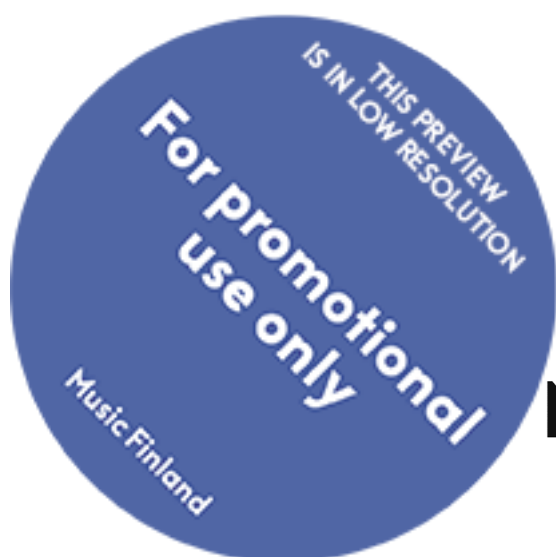


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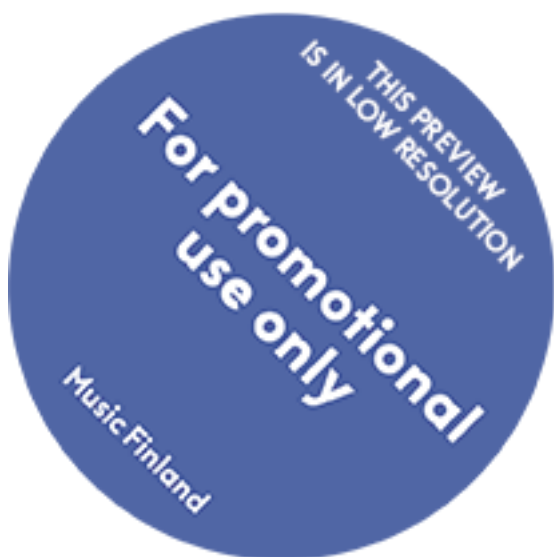


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TEOKSESTA

Nimestä "Kohtaamisia" huolimatta koen pianistin ja tanssijan, musiikin ja liikkeen, kohtaavan vain harvoin sanan tanssillis-musiikillisessa merkityksessä. Pianisti ei "säestä" tanssijaa eikä tanssija "kuvita" musiikkia. Yhteys musiikin ja tanssin välille syntyy saman psykologisen tilan jakamisesta, ei niinkään rytmisestä samanaikaisuudesta.

Näen tanssijan roolin pelkistettynä ja graafisena. Annan virikkeitä roolin toteuttamiseksi. Mitä sen jälkeen tapahtuu, jää koreografin ja tanssijan oman näyn ja mielikuvituksen varaan.

Tanssija toimii intensiteettiä ylläpitävänä siltana viiden osan välillä. Tässä mielessä - mutta vain tässä mielessä - sarjan osat esitetään attacca.

Kohtaamisia edellyttää yksinkertaisen valaistustekniikan käyttämistä. Teoksen voi esittää myös pianosarjana, ilman tanssijaa.

Olen säveltänyt Kohtaamisia tyttäreni, pianisti Anna Laakson pyynnöstä. Hänelle myös haluan teoksen omistaa.

ABOUT THE WORK

Despite the title "Meetings" I see pianist and dancer, music and movement, meeting each other seldom in the traditional sense of the word. Pianist does not "accompany" dancer and dancer does not "illustrate" music. Connection between these two persons is meant to be created rather by sharing the same psychological space than by rhythmical similarity.

I imagine the role of dancer to be ascetic and graphical. I'm giving some hints for it. What happens after that, lives on the vision and imagination of choreographer and dancer.

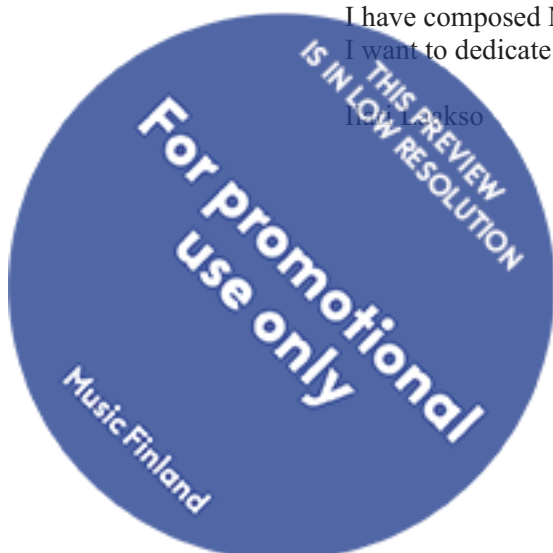
Dancer is a bridge between five movements, she/he keeps on intensity. In this sense - but only in this sense - movements are meant to be performed attacca.

Simple light technic is needed.

It is also possible to perform Meetings as a suite for piano, without dancer.

I have composed Meetings by request of my daughter, pianist Anna Laakso. I want to dedicate this work for her.

Anna Laakso



I VAIKUTELMA/IMPRESSION

Pimeys. Musiikki. Tanssija istuu tuolilla selin yleisöön.

Vähitellen harsomainen sininen valo.

Tanssija nousee.

Hidas liike, epämääräisyys, etsiminen.

Tanssija havaitsee pianistin.

Darkness. Music. Dancer sitting on chair backwards to the audience.

Slowly gossamer blue light.

Dancer stands up.

Slow movement, vagueness, searching.

Dancer recognizes pianist.

II PAS DE DEUX/PAS DE DEUX

Valkoinen valo.

Virtuositeettia, musiikin ja liikkeen yhdessäoloa.

Melankolinen taite (t. 28-43) palauttaa tanssijan yksinäisyyden, mutta johtaa taiturimaiseen ja riehakkaaseen tunnelmaan, joka kulminoituu kenraalipaussiin (t. 63).

Mitä tapahtuu sen aikana? Nostaako tanssija pianistin ylös, ehkä ottamaan muutaman askeleen. En tiedä?

Joka tapauksessa pianisti katkaisee tunnelman ja ryntää päättäväisesti lopputaitteeseen, joka tempaa tanssijan tuttuun taiturimaiseen tunnelmaan.

White light.

Brilliance. Music and dance together.

Melancolic shadow (bars 28-43) returns dancer to loneliness, but leads to brilliant and wild atmosphere which culminates in general pause (bar 63).

What happens during that pause? Does dancer lift up pianist, perhaps even to take few steps? I don't know.

In any case pianist runs to decisive bars and interrupts the atmosphere. Dancer is taken back to boisterous feeling.

III HILJAISUUS/SILENCE

Vihreä valo. Ajattomuus.

Tanssijan ja pianistin itsetutkiskelua. Erillään.

Yksittäisten sävelten merkitys. Yksinkertaisuus. Voces intimae.

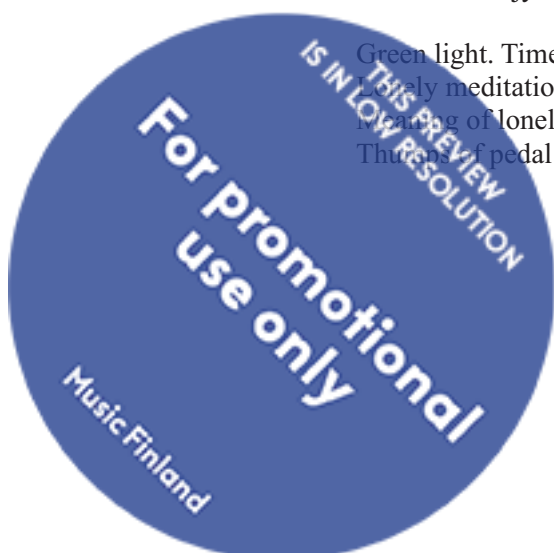
Pedaalin jysähdykset kuin elämän valtimon hidas syke tai maailman jymyn kaukainen kaiku.

Green light. Timelessness.

Lonely meditation of dancer and pianist. Separately.

Meaning of lonely sounds. Simplicity. Voces intimae.

Thumps of pedal like pulse of life or distant echo of worlds rumble.



IV Huuto/Shout

Punainen valo.

Osan nimi tuo mieleen Edvard Munchin maalauksen. Saa tuodakin. Tuskasta on kyse ja äänettömästä huudosta.

T-kirjaimet ovat tuskatilojen merkkejä. Ne toistuvat ja voimistuvat: T1, T2, T3. Piano vaikenee, ja tanssija kuvastaa tunnesisältöä yksin. Lopussa tuska kulminoituu huudoksi (H).

Huuto on äänetön ja siksi voimakkain mahdollinen. H-hetkellä tanssijaan kohdistuu äkillinen räikeä punainen valo.

Käpertynyt vartalo, avoimena ammottava suu.

Esitettäessä teosta pianosarjana T- ja H-tahdit tulkitaan seuraavasti: T1 = yhden tahdin mittainen tauko, T2 = soitetaan tauotta eteenpäin, T3 = yhden tahdin mittainen tauko, H = kahden tahdin mittainen tauko.

Red light.

The name of the movement reminds of painting by Edvard Munch. Let it do so. There is pain and silent shout.

T letters are signs of pain. They will be repeated and develop stronger. Piano falls silent, and dancer remains alone. At the end pain grows up to shout (H).

Shout is silent and therefore strongest possible. At this point sudden glaring red light hits dancer.

Dancers body curls up; mouth wide open.

V Rukous/Prayer

Violetti valo. Onko meillä kaikilla suojelusenkelimme?

Käytän skånelaista kansansävelmää, virsikirjan virttä 552 "Mua siipeis suojaan kätke".

Toukasta kehittyi perhonen, tanssijasta enkeli.

Lopuksi tanssija istuu pianistin viereen kuuntelemaan hänen kanssaan viimeiset sävelet.

Violetin sävyinen pimeys.

Violet light. Do we all have our own guardian angel?

I'm using a folk melody from Skåne, Sweden (Finnish Lutheran Psalm book, psalm 552).

Worm develops to butterfly, dancer to an angel.

At the end dancer sits beside pianist. They listen to the last sounds together.

Violet colored darkness.

Ilari Laakso



I VAIKUTELMA

IMPRESSION

Ilari Laakso

Andante ma non troppo

Musical score for measures 1-5. The piece is in 4/4 time. The right hand starts with a melody in the treble clef, and the left hand provides a bass line in the bass clef. Dynamics include *p* (piano) and *pp* (pianissimo). There are trills and slurs. A repeat sign is at the end of measure 5. The word "Red." is written below the first measure.

Musical score for measures 6-9. The tempo is marked "molto rit." (molto ritardando). The right hand has a melody with trills and slurs. The left hand has a bass line. Dynamics include *mp* (mezzo-piano). A repeat sign is at the end of measure 9. The word "Red." is written below the first measure.

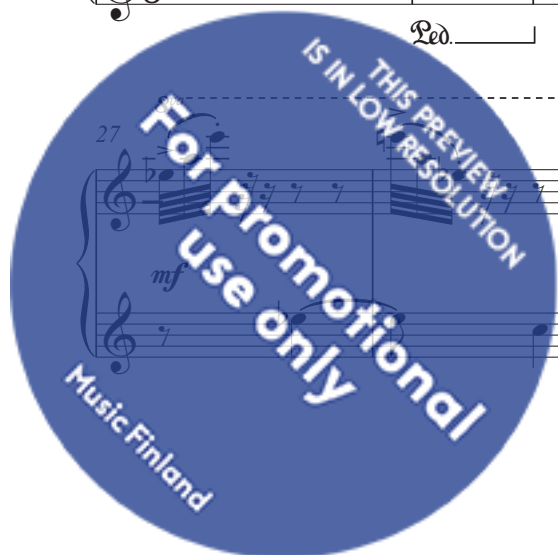
Tempo rubato

♩ = 40

Musical score for measures 10-17. The tempo is marked "Tempo rubato" with a quarter note equal to 40. The right hand has a melody with trills and slurs. The left hand has a bass line. Dynamics include *p* (piano), *mp* (mezzo-piano), *f* (forte), and *ff* (fortissimo). There are trills and slurs. A repeat sign is at the end of measure 17. The word "Red." is written below the first measure.

Musical score for measures 18-26. The tempo is marked "meno mosso". The right hand has a melody with trills and slurs. The left hand has a bass line. Dynamics include *p* (piano), *pp* (pianissimo), *subito ff* (subito fortissimo), and *mf* (mezzo-forte). There are trills and slurs. A repeat sign is at the end of measure 26. The word "Red." is written below the first measure.

Musical score for measures 27-30. The right hand has a melody with trills and slurs. The left hand has a bass line. Dynamics include *mf* (mezzo-forte), *f* (forte), *ff* (fortissimo), and *mf* (mezzo-forte). There are trills and slurs. A repeat sign is at the end of measure 30. The word "Red." is written below the first measure.



Lullaby of solitude

♩ = 54

34

pp dolce

42

p

rit. . . .

(8)

49

pp

ppp

♩ = 40

3'30.5"

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II Pas de deux

Vivace

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ff furioso

13 *ff* *loco* *subito mp*

17 *subito ff* *loco* *mp* *f*

molto rit.

21 *pp*



Melancolico

28 ♩ = 60

p *cantabile* *mf* *con ped.*

15^{ma} loco

6 6 8^{va}

loco

15^{ma}

31 loco

6 6 8^{va}

mf *p*

15^{ma} loco 15^{ma}

35 loco

6 6 8^{va}

pp *subito f* loco

♩ = 120

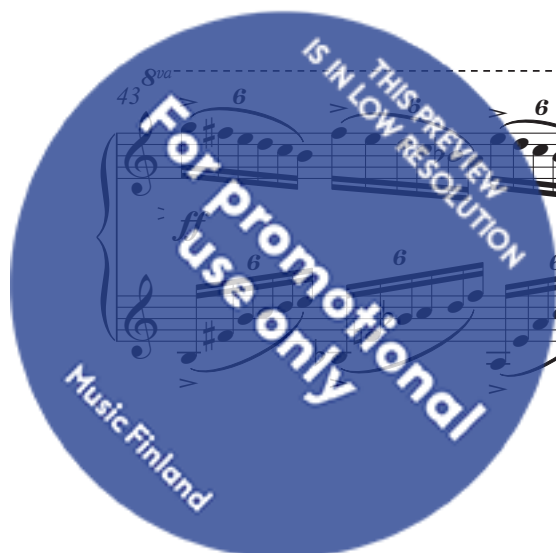
38 ♩ = 60 ♩ = 120 ♩ = 60 ♩ = 120

subito p *subito f* *subito p* *f*

8^{va} loco 8^{va} loco

43 8^{va} loco

mp



55

8va

6

6

6

loco

ff

mf

58

tenuto

ff

Ped.

60 rit.

fff

G.P.

Decisivo

64 $\text{♩} = 150$

non legato

p

mf

mf

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67

f

mp

mf

69

f

mf

f

71

$\text{♩} = 120$

ff

loco

subito p

74

$\text{♩} = 150$

mf

non legato

77

rall.

$\text{♩} = 60$

p

cantabile

mp

15^{ma}

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80 *loco* *pp* 6 6 *8^{va}* *loco* *15^{ma}* *loco* 6 6 *8^{va}*

83 *mf* *15^{ma}* *loco* *p* *15^{ma}* *loco* 6 6 *8^{va}*

87 *loco* *pp* 6 6 *8^{va}* *ff* *furioso* 6 6 6

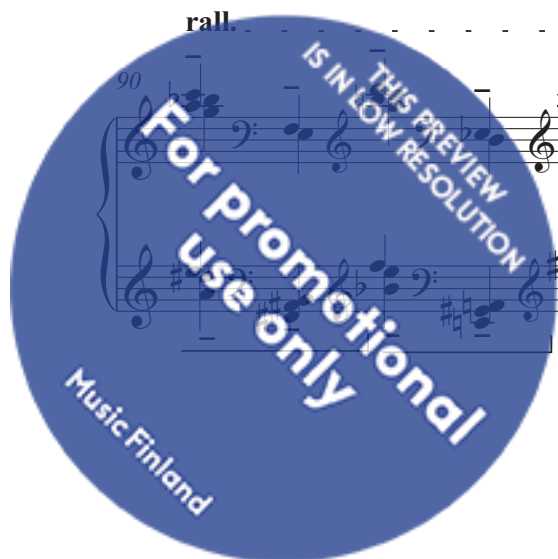
$\text{♩} = 120$

89 *ff* *2^{do}*

rall.

90 *fff*

3'05.7"



II Pas de deux

Vivace

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ff furioso

6

13 *ff* *loco* *subito mp*

17 *subito ff* *loco* *mp* *f*

molto rit.

21 *pp*



Melancolico

28 ♩ = 60

p *cantabile* *mf* *con ped.*

15^{ma} loco

6 6 8^{va}

loco

15^{ma}

31 loco

6 6 8^{va}

mf *p*

15^{ma} loco 15^{ma}

35 loco

6 6 8^{va}

pp *subito f* loco

♩ = 120

38 ♩ = 60 ♩ = 120 ♩ = 60 ♩ = 120

subito p *subito f* *subito p* *f*

8^{va} loco 8^{va} loco

43 8^{va} loco

mp



58

tenuto

ff

Ped.

60 rit.

fff

G.P.

Decisivo

Op. 150

non legato

p

mf

64

7

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67

f

mp

mf

69

f

mf

f

71

$\text{♩} = 120$

ff

loco

subito p

74

$\text{♩} = 150$

mf

non legato

77

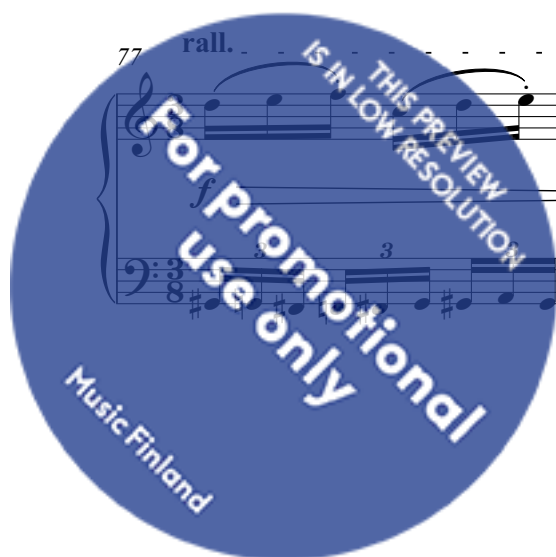
rall.

$\text{♩} = 60$

p

cantabile

mp



80 loco *pp* 6 6 8^{vb} | loco 15^{ma} | loco 6 6 8^{vb} |

83 15^{ma} | loco 15^{ma} | loco 6 6 8^{vb} |

mf 3 *p* 3

87 loco *pp* 6 6 8^{vb} | $\text{♩} = 120$ 8^{va} 6 6 6 *ff* furioso 6 6 6

89 *ff* 2^{ed}

rall.

90

fff

3'05.7"

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III HILJAISUUS

SILENCE

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Largo

semplice

mf *pp*

8va

loco

p *mp* *mf* *pp*

18

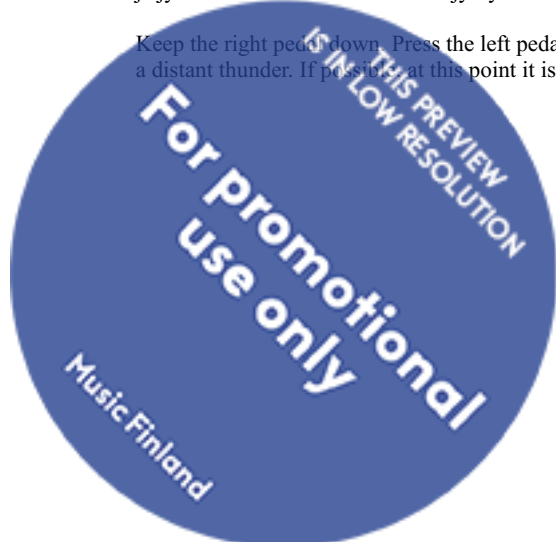
23 *rall.*

mp

1'45.7"

⊗ = Pidä oikea pedaali alhaalla. Paina vasen pedaali alas ja vapauta se nopeasti iskemään omalla painollaan ylös. Soinnin on tarkoitus olla syvä ja jyhkeä kuin kaukaisen ukkosen jymy. Mikäli mahdollista, tässä on hyvä käyttää äänentoistoa apuna.

Keep the right pedal down. Press the left pedal down and release it quickly to hit freely up. The sound is meant to be deep and robust, like a distant thunder. If possible, at this point it is good to get some help from sound system.



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80a-70-

x = Trill on the wood where tangents ended.
Trilli puun päällä koskettimiston loputtua.

Musical score for "The Rose Tree" (Op. 10, No. 12) by Frédéric Chopin. The score is in 3/4 time and consists of two systems. The first system includes a treble and bass staff. The treble staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The bass staff begins with a bass clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The score is marked with a tempo of "Allegretto" and a dynamic of "ff" (fortissimo). The first system includes a treble staff with a treble clef and a bass staff with a bass clef. The treble staff has a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a time signature of 3/4. The bass staff has a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a time signature of 3/4. The score is marked with a tempo of "Allegretto" and a dynamic of "ff" (fortissimo). The first system includes a treble staff with a treble clef and a bass staff with a bass clef. The treble staff has a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a time signature of 3/4. The bass staff has a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a time signature of 3/4. The score is marked with a tempo of "Allegretto" and a dynamic of "ff" (fortissimo). The first system includes a treble staff with a treble clef and a bass staff with a bass clef. The treble staff has a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a time signature of 3/4. The bass staff has a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a time signature of 3/4. The score is marked with a tempo of "Allegretto" and a dynamic of "ff" (fortissimo).

The musical score for 'The Rose Tree' is presented in two systems. The first system consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a common time signature. It contains a sequence of notes with trills, a slur over a group of notes, and a final trill. The bass staff begins with a bass clef and contains a sequence of notes with trills. The second system continues the melody in the treble staff and the accompaniment in the bass staff, featuring more trills and a final chord. The score is marked with a repeat sign at the beginning and end of the first system.

[illegible]

45 (8)

ppp

T2

mp

3

3

A musical score for the song 'The Rose Tree'. The score is written for a single melodic line on a treble clef staff. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 3/4. The melody consists of a series of eighth and quarter notes, with some triplets indicated by a '3' over the notes. The score is presented on a single page with a blue background and a large, stylized '3' in the upper left corner. The text 'The Rose Tree' is written in a large, elegant font at the top. The page number '53' is in the bottom left corner. A large, stylized '3' is in the upper left corner, and the text 'The Rose Tree' is written in a large, elegant font at the top.

59 *8va* *tr* *Andante energico*

ppp *f* *ff*

67 *tenuto* *3*

sf *p*

71 *f* *6* *6* *6* *7* *3* *p* *subito ff*

f *sf* *p* *subito ff*

75 *p* *f* *sf* *sf* *sf*

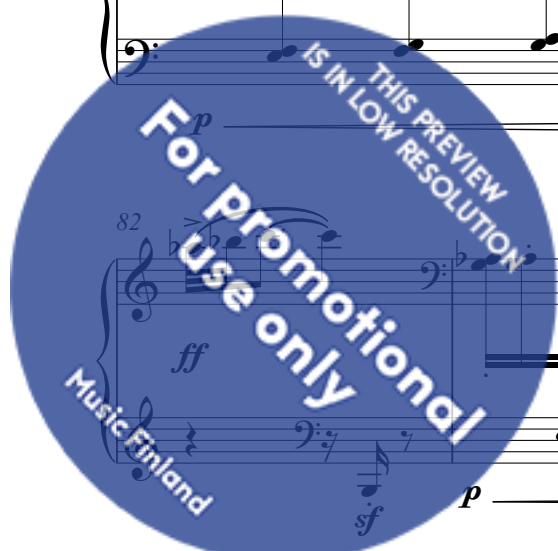
p *f* *sf* *sf* *sf*

79 *p* *f* *sf* *3*

p *f* *sf*

82 *ff* *p*

ff *p*



85 *tenuto*

fff

T3

88 ♩ = 90

ff

tenuto

fff

H

sf

3'46.2"

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V Rukous

Prayer

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$\text{♩} = 50$

Piano

p dolce *pp* *p* *pp* *p*

Red.

6

Pno.

mp *pp* *mp* *p*

11

Pno.

mp *p* *mp* *mf*

17

rit. *meno mosso* $\text{♩} = 45$

Pno.

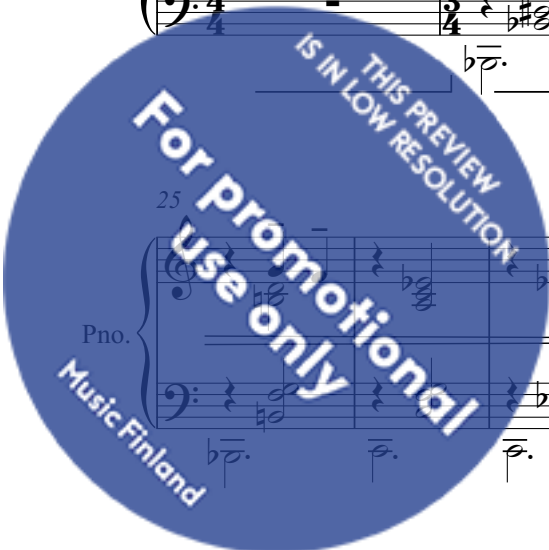
p *f*

simile con ped.

25

Pno.

pp



34 *più mosso* ♩ = 75

Pno. *mf* *f* *loco* 3 3

8va

37 *loco* 6 6 6 6

Pno. *f*

8va

39 *rit.*

Pno. *crescendo* 3 3 3 *ff* *pp*

44 ♩ = 50

Pno. *mp* *p dolce*

con ped.

49 *mp*

Pno.

50 *rit.* *pp*

Pno.