

Full Score

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First Prairie Sketchbook

I - 'Before the Storm'

For Viola Quartet

2016

First Prairie Sketchbook (2016)

I- Before the Storm (Duration - ca, 4 minutes)

This short work is the start of what I hope will build up to be a collection of short pieces further inspired by my experiences and imaginings of the First Nation people in Canada and the physical and emotional landscape around them.

The work aims at setting the scene for the journey ahead and is reflective and mysterious in nature. It is, I suppose, the calm both on the prairie, in the community and in the energy within the physical world around the people before the new series of events takes shape.

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For Rivka Golani

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Quasi recit throughout. ♩ = 60 ca

Viola 1
mp *simplice*

Viola 2
p

Viola 3
mp *warm*

Viola 4
mp *warm*

7 **A**

Vla. 1
soli

Vla. 2
mp soli

Vla. 3
soli

Vla. 4
soli

13 **B**

Vla. 1
p *poco cresc...*

Vla. 2
p *poco cresc...*

Vla. 3
p *poco cresc...*

Vla. 4
p *poco cresc...*

17

Vla. 1
Vla. 2
Vla. 3
Vla. 4

mf
mf
mf
mf

C Lontano...

20

Vla. 1
Vla. 2
Vla. 3
Vla. 4

pp
p
pp
pp

3
(freely)
5
6

24 poco piu mosso...

Vla. 1
Vla. 2
Vla. 3
Vla. 4

ff
ff
ff
f

D

A hint of anger. ♩ = 80

27

Vla. 1

Vla. 2

Vla. 3

Vla. 4

pizz. sfz

ff sonore

E

31

Vla. 1

Vla. 2

Vla. 3

Vla. 4

arco.

5

35

Vla. 1

Vla. 2

Vla. 3

Vla. 4

38

Vla. 1
Vla. 2
Vla. 3
Vla. 4

41

F Winding down... **Tempo primo.** ♩ = 60 ca

Vla. 1
Vla. 2
Vla. 3
Vla. 4

sfz
mp *simplice*
p
mp *warm*
mp *warm*

46

Vla. 1
Vla. 2
Vla. 3
Vla. 4

51

Vla. 1

ten.

(freely)

54

Vla. 1

57

Vla. 1