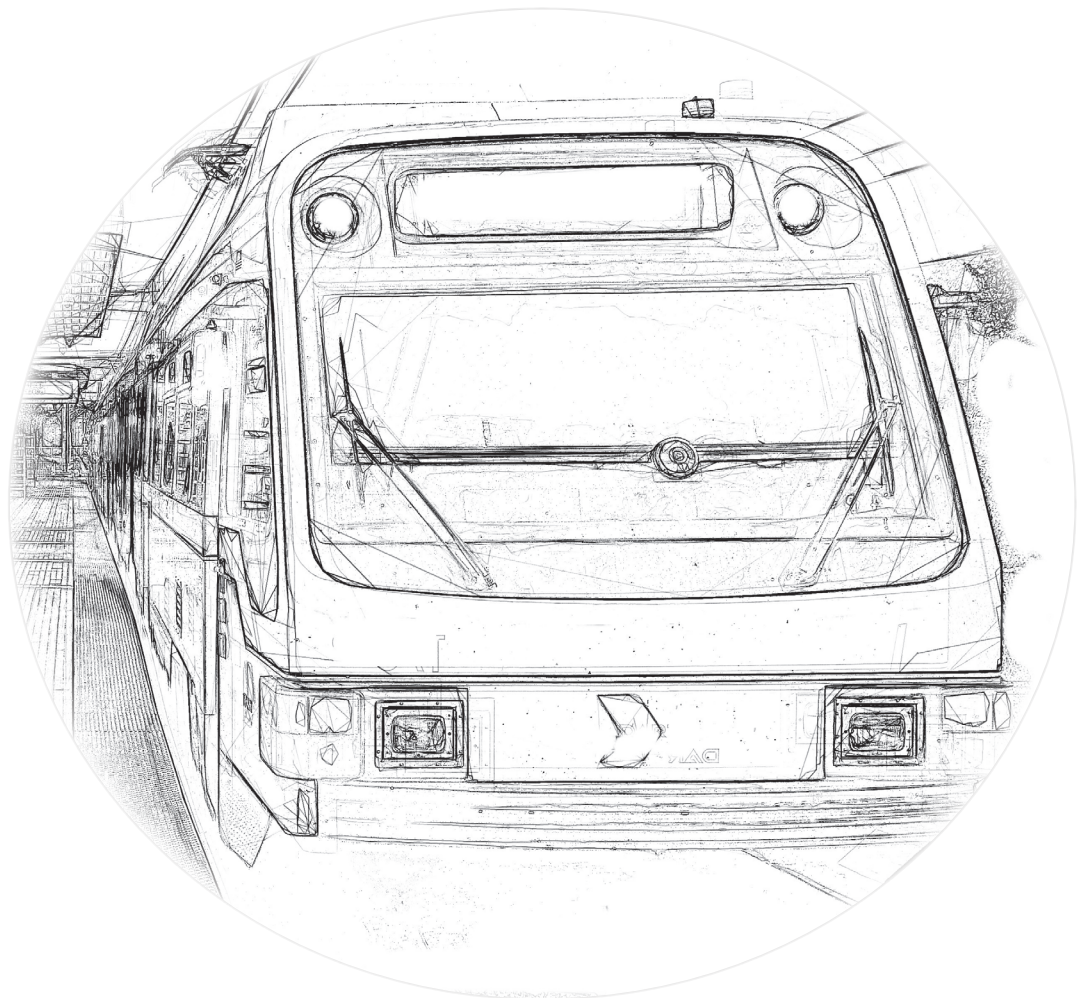


Soprano, Flute, and Piano

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Patti Rides the DART

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Program notes

“I’ve always said that crazy things happen everywhere, and you just need to have your eyes open to them.” And so begins another online post by Patti Eubanks Adams about her latest (mis)adventures riding the Dallas Area Rapid Transit (the DART). These unexpected and often humorous experiences were chronicled online by Patti which, over time, found their way to the composer. Inspired by Patti’s pithy, sarcastic, and self-effacing observations, the composer decided to set a collection of them to music. The result is ***Patti Rides the DART***, a set of seven musical miniatures for soprano, flute, and piano. Moving through numerous genres and styles, this set offers a unique vehicle for dramatic expression that will challenge the range of the singer. The pianist and flutist also provide more than accompanimental support by playing important roles in the piece’s many comedic moments.

Performance notes

The sixth song features a head joint *glissando*, a technique achieved by the flutist playing into the head joint while slowly moving his or her right-hand index finger in and out of the opening at the end of the head joint. The aural effect is like the sound of a slide whistle. To avoid disassembling their instrument during the performance, it is recommended that the flutist use a separate head joint for this song.

Text

I. Day 2 Hair

Finally got to work 45 minutes later than usual, and my “Day 2 Hair” looks more like “Day 26 of a Hostage Situation Hair.” And I’m not making light of any hostage situation.

II. Dear Kind Man

Dear kind man next to me on the TRE, no, you may not lay your head on my shoulder.

III. Calisthenics

I’m not sure I can even describe what just happened, but it involved a pirate headscarf, *multiple* piercings, and calisthenics on a moving train.

IV. Faithfully

That moment when you realize that everyone is enjoying your rendition of Journey’s “Faithfully.” I really took it home on the bridge and all the way through the chorus.

V. Death Dealer

I’m currently sharing my seat with a guy wearing a jacket that says “Death Dealer” on it. Prayers appreciated.

VI. Composting

Dear sir, your 45-minute discussion on composting was riveting. #SaidNoOneEver
#HeldHostage

VII. Tote Bag

I’ve always said that crazy things happen everywhere, and you just need to have your eyes open to them. But today is one even I wouldn’t expect. I just gave a lady on the DART my big TXB tote bag. So she could throw up in it. Then we rode together for four more stops. Hold me Jesus. #PattiRidesTheDART

Patti Rides the DART

for Soprano, Flute, and Piano

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I. Day 2 Hair

Tired, moody ♩ = 56 *mp* *rit.*

Tired, moody ♩ = 56 *rit.*

A little faster ♩ = 66 *mp* *3*

A little faster ♩ = 66 *film noir-esque* *p* *con Ped.*

Fi - nal - ly got to

work for - ty - five min - utes lat - er than u - su - al, — and my

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10

a bit more emphatic

“Day _____ 2 Hair,” my “Day _____ 2

13

detached
f

Hair”

detached
f

16

f

looks more like “Day Twen - ty - Six of a Hos - tage Sit - u - a - tion Hair.” ____

20 *a tempo*

mp

a tempo

p

23 *poco rit.* ♩ = 60

p *freely*

And I'm not mak - ing light ___ of an - y hos - tage sit - u - a - tion.

poco rit. ♩ = 60

26 *a tempo detached*

p

a tempo detached

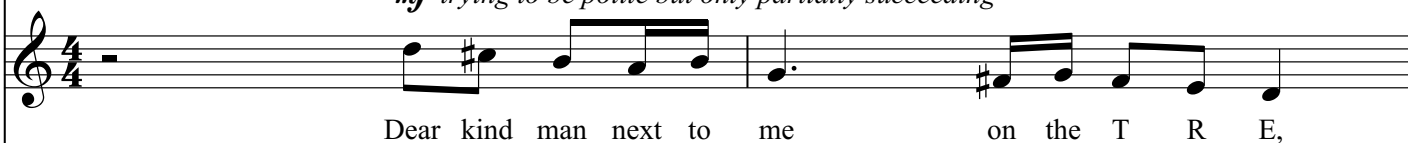
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II. Dear Kind Man

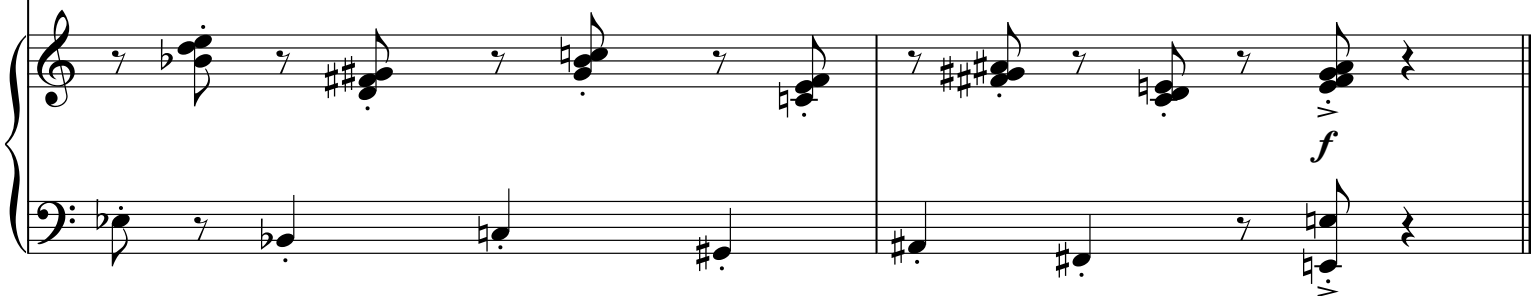
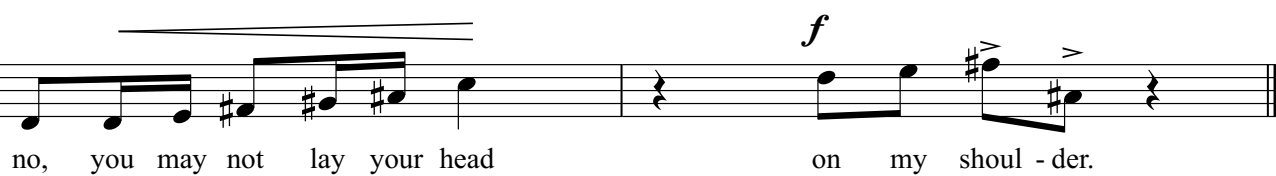
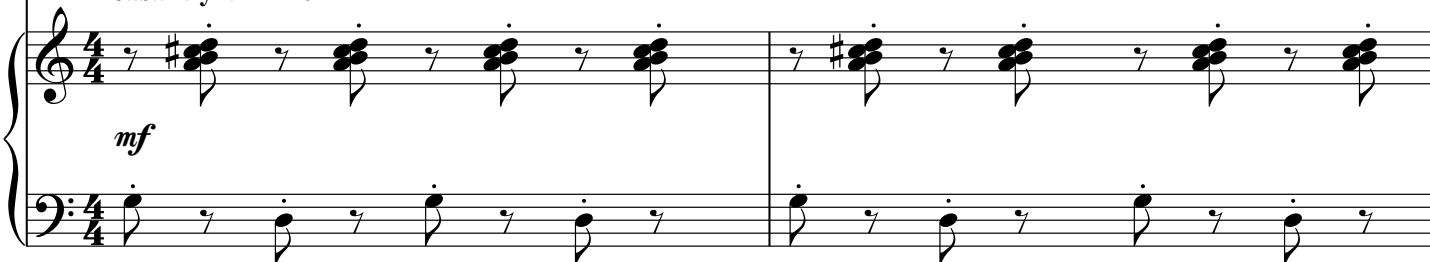
Pleasantly ♩ = 126



mf trying to be polite but only partially succeeding



Pleasantly ♩ = 126



III. Calisthenics

Astonished and bewildered $\text{♩} = 88$

f

mf

4

tr

mp

f

I'm not — sure I can e - ven de -

8

tr

f

mp

scribe what just hap - pened, but it in - volved a

11

pi - rate head - scarf, *mul - ti - ple* pierc - ings, and

mf *f*

14

cadenza, somewhat out of control (feel free to add an awkward breath or two)

cal - - - - -

17

20

ff

is - then - ics

25

exuberantly

ff

f freely

on a mov - ing

rit.

ff

rit.

29

a tempo

mp

mp

train.

a tempo

mp

f

IV. Faithfully

Dreamily (in 2) ♩ = 76

mp *bring out* *con Ped.*

4 *p* That mo - ment,

mf

7 *mp* *mf* that

10 ♩ = 88 (slow four) *mf* mo - ment when you re - a - lize ___ that ev - ery -

♩ = 88 (slow four) *mf*

The musical score is for a piece titled 'IV. Faithfully'. It begins with a tempo and mood marking 'Dreamily (in 2)' and a tempo of 76 beats per minute. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The score is written for voice and piano. The piano part features a continuous triplet eighth-note pattern in the right hand and sustained chords in the left hand. The voice part enters at measure 4 with the lyrics 'That mo - ment,'. The tempo changes to 88 beats per minute, marked '(slow four)', at measure 10. The key signature changes to two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The piano part continues with the triplet pattern, and the voice part sings 'mo - ment when you re - a - lize ___ that ev - ery -'. The score includes various musical notations such as triplets, sixths, and dynamic markings like *mp*, *p*, and *mf*.

13

one is en-joy-ing your ren - di - tion of Jour - ney's "Faith - ful - ly." —

freely (belted out)

Pop Rock style ♩ = 144

16

f

I real - ly took

Pop Rock style ♩ = 144

19

it home on the bridge — and

22 *rit. molto*

ff

getting lost in the music

ff

all the way _____ though the cho - rus. _____

*Awkward pause:
realize that people
are watching you.*

rit. molto

ff

26 **Pop ballad** ♩ = 96

p

Pop ballad ♩ = 96

p

30 *rall. poco*

pp humming to yourself

mm

rall. poco

pp

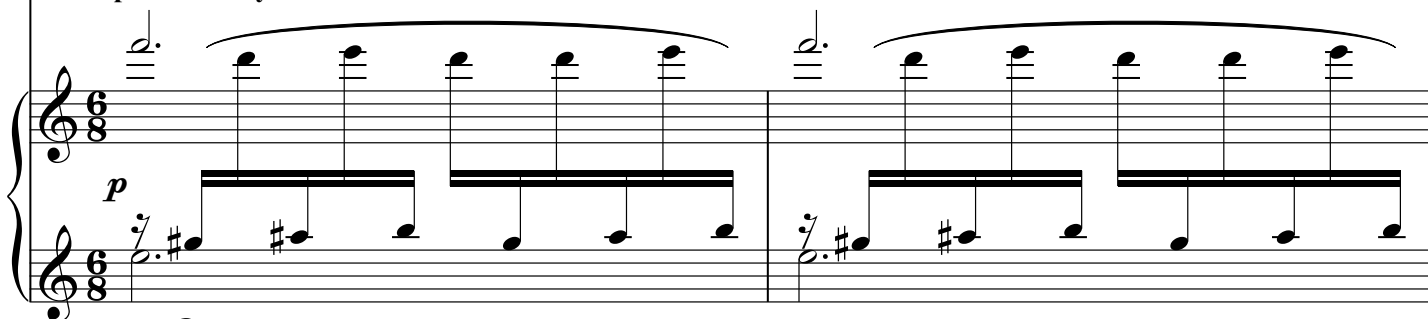
V. Death Dealer

Aprehensively ♩ = 63

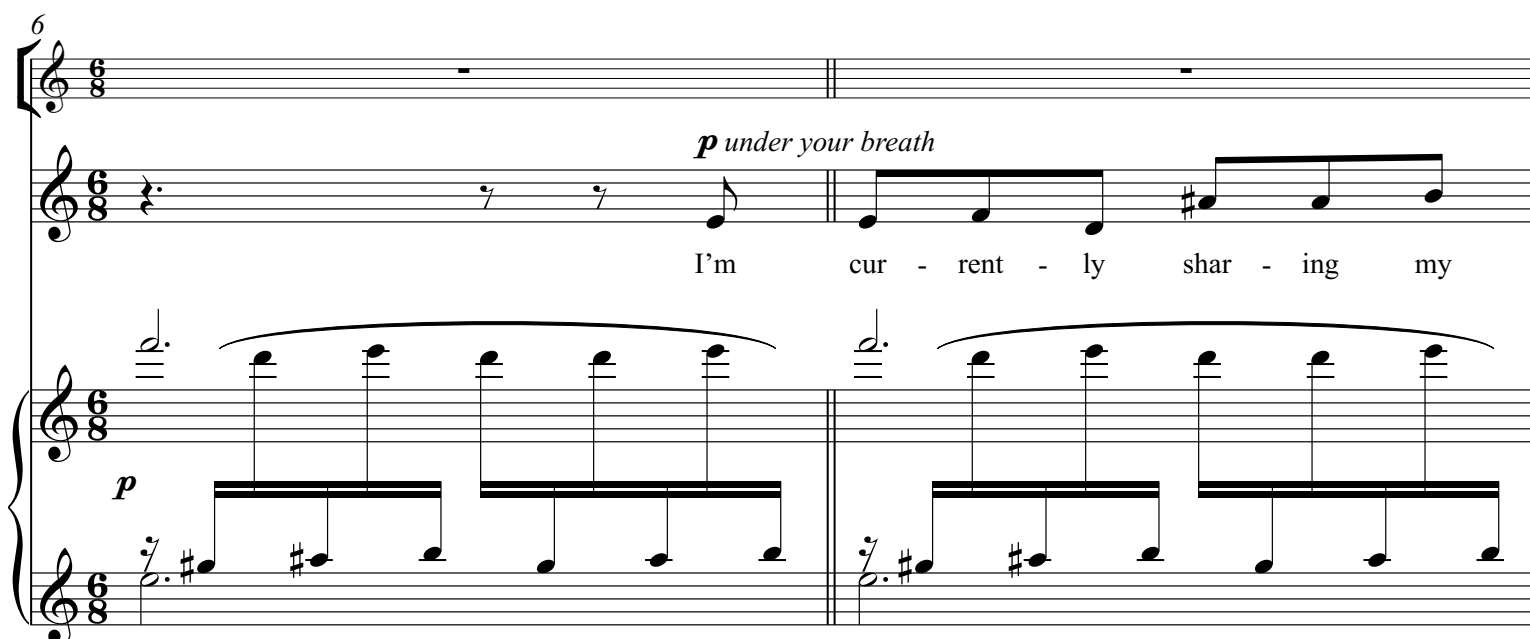
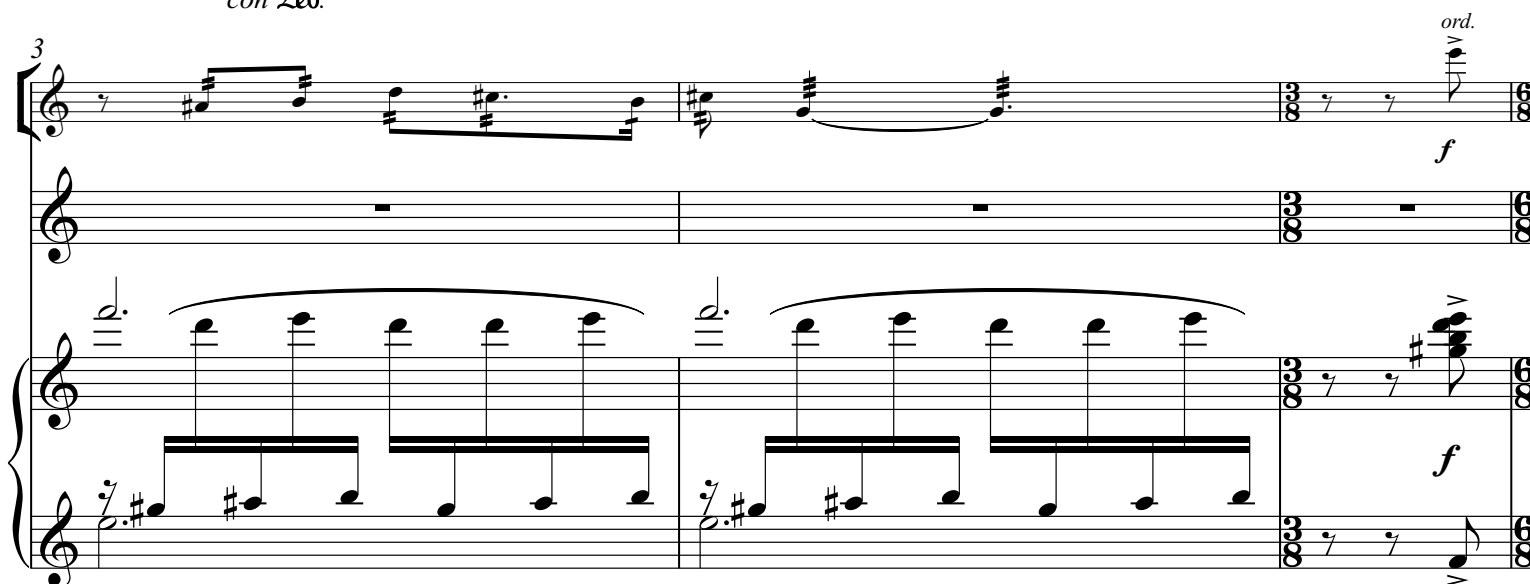
(flutter tongue)



Aprehensively ♩ = 63



con Ped.



8

p

seat with a guy

10

ord. *f*

wear - ing a jack - et

13

p sub. *f*

that says

16

menacingly

p

"Death Deal - er" on it.

19 *a tempo*

p

a tempo

21 *p nervously* (gulp)

Pray'rs ap - pre - ci - at - ed.

24 *ord.*

f

f

VI. Composting

ca. 15" 

*Move pitch slowly up and down;
do not coordinate with tempo.* **Monotonously** ♩ = 100

*head joint glissando
(breathe as needed)*
p

mp

Dear sir, Your for - ty - five

ca. 15" **Monotonously** ♩ = 100

p

5

faux enthusiasm

min - ute dis - cus - sion on com - post - ing was riv - et - ing. _____

9

sarcastically **3** *resignation setting in* **3**  **n**

(hash - tag) Said So One Ev - er (hash - tag) Held Hos - tage

ca. 15" 

ca. 15" 

VII. Tote Bag

Quasi-recitative ♩ = 80

Flute

Soprano

mp

I've al - ways said that craz - y things hap - pen ev - ery - where, _ and you

Quasi-recitative ♩ = 80

Piano

mp

3

f freely

just need to have your eyes o - pen to them. _ But to - day is one e - ven

f

6

I would - n't ex - pect. _

12/8

The musical score is for a piece titled "VII. Tote Bag". It is written for three parts: Flute, Soprano, and Piano. The time signature is 4/4. The tempo is marked "Quasi-recitative" with a quarter note equal to 80 beats per minute. The key signature has one sharp (F#). The Soprano part has lyrics: "I've al - ways said that craz - y things hap - pen ev - ery - where, _ and you". The Piano part has lyrics: "just need to have your eyes o - pen to them. _ But to - day is one e - ven". The score includes dynamic markings: *mp* (mezzo-piano) and *f* (forte). There are also markings for "freely" and "f". The score is divided into measures, with a 3-measure rest in the Soprano part and a 6-measure rest in the Piano part. The final section is in 12/8 time, with a 12-measure rest in the Soprano part and a 12-measure rest in the Piano part.

Soulful Gospel ♩ = 60

8

mp *mf* *mf*

I just gave a

Soulful Gospel ♩ = 60

10

play 2x only *mf*

ad lib. 2x

la - dy on the DART my _____

12

big T X B tote _____ bag. _____

The musical score is written for a vocal melody and piano accompaniment in 12/8 time. The tempo is marked as 'Soulful Gospel' with a quarter note equal to 60 beats per minute. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The score is divided into three systems, each starting with a measure number (8, 10, and 12). The first system (measures 8-9) shows the vocal line starting with a rest, followed by a melody. The piano accompaniment consists of chords in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand. The second system (measures 10-11) includes lyrics: 'la - dy on the DART my _____'. It features a repeat sign and a 'play 2x only' instruction for a short melodic phrase. The third system (measures 12-13) continues the vocal melody with lyrics: 'big T X B tote _____ bag. _____'. The piano accompaniment continues with chords and a bass line. Dynamics include mezzo-piano (mp) and mezzo-forte (mf). The score uses various musical notations such as rests, notes, beams, and slurs.

14

So she could _ throw _ up in it. _ Then we

16

1.

rode to-gether for four more stops. Hold me Je-sus. I

18

2.

f

soulfully

just gave a la-dy on the four more stops, four more stops, four more stops. _ Hold me

20 **Slower** ♩ = 60 *rit.*

Je - - sus. (hash - tag) Pat - ti rides the

Slower ♩ = 60 *rit.*

mf

22 **Faster** ♩ = 72 *fast and peppy*

f

f

DART! _____

Faster ♩ = 72

