

# four pieces about water

for L'Ensemble Contemporain de Montréal

## I running water bassoon part

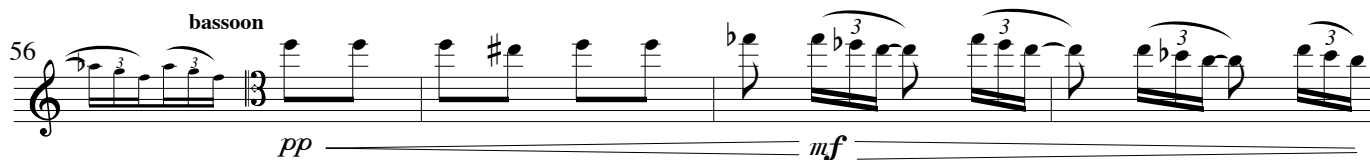
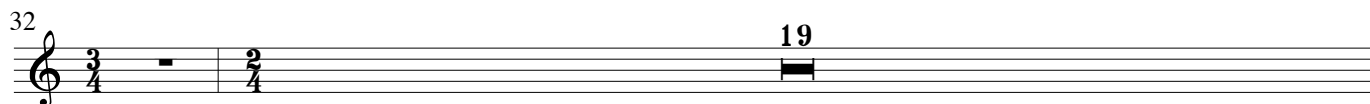
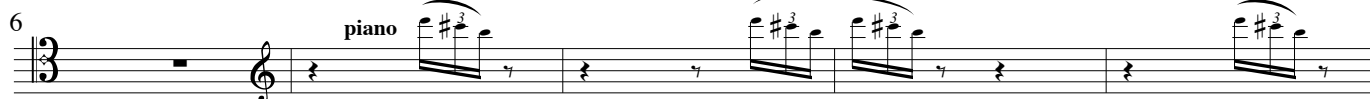
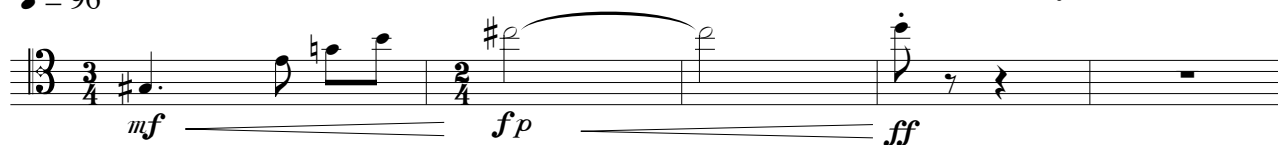
accidentals apply to the entire measure, although reminder accidentals are given frequently

*fluid, with sounds blending as much as possible*

♩ = 96

Emily Doolittle, 2000

bassoon



60 *mp f p f p f p f*

Musical staff 60-63 in 3/4 time. It features a series of eighth-note triplets with various accidentals (flats and naturals). The dynamics are marked as *mp*, *f*, *p*, *f*, *p*, *f*, and *f* with slanted lines indicating crescendos and decrescendos.

64 *mf p*

Musical staff 64-67 in 3/4 time. It includes a half-note rest at measure 64, followed by a quarter note with a flat and an accent, and a half note. Trills are marked above the notes in measures 65 and 67: tr. (A<sup>b</sup>) and tr. (B<sup>b</sup>). The dynamics are *mf* and *p*.

68 *mf*

Musical staff 68-71 in 3/4 time. It features eighth-note triplets and quarter notes. Trills are marked above the notes in measures 68 and 69: tr. (D<sup>b</sup>) and tr. (G<sup>b</sup>). The dynamic is *mf*.

72 *p*

Musical staff 72-75 in 3/4 time. It features eighth-note triplets and quarter notes. The dynamic is *p*.

76 *mp pp mf f > mf < f > mf <*

Musical staff 76-79 in 3/4 time. It includes quarter notes, eighth-note triplets, and a half note. The dynamics are *mp*, *pp*, *mf*, *f*, *f* > *mf*, *mf* < *f*, *f* > *mf*, and *mf* <.

80 *mf f mf f mp mp*

Musical staff 80-82 in 3/4 time. It features eighth-note triplets and quarter notes. The dynamics are *mf*, *f*, *mf*, *f*, *mp*, and *mp*.

83 *mf mp mf*

Musical staff 83-86 in 3/4 time. It features eighth-note triplets and quarter notes. The dynamics are *mf*, *mp*, and *mf*.

87 *pp*

Musical staff 87-90 in 3/4 time. It includes a quarter note with a flat and an accent, followed by eighth-note triplets and quarter notes. Trills are marked above the notes in measures 88, 89, and 90: tr. (B<sup>b</sup>), tr. (G<sup>b</sup>), tr. (A<sup>#</sup>), and tr. (B<sup>b</sup>). The dynamic is *pp*.

91 tr. (C#)

*mp* *f* *fff*

95 *mf*

98 *f* gradual decrescendo

101 (*mf*)

104 (*mp*) *p*

106 slowing over the next three measures (to approx. ♩ = 60) directly into II (with absolutely no pause)

*mf p* *mf*

The musical score consists of six staves of music. The first staff (measures 91-94) begins with a tritone (C#) and features a dynamic increase from *mp* to *f* to *fff*. The second staff (measures 95-97) shows a dynamic decrease from *fff* to *mf*. The third staff (measures 98-100) features a dynamic increase from *mf* to *f* with a gradual decrescendo. The fourth staff (measures 101-103) continues the *f* dynamic. The fifth staff (measures 104-105) shows a dynamic decrease from *f* to *mp* to *p*. The sixth staff (measures 106-108) begins with a dynamic increase from *mf p* to *mf*, followed by a slowing down over the next three measures (to approx. ♩ = 60) and a direct transition into the second part (II) with absolutely no pause.

## II salt water bassoon part

The large diamond-shaped noteheads indicate wind (breath) sounds, which should imitate the sound of waves and/or wind. The transition from pitched sounds to noise sounds should be gradual, so durations are only approximate. The apparent written pitch indicates the note to be fingered, but of course the pitch will not be heard. In all cases the horn leads the "noise". The horn entrance should be audible, and the other instruments should complement the horn sound.

♩ = 56, but with some freedom  
*broad, warm*

bassoon sound predominates: cello adds depth and smoothness

sound disappears into wind sounds of horn

bassoon

*p* *mp* *ppp* *p*

4

*mp* *pp*

7

*mp* *mf*

pitch → noise

nothing

10

*fmp* *p* *mp*

moving forward slightly

13

back to ♩ = 56

*mf* *pp* *p*

16

*mp* *pp* *p*

pitch → noise

19

*mp* *pp*

22

*mf* *p* *mp* *pp*

25

*p* *mp*

29

*mf* *f* nothing

35 piccolo

*mf*

38 bassoon

*mf*

42

*pp*

# III

## frozen water

### bassoon part

piccolo  $\text{♩} = 66$

6

pp

bassoon

6

9

pic.

bn.

13

pic.

5:6

bn.

17

pic.

bn.

20

5:6

5

3

3

p

pp

bn.

23

7:8

7:8

pic.

bn.

26

pic. *a little rough*

bn. *mp* *p* *mf* *mp*

31

pic. *f* *mf* *f* *mf* *f* *mf*

bn. *f* *mf* *f* *mf* *f* *mf*

34

pic. *f* *f* *f* *f* *f* *f*

bn. *ff* *f* *f* *f* *f* *f*

38

pic. *slightly slower*

bn.

# IV rain water bassoon part

♩ = 148 (do not slow down!)

*percussive and light*

bassoon

tambourine

8

13

24

flute

32

*p* *pp* *p*

(string sound predominates here)

39

bassoon

flute

*pp* < *p* *pp* < *p* *mp* > *p*

45

bassoon

*pp* < *p* *pp* < *p* *mp* > *p* *pp* < *p*

51

flute

bassoon

*mp* > *p* *pp* < *p* *pp* < *p* *pp* <

57 *p* *mp* *p* *mp* *p*

62 *mf* *f* *mp* *subito ff* *enthusiastically reckless*

67

72 *tambourine* *violin*

80

85 *pp* *p* *pp* *p* *pp* *delicate*

90 *p* *pp* *mp, cresc.*

95 *mf*

100 *fp* *flute*

106

*p* *fff* *ff*

112

*f* *mp*

117

*f* *mf*

124

*p* *pp* *ff*