

# Changing Faces

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# Landscape with Bells

**“Landscape with Bells,** a ‘*portrait in miniature*,’ was composed in August of 1986 during an especially bucolic summer sojourn spent at ‘Les Oiseaux,’ a private country estate in Tarreytown, New York.

There amongst the well-trimmed lawns, the duck ponds and wisteria, I began to enjoy an otherworldly mix of tranquility and euphoria experienced so rarely in one’s life. As a result, I began producing a series of ‘Bell’ pieces, etching a semblance of my natural and manicured surroundings, drawing upon the distant yet everpresent aroma of bells, both real and imagined.”

**Robert Beaser**  
Born 1954, Boston, Massachusetts

## Introduction By Maurice Hinson:

This piece uses the pedal to produce colorful bell-like sonorities. Count carefully, so the composer’s metrical subtleties such as 4/4, 7/8, 5/8, 7/8, 2/4, etc., will easily melt into each other. At measures 11-12, 41, and 43, the second staff for left hand usage in the repeats makes the notation even more clearly understood. Check these measures out first so they will not be confusing visually.

Observe meticulously the composer’s accents at the indicated levels (measures 2, 5, 10, 12, 14, 27, etc.) so that the bell-like ringing tone is produced. A big climax should be reached in measures 74-76 to provide the effective contrast brought about by the Coda, measures 80 to the end. Take plenty of time at measure 97 and let the final measures float away into nothingness.

# Landscape With Bells

Fast, light, and ringing tempo I ( $\text{d} = 90 - 96$ )

Robert Beaser

25

As. \* As. \* As.

29

\* As. \* As. \*

33

\* As. \* As. \*

38

*mf*

1.  
2nd° L.H.

43

*p*

*2. lyrico*

*f*

*2nd° L.H.*

47

*mp*

52      **Tempo II (d. = 88)**      **Ancora più mosso**

*p distinctly*

56

60

64      **Più agitato**

*mf*

68      **1.**

*f*

*ff*

2.

72 *f*

76 *f* *mf* *mp* *d.=d* *8va. tenuto*

80 **Tempo I** CODA *pp* *p*

86 *p* *l.v.* *sonore* *poco* *mf sub.* *\* 8va. tenuto*

91 *pp*

97 G.P. *mp* *ppp* *niente* *l.v.* *lunga* *1.v.* *8va. tenuto al Fine*

# My Friend Mozart

*"My Friend Mozart was written in Rome, Italy, on a rainy day in mid-October. I had been reading a lot about Mozart those days, and was very effected by his endless struggle to exist.*

*He was struggling to exist to write the incredible works that we listen to today with such ease. I have always felt that Mozart is my friend; somehow I can always communicate with him. This piece is a celebration of my friendship with Mozart, as well as an expression of my emotions for his life-long fight for existence."*

**Kamran Ince**  
Born 1960, Glendive, Montana

## Introduction By Maurice Hinson:

This atmospheric piece is based on contrasting textures that produce contrasting sections. The opening section A (measures 1-11), provides a rocking left-hand figuration under a syncopated right-hand melody. Accelerandos and ritards are integrally worked into this section and throughout the piece. Section B (measures 12-23) features repeated chords between the hands that gradually accelerate while getting louder. Measures 24-27 are reminiscent of section A. Section B returns at measures 28-40 at a higher pitch level.

Measures 41-57, section C, exploits octotonic usage with accents over a gradually descending line. The closing section, measures 58 to the end, contains references to the opening A section, plus short choral-style passages. The free, mildly dissonant, tonal usage centers around E minor and is basically triadic.

Even though this piece is short, Ince displays excellent motivic development, balance, and overall shaping of lines. Much pedal use provides color throughout, and an elegiac mood hovers over most of the piece. The title is thought-provoking—maybe referring to the triadic harmony and melodic style. Who knows, perhaps Mozart would have composed in this style if he were living today.

# My Friend Mozart

Kamran Ince

The sheet music consists of five staves of musical notation for piano, arranged vertically. The first staff begins with a tempo of  $\text{♩} = 50$  in common time, dynamic *pp*, and includes a performance instruction *rit.* above the second measure. The second staff starts with *accel.* and ends with *mf*. The third staff begins with  $\text{♩} = 63$  and ends with *rit.* The fourth staff begins with  $\text{♩} = 50$  *accel.* and ends with  $\text{♩} = 63$ . The fifth staff begins with  $\text{♩} = 63$  and ends with *rit.* The sixth staff begins with  $\text{♩} = 54$  *accel.* and ends with  $\text{♩} = 63$ . The seventh staff begins with *rit.* and ends with  $\text{♩} = 48$ . The eighth staff begins with *gradual accel.* and ends with *gradual cresc.* The ninth staff begins with  $\text{♩} = 88$  and ends with *f*. The tenth staff begins with  $\text{♩} = 100$  and ends with *ff*.

21 - - - - -  $\text{♩} = 116$  - - - - -  $\text{♩} = 126$

(-  $\text{dd.} \rightarrow$ ) fff - - - - -  $\text{♩} = 40$  accel.  $\text{♩} = 56$  rit.  $\text{♩} = 48$

24  $\text{♩} = 66$  rit.  $\text{♩} = 40$   $\text{♩} = 56$  rit.  $\text{♩} = 48$

$\text{ff}$   $\text{mf}$   $\text{p}$   $\text{pp}$   $\text{pp}$

( $\text{dd.} \rightarrow$ )  $\text{dd.} \rightarrow$   $\text{dd.} \rightarrow$

gradual accel. - - - - -

28  $\text{pp}$  - - - - -  $\text{bassoon} (\text{b})$  - - - - -  $\text{bassoon} (\text{b})$  - - - - -  $\text{bassoon} (\text{b})$

(-  $\text{dd.} \rightarrow$ ) gradual cresc. - - - - -  $\rightarrow$

31 - - - - -  $\text{♩} = 88$  - - - - -

$\text{bassoon} (\text{b})$  ff  $\text{bassoon} (\text{b})$  ff  $\text{bassoon} (\text{b})$  ff  $\text{bassoon} (\text{b})$  ff  $\text{bassoon} (\text{b})$  ff

(-  $\text{dd.} \rightarrow$ ) ff - - - - -  $\rightarrow$

34 - - - - -

$\text{bassoon} (\text{b})$  ff  $\text{bassoon} (\text{b})$  ff  $\text{bassoon} (\text{b})$  ff  $\text{bassoon} (\text{b})$  ff  $\text{bassoon} (\text{b})$  ff

(-  $\text{dd.} \rightarrow$ ) ff - - - - -  $\rightarrow$

37 - - - - -  $\text{♩} = 108$  - - - - -  $\text{♩} = 138$  - - - - -

$\text{bassoon} (\text{b})$  ff  $\text{bassoon} (\text{b})$  ff  $\text{bassoon} (\text{b})$  ff  $\text{bassoon} (\text{b})$  ff  $\text{bassoon} (\text{b})$  ff

(-  $\text{dd.} \rightarrow$ ) ff - - - - -  $\text{bassoon} (\text{b})$  ff - - - - -  $\rightarrow$

$\text{♩} = 72$  (notes with  $\geq$  should be played a little longer)

41

46 gradual rit.

gradual dim.

51  $\text{♩} = 58$

56  $\text{♩} = 48$   $\text{♩} = 40$  accel.  $\text{♩} = 58$  rit.  $\text{♩} = 40$

60  $\text{♩} = 58$  rit.  $\text{♩} = 40$  accel.  $\text{♩} = 58$  rit.  $\text{♩} = 40$   $\text{♩} = 58$

65 più p pp

Dur. circa 3'

# Dance

*"Dance is a short, rhythmic work which is sprightly and upbeat in nature. The opening and closing sections are rapid and should be played very precisely while the middle section is more reverie-like and allows for some rhythmic freedom. The student should take care especially to make evident all of the dynamic contrasts."*

**Stephen Paulus**  
*Born 1949, Summit, New Jersey*

## Introduction By Maurice Hinson:

This energetic piece is highly effective, especially when all of the dynamic and articulation marks are carefully observed. The composer has notated accents that help support strong syncopations. Long pedals in the middle section provide a sonorous atmosphere for the flowing melody. Keep the outer sections (measures 1-29, and 52 to the end) light and bouncy with only a few quick touches of pedal. Present are numerous repetitions of and variations on easily remembered melodic fragments. Tonalities are used clearly with some chromatic coloration. When performing this piece, always remember its title and the mood you are trying to create.

# Dance

Stephen Paulus

Allegro  $\text{♩} = 160$

The musical score consists of five staves of piano music. Staff 1 (treble and bass) starts with a dynamic *f*. Staff 2 (treble) follows with *mf*. Staff 3 (treble) has a dynamic *f*. Staff 4 (treble) has a dynamic *>mf*. Staff 5 (treble) starts with a dynamic *mp*. Staff 6 (treble) starts with a dynamic *p*. Staff 7 (treble) starts with a dynamic *mp*. Staff 8 (treble) has dynamics *cresc.*, *mf*, and *mp*. Staff 9 (treble) starts with a dynamic *fp*. Staff 10 (treble) starts with a dynamic *cresc.*. Staff 11 (treble) has a dynamic *f*. Staff 12 (treble) has a dynamic *fp*.

21

25

29

33

37

\*

41 a Tempo (poco più mosso  $\text{♩} = 96$ )

45

$\text{♩} = 88$

50

54

57

61

64

*fp*

*cresc.*

68

*f*

v.v.

72

*sub. p* *poco a poco cresc.*

v.v.

76

*ff*

v.v. *ff*

v.v. \*

# Old and Lost Rivers

*“Driving east from Houston on Interstate 10,  
you will come to a high bridge which crosses many winding bayous.  
These bayous were left behind by the great wanderings over time  
of the Trinity River across the land. When it rains the bayous  
fill with water and begin to flow. At other times—when it is dry—they  
evaporate and grow green in the sun. The two main bayous are called  
Old River and Lost River. Where they converge, a sign reads:  
Old and Lost Rivers.”*

**Tobias Picker**  
*Born 1954, New York City*

## Introduction By Maurice Hinson:

The upper range of the keyboard is exploited in this expressive character piece. Write in the name of the notes close to the note head for those using seven or eight ledger lines. The tempo of quarter note equals 76 should be the fastest tempo used, but there are numerous places where a slower tempo may be felt. There are also a few *rallentandos* indicated (big ritards), but smaller ritards, or *rubato*, can and should be used. After playing over the piece a few times, you will begin to feel where some of this “bending of tempo” can take place. The title and description of the piece by the composer lets us know these rivers have wandered over time, and a sense of meandering and wandering is most appropriate for the flexible phrasing. Even though the dynamic level is very quiet, a climax is felt at measure 38—but do not be too forceful here. Much pedal must be used and the low notes should be kept sounding as long as possible without over-blurring.

# Old And Lost Rivers

for Ursula Oppens

Tobias Picker

**Tranquillo**  $\text{♩} = 76$

Rall.

The general dynamic is *pianissimo*; however, the moment may dictate fluctuations within.

**A tempo**

**loco**

**Rall.** A tempo

**sempre pp**

**10**

*Rall...; A tempo*

Musical score for piano, page 13. The score consists of two staves. The top staff uses a treble clef and the bottom staff uses a bass clef. The key signature is five flats. Measure 13 starts with a dynamic *loco*. The right hand plays a sixteenth-note pattern with grace notes, while the left hand provides harmonic support. The measure ends with a dynamic *8va*.

*Rall...; A tempo*

Musical score for piano, page 16. The staves continue from page 13. Measure 16 begins with a dynamic *loco*. The right hand plays eighth-note patterns with grace notes, and the left hand provides harmonic support. The measure ends with a dynamic *2*.

Musical score for piano, page 19. The staves continue from page 16. Measure 19 begins with a dynamic *loco*. The right hand plays eighth-note patterns with grace notes, and the left hand provides harmonic support. The measure ends with a dynamic *6*.

Musical score for piano, page 22. The staves continue from page 19. Measure 22 begins with a dynamic *loco*. The right hand plays eighth-note patterns with grace notes, and the left hand provides harmonic support. The measure ends with a dynamic *8va*.

25

Rall. . . . . ; A tempo

28

31

34

*loco*

36 Rall.

38 A tempo  
loco

39 Rall. . . . .; A tempo, ma  
molto tranquillo 8va

40 8va

44 loco

46 Rall.

47 8va loco  
pppp

# Little Gorgon

*“In Greek mythology, the three gorgons were sisters with snakes for hair, tusks for teeth, and claws of brass. So hideous was their appearance that any human who looked one in the face would be turned to stone immediately. Of the three—Stheno, Euryale, and Medusa—only the last was mortal.*

*These monstrous but tragic figures were the inspiration for my orchestral work of 1984, **Gorgon**.*

*When I composed my brief piano work in 1986 based upon some of the music from the orchestra score, I decided to call it*

**Little Gorgon** *partly because of its short duration but also inspired by the slightly whimsical image of a newborn baby gorgon caught in a tantrum. As a child, I always enjoyed attacking the lowest octave of the piano with a certain reckless abandon, and it is my hope that this small piece will afford the young student an opportunity to “legally” indulge the same passion.”*

**Christopher Rouse**  
*Born 1949, Baltimore, Maryland*

## Introduction By Maurice Hinson:

**T**his fast and violent piece exploits the bass register with strong percussive treatment. Obsessive rhythmic drive with many hand crossings plus wrenching brutality, in its use of the keyboard, make it a boldly conceived work. Tritone usage permeates the piece and adds to its unstable tonal feeling.

The *sfffz*'s and *ffff*'s give the pianist numerous opportunities to “attack” the keyboard. Lyric lines at measures 15-20 and 37-42 are skillfully woven into the texture and provide colorful contrasts. Measures 43 to the end should grow in intensity to the final exploding tonal clusters. The physical feel of this piece makes it fun and exciting to play.

# Little Gorgon

Christopher Rouse

Fast and violent  $\text{♩} = 152$

1

2 3 4

5

6 7 8

9

10 11 12

13

14

15 16

17

18 19

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Musical score page 24. The score consists of two staves. The top staff has a bass clef, a key signature of one sharp, and a time signature of common time. The bottom staff also has a bass clef. The music starts with eighth-note patterns. Measure 24 ends with a dynamic instruction:   
 8ba -   
*sfffz sfffz*

29

Musical score page 29. The top staff continues with eighth-note patterns. Measure 29 ends with a dynamic instruction:   
 8ba -   
*sfffz sfffz*

34

Musical score page 34. The top staff shows eighth-note patterns. Measure 34 ends with a dynamic instruction:   
 8ba -   
 8ba -   
 8ba -   
 8ba -

39

Musical score page 39. The top staff features eighth-note patterns. Measure 39 ends with dynamics:   
 p      fff

43

Musical score page 43. The top staff shows eighth-note patterns. Measure 43 ends with dynamics:   
*ffff*      8ba -

49

Musical score page 49. The top staff features eighth-note patterns. Measure 49 ends with a dynamic instruction:   
 (8ba) - - - - -

■ - tone clusters: press down all the black and white notes between A and E (left hand) and between F and C (right hand).

# Veiled Autumn

*“Veiled Autumn is a brief elegiac character piece for piano. The title provides the poetic backdrop for the introspective, reflective and somewhat dark-hued tone and character of the piece. The overall design is rondo-like with the melodic material lyric and expressive and the harmonic material essentially modal.”*

**Joseph Schwantner**  
Born 1943, Chicago, Illinois

## Introduction By Maurice Hinson:

This impressionistic piece is full of subtle sonorities that require careful use of the damper pedal. Even though the composer has added some pedal marks, pedal should be used much more than indicated. Lyrical gestures permeate “Veiled Autumn” and clear, but changing tonal centers undergird the logical structure. Ringing sonorities brought about by sharply attacked chords that are left to die away slowly, or sharply accented notes left to ring, add much color and atmosphere. A few of these sonorities are heard at measures 2, 4, 5 and 52. The composer attributes his continuing interest in ringing sonorities to his early experience as a guitarist. Metrical changes should flow smoothly from one into the other. The Coda (measures 53 to the end), with its repeated motives, ends unresolved tonally, and the pedal should be held until all the sound has disappeared.

# Veiled Autumn

(Kindertodeslied)

Joseph Schwantner

**1**  $\text{♩} = 54$

*pp* *fp* *poco* *p* *elegantly* *r8va* *let (ring)* *pp* *fp* *poco* *p*

*dp* → (damper pedal)

*p* *mf* *sub.* *f*

**4**

*boldly* *lunga* *serene*

*p* *mf* *sub.* *f* *(dp)→* (Pedal release) *dp* → *pp* *(dp)→*

**8**

*p* *mf* *p* *mf* *p* *(dp)→* *p* (left hand no cresc.) *sempre* *poco rit.* *a tempo cantabile* *cresc.*

**11**

*p* *mf* *p* *(p)*

14      *mp cresc.*      *mf cresc.*      *f*

17      *lontano*  
*pp sub.*

20      *poco rit.*      *a tempo cantabile*  
*pp* — *mp > p*      *p*      *cresc.*

23      *rit.*      *a tempo*  
*mp cresc.*      *pp sub.* — *mp > p*      *pp delicato with clarity*

27      *p*      *mp cresc.*  
—(dp)→      —(dp)→

30 *rit.* *a tempo*  
8va - *delicato*  
*f* *pp sub.* *(mp sub.)*  
—(dp)→ —(dp)→ —(dp)→  
*pp (L.H. sempre)*

33 (8va) *dp* → *(dp)* →  
*pp* *(mp)* *pp* *(mp)* *pp* *(mp)*

36 *mp* *cresc.* *mf cresc.* *f* *cresc.*

39 *ff* *rit.* *a tempo*  
*f* *mp* *pp*

42 *p*

Detailed description: The musical score consists of six staves of piano music. Staff 1 starts with a dynamic 'f' followed by 'rit.' markings above and below the staff, and '8va -' with 'delicato' written below it. Articulation marks like '(dp)' and '(dp)→' are placed between measures. Staff 2 starts with '(8va)' and ends with '(dp)→'. Staff 3 shows a dynamic 'mp' followed by '(mp)', then 'pp' followed by '(mp)', and finally 'pp' followed by '(mp)'. Staff 4 features dynamics 'mp', 'mf cresc.', 'f', and 'cresc.'. Staff 5 shows 'ff' followed by 'rit.', then 'f' followed by 'mp', and finally 'pp'. Staff 6 concludes with a dynamic 'p'.

45

*mp*

(b)

*f dim.*

*mf dim.*

*mp*

*dp* → (sempre) →

—(dp)→

*p*

—(dp)→

*pp*

# Changing Faces

*“The fixed patterns on the wall do handstands in my head.”*

**Alvin Singleton**

*Born 1940, Brooklyn, New York*

## Introduction By Maurice Hinson:

**T**his work calls for *legato* touch throughout its thinly textured modulated sonorities. Triadic harmony supports its numerous repeated patterns punctuated with structural dynamic indications. Effective shifting accents will keep performer and listener alert.

The title may refer to the evolving tonalities (sometimes only implied) and to these shifting accents. This lyric piece uses only one very loud (*ff*) outburst—that being the highest pitch (measure 111) that is held for six and one-half measures. It is a good example of “minimal music,” since it is based on the repetition of short figures.

Dynamics must be carefully observed and subtle use of the pedal will provide great enhancement.

# Changing Faces

to Jimito + Chris

**Alvin Singleton**

Fast (♩ = 126)

The sheet music consists of five staves of musical notation for two voices. The top staff is soprano, and the bottom staff is alto. The music is in common time, with a key signature of one flat. Measure numbers 1 through 25 are indicated on the left side of each staff.

- Measure 1:** Both voices begin with eighth-note patterns. The soprano has a grace note before the first eighth note.
- Measure 2:** The soprano continues with eighth-note pairs, while the alto has eighth-note pairs with a fermata over the second note.
- Measure 3:** The soprano has eighth-note pairs, and the alto has eighth-note pairs with a fermata over the second note.
- Measure 4:** The soprano has eighth-note pairs, and the alto has eighth-note pairs with a fermata over the second note.
- Measure 5:** The soprano has eighth-note pairs, and the alto has eighth-note pairs with a fermata over the second note.
- Measure 6:** The soprano has eighth-note pairs, and the alto has eighth-note pairs with a fermata over the second note.
- Measure 7:** The soprano has eighth-note pairs, and the alto has eighth-note pairs with a fermata over the second note.
- Measure 8:** The soprano has eighth-note pairs, and the alto has eighth-note pairs with a fermata over the second note.
- Measure 9:** The soprano has eighth-note pairs, and the alto has eighth-note pairs with a fermata over the second note.
- Measure 10:** The soprano has eighth-note pairs, and the alto has eighth-note pairs with a fermata over the second note.
- Measure 11:** The soprano has eighth-note pairs, and the alto has eighth-note pairs with a fermata over the second note.
- Measure 12:** The soprano has eighth-note pairs, and the alto has eighth-note pairs with a fermata over the second note.
- Measure 13:** The soprano has eighth-note pairs, and the alto has eighth-note pairs with a fermata over the second note.
- Measure 14:** The soprano has eighth-note pairs, and the alto has eighth-note pairs with a fermata over the second note.
- Measure 15:** The soprano has eighth-note pairs, and the alto has eighth-note pairs with a fermata over the second note.
- Measure 16:** The soprano has eighth-note pairs, and the alto has eighth-note pairs with a fermata over the second note.
- Measure 17:** The soprano has eighth-note pairs, and the alto has eighth-note pairs with a fermata over the second note.
- Measure 18:** The soprano has eighth-note pairs, and the alto has eighth-note pairs with a fermata over the second note.
- Measure 19:** The soprano has eighth-note pairs, and the alto has eighth-note pairs with a fermata over the second note.
- Measure 20:** The soprano has eighth-note pairs, and the alto has eighth-note pairs with a fermata over the second note.
- Measure 21:** The soprano has eighth-note pairs, and the alto has eighth-note pairs with a fermata over the second note.
- Measure 22:** The soprano has eighth-note pairs, and the alto has eighth-note pairs with a fermata over the second note.
- Measure 23:** The soprano has eighth-note pairs, and the alto has eighth-note pairs with a fermata over the second note.
- Measure 24:** The soprano has eighth-note pairs, and the alto has eighth-note pairs with a fermata over the second note.
- Measure 25:** The soprano has eighth-note pairs, and the alto has eighth-note pairs with a fermata over the second note.

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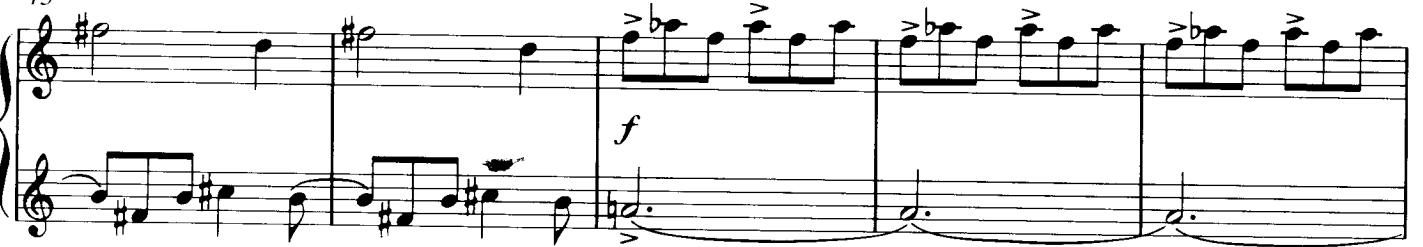
35



40



45



50



A musical score consisting of two staves, each with a treble clef and four lines. The top staff begins at measure 55 with a sixteenth-note pattern: B, A, C, B, D, C, E, D. This is followed by a eighth-note B, a sixteenth-note C, a sixteenth-note D, a sixteenth-note E, a eighth-note F, a sixteenth-note G, a sixteenth-note A, and a eighth-note B. Measures 56 through 60 show a similar pattern of eighth and sixteenth notes. Measures 65 through 70 continue this pattern. Measures 75 through 80 conclude the section.

55

60

65

70

75

80

85

90

96

101

*p*

*f*

106

111

*ff subito*

*pp*