LEGEND OF BADANG 《巴当传奇》

为民族室内乐而作

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INSTRUMENTS | 乐器

WINDS | 吹管

DIZI 笛子 SOPRANO SHENC 高音笙 F SOPRANO GUAN/SOPRANO SUONA/ALTO SUONA 高音管/高音唢呐/中音唢呐

PLUCKED STRINGS | 弹拨

YANG QIN 扬琴 (Cello Bow) PIPA 琵琶 ZHONGRUAN 中阮 DARUAN 大阮 GUZHENG 古筝

PERCUSSION | 打击乐

PLAYER 1: SUSPENDED CYMBAL 吊钹 PENG LING 碰铃 RAIN STICK 雨声棒 LOW CHINESE GONG 大锣 REBANA 马来鼓 CHINESE CYMBALS 小镲

PLAYER 2: TAMBOURINE 铃鼓 CHINESE GONG 大锣 (可与 P1 共用) VIBRAPHONE 电颤琴 (4 MALLETS) DARBUKA 阿拉伯鼓 BASS DRUM 低音鼓

STRINGS | 弦乐

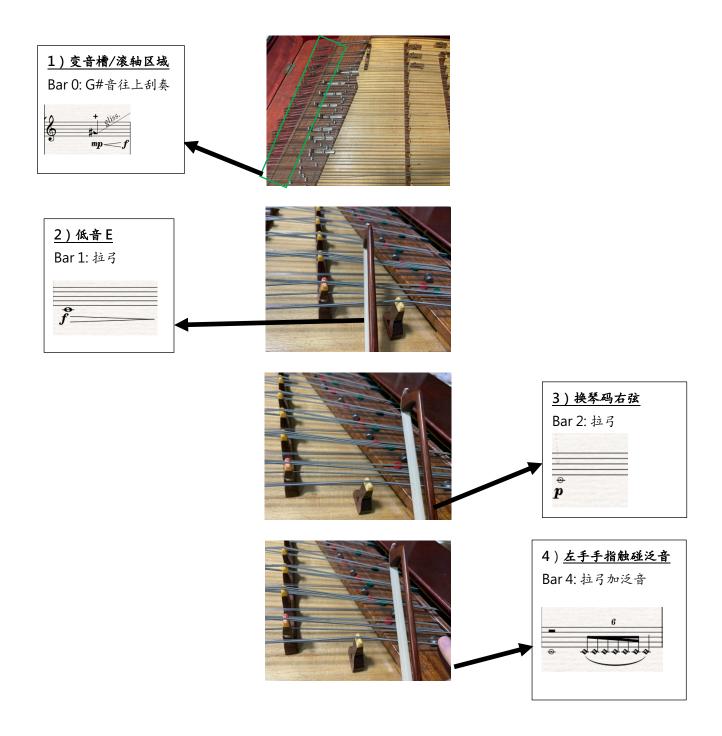
GAOHU 高胡 €RHU 二胡 ZHONGHU 中胡 VIOLONC€LLO 大提琴 DOUBL€ BASS 低音提琴

LEGEND OF BADANG《巴当传奇》 PROGRAM NOTES | 英文简介

Growing up in Singapore, I fondly remember marveling at certain important folklores that are uniquely ours during weekly Social Studies classes in primary school. The 14th Century legend of Badang, as described in the Sejarah Melayu (Malay Annals) was one that was particularly memorable with its uplifting motto and relevance to the rich history of our precolonized islands. Badang was a poor, humble fisherman living along the banks of the Singapore River. One day he caught a genie in his fishing net and released it in exchange for the wish to become the strongest man. He was able to use his new-found strength to serve his fellow villagers, and in an iconic duel with India's own champion Wadi Bijaya where they found themselves constantly at a stalemate, Badang emerged victorious by lifting a large rock and flinging it towards the River. One of its fragments then became the Singapore Stone, now on permanent display at our National Museum.

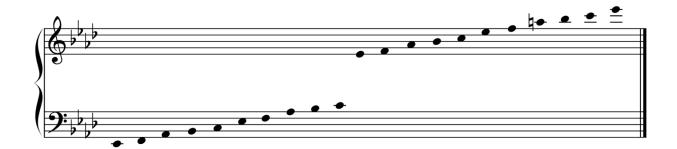
Badang's mysterious village and yearning are captured in the beginning through the gentle Guan. The instrument is then replaced by the more assertive Suona as Badang absorbs new strength – its motifs also become increasingly declamatory and majestic. Wadi Bijaya, represented by a solo passage of the Dizi, appears temporarily with great passion before being muffled towards the end. To illustrate their hot-blooded duel and relationship, I've incorporated the use of Balinese Batu-batu drumming through the Malay Rebana and Arab Darbuka. The lower pitched Rebana acts as the leader (Wadon) while the Darbuka serves as the Follower (Lanang), constantly interlocking in dialogues of displaced accents. The piece is also inspired by the rhythms of Jiang Ying's *Dunhuang* on the historical Silkroad, a work which I also really admire and enjoy playing. As the curtain falls, the Rebana is the only drum left in the triumphant exclamation of victory by the entire ensemble. As this is my first time collaborating with the Ding Yi Music Ensemble, I dedicate this piece to the brilliant musicians and the zealous spirit they exude.

EXTENDED YANGQIN TECHNIQUE INSTRUCTIONS | 现代扬琴技巧指示



QUZHENG TUNING | 古筝定弦

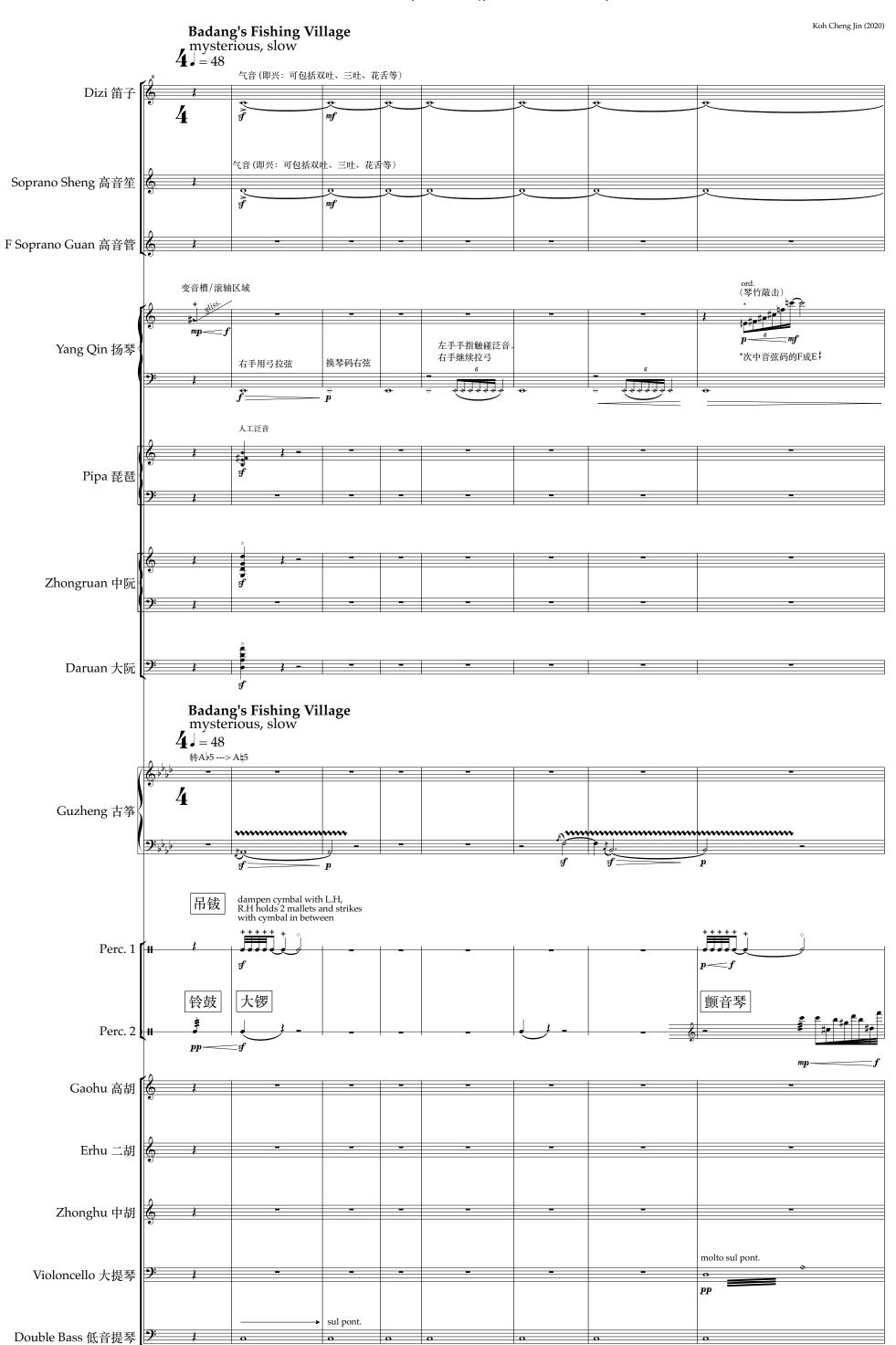
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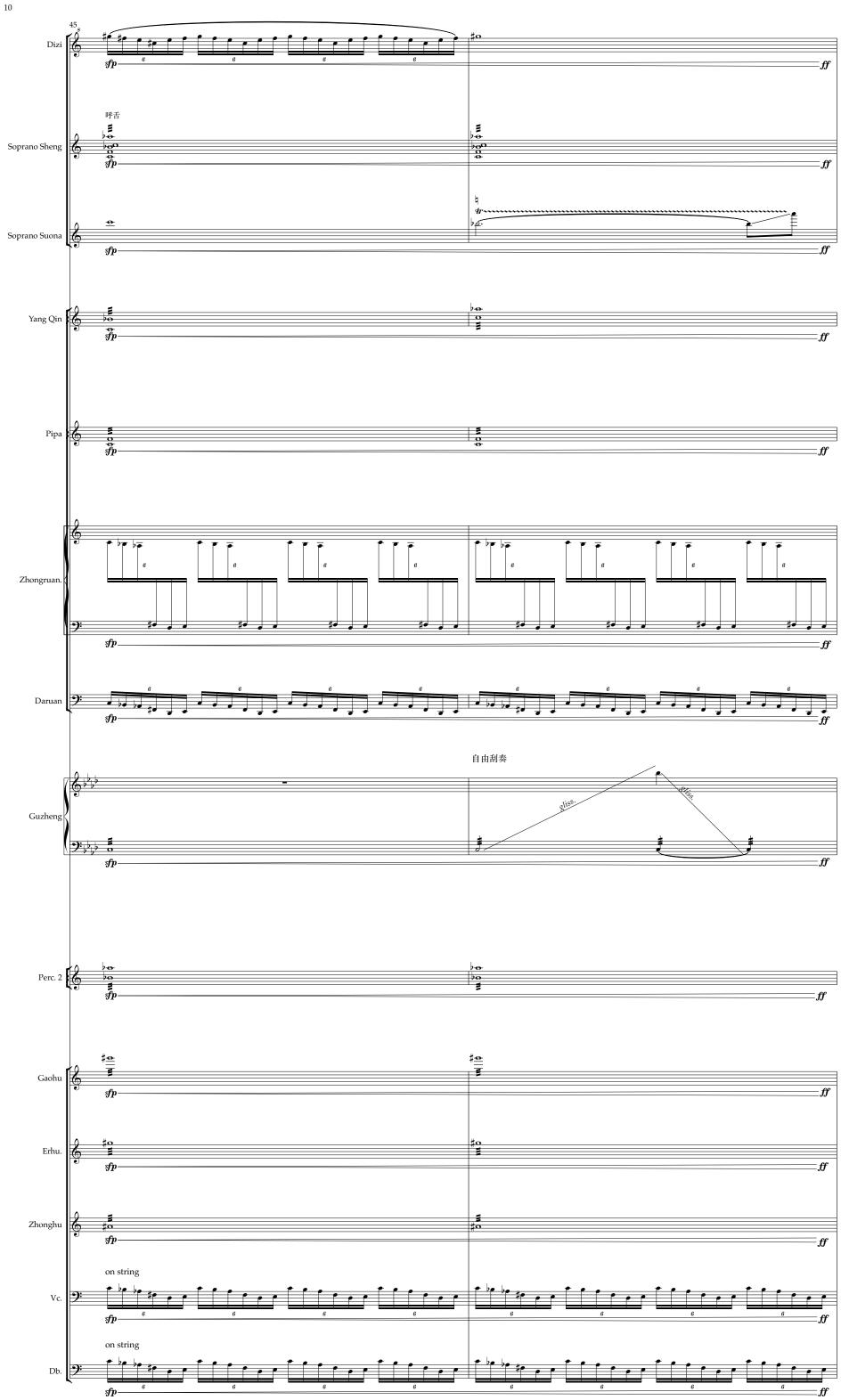


















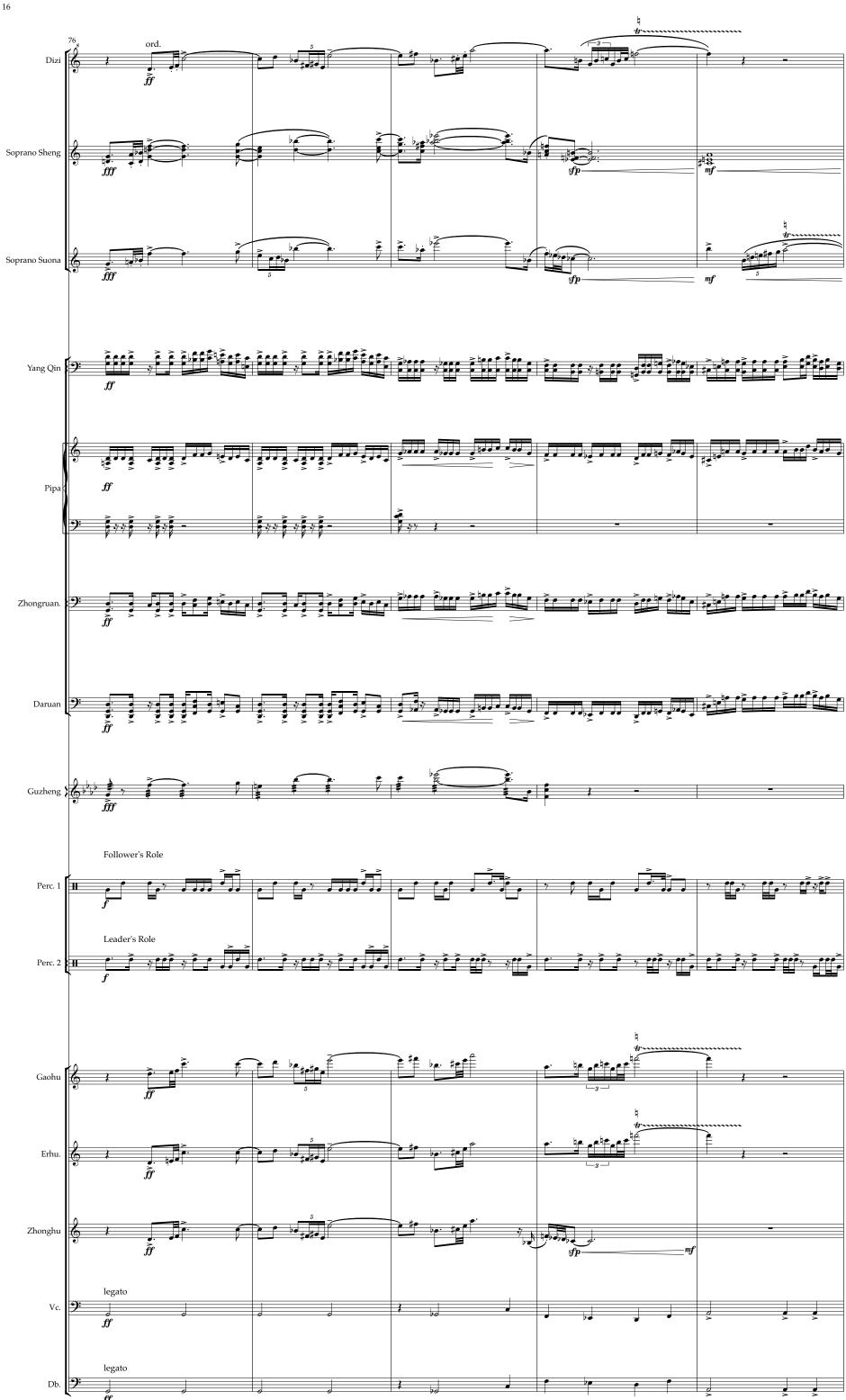
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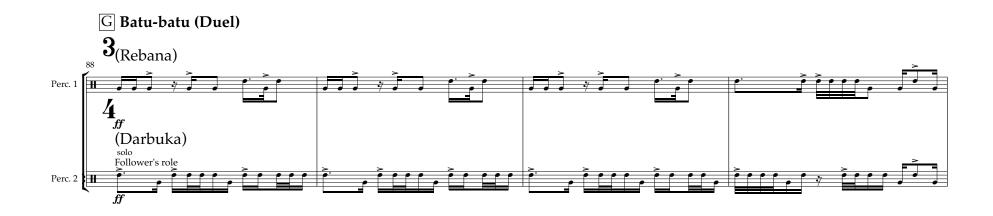


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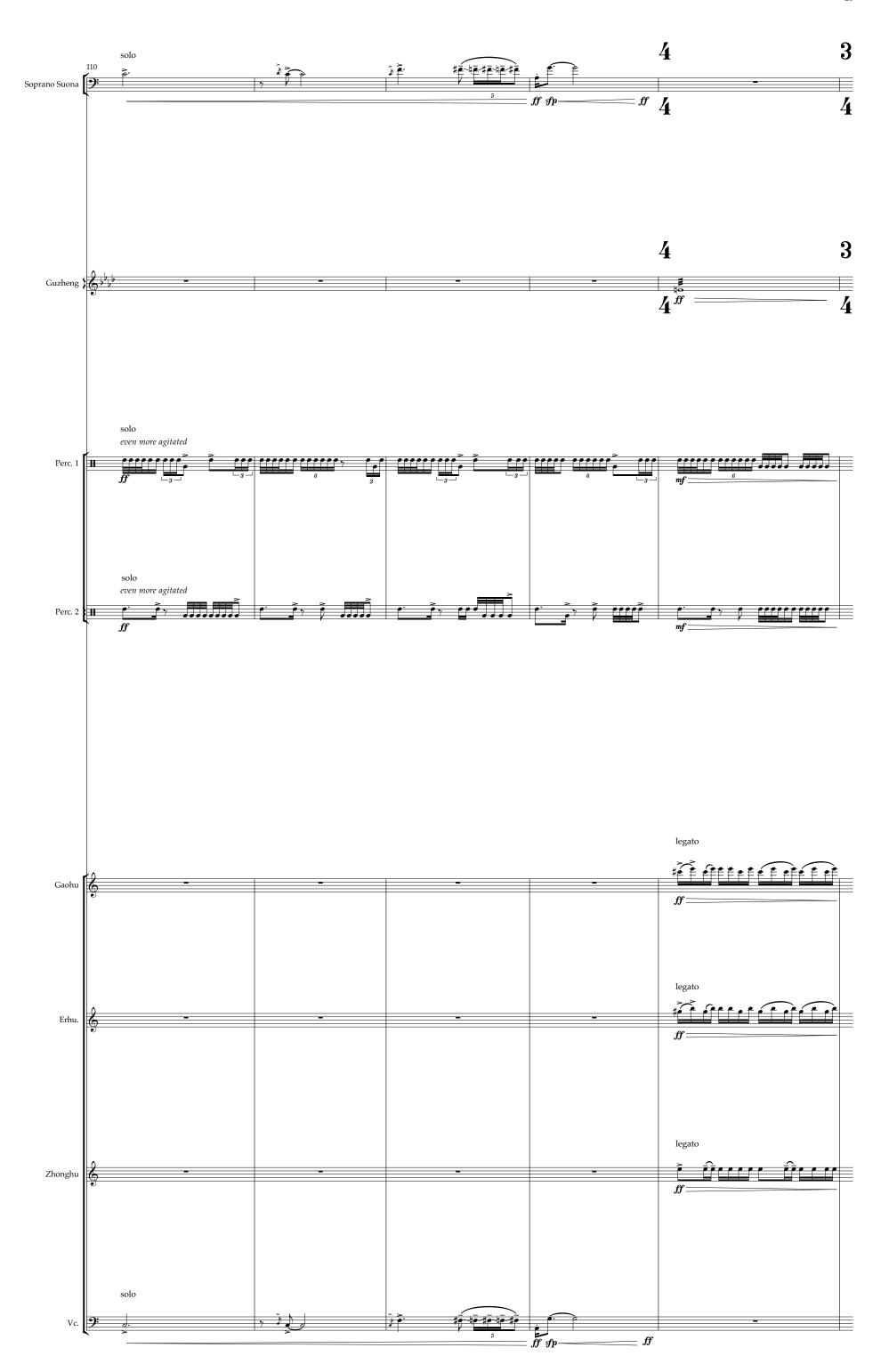


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