

Ephemeron

for solo violin

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Measure 1: $\frac{1}{2}$ c.l.t. → ord. $\frac{3}{8}$ al tallone \wedge ord. $\frac{s.t.}{mf}$ → ord. $\frac{m.s.t.}{pp}$ flautando $10:6$, $\frac{8}{16}$

Measure 4: c.l.t. ord. $\frac{8}{16}$ $\frac{f}{p}$ $\frac{16}{8}$ $\frac{pp}{sfz}$ $\frac{f}{p}$ $\frac{pp}{3}$ $\frac{mf}{pp}$

Measure 6: lyrical $\frac{4}{8}$ $\frac{p}{f}$ $\frac{ff}{p}$ assertive but not harsh $\frac{f}{ff}$ IV

Measure 8: capricious; pushing forward $\frac{4}{8}$ $\frac{p}{f}$ $\frac{p}{pp}$ $\frac{c.72}{c.72}$ cold, mechanical c.l.t. one full bow stroke per note

Measure 10: ord. $\frac{leggiero}{mf}$ $\frac{I}{f}$ $\frac{II}{sfz}$ $\frac{I}{p}$ $\frac{III}{ff}$ $\frac{I}{p < mf}$

Measure 12: suave $\frac{ppp}{p}$ $\frac{pp}{p}$ $\frac{p.s.p.}{flautando}$ $\frac{pp}{pp}$

Measure 14: $\frac{c.60}{ord.}$ $\frac{c.96}{camp}$ $\frac{I}{n}$ $\frac{II}{3}$ $\frac{c.48}{pochiss. rall.}$ $\frac{calm, relaxed}{p ma pieno}$

Measure 17: bark worse than bite... $\frac{poco rall.}{ff}$ $\frac{p.s.p.}{3}$ $\frac{80+}{p}$ $\frac{pp}{pp}$

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