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### Explanation of signs:

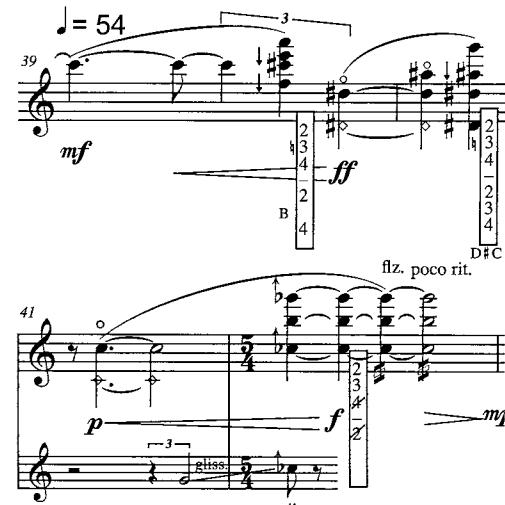
A very useful book for explanation of special techniques and practising them, a book I used while learning about flute: Carin Levine: The Techniques of Flute Playing (Kassel, Bärenreuter, 2002).

*Turnings* is full of subtle changes between different timbres and playing techniques. It focuses more on timbre than pitches and is full of gestures, entities of sounds. The best way to grasp it is first to learn the music and then go beyond into breathing life to the larger scale timbral unities. When moving from one timbre to another try to create as unnoticeable changes between the different timbres as possible. The general feeling of the piece should be, that it is floating between and mixing different kinds of timbres.

<p><math>\circ</math> = air, so much air in the sound there's no pitch</p>	<p><math>s</math> = a little airy noise in the sound. There's pitch and airy noise.</p>	<p><math>SH</math> = a lot of airy noise in the sound. The noise almost covers the pitch. Sing h into the flute.</p>
<p>a forceful attack of air. Like noh-flute.</p>	<p>tongue ram, sounds major 7th lower than written</p>	<p>key clicks, as resonant as possible</p>
<p>– bars 18–24 marked freely: not to be played evenly. Form musical gestures marked in the score with solid and dashed barlines: bars with dashed barlines belong to a larger group, which ends with a solid barline.</p>		
<p>Compared to speaking, this would be a sentence. You can have small pauses between bars marked with solid barlines (=sentences).</p>		

### – multiphonic fingerings:

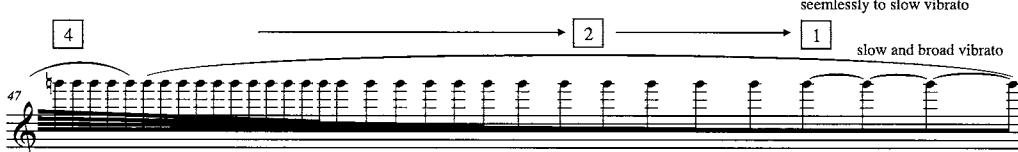
These multiphonics are presenting two different kinds of sounds. The second is relatively stable and clear with less beatings. In this example from the piece the player should try to make an unnoticeable transformation from overtones to multiphonic. The first and third multiphonics are more harsh and unstable, chosen because of their dynamic range. If any of these multiphonics create difficulties the player should try to find some other multiphonics with similar kind of qualities.



### – singing: the lower staff is for singing. The singing octave can be changed according to the players voice.

### – processes:

#### – bisbigliando:



Use different fingerings on one note only changing the colour of the pitch. The number in the box indicates the number of fingerings.

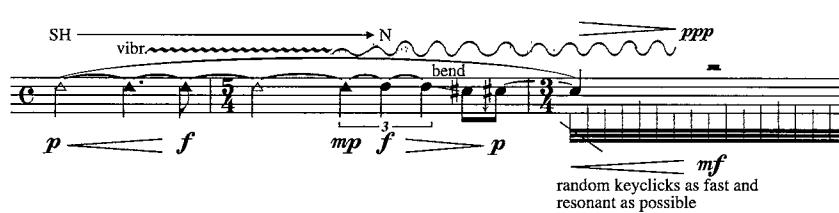
### – vibrato:

The curvy line indicates the frequency and amplitude of vibrato.

Player can choose how to produce vibrato.



Moving gradually from airy sound to vibrato and normal sound, then broadening and slowing down the vibrato, finally ending up in playing keyclicks.



### – glissando:

Make a seamless glissando with fingerings.

Here: start the glissando faster and slow down towards the end.



### – quarter tone accidentals:

- $\sharp$  3/4 sharp
- $\sharp$  1/4 sharp
- $\flat$  1/4 flat
- $\flat$  3/4 flat



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dur ≈ 6 min

poco rit.

$\text{♩} = 54$

Flute: senza vibr. → SH, SH → N, N → ppp, poco rit., c

Fl. 5: senza S, SH, N, SH, N → S, mf

Fl. 10: N, pp, mp, SH, N, vibr. → senza vibr., gliss., gliss.

Fl. 14: (ord.), mp, mf, ppp, poco rit., 2-3"

$\text{♩} = 64$

freely (see explanation of signs)

Fl. 18: pp, p, pp, mf, tongue pizz.

Fl. 20: key clicks, mp, tongue ram, mf

Fl. 21: very fast, windy, f, ff, p, only hissing sound, mp, pp, O → aiolian sound bisbigliando with 2 fingerings

Fl. 22: mp, 3, flz., pp, mf, 3, pp

Fl. 24: 3, flz., pp, mf, 6, 6, 6

The musical score for 'Turnings' by Maija Hynninen for flute consists of eight staves of music. The tempo is indicated as  $\text{♩} = 54$  for the first section and  $\text{♩} = 64$  for the second. The score includes numerous performance instructions such as 'senza vibr.', 'SH', 'N', 'bend', 'random keyclicks as fast and resonant as possible', 'flz.', 'gliss.', 'tongue pizz.', 'key clicks', 'tongue ram', 'very fast, windy', 'only hissing sound', 'aiolian sound bisbigliando with 2 fingerings', and 'key trill.'. Dynamic markings include  $\text{p} \text{ più } \text{f}$ ,  $\text{pp}$ ,  $\text{mf}$ ,  $\text{ff}$ , and  $\text{f}$ . The score also features slurs, grace notes, and specific fingering markings like '3' and '6'.

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flz.

Fl. 26

28 Fl. getting slower ad. lib. (about 6 seconds)

30 Fl. mf

32 Fl. flz. flz. flz. ord. pp

35 Fl. key trill. lip pizz. 3 f mp

37 Fl. p

Fl.  $\text{♩} = 54$  as short break as possible  
very fast and regular delicate

39 Fl. ff B flz. poco rit. D $\sharp$ C both tones move towards d.  
Follow ad.lib. the written part.

Fl. f mp pp ff mp mp pp

Sing. un. ii

Fl. mf

Fl. 44 più f

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3

**Fl.**

46 **ff** getting slower ad. lib. 5" slowing down fluctuation moves seamlessly to slow vibrato

3 → 2 → 1 slow and broad vibrato

47 **J = 64** senza vibr. SH vibr. and bisbigliando N flz. S senza vibr. SH ca. 2"

48 Fl. più f pp < mf p → f mp f mp f mp mf pp

53 Fl. f p più f pp più f pp mf p f

57 Fl. senza vibr. pp mf pp mp pp p ppp bisbigliando 3 different fingerings gliss. (start faster, getting slower to the end)

60 Fl. flz. più f p mf mp p mf pp

Sing uu → ee bisbigliando: use 3-4 different fingerings

63 Fl. mp f mf pp pp mf ff f

Sing uu → ii

68 Fl. J = 72 mp f mp p vibr. 2 flz. gliss. tuu

Sing morendo whistle tones ad lib as long as possible breathe

71 Fl. mf pp gliss. uu p < mf

Sing