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Funeral Music
(after Purcell)
FUNERAL MUSIC (AFTER PURCELL)

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INSTRUMENTATION

flute (= piccolo)
clarinet in B♭ (= bass clarinet in B♭)
percussion (bongos, vibraphone)

violin I
violin II
viola
violoncello
double bass

Duration c. 13’
Score in C

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PERFORMANCE NOTE

Grave notes should be played before the beat; mordents should be played on the beat.

PROGRAMME NOTE

Funeral Music (after Purcell) is based on Henry Purcell’s Music for the Funeral of Queen Mary. The instrumental movements of the Purcell, a march and a canzona (both of which appear twice), are presented in arrangements which re-invent Purcell’s textures but largely do not change the notes. The three choral movements of the Purcell are replaced with original movements which are loosely based on Purcell’s March and Canzona. The expressive world of the piece starts off in a light-hearted vein, but gradually moves towards the atmosphere that the title suggests.
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I - March

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Prestissimo \( j = 192 \)

Flute

Clarinet in B

Bongos

Piano

Violin I

Violin II

Viola

Violoncello

Double Bass

\( sffz \) pp

\( pizz. \)

\( sfz \) pp

\( f \) sfz

\( \times \)
II - Scherzo
III - Canzona

Leggiero \( \text{=} \) 132

\( p \) (non cresc.)

Leggiero \( \text{=} \) 132

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IV - Barcarolle - Chorale
V - Canzona

\[ \text{Leggiero} = 132 \]
VII - March

Dolente \( \dot{=} 52 \)

- Fl.
- B. Cl.
- Vib.
- Pno.
- Vln. I
- Vln. II
- Vla.
- Vc.
- Db.

- pp
- dolciss.
- pp
- Dolente \( \dot{=} 52 \)
- (muted)
- motor off
- Ped.

- pp
- Dolente \( \dot{=} 52 \)
- (muted)
- (muted)
- (muted)
- (muted)
- (without mute)

- Dolente
- attacca

- rit.

- pp
- dolciss.
- pp
- dolciss.
- pp
- dolciss.
- pp