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**Lockdowns, Crashes, Anxieties, Dreams –  
Life under COVID**

for solo piano

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for solo piano

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Duration ca. 14 minutes

Commissioned by the Mänttä Music Festival

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*victims of the COVID-19*



# Notes for the performer:

**Accidentals** are valid throughout the bar, but only on the staff and in the octave, where they are written. In order to help the performer, courtesy accidental markings have been added.

**Grace notes** are always played off the beat. Apart from the bar 178 (see the score), grace notes should be played as fast as possible.

Note the two **special clefs**:



= Play one octave higher than with the normal treble clef.



= Play one octave lower than with the normal bass clef.

**Ottava markings** (used more seldom than the special clefs) only apply to the staff to which they are attached.

**L.H.** = Left hand

**R.H.** = Right hand

**S.P.** = Sostenuto pedal, i.e. the middle pedal of a grand piano. The duration for keeping the sostenuto pedal pressed down is indicated by the hooks, like e.g. here:

**Resolute, rigorous**  
*Rough, hard, very much to the fore*

93

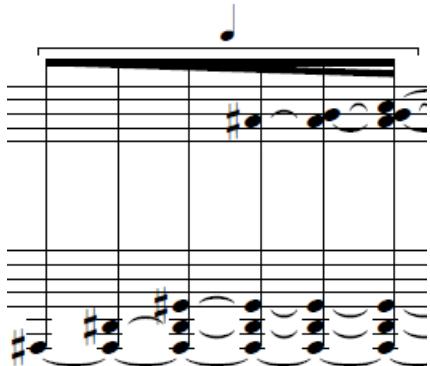
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*Led.* →

= Keep the sustaining pedal (right pedal) pressed down until the release mark.



= **An accelerating figure**, whose overall duration is shown above the notes.

A piano score excerpt. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. The key signature changes between measures. Measure 261 starts with a dynamic 'p' (pianissimo). Above the notes in both staves is a bracket indicating their overall duration. The dynamic changes to 'pp' (pianississimo) at the end of the measure. The piano label 'Pno' is on the left.

= **A decelerating figure**, whose overall duration is shown above the notes. **Ties**: keep the notes of the figure pressed down until the chord.



3/8 - | 3/4 *f* |  
3/8 - | 3/4 *pp* |  
3/8 - | 3/4 S.P. |

5 5 5 | 5 5 5 | 5 5 5 | 5 5 5 |

= **Diamond-shaped noteheads** (either black or white, depending on the note duration): press the keys muted down for the shown duration. **Ties to a rest** from the chord: let the chord tones ring.



# Lockdowns, Crashes, Anxieties, Dreams - Life under COVID

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*Dedicated to the victims of the COVID-19 pandemic*

**Strict, rigorous, ugly**

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**Piano**

*ff*

*Rigorous*

*Aggressive, rhythmically as strict as possible*

**Pno**

*Light, accurate*

*mp*      5      *p*      *pp*

*mp*

*Light, accurate*

*mp*      5      *p*      *pp*

**Pno**

*ff*

Play the grace notes as fast and flashingly as possible

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*ff*

*ff*

*mp*

S.P.

2  
18

Pno

*Light, accurate*

*mp*

*Light, accurate*

*p*

*pp*

*pp*

(S.P.)

24

$\leftarrow \text{♩} + \text{♩} = \text{♩} = 76 \rightarrow$

**Calm**

Pno

*pp*

*pp*

*p*

29

**Sparkling, vivacious**

Pno

*pp*

*f*

*pp*

*S.P.*

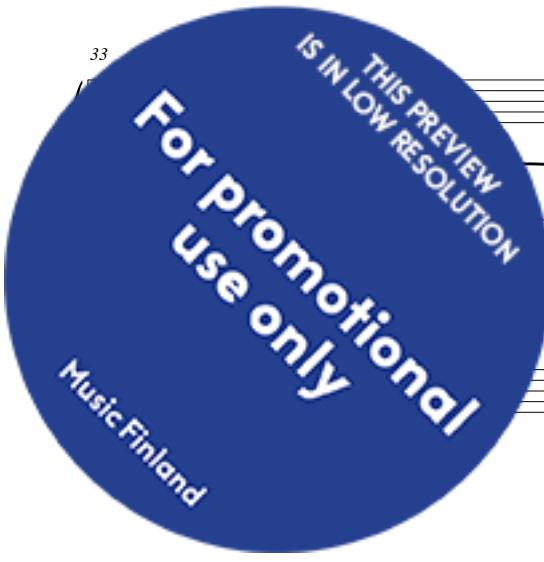
*S.P.*

33

*f*

*p*

*S.P.*



5 =95→

35 Pno

37 Pno

40 Pno

43 Pno

44 Pno

*Strict, rigorous, ugly*

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4

Pno

52

56

Pno

fff

Death bells: frightening, overwhelmingly booming

60

Pno

ff

fff

R.H.

ff

64 8

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68 8

Pno

5

fff

5

**Strict, rigorous**

71

Pno

5

$\leftarrow \text{---} = \text{---} \rightarrow$

Laconic, rhetorical

f

mf

Rhythmically as strict as possible

75

Pno

mp

p

pp

ppp

**Dreamy, floating**

81

Pno

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6

**Smooth, soft**

Pno

85

*p* *Reed.* *mp* \*

*pp*

88

*pp*

91

Pno

*pp*

93

**Resolute, rigorous**

Rough, hard, very much to the fore

Pno

*ff*

*pp*

*ff*

*pp*

S.P. Smooth, soft, very much in the background

S.P.

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*ff*

*ff*

*ff*

*S.P.*



98

Pno

*ff*

*fff*

*Smooth, soft*

*pp*

S.P.

101

Pno

103

Pno

*Rough, hard, very much to the fore*

*ff*

*Smooth, soft*

*pp*

*Smooth, soft, very much in the background*

*S.P.*

105

Pno

*ff*

*fff*

*pp*

*Smooth, soft*



8

108

Pno

*As before*

**ff**

**pp**

110

Pno

*As before*

S.P. **pp**

**ff**

**pp**

S.P.

112

Pno

**ff**

**pp**

S.P.

**fff**

**pp**

115

Pno

*As before*

**ff**

**pp**

S.P.



118

Pno

*ff*

*sff*

*fff*

*fff*

*pp*

*S.P.*

*pp*

*S.P.*

120

Pno

*pp*

*pp*

*pp*

*pp*

*S.P.*

123

Pno

*fff*

*fff*

*fff*

*pp*

*pp*

*S.P.*

126

Pno

*Rough, ferocious, rigid, resolute*

*f*

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10

129

Pno

*ff*

*ff*

*Brutal, rough (the notes with the staccato forzato / accented staccato sign only shorter, but not lighter or less loud than the others)*

132

Pno

*fff*

*ff*

*Brutal, rough, very powerful*

*fff ff*

136

Pno

*fff*

*f*

*loco*

139

Pno

*ff*

142

Pno

*mf*

*mp*

*p pp*

*Rough, hard, much to the fore*

*f*

*Very light, soft, smooth*

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12

*Frightening, booming*

155

Pno

*ff* *p* *pp* *Light, soft* *Rough, to the fore* *Light, accurate* *mp* *p*

*ffff* *200.* \* *f* *S.P. mp* *p*

*Frightening, booming*

159

*pp* *f* *ff* *ff* *Lightning* *ff* *pp* *loco*

Pno

*pp*

*Frightening, booming*

164

*Light, accurate* *mp* *p* *pp* *Lightning* *ff* *ff* *Lightning* *ff*

Pno

*Rough, to the fore* *f* *Light, accurate* *mp* *p* *pp* *ff* *ffff*

*loco*

168

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*Frightening, booming*

*Lightning* *ff* *ff* *Lightning* *ff* *ff* *ff*

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*Music Finland*

13

38

*loco  
Light, accurate*

Pno

*Very furious, frightening and booming*

172

*p*      *ff*      *fff*      *fff* *Re.*

176

*Rigorous, rhetorical,  
the grace notes more melodical than before*

*ff*

179

*ff*      *f*      *ff*      *f*      *mf*

Pno

184

*mf*      *mp*      *p*      *p*

L.H.

*pp*      *pp*      *pp*      *pp*

*Distant, calm*

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*Poco rubato*  
*Hazy, dreamy*

14      *Distant, calm*

192      Pno      *ppp*      *ppp* —      *pp* —

3      3      5

Reo.

195      Pno      *p*      *pp*

3      4      4

Reo.      Reo.      Reo.

63 →

*Very distant, barely audible,*  
*mechanical*

198      Pno      *8va-* —      *pppp*

3      2      3

5      3

*Dreamy, floating*

3      3

5      3

Reo.      *ppp*

3      3

5      3

*Very distant, barely audible,*  
*mechanical*

202      Pno      *8va-* —      *pppp*

3      4      2      3      16      3

4      8      2      3      16      3

3      2      3      3      3

5      3      5      3

3      3

5      3

*pp*

3      3

5      3

3      3



206

*8va As before*

Pno

*p* *pp* *ppp*

*p* *pp* *ppp*

*p* *pp* *ppp*

*p* *pp* *ppp*

*Lyrical, elegant*

*mp*

*p* *p* *p* *p*

*p* *p* *p* *p*

*p* *p* *p* *p*

*Very distant, barely audible,  
mechanical*

*8va*

*p* *ppp* *ppp* *ppp*

*p* *ppp* *ppp* *ppp*

*p* *ppp* *ppp* *ppp*

*p* *ppp* *ppp* *ppp*

*As before*

*8va*

*p* *pp* *pp* *pp*

*p* *pp* *pp* *pp*

*p* *pp* *pp* *pp*

*p* *pp* *pp* *pp*

16

*Lyrical, elegant*

Pno

221

Pno

224

Pno

*Very distant and vague***Calm**

Pno

*Very distant and vague*

232

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236

Pno

240

Pno

*Very distant*

*rallentando*

*Comforting*

*pp*

*ppp*

*8va*

*Loco.*

*Loco.*

*Loco.*

*Loco.*

244

Pno

*8va*

*Twinkling*

*ca.55*

*ppp*

*pppp*

*Very distant and soft*

*pppp*

*Loco.*

*Loco.*

248

*accelerando*

*loc*

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*Music Finland*

*63*

*Floating, swinging, twinkling, rather calm*

18

Pno

*Very distant and soft*

Pno

*Very distant and soft*

Pno

Pno

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264

Pno

3

3

$\leftarrow$   $\rightarrow$  = 95 →

266

Pno

3

3

3

3

269

Pno

3

3

3

3

271

Pno

3

3

3

3

273

Pno

3

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3

3

Aggressive, rhythmically as strict as possible

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20  
277

Pno

279

Pno

*As before*

281

Pno

284 Strict, rigorous, ugly

Pno

*Aggressive, rhythmically as strict as possible*

288

Pno

Play the grace notes as fast, aggressively and flashingly as possible



294

Pno

297

Pno

*Accurate, insistent*

302

Pno

*Lightning*

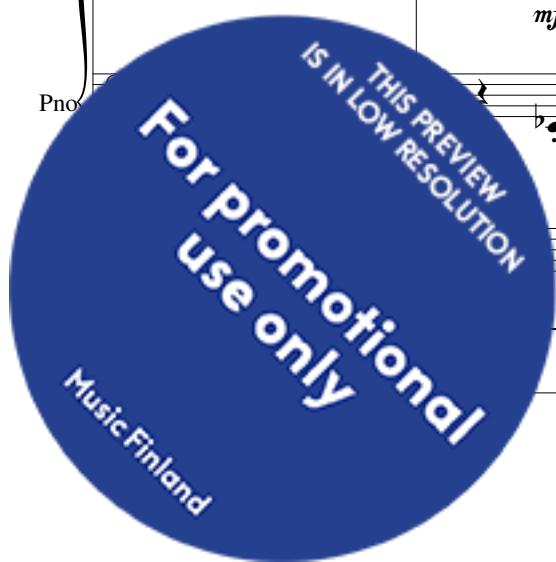
*Rigorous, rough*

305

Pno

*Accurate, insistent*

*Aggressive, rhythmically as strict as possible*



22

309 *Lightning*

Pno **f**

*Rigorous, rough*

**ff**

*Aggressive, rhythmically as strict as possible*

**ff**

311

Pno **f**

*Accurate, insistent*

**mf**

**ff**

*Accurate, insistent*

S.P. **mf**

**f**

315

Pno **mf**

**f**

*Lightning*

**ff**

*Grave, ponderous*

**f**

**ff**

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*Grave, ponderous*

323

Pno

327

Pno

332

Pno

*Rough, hard, resolute*

*Aggressive, accurate*

334

Pno

337

Pno

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Pno

343

344

345

346

Pno

fff

**Death bells: frightening, overwhelmingly booming**

[♩ = 95]

Pno

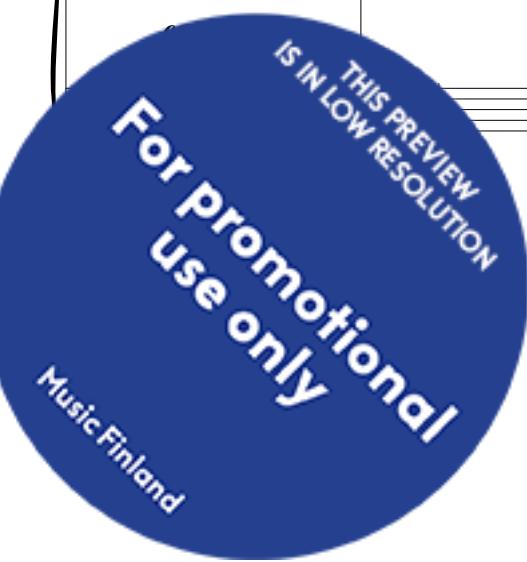
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fff

fff

fff

fff



352

Pno

*Rit.*

*Rit.*

*Rit.*

*Rit.*

357

Pno

*Rit.*

*Rit.*

*Rit.*

*Lightning, very powerful*

361

Pno

*ff*

*fff*

362

Pno

*ff*

*fff*

*Harsh, aggressive, brutal*

