String Quartet

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Remarks on Notation:

Decoupling of the Hands:

The second violin and viola are notated, for part of the work, on two staves, one for each hand. The upper stave is the right hand, and is notated on four lines, one for each string. The lower stave is the left hand, and shows the position of the fingers on the fingerboard.

Muted Strings:

An 'X' notehead indicates the left hand is to mute the string at the indicated position. This is achieved by placing multiple fingers on the string, but not pressing down onto the fingerboard. Unless otherwise specified, the note should be played on the lowest string possible.

Harmonic Pressure:

Indicated by a diamond notehead - filled and open noteheads are the same technique: open indicates a minim.

Bow-pressure sounds:

Indicated by a heavy black line above the notated pitches.

Duration: c. 16 minutes
molto sul pont.
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ad lib. undulations of less than a 1/6th tone