 1, Fl 2, Ob 1|2, Cl 1, Cl 2, Cl 3, B. Cl., Bsn., Alto Sax 1, Alto Sax 2, Ten. Sax., Bari. Sax., Hn 1|2, Hn 3|4, Tpt 1, Tpt 2|3, Tbn 1|2, B. Tbn., Euph., Tu., S. Bass., Pno., Timp., P1, P2, P3, P4, P5.

Measure 160: Large numerals 4 and 3 are placed above the staff. Instruments play eighth-note patterns. Picc., Fl 1, Fl 2, Ob 1|2, Cl 1, Cl 2, Cl 3, B. Cl., Bsn., Alto Sax 1, Alto Sax 2, Ten. Sax., Bari. Sax., Hn 1|2, Hn 3|4, Tpt 1, Tpt 2|3, Tbn 1|2, B. Tbn., Euph., Tu., S. Bass., Pno., Timp., P1, P2, P3, P4, P5.

Measures 161-164: Instruments play sustained notes or rests. Picc., Fl 1, Fl 2, Ob 1|2, Cl 1, Cl 2, Cl 3, B. Cl., Bsn., Alto Sax 1, Alto Sax 2, Ten. Sax., Bari. Sax., Hn 1|2, Hn 3|4, Tpt 1, Tpt 2|3, Tbn 1|2, B. Tbn., Euph., Tu., S. Bass., Pno., Timp., P1, P2, P3, P4, P5.

165

Picc. *f*

Fl 1 *f*

Fl 2 *f*

Ob 1 | 2 *ff*³

Ci 1 *all f*

Ci 2 *f*

Ci 3 *f*

B. Cl.

Bsn. *ff*

Alto Sax 1 *f*

Alto Sax 2 *f*

Ten. Sax.

Bari. Sax. *ff*

Hn 1 | 2 *ff*

Hn 3 | 4 *ff*

Tpt 1 *f*

Tpt 2 | 3 *f*

Tbn 1 | 2 *ff*

B. Tbn. *f*

Euph. *f*

Tu *f*

S. Bass *ff*

Pno. *f*

Tim. *f*

P1

P2

P3

P4 *f*

P5

172

3
4

Picc.

Fl 1 p

Fl 2 p

Ob 1 | 2

Ci 1 p

Ci 2 p

Ci 3 p

B. Cl. p

Bsn. ff

Alto Sax 1 p

Alto Sax 2 p

Ten. Sax. mf

Bari. Sax. p

Hn 1 | 2 mf

Hn 3 | 4 mf

Tpt 1 mf

Tpt 2 | 3 mf

Tbn 1 | 2 p ff

B. Tbn. p

Euph. mf

Tu p ff

S. Bass p

Pno. p ff

Tim. ff

P1 hard

P2 ff

P3

P4

P5

172 173 174 175 176 177 178 179

molto rall.

183

Massive ♩ =100

Musical score for orchestra and band, page 28, measures 180-187. The score includes parts for Picc., Fl 1, Fl 2, Ob 1/2, Cl 1, Cl 2, Cl 3, B. Cl., Bsn., Alto Sax 1, Alto Sax 2, Ten. Sax., Bari. Sax., Hn 1/2, Hn 3/4, Tpt 1, Tpt 2/3, Tbn 1/2, B. Tbn., Euph., Tu, S. Bass, Pno., Timp., P1, P2, P3, P4, and P5. Measure 180: Picc., Fl 1, Fl 2, Ob 1/2, Cl 1, Cl 2, Cl 3, B. Cl., Bsn., Alto Sax 1, Alto Sax 2, Ten. Sax., Bari. Sax., Hn 1/2, Hn 3/4, Tpt 1, Tpt 2/3, Tbn 1/2, B. Tbn., Euph., Tu, S. Bass, Pno., Timp., P1, P2, P3, P4, P5 play eighth-note patterns marked *mf*. Measures 181-182: Picc., Fl 1, Fl 2, Ob 1/2, Cl 1, Cl 2, Cl 3, B. Cl., Bsn., Alto Sax 1, Alto Sax 2, Ten. Sax., Bari. Sax., Hn 1/2, Hn 3/4, Tpt 1, Tpt 2/3, Tbn 1/2, B. Tbn., Euph., Tu, S. Bass, Pno., Timp., P1, P2, P3, P4, P5 play eighth-note patterns marked *fff*. Measure 183: Picc., Fl 1, Fl 2, Ob 1/2, Cl 1, Cl 2, Cl 3, B. Cl., Bsn., Alto Sax 1, Alto Sax 2, Ten. Sax., Bari. Sax., Hn 1/2, Hn 3/4, Tpt 1, Tpt 2/3, Tbn 1/2, B. Tbn., Euph., Tu, S. Bass, Pno., Timp., P1, P2, P3, P4, P5 play eighth-note patterns marked *fff*, with dynamic *p* at the end. Measures 184-185: Picc., Fl 1, Fl 2, Ob 1/2, Cl 1, Cl 2, Cl 3, B. Cl., Bsn., Alto Sax 1, Alto Sax 2, Ten. Sax., Bari. Sax., Hn 1/2, Hn 3/4, Tpt 1, Tpt 2/3, Tbn 1/2, B. Tbn., Euph., Tu, S. Bass, Pno., Timp., P1, P2, P3, P4, P5 play eighth-note patterns marked *fff*. Measures 186-187: Picc., Fl 1, Fl 2, Ob 1/2, Cl 1, Cl 2, Cl 3, B. Cl., Bsn., Alto Sax 1, Alto Sax 2, Ten. Sax., Bari. Sax., Hn 1/2, Hn 3/4, Tpt 1, Tpt 2/3, Tbn 1/2, B. Tbn., Euph., Tu, S. Bass, Pno., Timp., P1, P2, P3, P4, P5 play eighth-note patterns marked *fff*.

Picc. 3

F1 1

F1 2

Ob 1 | 2

Ci 1

Ci 2

Ci 3

B. Cl.

Bsn.

Alto Sax 1 3

Alto Sax 2

Ten. Sax.

Bari. Sax.

Hn 1 | 2

Hn 3 | 4

Tpt 1 3

Tpt 2 | 3

Tbn 1 | 2

B. Tbn.

Euph.

Tu

S. Bass

Pno.

Tim. 3

P1

P2

P3

P4

P5

188 189 190 191 192 193 194

F.G.C.D.

fff

molto rall.

3 *With urgency* $\text{♩} = 160$ **4**

molto rall.

3 *With urgency* $\text{♩} = 160$ **4**

Picc.
Fl 1
Fl 2
Ob 1/2
Cl 1
Cl 2
Cl 3
B. Cl.
Bsn.
Alto Sax 1
Alto Sax 2
Ten. Sax.
Bari. Sax.
Hn 1/2
Hn 3/4
Tpt 1
Tpt 2/3
Tbn 1/2
B. Tbn.
Euph.
Tu
S. Bass
Pno.
Timp.
P1
P2
P3
P4
P5

3 *With urgency* $\text{♩} = 160$ **4**

195 196 197 198 199 200 201

accel.

3

Picc. Fl 1 Fl 2 Ob 1 | 2 Cl 1 Cl 2 Cl 3 B. Cl. Bsn. Alto Sax 1 Alto Sax 2 Ten. Sax. Bari. Sax. Hn 1 | 2 Hn 3 | 4 Tpt 1 Tpt 2 | 3 Tbn 1 | 2 B. Tbn. Euph. Tu S. Bass Pno. Timp. P1 P2 P3 P4 P5

202 203 204 205 206

207 *Presto* ♩ =184

Picc.

F1 1

F1 2

Ob 1 | 2

Ci 1

Ci 2

Ci 3

B. Cl.

Bsn.

Alto Sax 1

Alto Sax 2

Ten. Sax.

Bari. Sax.

Hn 1 | 2

Hn 3 | 4

Tpt 1

Tpt 2 | 3

Tbn 1 | 2

B. Tbn.

Euph.

Tu

S. Bass

Pno.

Timp.

P1

P2

P3

P4

P5

