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T I Ā N S H Ū

天書
析世鑒—世紀末卷

; or, mad writings in a Book from the Sky

for twelve players

2018/19

VIOLONCELLO

FOREWORD

Tiānshū is the name of an art installation in the form of a book by artist Xu Bing filled with meaningless glyphs in the style of traditional Chinese characters, referred to in English as “A Book from the Sky.” The term *tiān shū*, which can be translated to mean “divine writing,” originally referred to religious texts but is now used to mean “gibberish.” A possible alternative title could be “Nonsense Writing.” The first title of this installation, and the Chinese subtitle of this piece, can be translated to “Mirror to Analyze the World: The Century’s Final Volume.” I have elected to typeset the Chinese title and subtitle of this piece in traditional Chinese characters rather than simplified characters in the spirit of the traditional nature of Xu Bing’s woodcut printing used in the making of *Tiānshū*, although it is possible that this is not the correct choice. (G.R.E.)

PERFORMANCE NOTES

Score is transposed.

Microtones:



Accidentals apply only to the pitch which they immediately precede.

c.8'

Tianshu is dedicated in admiration and friendship to Trevor Bača, Josiah Wolf Oberholtzer, and Jeffrey Treviño from whom I have learned so much.

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♩ = 108

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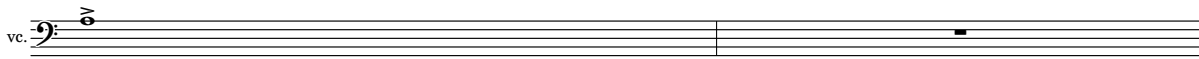
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Violoncello

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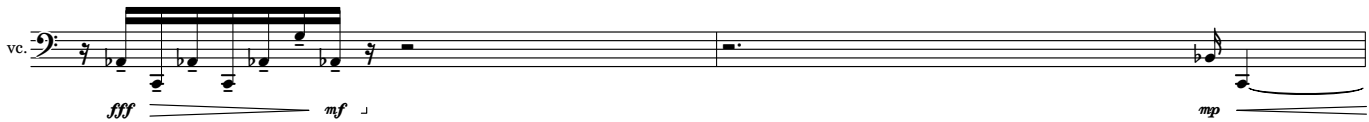
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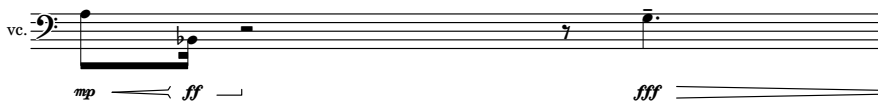
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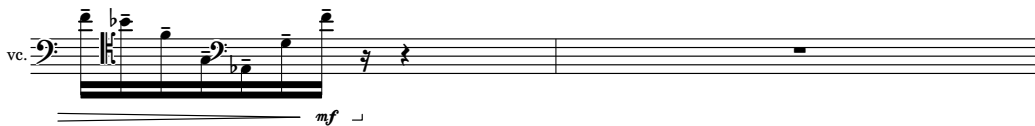
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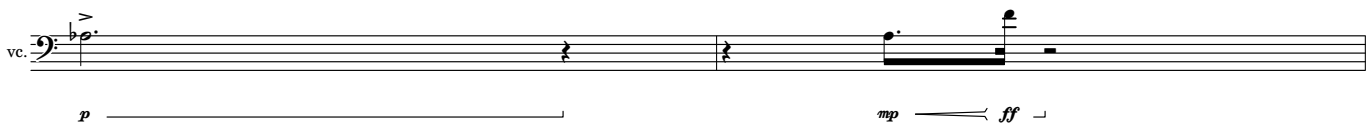
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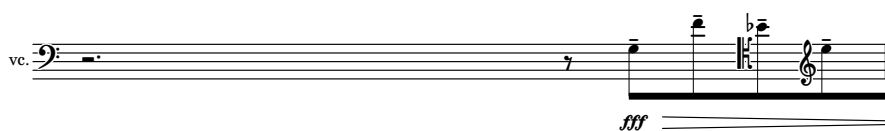
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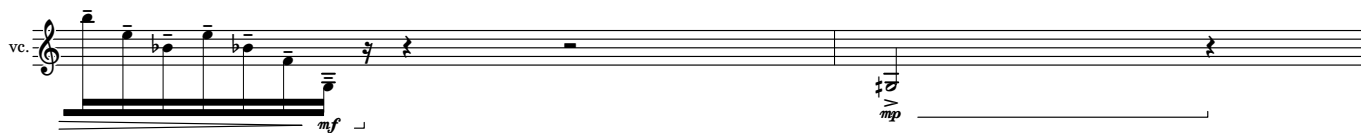
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 $\frac{5}{4}$

vc. 

16

 $\frac{5}{4}$ $\frac{3}{4}$ (B)

vc. 

18

 $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{2}{4}$

vc. 

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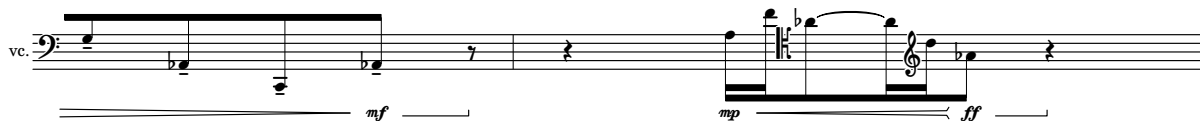
 $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{4}{4}$

vc. 

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 $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{4}{4}$

(C)

vc. 

24

 $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{5}{4}$

vc. 

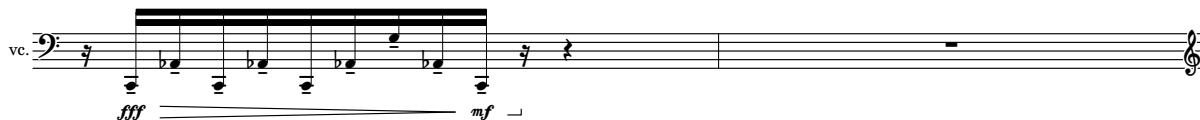
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 $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{3}{4}$

vc. 

28

 $\frac{4}{4}$ $\frac{3}{4}$

vc. 

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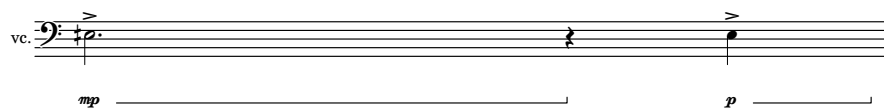
 $\frac{3}{4}$

(D)

 $\frac{4}{4}$

vc. 

32

5
4

33

4
43
4

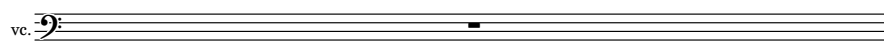
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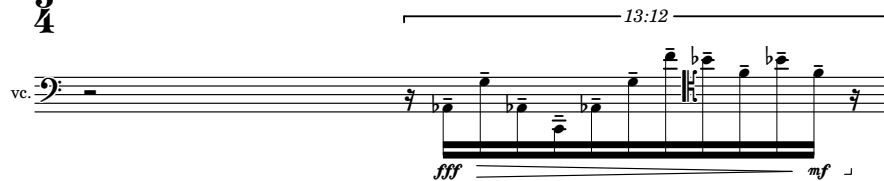
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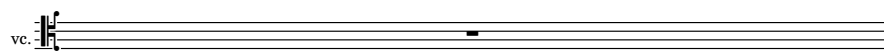
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44
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F



41

5
4

42

5
4

vc.

ff

mp

ff

mp

5:4

3/4

4/4 — 3:4 —

vc.

ff *mp* *ff*

4/4 3/4 5:4

vc. *mp*

vc. *mp*

5
4

vc.

$\text{♩} = 90$

ff

5/4 2/4

vc. 

4
4

3
4



vc.

mf *p*

The image shows a musical score for the song "The Rose Tree". It is written for a voice part (vc.) and a piano accompaniment. The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The score is divided into two systems. The first system contains the first two lines of the song, and the second system contains the next two lines. The piano accompaniment features a simple melody in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand. The voice part is written in a single line. The score includes dynamic markings: *mp* (mezzo-piano) and *pp* (pianissimo). The tempo is marked *And.* (Andante). The score is for a single voice and piano.

[illegible]

5
4

vc.  

59 $\frac{5}{4}$ 3:2

vc. pp ff mp

60 $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{3}{4}$

vc. mf

62 $\frac{4}{4}$ $\frac{4}{4}$ 3:2

vc. mf p pp ff

64 $\frac{5}{4}$

vc. mp

65 $\frac{5}{4}$ $\frac{3}{4}$ (H)

vc. mf p 9:8

67 $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{2}{4}$

vc. pp ff

69 $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{4}{4}$

vc. mf p mp

71 $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{4}{4}$ (I) 3:2

vc. mp pp ff

73 $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{5}{4}$

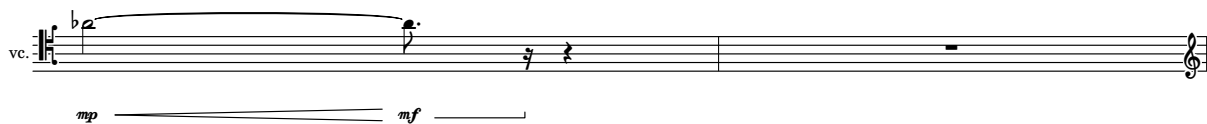
vc. mf mp

75 $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{3}{4}$

vc.

77

 $\frac{4}{4}$ $\frac{3}{4}$

vc. 

79

 $\frac{3}{4}$ (J) $\frac{4}{4}$

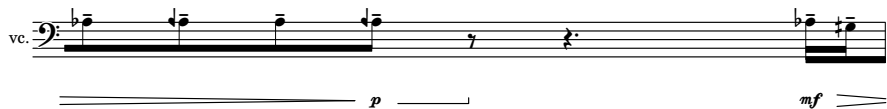
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vc. 

81

 $\frac{5}{4}$

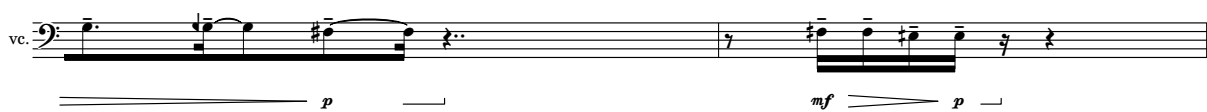
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vc. 

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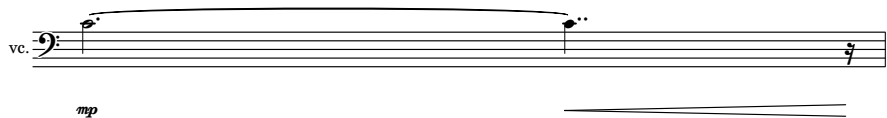
 $\frac{4}{4}$ $\frac{3}{4}$

7:8

vc. 

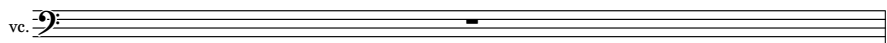
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 $\frac{5}{4}$ (K)

vc. 

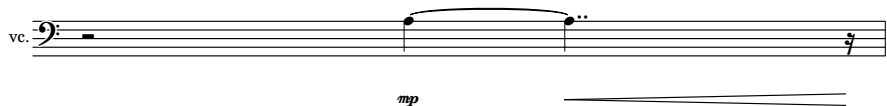
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 $\frac{5}{4}$

vc. 

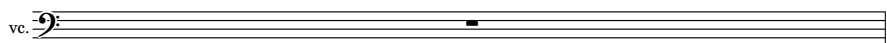
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 $\frac{5}{4}$

vc. 

87

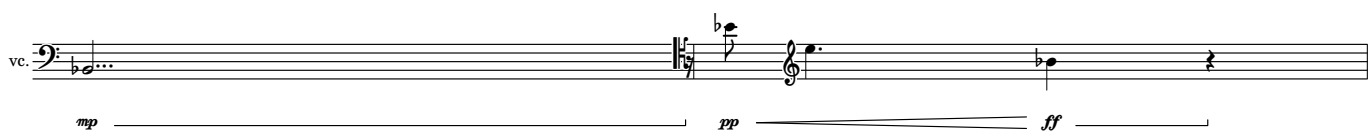
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vc. 

88

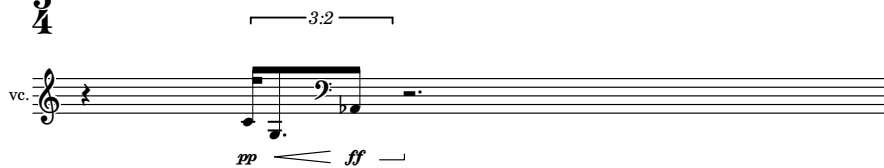
 $\frac{4}{4}$ $\frac{4}{4}$

(L)

vc. 

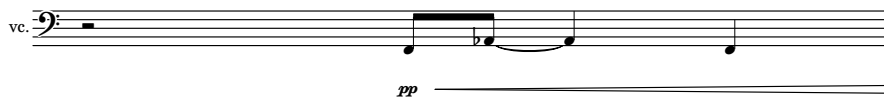
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5/4

vc. 

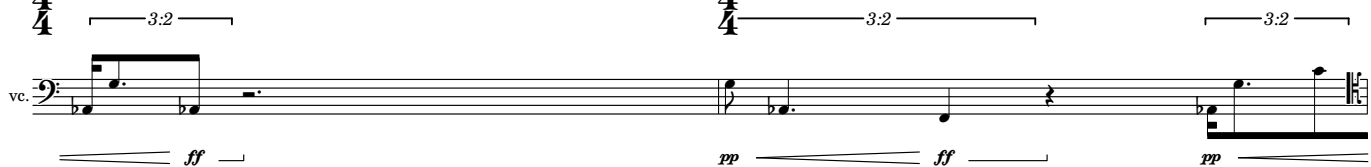
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5/4

vc. 

92

4/4

vc. 

94

3/4

vc. 

96

4/4

vc. 

98

5/4

vc. 

99

5/4

vc. 

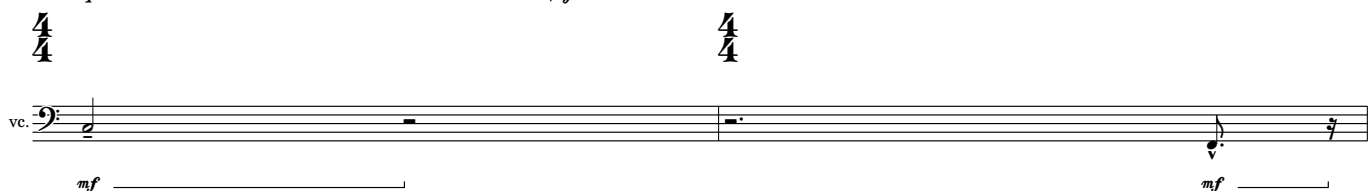
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4/4

vc. 

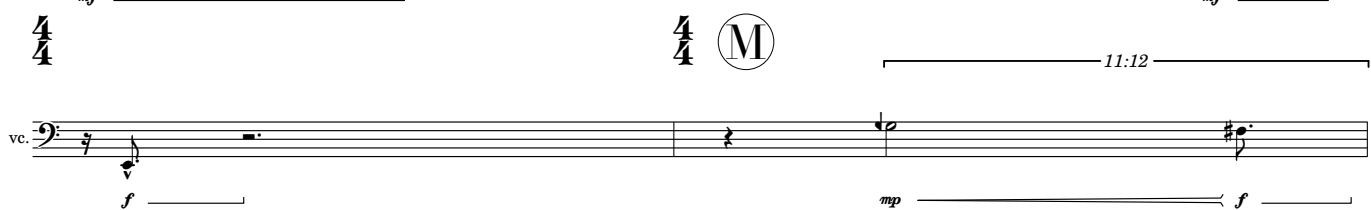
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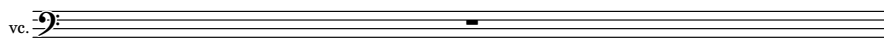
vc. 

105

4/4

vc. 

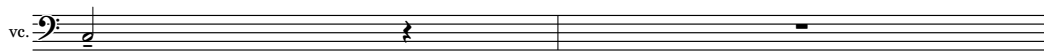
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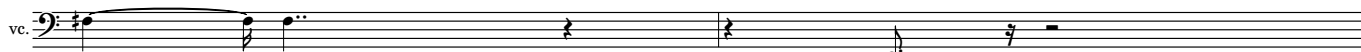
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5
4*mf**mp*

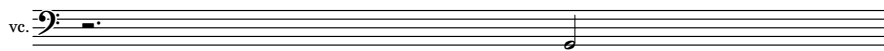
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3
4*mf*

111

4
44
4*mp**f**f*

113

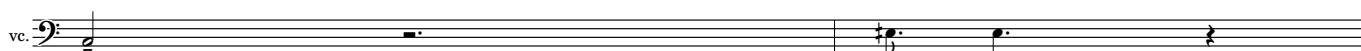
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4*mp*

114

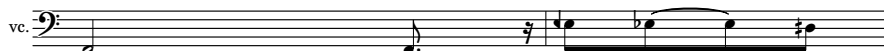
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N

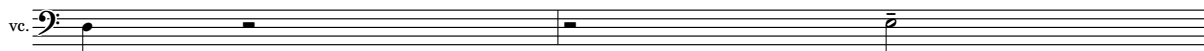
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*mf**mp**f*

116

3
42
4*mf**f**mp*

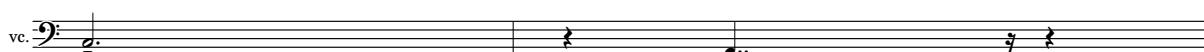
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3
44
4*f**mp*

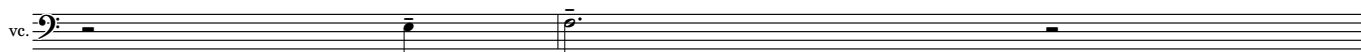
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3
44
4

O

*mf**mf*

122

3
45
4*mp**mf*

137

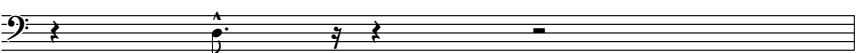
$\frac{4}{4}$

$\frac{4}{4}$ (R)

vc. 
mp _____ *mf* _____ *f* _____


139

$\frac{5}{4}$

vc. 
f _____

140


$\frac{5}{4}$

vc. 
mf _____

141

$\frac{4}{4}$

$\frac{4}{4}$

vc. 
mf _____ *f* _____ *mf* _____

143

$\frac{3}{4}$

$\frac{4}{4}$

vc. 
mf _____ *f* _____

145

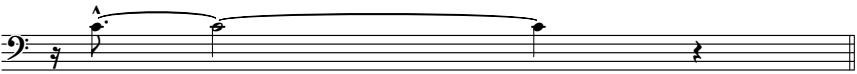
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$\frac{3}{4}$

vc. 
mf _____ *f* _____ *mf* _____

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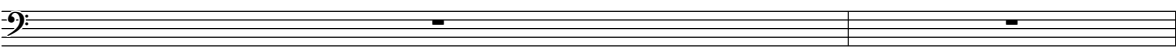
$\frac{5}{4}$

vc. 
 $\bullet = 120$ _____

148

$\frac{5}{4}$

$\frac{2}{4}$

vc. 

150

$\frac{4}{4}$

$\frac{3}{4}$


vc. 
mf _____ *ff* _____

152

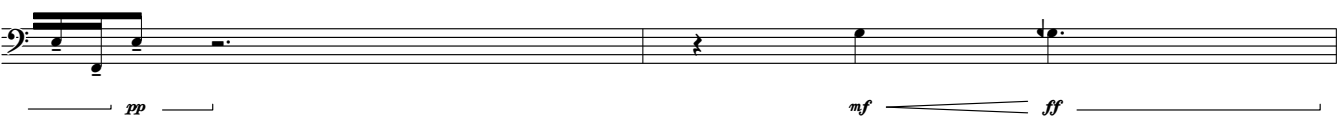
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$\frac{4}{4}$

5:4

vc. 
ff _____ *mf* _____ *p* _____

154 $\frac{4}{4}$ $\frac{4}{4}$ (S) $\overbrace{\hspace{10em}}^{5:6}$

vc. 


156 $\frac{5}{4}$

vc. 


157 $\frac{5}{4}$ $\overbrace{\hspace{2em}}^{3:4}$ $\overbrace{\hspace{10em}}^{11:12}$

vc. 

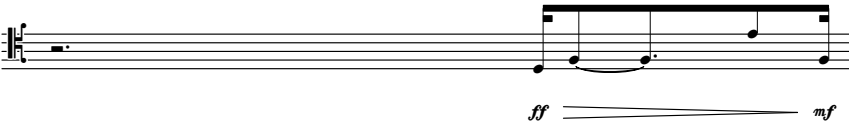
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vc. 

160 $\frac{4}{4}$ $\frac{4}{4}$

vc. 


162 $\frac{5}{4}$ $\overbrace{\hspace{10em}}^{9:8}$

vc. 


163 $\frac{5}{4}$ $\frac{3}{4}$ (T) $\overbrace{\hspace{10em}}^{5:4}$

vc. 

165 $\frac{3}{4}$ $\overbrace{\hspace{10em}}^{13:12}$ $\frac{2}{4}$ $\overbrace{\hspace{10em}}^{5:4}$

vc. 

167 $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{4}{4}$ $\overbrace{\hspace{10em}}^{7:8}$

vc. 

169

 $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{4}{4}$ (U)

171

 $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{5}{4}$ 5:4

173

 $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{3}{4}$ 

175

 $\frac{4}{4}$

11:12

 $\frac{3}{4}$ 

177

 $\frac{3}{4}$

(V)

 $\frac{4}{4}$ 

179

 $\frac{5}{4}$

7:6



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 $\frac{4}{4}$

5:6

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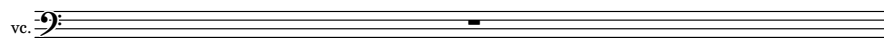
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 $\frac{5}{4}$

(W)



183

 $\frac{5}{4}$ 

184 $\frac{5}{4}$ $\frac{13}{12}$

vc.

ff *mf*

185 $\frac{5}{4}$

vc.

186 $\frac{4}{4}$ $\frac{4}{4} \otimes$

vc.

ff *mf* *p* *pp*

188 $\frac{5}{4}$ $\frac{5}{4}$

vc.

p *pp*

189 $\frac{5}{4}$

vc.

p

190 $\frac{4}{4}$ $\frac{4}{4}$ $\frac{5}{4}$

vc.

pp *p* *pp* *p*

192 $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{4}{4}$

vc.

pp

194 $\frac{4}{4}$ $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{5}{4}$

vc.

p *pp* *p*

196 $\frac{9}{8}$

vc.

pp

