
PLAGUE WATER

A quartet for
Baritone saxophone,
Electric guitar,
Piano, and
Untuned percussion

Composed by
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A water against the plague...

From Volodimir Pavliuchuk's *Cordial Waters*:

No.1 Plague Water *(1671, England)*

- 150 gm scabious (*Scabiosa sp.*)
- 150 gm pimpernel (*Anagallis arvensis*)
- 150 gm tormentil root (*Potentilla erecta*)
- 4 litres 5% malt extract wash
(strong beer as in the original)

Macerate for 12 hours and then distil.
The recommended does is a spoonful every 4 hours.

No.2 Plague Water *(1677, England)*

- 100 gm rue
- 100 gm rosemary
- 100 gm sage
- 100 gm sorrel
- 100 gm celandine (*Chelidonium majus*)
(The leaves contain small amounts of toxic alkaloids which can be reduced greatly by drying the plant)
- 100 gm mugwort (*Artemisia vulgaris*)
- 100 gm bramble (blackberry) tops
- 100 gm pimpernel (*Anagallis arvensis*)
- 100 gm dragons (*Dracunculus vulgaris.*)
- 100 gm agrimony (*Agrimonia eupatoria*)
- 100 gm lemonbalm
- 100 gm angelica leaves
- 4 litres white wine
(substitute a 15% ABV sugar wash)

Macerate for 5 days and then distil.

for Ensemble Nickel

Josiah Wolf Oberholtzer (1984)

I

2

⑦ $\frac{3}{4}$ ♩ = 72

saxophone

electric guitar

piano

shakers

drums

3A

12 $\frac{6}{8}$ $\frac{9}{16}$ $\frac{2}{4}$ $\text{♩} = 80$ $\frac{8}{8}$ $\frac{4}{4}$

saxophone

e-guitar

piano

shakers

drums

17 $\frac{2}{4}$ $\frac{8}{8}$ $\frac{2}{4}$ $\frac{8}{8}$ $\frac{2}{4}$

saxophone

e-guitar

piano

shakers

drums

23 $\frac{4}{4}$ $\frac{2}{4}$ $\frac{8}{8}$ $\frac{2}{4}$ $\frac{8}{8}$

saxophone

e-guitar

piano

shakers

drums

16:9 12:7 8:5 5:4 4:3 8:5 3:2

20:11 8:5 3:2 6:5 5:4

(29) $\frac{4}{4}$ $\frac{2}{8}$ $\frac{4}{4}$ $\frac{2}{4}$

saxophone

e-guitar

piano

shakers

drums

20:11 3:2 16:11 6:5 4:3

4:3 3:2 4:3 4:3 3:2 3:2

3B

(34) $\frac{2}{8}$ $\frac{4}{4}$ ♩ = 60 $\frac{2}{8}$ $\frac{4}{4}$

saxophone

e-guitar

piano

shakers

drums

8:5 3:2 16:13 3:2

16:9 12:7 3:2 16:11

(39) $\frac{2}{4}$ $\frac{4}{4}$ $\frac{2}{8}$ $\frac{4}{4}$

saxophone

e-guitar

piano

shakers

drums

5:3 3:2 10:7 16:9

12:7 16:9 3:2 3:2 10:9 8:7

44

2
8

11
16 ♩ = 96

5
8

7
8

saxophone

e-guitar

piano

shakers

drums

49

5
8

3
16

7
16

11
16

saxophone

e-guitar

piano

shakers

drums

55

7
16

5
8

7
8

3
16

11
16

saxophone

e-guitar

piano

shakers

drums

(61)

$\frac{7}{16}$ **$\frac{3}{16}$** **$\frac{7}{8}$** **$\frac{3}{16}$** **$\frac{5}{16}$**

saxophone

e-guitar

piano

shakers

drums

5

(67)

$\frac{11}{16}$ **$\frac{3}{16}$** **$\frac{5}{16}$** **$\frac{6}{8}$ ♩ = 72** **$\frac{3}{4}$**

saxophone

e-guitar

piano

shakers

drums

(72)

$\frac{9}{16}$ **$\frac{3}{8}$** **$\frac{9}{16}$** **$\frac{6}{16}$**

saxophone

e-guitar

piano

shakers

drums

6

7

78

3/8

♩ = 48

2/4

♩ = 108

5/16

7/16

3/4

saxophone

e-guitar

piano

shakers

drums

8

84

6/8

2/4

5/16

2/4

6/8

♩ = 72

saxophone

e-guitar

piano

shakers

drums

89

3/8

6/8

9/16

3/4

3/8

saxophone

e-guitar

piano

shakers

drums

9

94

$\frac{6}{16}$

$\frac{2}{4}$ ♩ = 64

$\frac{3}{8}$

$\frac{5}{8}$

$\frac{3}{8}$

saxophone

e-guitar

piano

shakers

drums

5:4

4:3

5:3

4:3

5:3

5:4

4:3

5:4

10A

101

$\frac{2}{4}$

$\frac{2}{4}$ ♩ = 108

$\frac{5}{16}$

$\frac{7}{16}$

$\frac{3}{4}$

saxophone

e-guitar

piano

shakers

drums

5:4

107

$\frac{6}{8}$

$\frac{2}{4}$

$\frac{5}{16}$

$\frac{2}{4}$

$\frac{6}{8}$

saxophone

e-guitar

piano

shakers

drums

112

$\frac{5}{16}$

$\frac{7}{16}$

$\frac{2}{4}$ ♩ = 108

10B

musical score for measures 112-117, featuring saxophone, e-guitar, piano, shakers, and drums.

118

$\frac{5}{16}$

$\frac{7}{16}$

$\frac{3}{4}$

$\frac{6}{8}$

$\frac{2}{4}$

musical score for measures 118-122, featuring saxophone, e-guitar, piano, shakers, and drums.

10C

123

$\frac{5}{16}$

$\frac{2}{4}$

$\frac{6}{8}$

$\frac{2}{4}$ ♩ = 108

musical score for measures 123-127, featuring saxophone, e-guitar, piano, shakers, and drums.

128

5/167/163/48

saxophone

e-guitar

piano

shakers

drums

10D

133

2/45/162/42/42/4 = 1085/167/16

saxophone

e-guitar

piano

shakers

drums

140

3/482/45/162/4

saxophone

e-guitar

piano

shakers

drums

II

145

6

5/16

7/16

2/4 ♩ = 64

musical score for saxophone, e-guitar, piano, shakers, and drums, measures 145-150. The score includes various rhythmic notations and accidentals.

12A

151

2/8

5/8

2/8

2/4

2/8 ♩ = 80

4/8

musical score for saxophone, e-guitar, piano, shakers, and drums, measures 151-157. The score includes various rhythmic notations and accidentals.

158

4/4

2/4

2/8

musical score for saxophone, e-guitar, piano, shakers, and drums, measures 158-163. The score includes various rhythmic notations and accidentals.

163

4/4 2/8 2/4 2/8 4/4

saxophone

e-guitar

piano

shakers

drums

12:11 6:5 5:4 4:3 16:11 5:3

4:3 4:3 3:2 3:2 3:2

I2B

168

2/4 2/8 2/4 ♩ = 40 4/4 2/8

saxophone

e-guitar

piano

shakers

drums

3:2 8:7 3:2 3:2 20:11 4:3

174

2/4 2/8 4/4 2/8 2/4

saxophone

e-guitar

piano

shakers

drums

3:2 3:2 8:5 20:11 12:7 3:2 6:5 4:3 5:4

13

180

2

9
16 ♩ = 72

3

6
16

3
4

3

saxophone

e-guitar

piano

shakers

drums

14

187

6
16

3
4

11
16 ♩ = 96

5

saxophone

e-guitar

piano

shakers

drums

192

7
8

5

3
16

7
16

saxophone

e-guitar

piano

shakers

drums

197

1116

716

58

saxophone

e-guitar

piano

shakers

drums

202

78

316

1116

716

316

saxophone

e-guitar

piano

shakers

drums

209

78

316

516

1116

78

saxophone

e-guitar

piano

shakers

drums

214

$\frac{3}{16}$

$\frac{5}{8}$

$\frac{3}{16}$

$\frac{7}{8}$

$\frac{3}{16}$

$\frac{7}{8}$

saxophone

e-guitar

piano

shakers

drums

15

220

$\frac{7}{16}$

$\frac{2}{4}$ ♩ = 108

$\frac{5}{16}$

$\frac{7}{16}$

$\frac{3}{4}$

saxophone

e-guitar

piano

shakers

drums

16

226

$\frac{6}{8}$

$\frac{2}{4}$

$\frac{5}{16}$

$\frac{2}{4}$ ♩ = 64

$\frac{3}{8}$

saxophone

e-guitar

piano

shakers

drums

17A

232

5/8

3/8

2/4

11/16 ♩ = 96

7/16

3/16

saxophone

e-guitar

piano

shakers

drums

238

5/8

3/16

5/16

3/16

11/16

5/16

saxophone

e-guitar

piano

shakers

drums

245

11/16

3/16

7/16

5/8

saxophone

e-guitar

piano

shakers

drums

251

1116

516

58

316

78

saxophone

e-guitar

piano

shakers

drums

256

316

78

1116

78

saxophone

e-guitar

piano

shakers

drums

17B

260

58

316

1116

716

316

58

saxophone

e-guitar

piano

shakers

drums

267

$\frac{3}{16}$ $\frac{7}{8}$ $\frac{3}{16}$ $\frac{11}{16}$ $\frac{3}{16}$ $\frac{7}{16}$

saxophone

e-guitar

piano

shakers

drums

273

$\frac{7}{8}$ $\frac{3}{16}$ $\frac{5}{16}$ $\frac{5}{8}$ $\frac{3}{16}$

saxophone

e-guitar

piano

shakers

drums

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