

I

(Let every state be simple)*

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simple, with long phrases

quarter notes generally grouped in twos -- groupings of three are indicated by a plain bracket

$\text{♩} = 76$

(tongued but smooth)

flute

p

harp

5

8

mp

p

p

12

mp

p

(play B only if flute has no B foot)

mp

p

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15

mp *mp*

* verse 80

18

mf *p* *mp* *p*

21

mf

25

mp *mf* *mf*

(play B only if flute has no B foot)

30

f

35

p *pp*

cadenza (freely, ad lib. as desired)

40

poco a poco cresc.

40

mf *p* *mp*

p *mp*

43

mp

mp

47

f

f

52

mf *p*

mf *p*

II

(When a thing has existence alone it is mere dead-weight: Only when it has emptiness does it have life)*

with lots of space (total duration between 45" and 1"30)

The musical score is written for flute and harp. The flute part is in treble clef and includes the marking *delicate*. The harp part is in treble clef and includes the marking *dynamics ad lib., mostly pp*. The score consists of three systems of staves. Each system contains two staves, one for the flute and one for the harp. The music is characterized by sparse, isolated notes and motifs, many of which are enclosed in rectangular boxes. The first system shows a flute motif (a quarter note with a sharp) and a harp motif (a quarter note). The second system shows a flute motif (a quarter note with a sharp) and a harp motif (a quarter note). The third system shows a flute motif (a quarter note with a sharp) and a harp motif (a quarter note). The score is designed to be played with a lot of space, allowing for a meditative and contemplative atmosphere.

Players alternate motives, leaving silence between motives as desired. Motives should usually be separated, but can sometimes come one right after the other.

* verse 11

III

(The best way to live is to be like water)*

$\text{♩} = \text{approx. } 50, \text{ with some rubato}$

flute

harp

pp p pp

5

pp p pp

p (let resonate)

6

pp mp pp

5 3 5

pp mp pp

10

p

p

5 5

p

* verse 8

30 *f*

5

5

35 *broadening* *lightening* *fade with harp* *p*

3

8va

p

IV

(Everyone recognizes beauty only because of ugliness)*

violent
♩ = 120

flute *tr* (B $\sharp$)

ffp *mf*

harp *ff* let resonate

3 *tr* (D $\sharp$)

ffmp *f* *mf*

ff let resonate

5 (tremolo) *becoming sweeter* → flutter tongue → ordinary

ff *p* *mp* *pp*

ff let resonate

tongue stop (slightly percussive)

* verse 2

V

(Be steady from the beginning to the end)*

bell-like

$\text{♩} = 52$

flute

p

harp

p

4

pochiss. rit.

a tempo

7

rit.

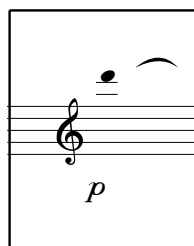
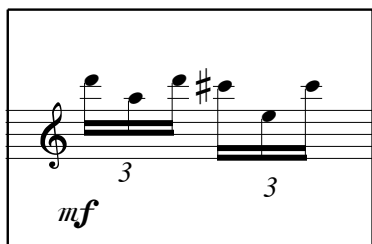
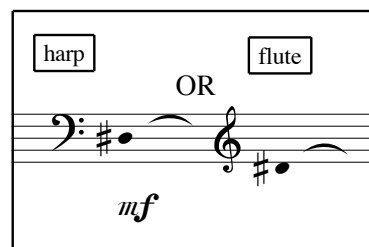
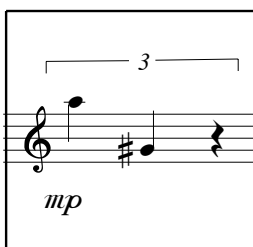
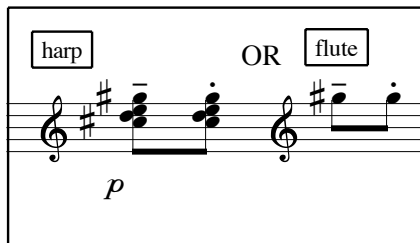
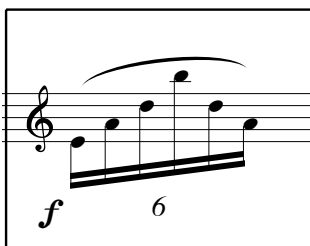
* verse 64

VI

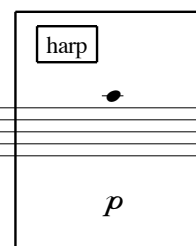
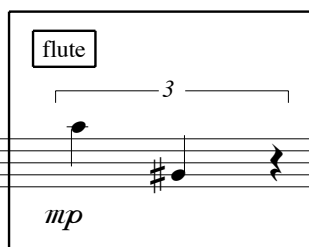
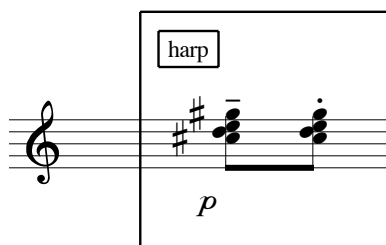
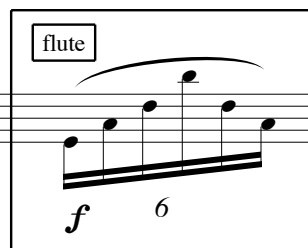
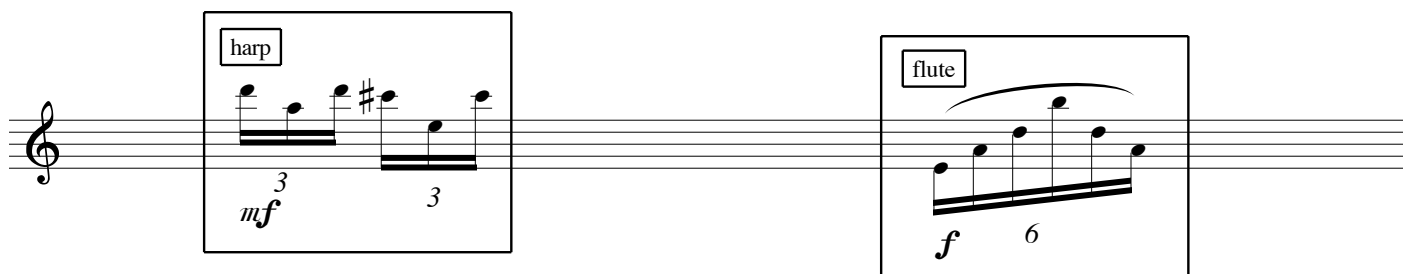
(Speak little: Hold to your own nature)

Beginning: Choose from these phrases, mostly alternating which instrument plays. Leave lots of silence (more silence than sound, Sometimes isolate the motives, sometimes chain them together, but try to avoid overlaps. This section could last from 40 seconds to several minutes. Dynamics may sometimes be varied a little.

♩ = approx. 63



Ending: Continue to play in the same manner, but play the phrases in the following order, with instrumentation as written.



* verse 23

VII

(Nothing in this world is as soft and yielding as water)*

unmeasured (approx. 30")

flute

harp

mp *f*

bisbigliando (usually play downwards)

1 2 3 4

pp *mf*

let resonate

Progress slowly from motives 1 to 4. Vary the speed a little. In 3 and 4 you could also have one of the hands go upwards sometimes, and you can go back and forth between 3 and 4.

♩ = approx. 72 (molto ad lib.)

tr (B $\frac{1}{4}$)

flutter tongue *ordinary*

f p *f* *f p* *f*

fade to nothing

bisbigliando

1

nothing

* verse 78

4 unmeasured (approx. 20") sneaking in unnoticed

nothing

p

pp *p* *pp*

5 *tr* (E^b) *flutter tonguing*

pp *p* *pp*

7 unmeasured (approx. 15")

pp *pp*

p *bisbigliando* *stop abruptly and dampen* *pp*

pp *mf*

(Reduce what you have; Decrease what you want)

* verse 19

IX

(joyful in the way they live)*

delicate

as fast as possible while still sounding light and simple (at least $\text{♩} = 84$)

flute *p*

harp (not too resonant) *p*

5 *mp* *p*

9 *mp* *p*

13 *mp* *mp*

17 *mf* *mf*

* verse 80

21

p *mp* *mf* $\rightrightarrows$ *p* *mf*

25

p *p* *p*

30

f *pp* *f* *pp*

poco rit. (like winding down)

35