

Full Score (Transposed)

...searching for...

for orchestra

PERUSA

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Instrumentation

Flute 1,2,3 (3rd dbl. Picc.)
Oboe 1,2,3 (3rd dbl. Eng. Hn.)
Clarinet in Bb 1,2,3 (3rd dbl. B. Cl.)
Bassoon 1,2
Contrabassoon
Horn in F 1,2,3,4
Trumpet in Bb 1,2,3
Trombone 1,2
Bass Trombone
Tuba
Timpani
Percussion 1
Percussion 2
Harp
Violin I
Violin II
Viola
Violoncello
Double Bass (w/ low C extension)

Movements

- i. light in the dark (ca. 3.5 minutes)
- ii. over and over and over (ca. 7.5 minutes)*

*May be performed as a standalone piece.

Performance Notes

Percussion

Percussion 1: bass drum (shared), glockenspiel, xylophone, mark tree, clash cymbals, suspended cymbal, triangle, flexatone, ratchet (mounted)
Percussion 2: bass drum (shared), tam tam, suspended cymbal, vibraphone, tubular bells, crotales

- Small chain links are called for, to be placed on the head of the bass drum. Large beads or another object which rattles may work as a substitute.
- Swizzle sticks are called for; these should have one felt side suitable for bass drum hits and suspended cymbal rolls, and one drumstick side.

Notation

- Triangular noteheads indicate the highest or lowest note which is reasonably possible.
- Staccatos in passages with multiple rhythmic values should be played equally short.
- The tempo changes at rehearsal letters H and I both equate the old triplet quarter note with the new quarter note.
- If the double basses do not have a low C extension, notes which are too low may be played up an octave.

Program Notes

...searching for... explores the feeling of looking for or chasing something that you can't quite obtain, whether it's a simple scrap of plastic in the wind or some inner psychological need. The music repeatedly finds itself swept into a new place, tries to find an answer or resolution, but fails and is thrown into the next.

The first movement, "light in the dark," is made up of three short episodes. After an unresolved, unraveling opening, fragments from later in the work organically coalesce like insects into a blinding swarm. The swarm is sucked like a vacuum into a sustained tone (the "light") which grows hopefully toward brightness but at the last second is disfigured and disappears into a looming storm cloud. The storm intensifies until the attack of the second movement, which snaps a tritone away and suddenly transports us to a new place.

The second movement, "over and over and over," is made up of many shorter cycles of 36 chords. For this, I used the progression at the end of Thomas Adès's piano solo *Traced Overhead* (...-sus4-maj-min-...). With the root ascending in fifths and the descending inner chromatic line, it creates a perpetual harmonic carousel. However, the hunger for speed and unending growth spins the piece into a vicious cycle of bursting bubbles—and brings its eventual demise.

Duration: ca. 11 minutes

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i. light in the dark

$\text{♩} = 152$ - unraveling

Flute 1.2
Piccolo
Oboe 1
Oboe 2
Clarinet in B_b 1
Clarinet in B_b 2
Clarinet in B_b 3
Bassoon 1.2
Horn in F 1.2
Horn in F 3.4
Trumpet in C 1
Trumpet in C 3
Trombone 1,2
Bass Trombone
Tuba
Percussion 1
Percussion 2
Percussion 3
Harp
Violin I
Violin II
Viola
Violoncello
Double Bass

$\text{♩} = 152$ - unraveling

(1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (6)

B

Fl. 1
Fl. 2
Fl. 3
Cl. in B♭ 1
Cl. in B♭ 2
Cl. in B♭ 3
Bsn 1.2
Cbsn
Hn in F 1.2
Hn in F 3.4
Tpt in C 1
Tpt in C 2
Tpt in C 3
Tbn. 1.2
B. Tbn.
Tba
Perc. 1
Perc. 2
Vln I
Vln II
Vla
Vc.
D. B.

B

(13) (14) (15) (16) (17) (18) (19) (20)

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

Eng. Hn.

Cl. in B♭ 1

Cl. in B♭ 2

Cl. in B♭ 3

Bsn 1

Bsn 2

Cbsn

Hn in F 1.2

Tpt in C 1

Tpt in C 2

Tpt in C 3

Tbn. 1

B. Tbn.

Tba

Tim.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

(21) (22) (23) (24) (mf) (25) (26) (27) (28)

C

Fl. 1
Fl. 2
Fl. 3
Ob. 1
Ob. 2
Eng. Hn
Cl. in B_b 1
Cl. in B_b 2
Cl. in B_b 3
Bsn 1
Bsn 2
Cbsn
Hn in F 1.2
Hn in F 3.4
Tpt in C 1
Tbn. 1
Tbn. 2
B. Tbn.
Tba
Timp.
Perc. 1
Perc. 2
Perc. 2
Hp
Vln I
Vln II
Vla
Vc.
D. B.

C

(29) (30) (31) (32) (33) (34) (35)

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Picc.

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

Eng. Hn

Cl. in B_b 1

Cl. in B_b 2

Cl. in B_b 3

Bsn 1

Bsn 2

Cbsn

Hn in F 1.2

Hn in F 3.4

Tpt in C 1
straight mute
mf

Tpt in C 2
mf

Tpt in C 3
mf

Tbn. 1
mp *p*

Tbn. 2
mp *p*

B. Tbn.
mp *p*

Tba
mp *mp*

Tim.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

D

Fl. 1
Fl. 2
Picc.
Ob. 1
Ob. 2
Eng. Hn
Cl. in B_b 1
Cl. in B_b 2
Cl. in B_b 3
Bsn 1
Bsn 2
Cbsn
Hn in F 1.2
Hn in F 3.4
Tpt in C 1
Tpt in C 2
Tpt in C 3
Tbn. 1
Tbn. 2
B. Tbn.
Tba
Tim.
Perc. 1
Perc. 2
Vln II
Vla
Vc.

D

(42) (43) (44) (45) (46) (47)

Performance Instructions:

- Perc. 1: Mark Tree, Sus. Cym. w/ stick, w/ mallets
- Perc. 2: Bass Drum, Ratchet - mounted
- Vln II: gliss., mf
- Vla: gliss., mf
- Vc.: gliss., mf

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Picc.

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

Eng. Hn

Cl. in B♭ 1

Cl. in B♭ 2

Cl. in B♭ 3

Bsn 1

Bsn 2

Cbsn

Hn in F 1.2

Hn in F 3.4

Tpt in C 1.2.3

Tbn. 1.2

B. Tbn.

Tba

Timp.

Flexatone (start moderately high)

Perc. 1

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

D. B.

48

49

50

51

E ♩ = 72 - like an orb of light

Eng. Hn

Cl. in B♭ 1

Cl. in B♭ 2

Cl. in B♭ 3

Bsn 1

Bsn 2

Hn in F 1.2

t in C 1.2.3

Tim.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Hp

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

D. B.

52

53

54

55

56

57

58

G ♩ = 72 - looming; mysterious

Musical score for measures 72-79. The score includes parts for Flute 1, Flute 2, Flute 3, Oboe 1, Oboe 2, English Horn, Clarinet in B♭ 1.2, Clarinet in B♭ 3, Bassoon 1.2, Cello/Bassoon, Horn in F 1.2, Horn in F 3.4, Trumpet in C 1, Trumpet in C 2, Trumpet in C 3, Trombone 1.2, Bass Trombone, Tuba, Timpani, Percussion 2, and Harp. The music consists primarily of sustained notes and short melodic fragments. Dynamic markings include *p*, *mf*, and *mf solo*. Measure 72 features a prominent solo for the English Horn.

Continuation of the musical score for measures 79-81. The instrumentation remains the same. The score shows sustained notes and short melodic fragments. Dynamics include *p*, *pp*, and *ppp*. Measure 80 features a dynamic transition from *pp* to *p*.

G ♩ = 72 - looming; mysterious

Continuation of the musical score for measures 72-81, focusing on the String section: Violin I, Violin II, Viola, Cello, and Double Bass. The strings play sustained notes with various vibrato and bowing techniques indicated by wavy lines and dots. Measure 72 starts with *ppp* and *non vib.*. Measures 73-75 show sustained notes with *ppp* and *non vib.*. Measures 76-77 show sustained notes with *1. only: sul pont.*, *mf*, *ord.*, and *pp*. Measures 78-79 show sustained notes with *(2. - no trem.)*, *mf*, *pp*, and *3 3 3 3*. Measures 80-81 show sustained notes with *mf*, *pp*, and *mf*.

Fl. 1 *mf solo* *p*

Fl. 2 *mf solo* *p*

Fl. 3 *p* *tr*

Ob. 1 *p*

Eng. Hn *mf* *p* *f* *p*

Cl. in B♭ 1 *p* *mf solo* *p* *p* *f* *p*

Cl. in B♭ 2 *p*

Bsn. 1.2 *p* *tr*

Tbn. 1 *p* *ord. gliss.*

Tim. *p*

Perc. 1 *w/ hard plastic mallets* *tr* *mf* *n*

Perc. 2 *p* *just color* *mf* *p* *p*

Hp *p* *ss*

Vln I *sul pont.* *mf* *ord. pp* *p*

Vln II *sul pont.* *mf* *ord. pp* *p*

Vla *mf* *pp* *ord.* *mf* *p*

Vc *mf* *p*

D. B. *mf* *p*

H

Segue

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Fl. 3

Ob. 1.2

Eng. Hn

Cl. in B_b 1.2

B. Cl.

Bsn 1.2

Cbsn

Hn in F 1.2

Hn in F 3.4

Tpt in C 1.2

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

B. Tbn.

Tba

Tim.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Hp

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

D. B.

Segue

(88) (89) (90) (91) (92)

ii. over and over and over

$\text{♩} = 60$ - after a storm
a2

A

Fl. 1 jet whistle $p < ff > p$

Fl. 2 jet whistle $p < ff > p$

Fl. 3 jet whistle $p < ff > p$

Ob. 1.2 a² "sh" p mf p

Eng. Hn "sh" p mf p

Cl. in B^b 1.2 a² p

B. Cl. p mf p

Bsn 1.2 a² p mf p

Cbsn play p p

Hn in F 1.2.3.4 a⁴ p mf

Tim. 6 $f = p$ 7 6 6 p like thunder $pp = mp$

Perc. 1 $mp > p$ $mf = p$

Perc. 2 $f = p$ $mp = p$ p like thunder $f = p$ remove chain links

Hp ff thunder effect

Vln I 1 3 3 5 2 3 5 3

Vln I 2 3 5 3

Vln II 1 3 3 5 2 3 5 3

Vln II 2 3 5 3

Vc. 1 $=mf$ 2 p

Vc. 2 2 mf 2 p

D. B. 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14

Fl. 1 *p < ff > p*

Fl. 2 *p < ff > p*

Fl. 3 *p < ff > p*

Ob. 1.2 *a 2*
 p — mf —

Eng. Hn *p — mf —*

Cl. in B♭ 1.2 *a 2*
 p —

B. Cl. *ord.*
 p — mf —
 p — mf —

Bsn 1.2 *play*
 p under b. cl.
 play
 p —
 p under b. cl.
 p —

Cbsn *p*
 p

Hn in F 1.2.3.4 *a 4*
 p

Tpt in C 1.2.3 *a 3*
 p — mf — p
 1.2 a 2
 p — mf — p
 p — mf — p

Tbn. 1.2
B. Tbn. *B. Tbn.*
 p — mf — p

Tba *p — mf — p*

Tim. *pp*

Perc. 1 *mf — p*
 mp — p
 don't drown out harp
 p —
 p — mf — p
 n

Perc. 2 *p —*
 mf — p
 p — mf — p
 p —

Hp *l.v. all*
 gliss.
 f — p
 l.v. all
 gliss.
 f — p

Vln I 1 *mf*
 pp
 3

Vln I 2 *mf*
 pp

Vln II 1 *mf*
 pp
 3
 5

Vln II 2 *mf*
 pp

Vcl. 1 *sim.*
 gliss.
 p
 sul tasto arco
 mf
 n

D. B. *irregular*
 mf
 irregular
 n

(15) (16) (17) (18) (19) (20) (21) (22)

B

Ob. 1.2
Eng. Hn
Cl. in B♭ 1.2
Cl. in B♭ 3
B. Cl.
Bsn 1
Cbsn

Hn in F 1.2.3.4
Tpt in C 1.2.3
Tbn. 1.2
B. Tbn.
Tba

Perc. 1
Perc. 2
Perc. 2

Hp

Vln I
Vln II
Vla

23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30

C ♩ = 68 - sunny, hesitant
ord.

Fl. 1.2
Fl. 3
Cl. in B♭ 1.2
Cl. in B♭ 3
Perc. 1
Perc. 2

C ♩ = 68 - sunny, hesitant

Vln I
Vln II
Vla
Vc.
D. B.

(31) (32) (33) (34) (35) (36) (37) (38)

D

Fl. 1.2
Fl. 3
Ob. 1
Cl. in B♭ 1
Cl. in B♭ 3
Bsn. 1.2

D

Vln I
Vln II
Vla
Vc.

(39) (40) (41) (42) (43) (44)

(55) (56) (mf) (57) (58)

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Fl. 3

Cl. in B♭ 1

B. Cl.

Bsn 1

Cbsn

Hn in F 1

Tba

Perc. 1

Vibes

Perc. 2

Hp

Vln I

Vln II

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

D. B.

(59) (60) (61) (62)

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Fl. 3

Ob. 2

Eng. Hn

Cl. in B♭ 1

Cl. in B♭ 2

B. Cl.

Bsn 1

Bsn 2

Cbsn

Hn in F 1

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

D. B.

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Fl. 3

Ob. 2

Eng. Hn

Cl. in B♭ 1

Cl. in B♭ 2

B. Cl.

Bsn 1

Bsn 2

Cbsn

Hn in F 1

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

D. B.

68

69

70

71

72

Fl. 1
Fl. 2
Fl. 3
Ob. 1
Ob. 2
Eng. Hn
Cl. in B♭ 1
Cl. in B♭ 2
B. Cl.
Bsn 1
Bsn 2
Cbsn
Hn in F 1
Hn in F 2
Hn in F 3
Tpt in C 1.2.3
Tbn. 1.2
B. Tbn.
Tba
Tim.
Perc. 1
Perc. 2
Hp
Vln I
Vln II
Vla
Vc.
D. B.

Fl. 1 *p-f* *mf*

Fl. 2 *mf*

Fl. 3

Ob. 1 *p*

Ob. 2 *mf* *f* *mf*

Eng. Hn *f* *p*

Ci. in B♭ 1 *p* *mf* *f* *mf*

Ci. in B♭ 2 *p*

B. Cl. *mp* *mf*

Bsn 1 *p* *f* *3* *p*

Bsn 2 *p* *f* *6* *mf*

Hn in F 1 *p*

Tbn. 1,2 *mf* *B. Tbn.*

Tba *mf*

Perc. 1 *f*

Perc. 2 *f*

Hp *mf*

Vln I *mp* *p* *3* *mp* *p* *3* *mf* *p* *3* *mf*

Vln II *mp* *p* *3* *mf* *p* *3* *mf*

Vla *mp* *p* *3* *mf* *p* *3* *mf*

Vc. *mp* *p* *3* *mf* *p* *3* *mf*

D. B. *mp*

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

Eng. Hn

Cl. in B♭ 1

Cl. in B♭ 2

Cl. in B♭ 3

Bsn 1

Bsn 2

Cbsn

Hn in F 1

Hn in F 2

Hn in F 3

Hn in F 4

Tpt in C 1

Tpt in C 2

Tpt in C 3

Tbn. 1

B. Tbn.

Tba

Tim.

Perc. 1

Hp

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

D. B.

94

95

96

97

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Fl. 3

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

Cl. in B♭ 1

Cl. in B♭ 2

Cl. in B♭ 3

Hn in F 1

Hn in F 3

Tpt in C 1

Tpt in C 2

Tpt in C 3

Tbn. 1

B. Tbn.

Tba

Tim.

Hp

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

D. B.

J ♩ = 160 - relentless

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

Eng. Hn

Cl. in B♭ 1

Cl. in B♭ 2

B. Cl.

Bsn 1
2

Tpt in C 1

Tpt in C 2

Tpt in C 3

Tbn. 1,2
B. Tbn.

Timpani

Perc. 1

[Clash Cymbals]

Perc. 2

[Crotales]

Hp

[Eb Ab
D♭ B♭]

[E♭
D♭ C♯]

J ♩ = 160 - relentless

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

102

103

104

pp

105

p

106

p

107

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Picc.

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

Eng. Hn

Cl. in B♭ 1

Cl. in B♭ 2

B. Cl.

Bsn 1.2

Hn in F 1.2

Hn in F 3.4

Tpt in C 1

Tbn 1.2
B. Tbn.

Tim.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Hp

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

D. B.

108

109

110

111

112

113

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Picc.

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

Eng. Hn

Cl. in B♭ 1

Cl. in B♭ 2

Bsn 1

Cbsn

Hn in F 1.2

Hn in F 3.4

Tpt in C 1

Tpt in C 2

Tbn. 1.2

B. Tbn.

Tba

Tim.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Hp

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc

D. B.

114

115

116

117

L ♩ = 54 - lamenting

Cl. in B♭ 1
2

Bsn 1
2

Cbsn

Tim.

Glock. - w/ soft plastic mallets

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Hp

L ♩ = 54 - lamenting

D. B.

2 arco

n pp 134 135 136 137 138 139

Fl. 1 p non vib. p just over other flutes p n

Fl. 2 p non vib. p p n

Fl. 3 p non vib. p p n

Eng. Hn

Cl. in B♭ 1

Cl. in B♭ 2

Bsn 1 2 1. 2.

Cbsn p

Hn in F 1 2 p

Hn in F 3 4 p

Tim.

Perc. 1 n mp n mf n

Perc. 2

Hp

D. B.

140 141 142 143 144 145

Eng. Hn B. Cl. Bsn 1
Cbsn Tbn 1
Tba Perc. 1
Perc. 2 Vln 1
D. B.

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

pp

w/ harder plastic mallets

n *ff* *mf* *p* *n*
fff *ff* *f* *mf* *p* *ppp*
lv.

n *pp* *p* *mf* *f*
p *ppp*

pp (146) (147) (148) (149) (150) (151) (152) (153) (154) (155) (156)

