

City Faces ~ SQ

for String Quartet

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City Faces

for Viola & Cello Duet or String Quartet

City Faces is an episodic conversation between two storytellers in the original version for viola and cello, and four with the expanded string quartet version. A third version is an extraction of the fourth “partition” of the string quartet, with an ending suitable for a standalone version.

The piece is a continuous succession of several sections divided into five partitions (not movements), and each with its own personality. All contribute to a greater whole, not unlike William Saroyan's "The Human Comedy." Each episode or section eventually can be traced to the original motif, presented at the very beginning by the cello, or to one of its conversions.

The original working title was "The City Has Many Faces," with a subtitle of "Themes and Permutations." Each permutation—or variation—in some way depicts elements of any city or town but leaves it to the imagination of the listener to visualize, imagine, or perhaps sense what each one is. The segments might be about people, places, ideas, emotions—all depending on the individual's responses to the music. It was written originally as a duet for viola and cello; with the quartet, the music has expanded linearly, vertically, and harmonically.

Each listener will have unique experiences. At least a few elements likely will emerge: anxiety, joy, faith, fear, compassion, love, and hope, as each person will hear, see, imagine, and sense similarly and differently.

In the string quartet version, with the expansion from two to four instruments, the physical demands placed on the viola and especially the cello are considerably mitigated. Nevertheless, the cello is the “Atlas” throughout the entirety. The endings of each section are marked with fermati and double-bar lines, and in the quartet adaptation, an empty measure to provide a three second pause. This is to allow the musicians the option to pause for page turns and—especially for the cellist—to rest. From a purely musical standpoint, they may choose to continue *attacca*. The original viola part is now shared with the two violins but retains much of its original presence.

Tempi and dynamics are relative to the music hall, and the skill and interpretation of the musicians. The music must *BREATHE*.

Throughout the performance, the governing concept is that of *conversations* and interactions between the performers.

The original duet version was started in August 2021 and completed in March 2022. The string quartet version was completed in August 2021 but received minor tweaks through to August 2022.

Performance time is approximately twenty-three minutes.

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SCORE

Performance Time
Approximately 23'00"

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String Quartet Version

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DIVIDED INTO FIVE SECTIONS

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|-------------------|------|
| 1. Bars 001 - 132 | 4'05 |
| 2. Bars 135 - 238 | 3'32 |
| 3. Bars 241 - 390 | 5'45 |
| 4. Bars 393 - 481 | 4'42 |
| 5. Bars 484 - 587 | 4'55 |

I

Thoughtfully ♩ = 152

Violin I

Violin II

Viola

Cello

mf

6

11

16

mf

mf

mf

21

26

33

38

43

pizz.

pizz.

arco

arco

pizz.

mf

Gliss.

pizz.

Detailed description: This is a musical score for a piece titled 'City Faces ~ SQ' by Vanessa McClintock. The score is presented in five systems, each containing three staves (treble, middle, and bass clefs). The measures are numbered 21, 26, 33, 38, and 43. The music features a variety of rhythmic patterns, including eighth and sixteenth notes, and rests. Dynamic markings include *pizz.* (pizzicato), *arco* (arco), and *mf* (mezzo-forte). A glissando marking (*Gliss.*) is present in measure 43. The score is written in a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C).

72 $\text{♩} = 120$

75 pizz.

78 arco $\text{♩} = 92$ arco

81

84 *mf*

Detailed description: This page contains measures 72 through 84 of a musical score. The score is written for three staves: Treble, Bass, and a lower Treble (likely for a second violin or viola). Measure 72 starts with a tempo marking of quarter note = 120. Measures 75 and 78 include performance instructions: 'pizz.' (pizzicato) for the upper staves and 'arco' (arco) for the lower staff. Measure 78 also has a tempo change to quarter note = 92. Measure 84 begins with a dynamic marking of *mf* (mezzo-forte). The notation includes various musical symbols such as notes, rests, beams, and slurs.

87

90

rit.

$\text{♩} = 76$

94

mf
pizz.

mf
pizz.

mf

99

arco

103

arco

This musical score is for the piece "City Faces ~ SQ" by Vanessa McClintock, specifically measures 107 through 121. The score is written for a piano and features a complex, multi-layered texture. It consists of five systems, each with three staves (treble, alto, and bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The notation includes a variety of rhythmic values, including eighth and sixteenth notes, as well as rests. Phrasing is indicated by slurs and ties. A dynamic marking of *mf* (mezzo-forte) appears at the beginning of measure 114. The score shows a progression of harmonic and melodic ideas across the measures, with some measures featuring more active melodic lines in the upper staves and others focusing on the bass line.

107

111

114 *mf*

117

121

125

129

II

♩ = 66

135

142

148

153

158

161

164

167

This musical score is for the piece 'City Faces ~ SQ' by Vanessa McClintock, specifically measures 153 through 167. The score is written for a three-staff ensemble: Treble, Bass, and a third Treble staff. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats). The time signature is 3/4. The score is divided into five systems, each containing three measures. Measure numbers 153, 158, 161, 164, and 167 are placed to the left of their respective systems. Dynamics include piano (*p*) and mezzo-forte (*mf*). Articulation includes slurs and triplets. The notation includes various note values, rests, and accidentals. The third Treble staff is mostly silent, with some notes in measures 158, 161, and 164.

*rallentando**a tempo*

195

200

204

208

212

195

200

204

208

212

mf

mf

mf

mp

215 *mp*

217 *pizz.* *arco* *mf*

221 *mf*

225 *pizz.* *arco* *p* *mf* *p* *mf*

229

233

rit.

a tempo

p

mf

$\text{♩} = 66$

III

241

mf

246

251

(♩ = 66)

256

260

poco rit.

♩ = 60

264

♩ = 52

268

mf

272

The musical score is written for three staves per system. The first system (measures 256-259) features a treble staff with a melodic line, an alto staff with a sustained note, and a bass staff with a rhythmic pattern. The second system (measures 260-263) continues the melodic development in the treble and bass staves, with the alto staff providing harmonic support. The third system (measures 264-267) includes a 'poco rit.' marking and a tempo change to 60 beats per minute. The fourth system (measures 268-271) features a 'mf' marking and a tempo change to 52 beats per minute. The fifth system (measures 272-275) concludes the page with a final melodic flourish in the treble and bass staves.

276

280

284

poco rit.

a tempo

287

$\text{♩} = 84$

291

mf

pizz.

mf

arco

pizz.

mf

296

301

306

311

315

arco

arco

mf

pizz.

arco

319

pizz.

323

arco

327

331

335

339

343

348

354

360

pizz.

arco

$\text{♩} = 168$ ($\text{♩} = \text{♩}$)

rallentando

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365

pizz.

369

arco

373

377

pizz.

arco

381

The musical score is written for a piano and consists of five systems of staves. The first system (measures 365-368) features a piano introduction with a pizzicato melody in the right hand and a rhythmic accompaniment in the left hand. The second system (measures 369-372) continues the piece with an arco melody in the right hand and a rhythmic accompaniment in the left hand. The third system (measures 373-376) features a piano introduction with a pizzicato melody in the right hand and a rhythmic accompaniment in the left hand. The fourth system (measures 377-380) continues the piece with an arco melody in the right hand and a rhythmic accompaniment in the left hand. The fifth system (measures 381-384) features a piano introduction with a pizzicato melody in the right hand and a rhythmic accompaniment in the left hand.

384

388

IV $\text{♩} = 66$ *rallentando*

393

397

401

[illegible]

425

429

433

437

441

rit.

a tempo

pizz.

arco

pizz.

arco

pizz.

445

449

453

457

461

arco

p

mf

pizz.

(G $\frac{7}{4}$)

pizz.

arco

arco

♩ = 60

465

rit. *arco* *pizz.* *p* *mf*

469

arco *mf*

473

mf *arco*

477

rallentando

481

12/8

V

♩ = 66

484

♩ = 92

488

492

496

499

*mf**mf**mf**mf*

pizz.

arco

pizz.

pizz.

arco

502

505

508

511

514

arco

arco

517

520

523

526

529

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532

rallentando

a tempo

535

pizz.

538

pizz.

542

pizz.

arco

arco

546

550

553

557

560

563

arco

arco

pizz.

mf

$\text{♩} = 76$

566

arco

569

pizz.

572

poco rall.

575

mf

mf open strings where possible

mf open strings where possible

577

mf

mf open strings where possible

arco

open strings where possible

579

581

583

586

crescendo

crescendo

f

mf

f

mf

mp

mp

mp

mp

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