

Under Wing

for pierrot ensemble + percussion

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Instrumentation

Flute + Piccolo

Clarinet in Bb + Bass Clarinet

Violin

Cello

Piano (prepared)

Percussion:

[Glockenspiel, Vibraphone, Woodblocks (high, med, low), Chimes,
Suspended Cymbal, Paper Ball(s), Bass Drum]

Program Notes

Under Wing is inspired by White-throated Sparrows, prairie thunderstorms, teachers, and their students.

Approximate duration: 9 minutes

Performance Notes & Legend

General:

The latter half of this piece features chromatic and whole-tone passages. Accidentals have been written with regard to the individual part and do not always reflect the vertical harmony.

The last measure is given as a fermata. Here, players should allow all reverberations to ring out. Artificial fade-outs such as lifting the piano pedal or muting the Bass-Drum skin IS permissible, but the player should endeavour to make these fades as organic as possible.

The wiggly lines extending from aleotonic boxes indicate that the technique should be continued for the specified duration.

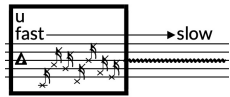
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Flute

Whistle tones are notated with a diamond notehead and "W.T." plus an angular line. The desired effect is for the pitch to fluctuate, but always return to the notated pitch.



Indicates lip pizzicato



T.R.

Indicates non-pitched white-noise and random key clicks. Mouth-piece should be fully covered. Speed of key clicks and vowel shapes are given above the staff.

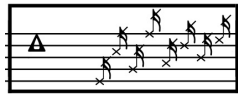


Indicates tongue-ram



Indicates a key-slap with pitch.

Clarinet



Indicates air blown through the instrument with random key-clicks. The speed of key-clicks is given above the staff. No pitch.



Indicates "Teeth on Reed," generating a high concert F# on the Bb Clarinet.



Indicates a "freak-out." Random, frantic, and high. Leading into section J, the player is asked to transition from this effect to notated pitches. How this is achieved is at the player's discretion.



Indicates slap-tongue.

Strings:

Circle bowing is indicated by the word "circle-bowing" and a durational line. The notated rhythms indicate approximately where the note should "pop" out of the texture.

"c.l.b." indicates col legno battuto. This technique is often combined with an beam-acceleration and transition to ordinary bowing (marked "ord."). "c.l.b. 1/2" indicates that players should use half-wood/half-hair to generate additional "grit"

The notated rhythms of the c.l.b. gestures in sections L and M (marked with accelerated/ decelerated beaming and "ad lib.) can be taken as suggestions. The desired effect is semi-random "plinking" within the given duration.

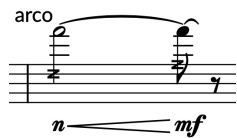
In the ending sections L and M, pizzicato is notated exclusively as short rhythmic values (quarter notes and/or eighth notes). Players should nonetheless allow these notes to ring as long as possible.

Legend (cont'd)

Percussion:

This piece requires a metal whisk, as well as a bamboo bundle/rute/wok washer (at player's discretion, marked in score as "bamboo"). The desired effect is for the bamboo to rattle against the bass drum's skin for as long as possible.

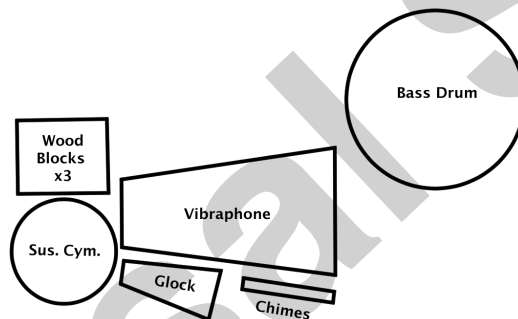
Mallet changes effect the entire percussion battery. (same mallets used for vibraphone, sus. cymbal, bass drum, unless specified).



Indicates that the whisk should be held lightly against the bar while bowing.

The preferred material for the "Paper Ball(s)" given in the instrument list is receipt paper, which is suitably crinkly for the desired effect. The player should crinkle the paper ball for the notated duration. It is up to the players discretion to use one or two balls during section E, depending on ensemble balance. Only one ball (hand) is used through sections L and M.

A potential percussion set-up is depicted below



Piano



This piece requires the use of a strip of rubber, which should be dragged along the high strings to create a screeching/squealing sound. These are indicated by glissing slashes at indeterminate pitches.



Indicates an interior sweep of the low strings using the soft part of the finger.



Indicates a strike with the hand on the low strings.

Sheets of paper should be folded to size and laid across the piano strings, covering G1 - E2. This will generate a warm buzz/fuzz effect in that register.

C1 should be muted using blue-tack (or whatever colour of tack the player has on hand). This note only appears at the end of the piece in sections L and M, where it is notated with a plus sign.

The sustain pedal should be used liberally throughout to maintain the atmosphere of the piece and to generate washes of sound. The pedal should be held throughout the empty measures of sections D, E, L and M. Otherwise, specific pedalling is left to the player's discretion.

transposing score

♩ = 86 Bright and brittle, like egg shells

The score is for a piece titled "Bright and brittle, like egg shells" with a tempo of 86 beats per minute. The music is in 4/4 time and consists of seven staves. The Piccolo part starts with a forte (*f*) dynamic, playing unpitched air and random key clicks, transitioning from fast to slow. The Clarinet in Bb enters with a fortissimo (*sfz*) dynamic, playing a melodic line that transitions to piano (*pp*). The Violin and Violoncello play a melodic line starting with a fortissimo (*sfz*) dynamic, transitioning to piano (*pp*). The Glockenspiel plays a melodic line starting with a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic, transitioning to piano (*p*). The Vibraphone plays a melodic line starting with a piano (*p*) dynamic, transitioning to piano (*p*). The Piano part starts with a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic, transitioning to piano (*pp*). The score includes various dynamics, articulations, and performance instructions such as "unpitched air random key clicks fast", "slow", "c.l.b. 1/2", "ord.", "arco", "loco", and "whisk".

Piccolo

Clarinet in Bb

Violin

Violoncello

Glockenspiel

Vibraphone

Piano

7

Picc.

Cl. in Bb

Vln

Vc.

Vib.

Pno

n *p* *pp* *p* *pp* *p* *pp* *p* *mf*

n *pp* *n* *n* *pp* *n* *n* *pp*

n *pp* *n* *pp* *n* *pp*

mp *n* *mf* *mp* *n* *mf*

mp *3* *3* *3* *8va* *3*

arco

whisk

13

Picc. *p* *n* *p* *mf* *pp* *p* *n* *p* *n* *p* *pp*

Cl. in Bb *n* *n* *pp* *n* *n*

Vln *3* *n* *n* *pp*

Vc. *n* *n* *pp* *3*

Vib. *whisk* *arco* *whisk* *arco* *whisk* *arco*
n *mf* *3* *n* *mf* *3* *pp* *mf*

Pno *mp* *3* *3* *3* *loco* *p* *3* *3* *3*

18 **B**

Picc. *n* *p* *pp* *mf* *sf* *p* *3* *n* *3* *p*

Cl. in Bb *pp* *n* *n* *p* *3* *n* *n*

Vln *n* *c.l.b. 1/2 → ord.* *7* *sf* *pp*

Vc. *n* *n* *pp*

Vib. *arco* *pp* *mf* *whisk* *mf* *arco* *whisk* *mp*

Pno *pp* *3* *mp sub.* *3* *3*

23

Picc. *pp* sub. $\leq$ *mp* *n* *mf* *n* $\leq$ *p* *n* *p*

Cl. in Bb *pp* *n* *n* *mf-p* *n* *n* *p* *n*

Vln *n* *sfp* *pp* *n* *n*

Vc. *fp* *n* *n* *pp* *n*

Vib. *p* *pp* *mf* *mp* *p*

Pno *mf* *p* *3*

c.l.b. 1/2 $\rightarrow$ ord. 7

29

Picc. *pp* *p* *mp* *n* *p* *pp* sub. *p* *n* To Fl.

Cl. in Bb *n* $\leq$ *p* *n* *n* *p* *n*

Vln *pp* *n* *sfp* $\rightarrow$ *pp* ord. 3 *3* *3*

Vc. *n* *mp* *n* *n* $\leq$ *pp* ord. airy tone *3* *3* *p*

Vib. arco *n* $\leq$ *mf* *n* $\leq$ *mf* arco *n* $\leq$ *mf* *n* $\leq$ *mf* *n* $\leq$ *mf*

Pno *pp* *3* *3* *8va* *mp* *3* *mf* *p* *3*

36

Fl. **D** **u** fast **sfz** **n** **slow** To Picc.

Cl. in Bb **slow** **sf** **p** **f** **n** **f** **mf** **sfz**

Vln circle-bow **mf**

Vc. circle-bow **mf**

Vib. hard mallets **mf** **f**

Pno **n** **mf** **p** **mf** **p** **mf**

41

Picc. **sfz** **pp** **n** **pp** **n**

Cl. in Bb **f** **sfz** **n** **mp** **n**

Vln circle-bow **ord.** **p** **mf** **s.p.** **n** **mf** **p**

Vc. circle-bow **ord.** **p** **mf** **mf**

Vib. **p** **mf**

Pno **pp** **mf** **8va** **mf**

Glock. **mf**

Vib. **p** **mf**

E Like a chill on the wind

duet with cello

45 Fl. *u* fast *slow* *ee* fast *u* *slow*

Cl. in Bb *p* *mf* *p* *n* *sfz* *p* *f* *n* *n* *slow* *fast* *slow*

Vln *s.p.* *mf* *f* *p* *n* *ord.* *p* *n*

Vc. *gliss.* *f* *p* *n*

Vib. *f* *p* *ppp* *gradually lift pedal* *pp*

Sus. Cym. *pp* *mf* *pp* *mf* *p*

Pno *f* *pp* *mf* *pp* *mf* *p*

49 Fl. *p* *n* *p* *n* *p* *n* *p* *n* *p* *n*

Cl. in Bb *n* *pp* *n* *fast* *sf*

Vln *p* *n* *p* *n* *p* *n* *duet with flute*

Vc. *n* *p* *n* *n* *p* *n* *n* *p* *n* *p*

Vib. *To P.B.* *P.B.* *n* *p* *n*

Pno *8va* *3* *ppp* *8va* *3* *ppp*

56 **F**

Fl. *n* *p* *n* *n* *p* *n* *n* *p* *n*

Cl. in Bb *slow* *>n* *n* *pp* *mp* *n* To B. Cl.

Vln *p* *n* *p* *n* *n* *pp*

Vc. *n* *n* *p* *n* *n* *p* *pp* *p* *n*

P.B. *p* *n* *n*

Pno *pp* *pp*

62 *slow* *fast* *slow* *slow* *fast* *slow*

Fl. *p* *n* *n* *p* *n* *n*

B. Cl. *n* *p* *n* *n* *p* *n*

Vln *mf* *n* *mf* *n* *p*

Vc. *pp* *mf* *n* *pp* *mf* *n*

P.B. *mp* *n* *n* *mp* *n*

Pno *8va*

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[illegible]

Flurry, becoming fury

89

Fl.

B. Cl.

Vln

Vc.

Vib.

Sus. Cym.

W. Bl. 1

W. Bl. 2

W. Bl. 3

Pno

92

Fl.

B. Cl.

Vln

Vc.

W. Bl. 1

W. Bl. 2

W. Bl. 3

Sus. Cym.

Pno

Copyright

94

Fl.

B. Cl.

Vln.

Vc.

Sus. Cym.

W. Bl. 1

W. Bl. 2

W. Bl. 3

Pno

96

Fl.

B. Cl.

Vln.

Vc.

Vib.

Sus. Cym.

W. Bl. 1

W. Bl. 2

W. Bl. 3

Pno

To Picc.

ord.

slow random "freak-out"

fast

98 Picc.

Picc. *mf* *sf* *mf*

B. Cl. *f* *mf*

Vln. *sf* *p*

Vc. *sf* *p*

Glock. *mf*

Sus. Cym.

Pno. *mf* *p* *sub.* *8va*

100 Picc. *f*

B. Cl. *fast* *f* *mf* *mf* *f* *mf* *mf*

Vln. *f*

Vc. *f*

Vib.

Sus. Cym. *mf* *p* *mf* *pp*

Pno. *f*

J

Sus. Cym. **f** *3* **To B. Dr.** **B. Dr.** *mf* **Chim.** *pp* *gliss.* **very slowly**
with bamboo against drum skin

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108 K

Picc. *mf* *f* *slow* *fast* 6

B. Cl. *mf* 5 5

Vln. *f* 3 3 7

Vc. *ff* 3 5

B. Dr. *pp* *mf* 4 Chim. *p* a little faster

Pno. *ff* *mf* 3 3 3 6 8va

111

Picc. *mf* *mf* *f* *mf* 3 5

B. Cl. *f* 5

Vln. *mf* *f* 3 3 5

Vc. *mf* *f* 5 gliss.

Chim. *mf* *slowly* B. Dr. *mf*

Pno. *f* *ff* 3 6 8va

♩ = 76 Dark, warm, fuzzy, like moss in a nest

116 L To Fl.

Picc. *f* *mf* *ff* *sfz* *n* slap-tongue

B. Cl. *mf* *f* *ff* *sfz* *n* *mf* *n*

Vln. *ff* ord. 5 *mp* *pp* *p* *mp* *n* ord. → circle-bow → ord.

Vc. *ff* ord. *sfz* *pp* sul tasto

B. Dr. Chim. fast B. Dr. *mp* *mf* *f* To P.B.

Pno. *p* *pp* 8^{va} ped to end

122 Fl. *mp* *p* *n* *p* *n* *pp*

B. Cl. *p* *n* *pp* *n* *p* *n* *pp*

Vln. c.l.b. 5 → col legno c.l.b. 3 *mf* *p* *(mp)* *pp* *p* *n* ord.

Vc. *mf* *p* *pp* *pizz.* 3 *p* *pp* *p* let ring

Glock. *pp*

P.B. slow *n* *p* *n*

Pno. *p* *pp* 8^{va} 15^{ma}

[illegible]

rit.....let fade

139

Fl. *mp* *n* *n* *mp* *n*

B. Cl. *n* *p* *n* *pp* *n* *mp* *n* *pp* *n*

Vln. *ord.* *p* *n* *pizz.* *p* *c.l.b.* *pizz.* *p* *connect to cello* *ppp*

Vc. *p* *pp* *3* *p* *pp* *ppp*

Glock. *ppp*

P.B. *slow* *p* *n*

Chim. *ppp*

B. Dr. *pp* *lift bamboo* *n*

Pno *p* *3* *pp* *3* *ppp* *sweep* *ppp*

(8) *8va* *ppp* *mp*

connect to violin

very soft mallet with bamboo held against skin

gliss.