

A Su Merced, Don José

For String Orchestra, Grade 4.5

By Nubia Jaime Donjuan

Instrumentation

1 - Full Score

8 - Violin 1

8 - Violin 2

5 - Viola

5 - Cello

5 - Bass

Note from the Editor:

This grade 4.5 work uses vibrant rhythms and lush harmonies in the traditions of the composer's Mexican heritage through contrasting adagio and fiery dance-like sections.

- Katie O'Hara LaBrie

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Notas al Programa:

Don José Merced fue mi tío abuelo, un hombre de carácter fuerte y costumbres pueblerinas.

Extrañando a mi Tío José escribí *A su Merced, Don José*. Intenté reflejar en ella el dolor que trajo su muerte a nuestra familia con un primer Adagio en Sol menor que desembocará al unísono, el cuál intenta describir la manera en la que él se expresaba, casi siempre seco, rudo y con fuerza. Posteriormente ese carácter irá mutando hasta llegar al siguiente Adagio en Sol mayor, que describe lo bueno que él fue, con hermosos sentimientos y siempre ayudando a todos, -él nunca tuvo hijos, pero amó a cada uno de sus sobrinos y sobrinos nietos- es así como el siguiente unísono que desarrolla ahora la parte final de la obra muestra realmente quién fue Don José.

"A su Merced" o "a tu Merced" es algo que le decíamos a Don José para hacerle saber que podía depender de nosotros. Su segundo nombre era también "Merced", y con este juego de palabras mostramos un profundo respeto por nuestro Tío José.

- Nubia Jaime Donjuan

Program Notes:

Don José Merced was my great-uncle, a man of strong character and small-town customs.

I composed this work *A Su Merced, Don José* in his memory. The piece is made up of contrasting sections representing different aspects of his life and character. In the opening g minor Adagio I tried to echo through music the immense pain and loss his death brought to our family. This leads to an energetic section with angular rhythms representing the way in which he expressed himself: almost always dry and cantankerous. The theme begins to modulate as we reach the next Adagio, now in G Major, recounting how good he was, always helping and supporting everyone. Don José may never have had children, but the final part of the work shows who he truly was, a great man who loved each of his nieces, nephews, great-nieces & great-nephews.

"A su Merced" roughly translates to "at your mercy" and was something we would say to Don José to let him know he could depend on us. His middle name was also Merced – so it is a play on words showing our deep respect for our Uncle.

- Nubia Jaime Donjuan

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Score
Grade 4.5
Duration 4:30

Nubia Jamie Donjuan

Adagio ♩ = 60

Violin 1 *mp*

Violin 2 *p* div.

Viola *p*

Cello *p*

Double Bass

2 3 4 *p*

Vln. 1 *p* div.

Vln. 2 *mp* div.

Vla. *mf* espress.

Vc. *mp*

D.B. *legato*

5 6 7 8

9

Score for measures 9-12, featuring Vln. 1, Vln. 2, Vla., Vc., and D.B. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats). Measure 9 starts with *mf* for Vln. 1 and *mp* for Vc. and D.B. Measure 12 includes *rit.* for Vln. 1 and *div.* for Vln. 2.

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13 **Presto** ♩ = 160

Score for measures 13-16, featuring Vln. 1, Vln. 2, Vla., Vc., and D.B. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats). Measure 13 starts with *f* for Vln. 1, Vln. 2, and Vla. Measure 15 includes *div.* for Vla. and *pizz.* for D.B. Measure 16 includes *f* for Vln. 1, Vln. 2, and Vla.

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Score for measures 17-20, featuring Vln. 1, Vln. 2, Vla., Vc., and D.B.

Measures 17-20 show a transition from *mf* to *f* dynamics. Vln. 1 and Vln. 2 have a *div.* (divisi) marking. Vla. and Vc. also transition from *mf* to *f*. D.B. includes an *arco* marking.

17 18 19 20

Score for measures 21-24, featuring Vln. 1, Vln. 2, Vla., Vc., and D.B.

Measures 21-24 show a continuation of the *f* dynamic. Vln. 1 and Vln. 2 play a melodic line with accents. Vla., Vc., and D.B. provide harmonic support. A box containing the number 21 is present above the first measure of Vln. 1.

21 22 23 24

27

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vc.

D.B.

mf

div. V

25 26 27 28

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vc.

D.B.

29 30 31 32

5

Violin 1 (Vln. 1) and Violin 2 (Vln. 2) are in treble clef. Viola (Vla.) is in alto clef. Violoncello (Vc.) and Double Bass (D.B.) are in bass clef. The key signature is one flat (B-flat major or D minor). The time signature is 4/4.

Measures 37-40:

- Measure 37:** Vln. 1 plays a sixteenth-note figure. Vln. 2 plays a half note. Vla. plays a half note. Vc. and D.B. play a half note.
- Measure 38:** Vln. 1 plays a sixteenth-note figure. Vln. 2 plays a half note. Vla. plays a half note. Vc. and D.B. play a half note.
- Measure 39:** Vln. 1 plays a sixteenth-note figure. Vln. 2 plays a half note. Vla. plays a half note. Vc. and D.B. play a half note.
- Measure 40:** Vln. 1 plays a sixteenth-note figure. Vln. 2 plays a half note. Vla. plays a half note. Vc. and D.B. play a half note.

Dynamic markings: *mf* (mezzo-forte), *mp* (mezzo-piano), *f* (forte), *div.* (divisi), *mp dolce* (mezzo-piano dolce).

43

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vc.

D.B.

41

42

43

44

non div.

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vc.

D.B.

45

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48

Score for measures 49-52, featuring Vln. 1, Vln. 2, Vla., Vc., and D.B.

Measures 49-52 show a musical passage with various dynamics and articulations. Vln. 1 and Vln. 2 play a melodic line with triplets and accents. Vla. and Vc. provide harmonic support with sustained notes and triplets. D.B. plays a rhythmic pattern with a *sim.* (simile) marking.

Measures 49, 50, 51, and 52 are marked below the staves.

Score for measures 53-56, featuring Vln. 1, Vln. 2, Vla., Vc., and D.B.

Measures 53-56 continue the musical passage. Vln. 1 and Vln. 2 play a melodic line with triplets and accents. Vla. and Vc. provide harmonic support with sustained notes and triplets. D.B. plays a rhythmic pattern with a *mf* (mezzo-forte) marking.

Measures 53, 54, 55, and 56 are marked below the staves.

64 **Adagio** ♩ = 60

rit.

pp

pp

div.

pp

div.

pp

pp

61 62 63 64

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Score for measures 65-68, featuring Vln. 1, Vln. 2, Vla., Vc., and D.B.

Measure 65: Vln. 1 (Solo, *p* legato), Vln. 2 (half note), Vla. (*p* legato), Vc. (legato), D.B. (legato).

Measure 66: Vln. 1 (trill, *pp*), Vln. 2 (Solo, *mp* legato), Vla. (div.), Vc. (*p*), D.B. (*p*).

Measure 67: Vln. 1 (half note), Vln. 2 (eighth notes), Vla. (half note), Vc. (half note), D.B. (half note).

Measure 68: Vln. 1 (All, *mp*), Vln. 2 (All, *mp*), Vla. (half note), Vc. (half note), D.B. (half note).

Score for measures 69-72, featuring Vln. 1, Vln. 2, Vla., Vc., and D.B.

Measure 69: Vln. 1 (*mf*), Vln. 2 (*mf*), Vla. (*mf*), Vc. (*mf*), D.B. (*mf*).

Measure 70: Vln. 1 (*mf*), Vln. 2 (*mf* legato), Vla. (*mf*), Vc. (*mf*), D.B. (*mf*).

Measure 71: Vln. 1 (*f*), Vln. 2 (*f*), Vla. (*f*), Vc. (*f*), D.B. (*f*).

Measure 72: Vln. 1 (*f*), Vln. 2 (*f*), Vla. (*f*), Vc. (*f*), D.B. (*f*).

73 **Presto** ♩ = 160

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vc.

D.B.

73 74 75 76 77

p *mp* *mf* *mf* *mf* *mf* *espress.* *sub. p* *pizz.* *mf*

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vc.

D.B.

78 79 80 81

sim. *sim.* *fp* *Solo* *mf*

Score for measures 82-85, featuring five staves: Vln. 1, Vln. 2, Vla., Vc., and D.B. The key signature is one sharp (F#). Measure 82 includes dynamics *mf* and *All, div.* for the Viola. Measure 83 includes *div.* for the Viola. Measure 84 includes *legato* and *sim.* for the Double Bass. Measure 85 includes a fourth measure rest (*4*) for the Viola and *mf* for the Double Bass. Vertical lines (V) are present above measures 82, 83, and 84 on all staves.

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84

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Score for measures 86-89, featuring five staves: Vln. 1, Vln. 2, Vla., Vc., and D.B. The key signature is one sharp (F#). Measure 86 includes dynamics *f* for Vln. 1 and *mp* for D.B. Measure 87 includes *f* for Vln. 2. Measure 88 includes *f* for Vln. 2. Measure 89 includes *f* for Vln. 2. Measure 86 includes a boxed measure number 86 in the top left corner.

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89

Violin 1 (Vln. 1), Violin 2 (Vln. 2), Viola (Vla.), Violoncello (Vc.), and Double Bass (D.B.) staves for measures 90 through 93. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The music features a forte (*f*) dynamic. Measures 90 and 91 show a melodic line in Vln. 1 and Vln. 2, with Vln. 2 having a long note. Measures 92 and 93 show a more active melodic line in Vln. 1 and Vln. 2, with Vln. 2 having a triplet. The Viola and Vc. parts feature a rhythmic pattern of eighth notes, with Vc. having a triplet in measure 92. The D.B. part features a rhythmic pattern of eighth notes.

Violin 1 (Vln. 1), Violin 2 (Vln. 2), Viola (Vla.), Violoncello (Vc.), and Double Bass (D.B.) staves for measures 94 through 97. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The music features a forte (*f*) dynamic. Measures 94 and 95 show a melodic line in Vln. 1 and Vln. 2, with Vln. 2 having a triplet. Measures 96 and 97 show a more active melodic line in Vln. 1 and Vln. 2, with Vln. 2 having a triplet. The Viola and Vc. parts feature a rhythmic pattern of eighth notes, with Vc. having a triplet in measure 94. The D.B. part features a rhythmic pattern of eighth notes. The word *marcato* is written above the Vln. 1 staff in measure 95, and above the Vln. 2 staff in measure 95. The word *marcato* is written above the Vla. staff in measure 95, and above the Vc. staff in measure 95. The word *marcato* is written above the D.B. staff in measure 95.