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a chamber operetta

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A chamber operetta for 5 singers
by Edward Lambert

Resumé

September 1971. The Hayward Gallery, London, mounts an exhibition entitled Eleven Los Angeles Artists. One of the exhibits, by the environmental artist Newton Harrison, is a Portable Fish Farm containing, amongst other creatures, a quantity of catfish. These are to be slaughtered during the exhibition and feasted upon by the public. The press hears about this and fuels a campaign against what is seen as cruelty to animals, an abuse of art and waste of public funds. Lord Goodman, the Chairman of the Arts Council, visits the gallery to inform himself of the issues before a special meeting of the Council is convened to decide whether the exhibition should go ahead. Outside the gallery Goodman meets protesters, including Spike Milligan, the comedian. The Council decides eventually in favour of the artist, but with stringent conditions about how the fish are to be killed. Lord Goodman dissents believing issues other than animal rights were at stake. Harrison's exhibit is prophetic: the farming of catfish flourishes, and in 1987 Ronald Reagan issues a Presidential Proclamation declaring 25th June of that year National Catfish Day.

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Scene: an art gallery

CAST

A Catfish (*soprano*)

Lord Arnold Goodman, Chairman of the Arts Council (*bass*)

Spike Milligan, a protester & celebrity comedian (*tenor*)

Newton Harrison, the artist (*baritone*)

Ronald Reagan, later President of USA (*mezzo-soprano*)

Narrative chorus: members of the cast

INSTRUMENTS

Electric violin & electric cello

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Text & music

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Score

The Catfish Conundrum

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 = 136

OVERTURE



The musical score consists of four systems of music for Violin (Vln.) and Cello (Vc.).

- System 1:** Violin starts with a single note followed by sixteenth-note patterns. Cello enters with eighth-note patterns. Dynamics include ***ff***.
- System 2:** Both instruments play eighth-note patterns.
- System 3:** Violin has sixteenth-note patterns. Cello has eighth-note patterns.
- System 4:** Violin has sixteenth-note patterns. Cello has eighth-note patterns. Measure numbers 6 and 16 are indicated above the staves.
- System 5:** Violin has sixteenth-note patterns. Cello has eighth-note patterns.
- System 6:** Violin has sixteenth-note patterns. Cello has eighth-note patterns.

26 ♩ = 92

Catfish *espress.*

C. There ___ e-xist three hun-dred spe-cies like my

Vln. 26 *cantabile* *p*

Vc. There ___ e-xist three hun-dred spe-cies like my

C. spe-cies, like my spe-cies: we're known as ___ 'mud - cat',

Vln. Vc. There ___ e-xist three hun-dred spe-cies: we're known as ___ 'mud - cat',

41

C. 'pol-li - wogs', 'chuck-le heads', we're fa - - - mous,

41

Vln. Vc. 'pol-li - wogs', 'chuck-le heads', we're fa - - - mous,

C. fa - mous for our bar - bels which func - tion in mur - - ky

Vln. Vc. fa - mous for our bar - bels which func - tion in mur - - ky

55

C. wa - -ters as re - cep - tors for smell and taste, as re -

This measure shows the vocal line continuing with lyrics "wa - -ters as re - cep - tors for smell and taste, as re -". The strings provide harmonic support with sustained notes and rhythmic patterns.

55

This measure continues the vocal line with lyrics "cep - tors for smell and taste com - bined in - to one yum -". The strings play a more active role with eighth-note patterns.

C. cep - tors for smell and taste com - bined in - to one yum -

This measure concludes the vocal line with "cep - tors for smell and taste com - bined in - to one yum -". The strings provide harmonic support.

This measure begins a new section of the vocal line with "my sense, in - to one". The strings play eighth-note patterns.

C. my sense, in - to one

This measure continues the vocal line with "my sense, in - to one". The strings play eighth-note patterns.

69

C. yum - - my sense!

This measure concludes the vocal line with "yum - - my sense!". The strings play eighth-note patterns.

69

This measure begins a new section of the vocal line with "my sense!". The strings play eighth-note patterns.

C. We are ne-ga-tive-ly buo-yant, we are ne-ga-tive-ly buo-yant: so I sit on the

Vln.

Vc.

C. ri-ver bed and sca-venge what-e-ver I come a-cross, so I sit on the

Vln.

Vc.

C. ri-ver bed and sca-venge what-e-ver I come a-cross. Tooth - less, I suck it in,

Vln.

Vc.

85

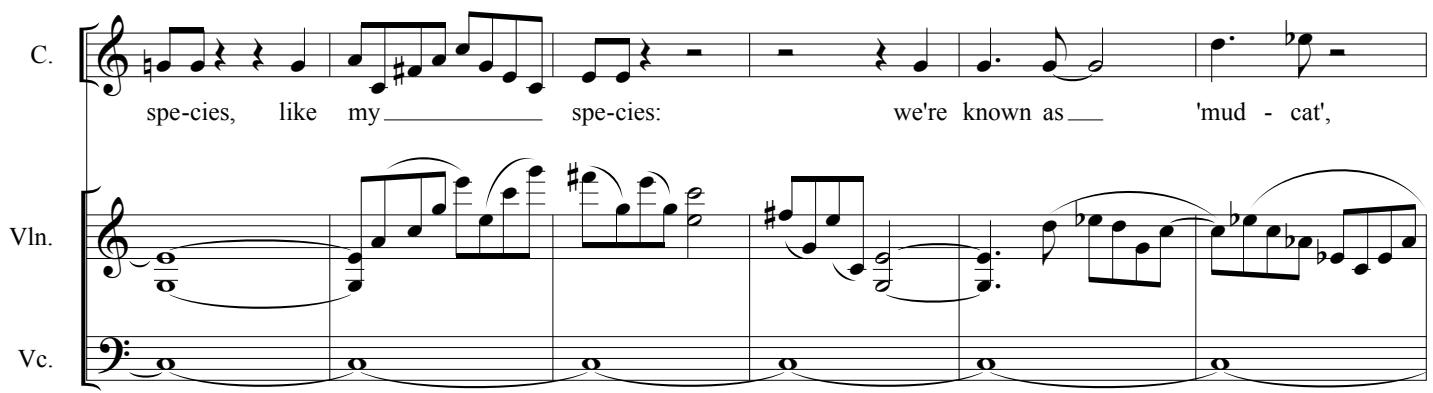
C. tooth - less, I suck it in... Ah! _____ There

Vln.

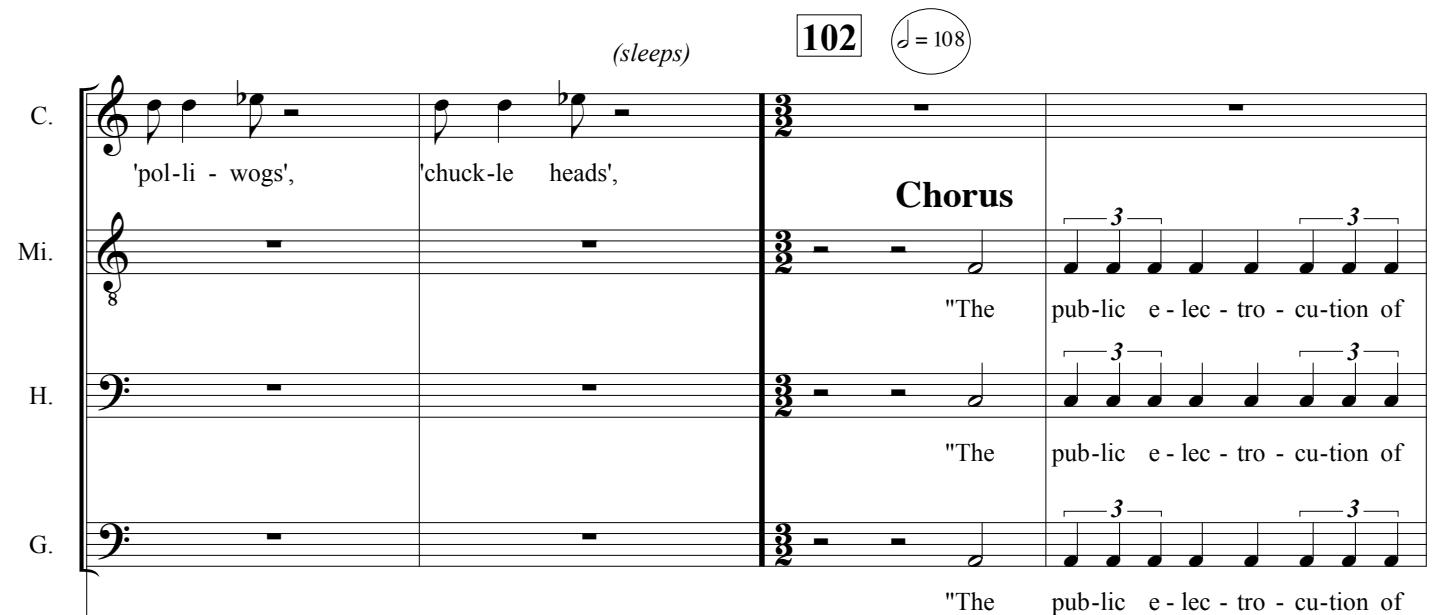
Vc.

85

C. 

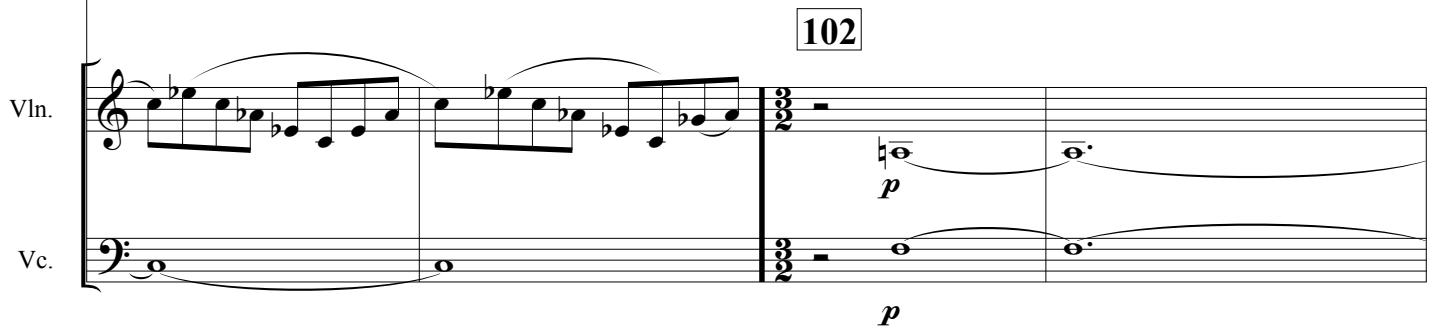
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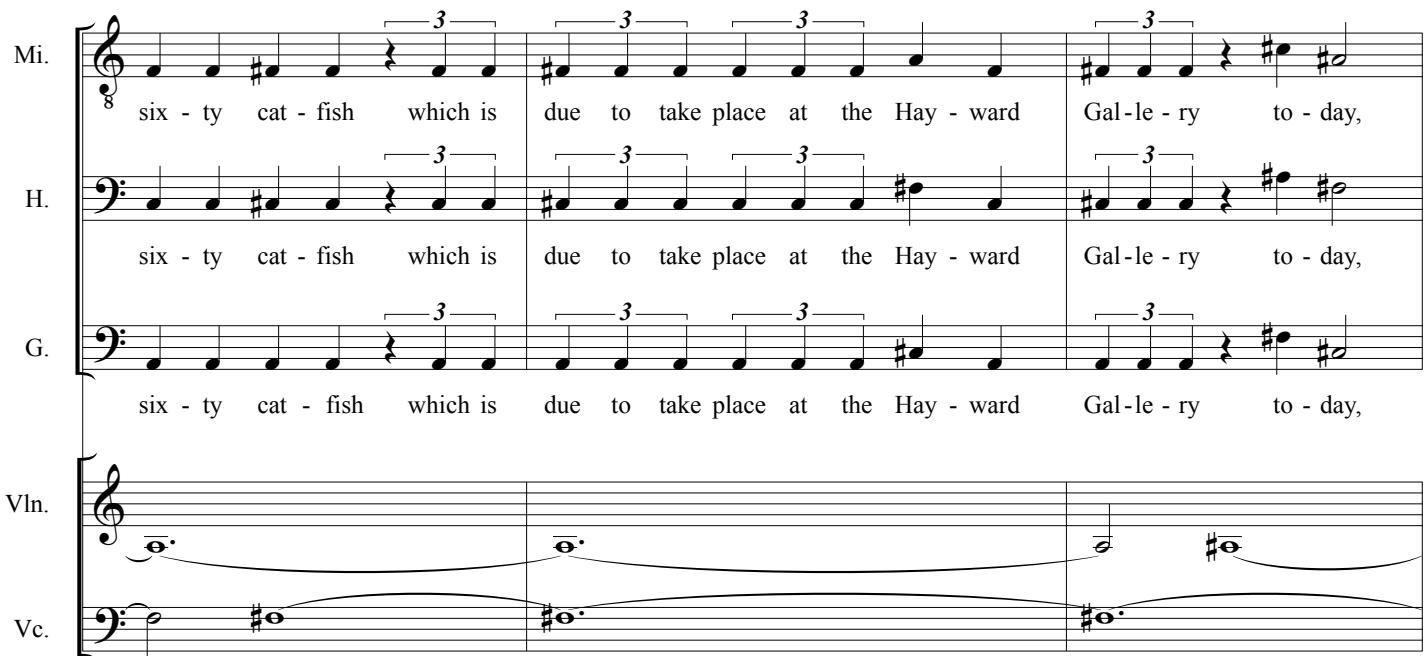
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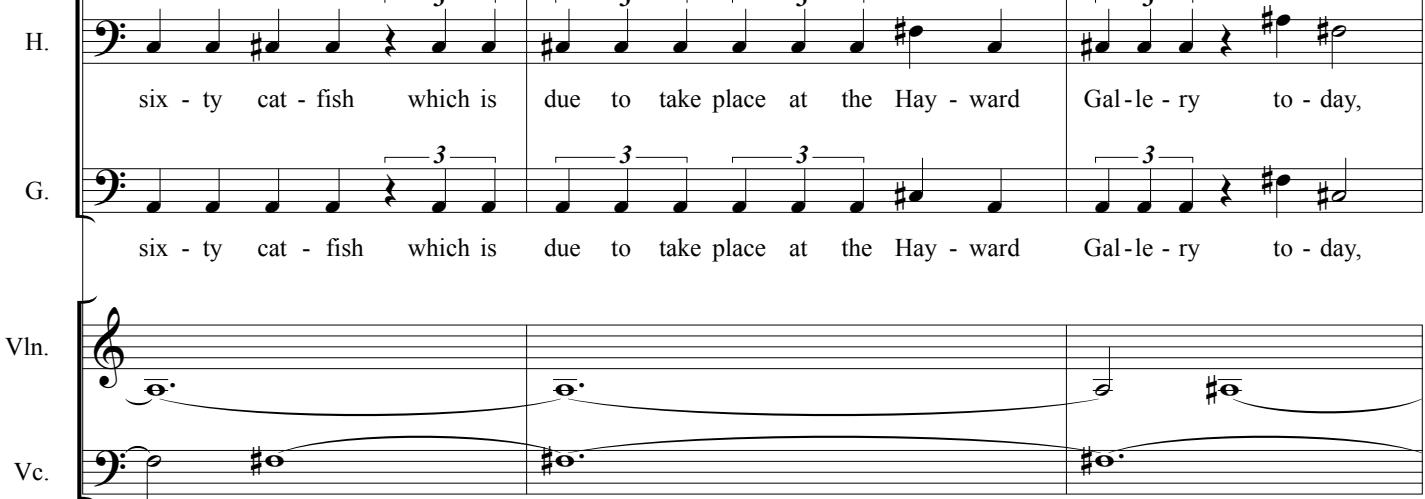
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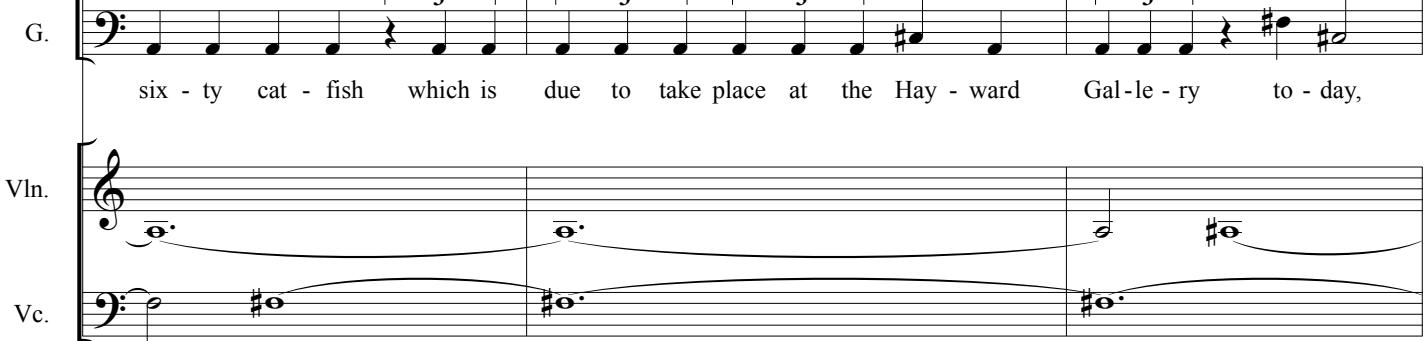
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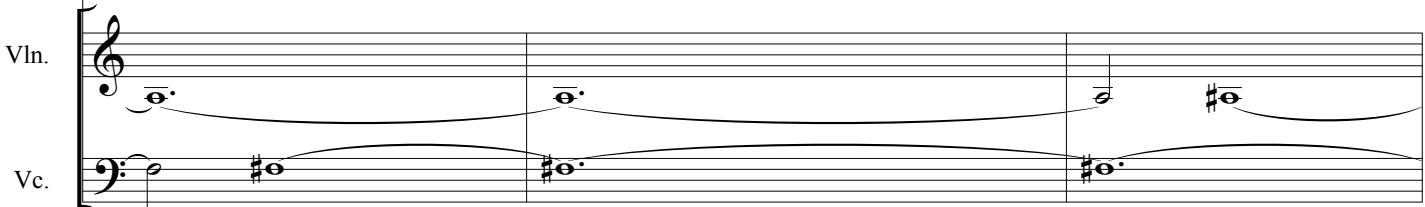
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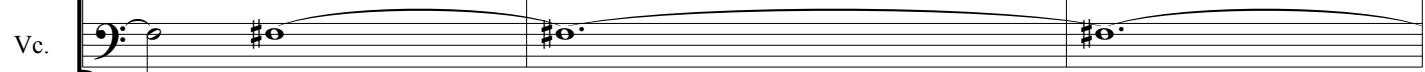
Vln. 

Mi. 

H. 

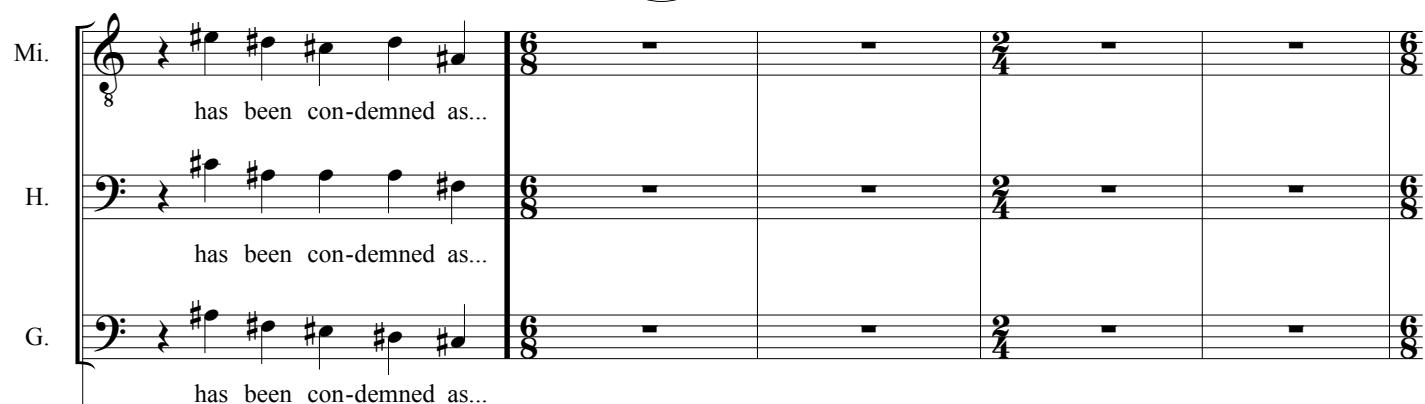
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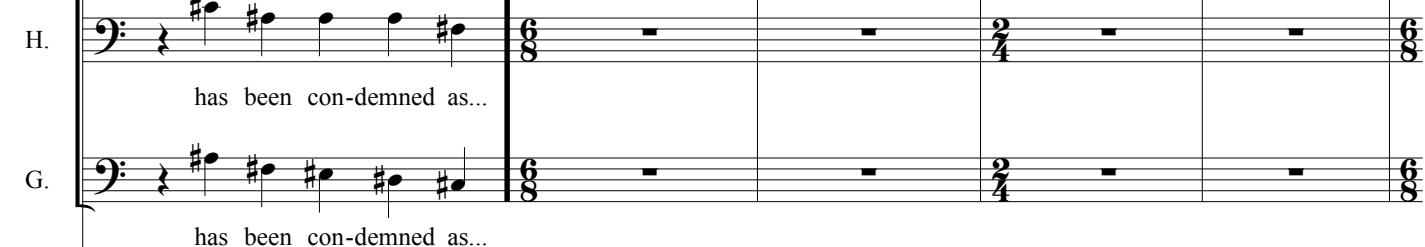
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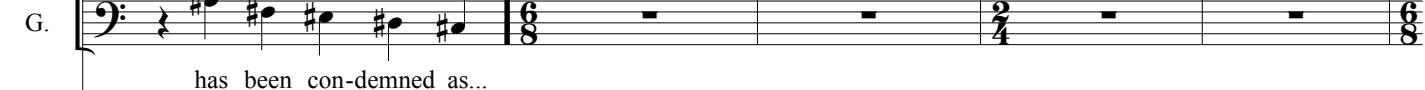
Vc. 

108

*The Catfish is caught and transferred to a tank in the gallery*

Mi. 

H. 

G. 

108

Vln. 

Vc. 

Goodman (*reading*)

G. 

"The pub-lic e-lec - tro - cu-tion of six - ty cat - fish, which is due to take place at the

Vln. 

Vc. 

120 **Milligan** (*protesting outside the gallery*)

Mi.

120

Vln.

Mi.

Vln.

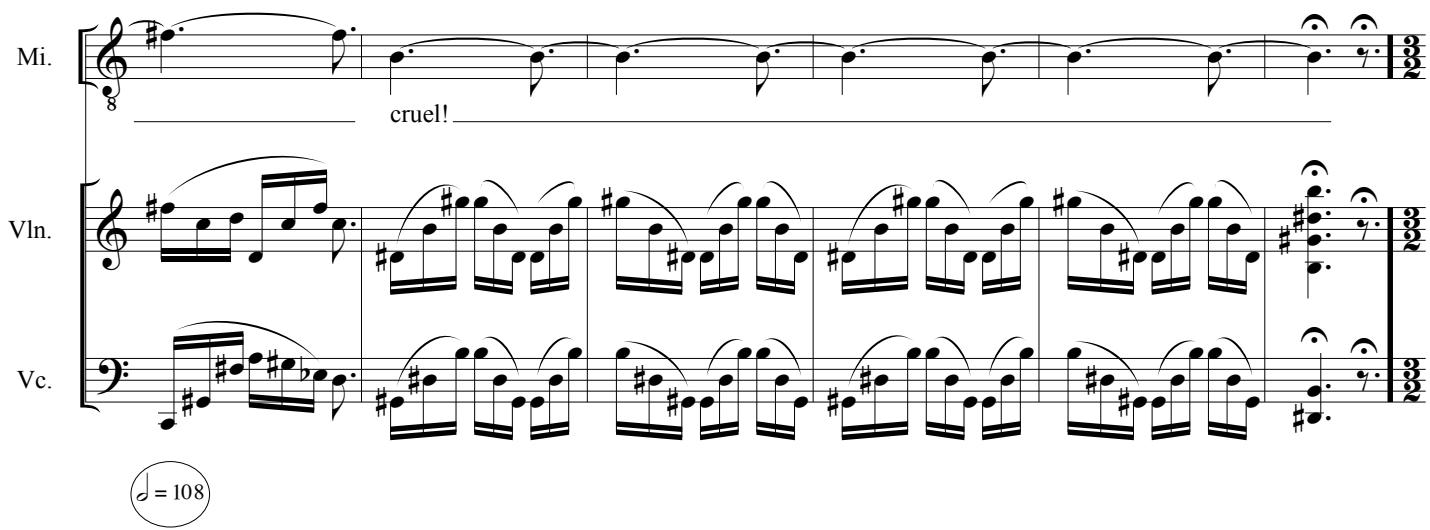
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Mi.

127

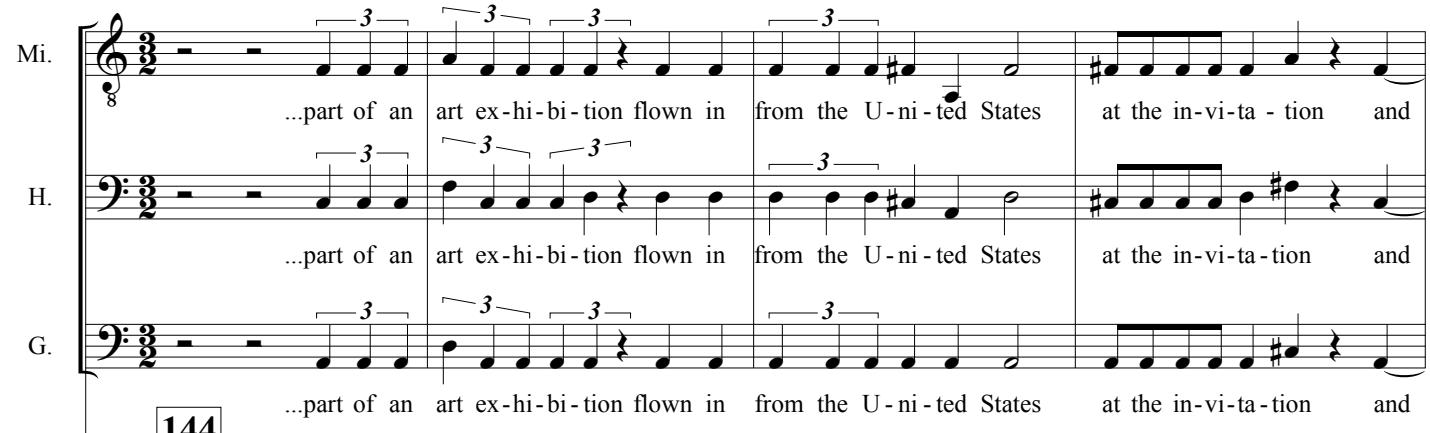
Vln.

Mi. 

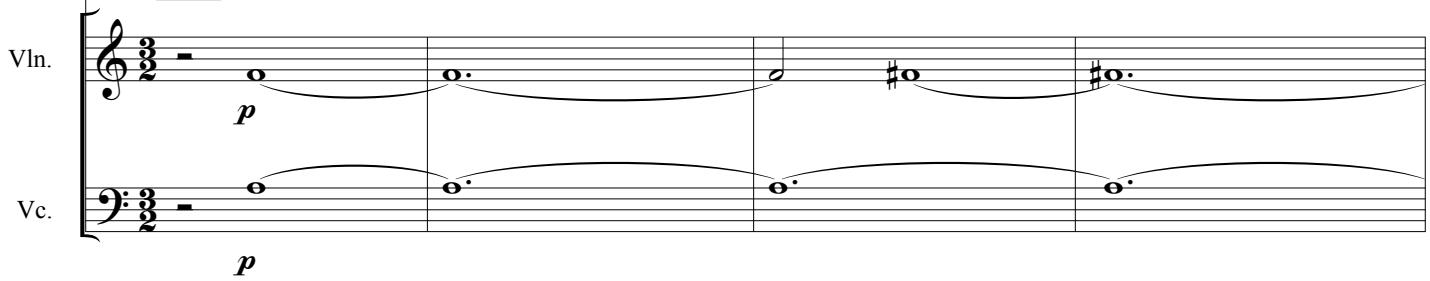
Mi. 

144

Chorus

Mi. 

144

Vln. 

150 $\text{♩} = 126$

Mi. — ex-pense of the Arts Coun - cil.

H. — ex-pense of the Arts Coun - cil.

G. — ex-pense of the Arts Coun - cil.

Vln. $\text{♩} = 126$

Vc. $\text{♩} = 126$

Goodman

G. —

"...part of an art ex-hi-bition flown in from the U - ni - ted States

Vln. $\text{♩} = 126$

Vc. $\text{♩} = 126$

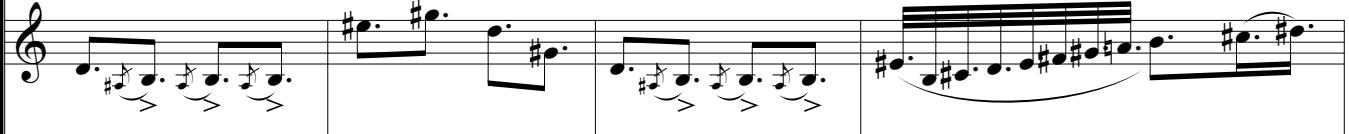
G. at the in - vi - ta - tion and ex - pense, _____ and ex -

Vln. $\text{♩} = 126$

Vc. $\text{♩} = 126$

G. 

pense _____ of the Arts Coun - cil."

Vln. 

Vc. 

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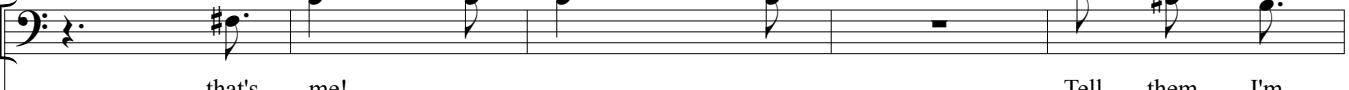
G. 

9 **16** _____ That's me,

170

Vln. 

Vc. 

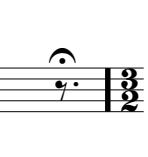
G. 

that's me! _____ Tell them I'm

Vln. 

Vc. 

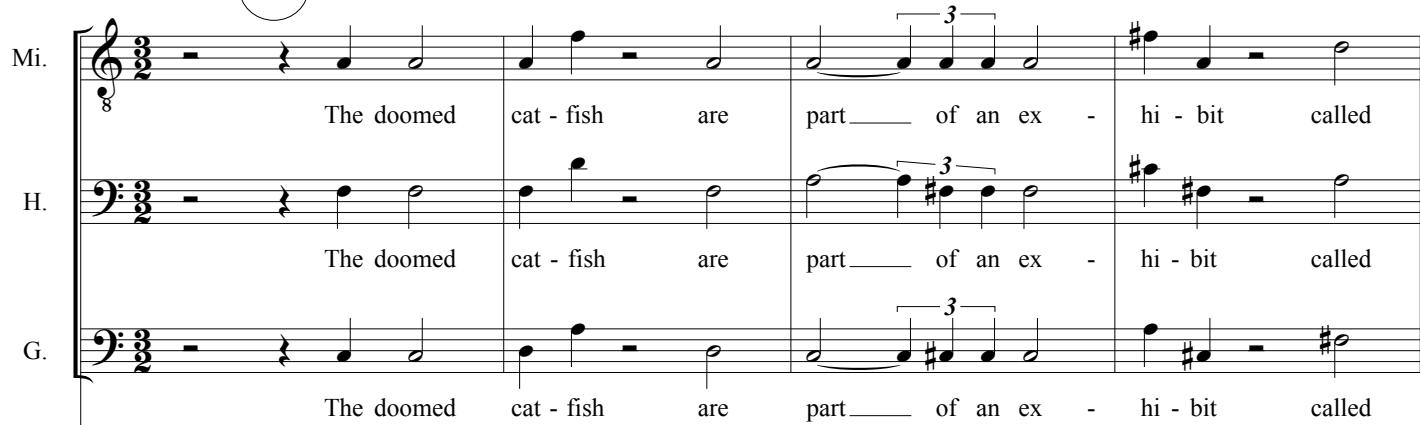
G. 

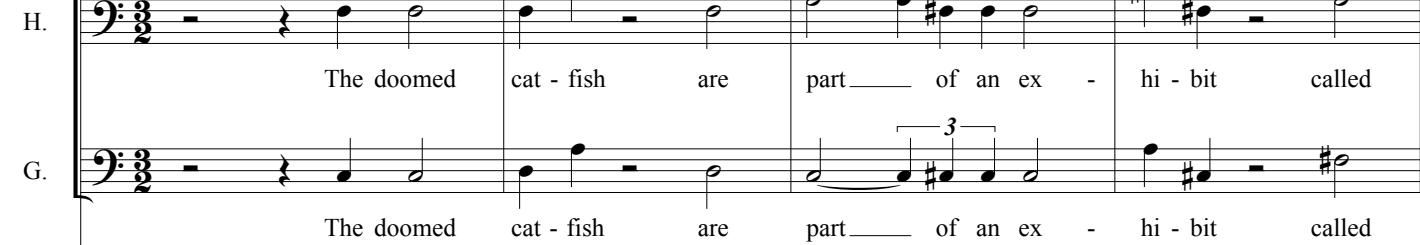
on my way! 

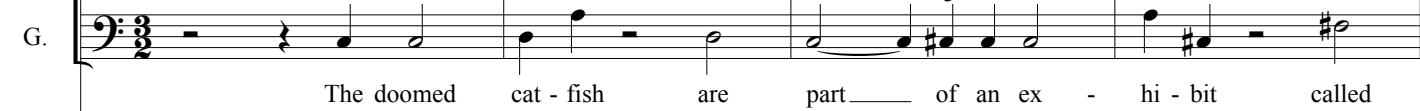
Vln. 

Vc. 

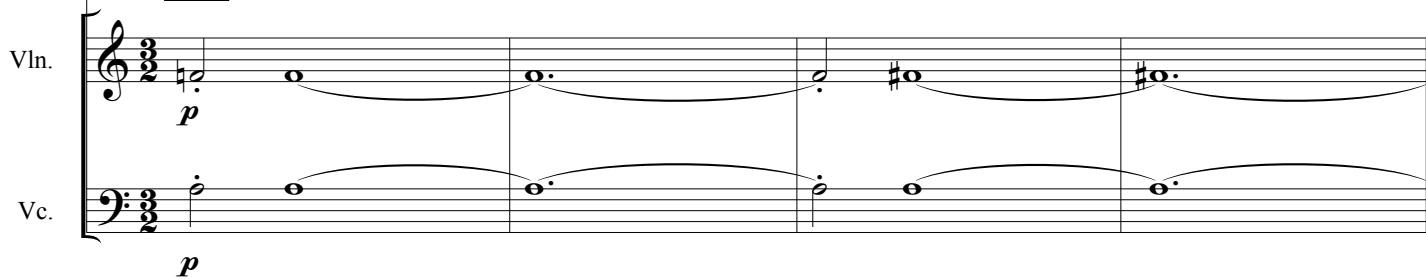
183 *d=92* Chorus

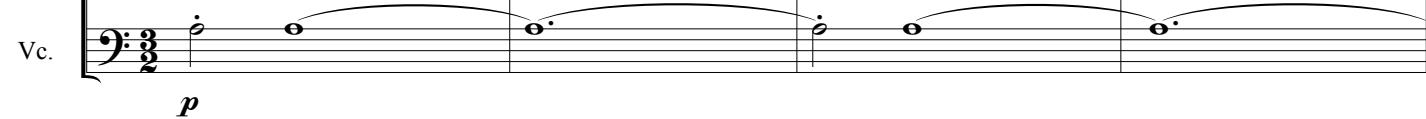
Mi. 

H. 

G. 

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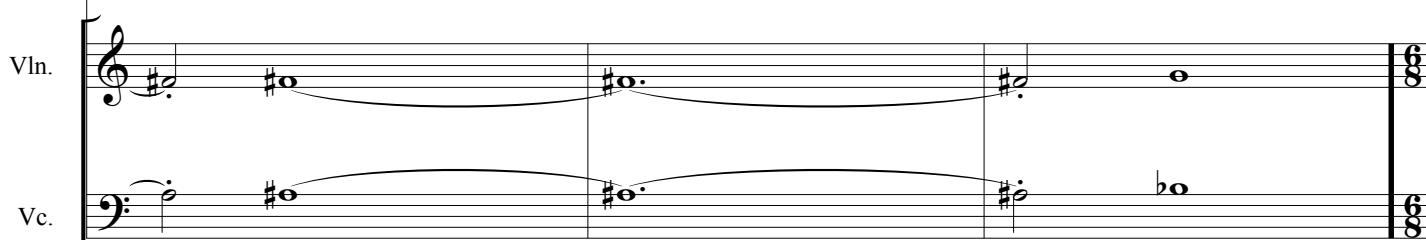
Vln. 

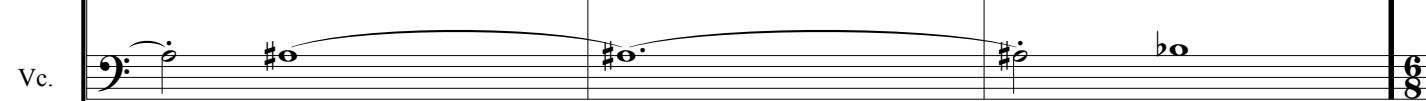
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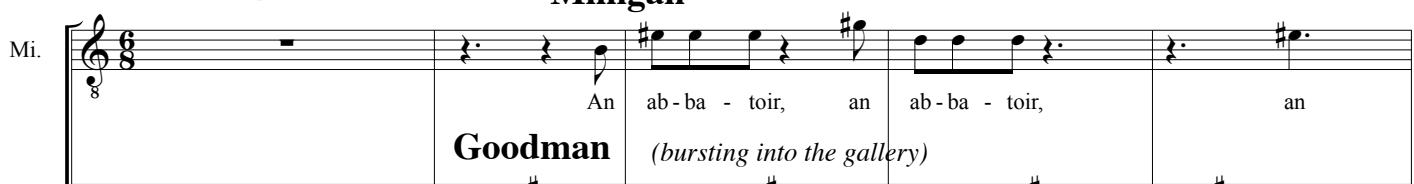
Vln. 

Vc. 

190

♩ = 126

Milligan

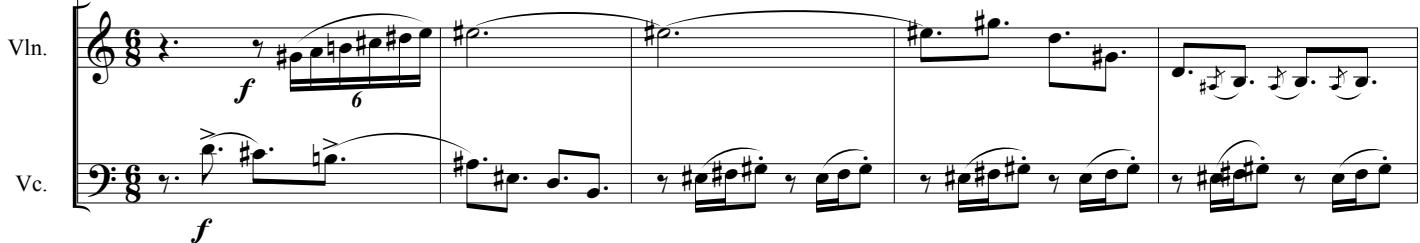
Mi. 

An ab - ba -toir, an ab - ba -toir, an

Goodman *(bursting into the gallery)*

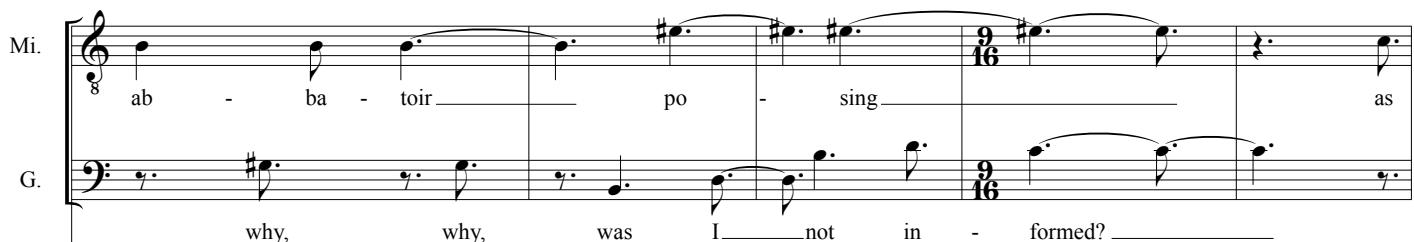
Why, why, why, why, why,

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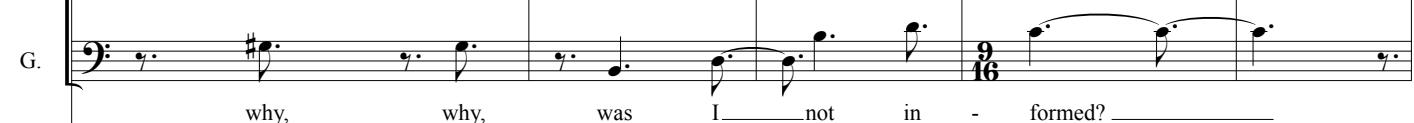
Vln. 

Vc. *f* 

198

Mi. 

ab - ba -toir po sing as

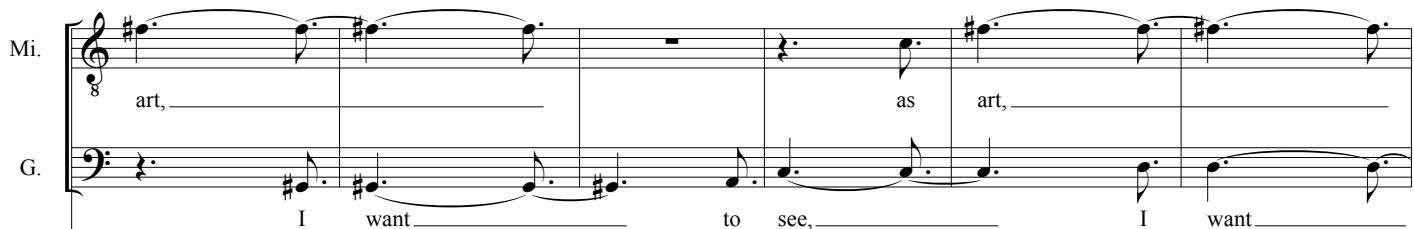
G. 

why, why, was I not in - formed?

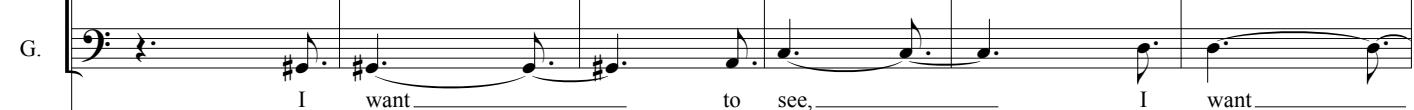
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Vln. 

Vc. 

Mi. 

art, as art,

G. 

I want to see, I want.

Vln. 

Vc. 

Mi. G.

art! — to see, — see for my - self... —

Vln. Vc.

213

♩ = 48

Mi. G.

Goodman
(trying to make sense of it all)

Is — this hu - mane,

Vln. Vc.

213

p

Milligan

Mi. G.

Cat-fish on death-row! Cat-fish on death - row!

Vln. Vc.

Mi. 8

Cat - fish on death - row! _____

G.

E - lec - tro - cu - tion, e -

Vln.

3 3

Vc.

le - c - tro - cu - tion _____ viewed by the pub - lic, _____ viewed by the pub - lic...

G.

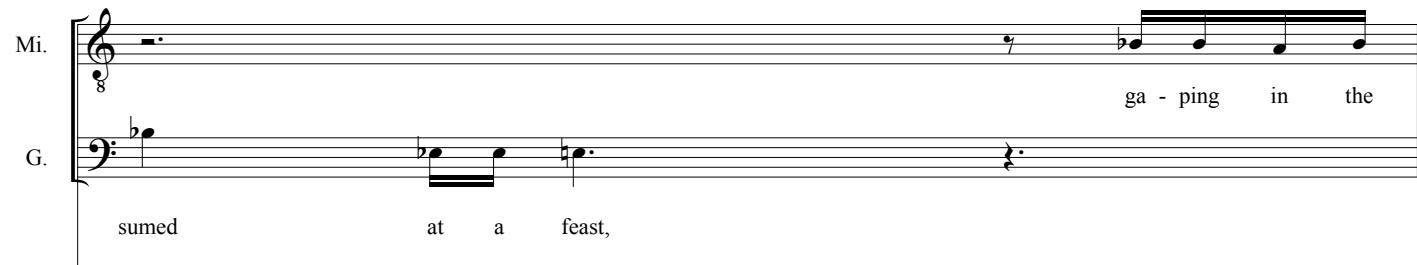
Vln.

f > *p*

Vc.

p

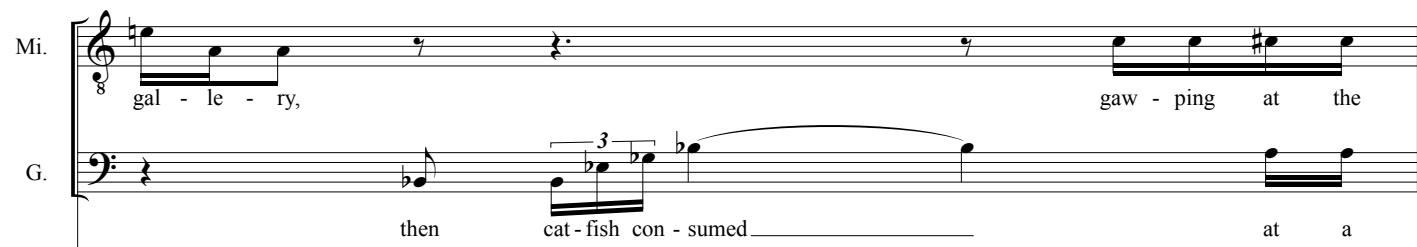
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Mi. 

G. 

Vln. 

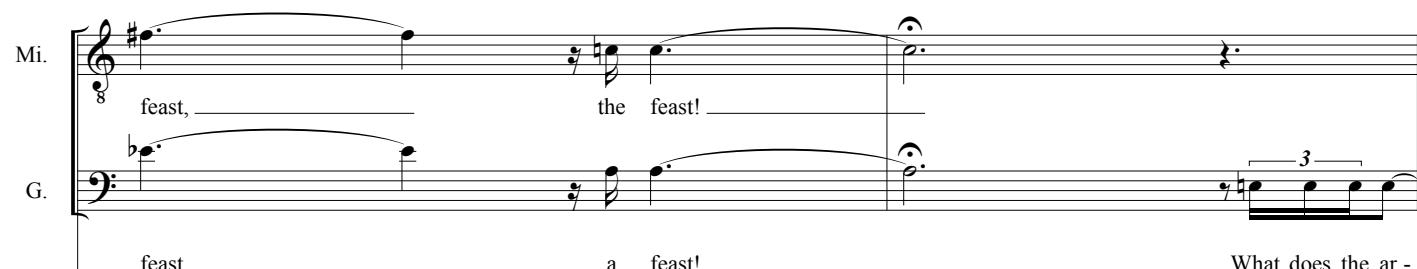
Vc. 

Mi. 

G. 

Vln. 

Vc. 

Mi. 

G. 

Vln. 

Vc. 

231

Harrison

H. -
G. -
- tist say? What's all this a-bout?
Are you in - sane,

231

Vln. *p*
Vc. arco
p

H. —
are you in - sane? Why all this up - roar? It is sim - ply - art!

Vln.
Vc.

Mi. 8 Mur - - - der! Ex - e -

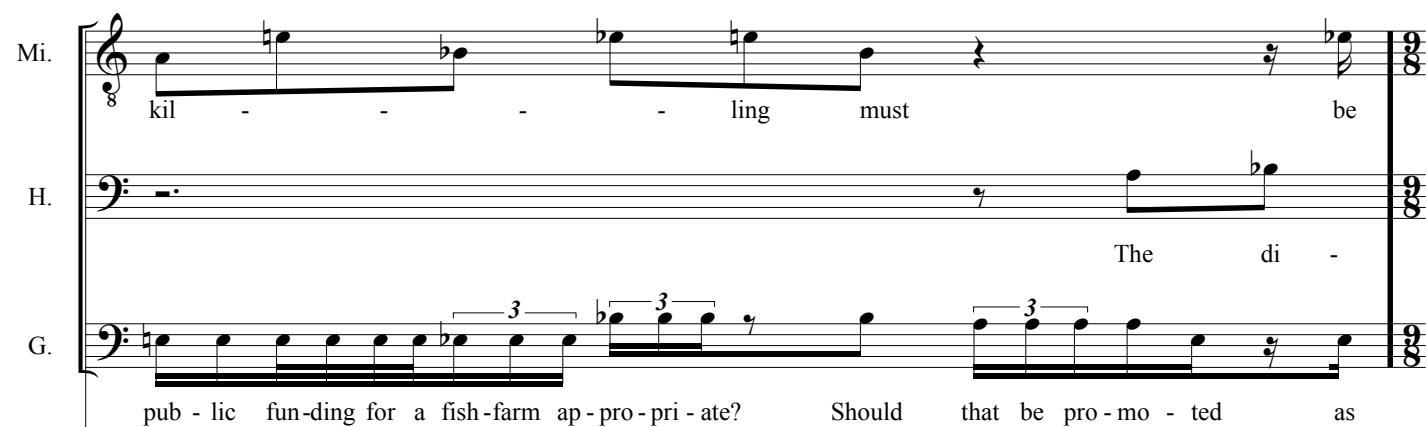
H.

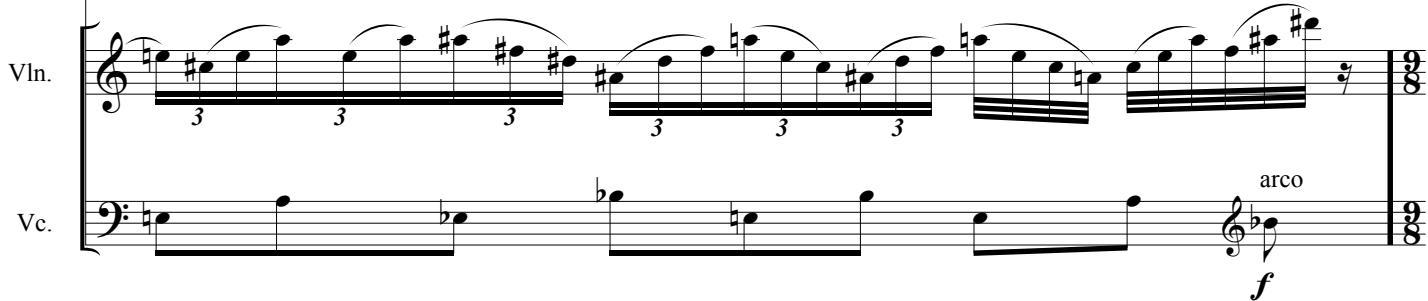
G. Is pub - lic fun-ding for a fish-farm ap - pro - pri - ate? Should

Vln. *f*

Vc. *f* pizz.

Mi. 

Mi. 

Vln. 

240 $\text{♩} = 72$

Mi. $\text{G}^{\#}$ stopped!

H. $\text{Bass}^{\#}$ men - sions of art are de - fined by the ar - tist, _____ by the

G. $\text{Bass}^{\#}$ art?

240

Vln. $\text{G}^{\#}$

Vc. $\text{G}^{\#}$

H. $\text{Bass}^{\#}$ ar - tist, _____ by the ar - - - - - tist, by the

Vln. $\text{G}^{\#}$

Vc. $\text{G}^{\#}$

H. $\text{Bass}^{\#}$ ar - - tist, _____ by the ar - - tist: _____ this ex -

Vln. $\text{G}^{\#}$

Vc. $\text{G}^{\#}$

247

H. hi - bit de - mon - strates, _____ this ex - hi - bit de - mon - strates _____ self-suf -

247

Vln. *f* Vc. *f*

H. fi - cien - cy _____ in fish,

Vln. *p* Vc. *p*

H. self - suf - fi - cien - cy _____ in

Vln. *p* Vc. *p*

H. fish, in fish.

Vln. *f* Vc. *f*

256

H.       

Why, why, why _____ these

Vln.  

Vc.  

256

H.       

fan - ta - sies, why, why, why _____ these

Vln.  

Vc.  

H.       

fan - ta - sies, why, why, why _____ these

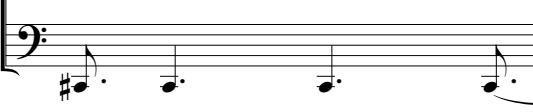
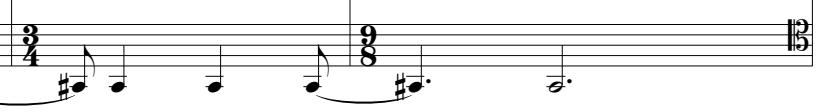
Vln.  

Vc.  

H.       

fan - ta - sies, these fan - ta-sies of di - sas - ter?

Vln.  

Vc.  

267 **Catfish** (*at prayer*)

C. 

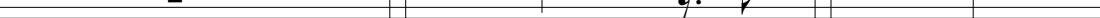
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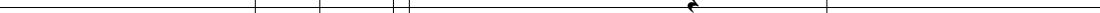
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Musical score for Violin (Vln.) and Cello (Vc.) showing measures 1-3. The Violin part consists of eighth-note patterns with grace notes. The Cello part consists of sustained notes with grace notes.

C. 
H. 

A musical score consisting of two staves. The top staff is for the Violin (Vln.) and the bottom staff is for the Cello (Vc.). Both staves begin with a rest followed by a sixteenth note. The Violin then plays a sixteenth note followed by a eighth note, repeated three times. The Cello also begins with a sixteenth note followed by a eighth note, repeated three times. The notes are grouped by vertical bar lines.

C. 
 H. 

A musical score for strings. The top staff, labeled "Vln.", consists of two measures of sixteenth-note patterns. The bottom staff, labeled "Vc.", consists of two measures of eighth-note patterns. The music is divided by vertical bar lines.

C. *De - us, De - us*
H. *- - ling and ea - ting* *should be, should*
Vln.
Vc.

297

C. *Sa - ba - oth,* *Sanc - tus, Sanc -*
H. *be in - ter - twined!*
G.
Vln.
Vc.

297 *Who may, who may,*

f

C. *tus, Sanc - tus, Do - - -*
H. *who may style him - self* *as ar - - -*
G.
Vln.
Vc.

C. mi - nus De - us, — De -

H. vi - val is wor - thy of art, the task

G. tist, who may, who may style him -

Vln.

Vc.

310

C. - us Sa - ba - oth, Do - mi -

H. — of sur - vi - val, this task is wor - thy of

G. self as ar - - - tist? who may,

310

Vln.

Vc.

C. - nus De - us — Sa - - -

H. art; no ques - tion's more

G. who may style him - self as ar - - -

Vln.

Vc.

322

C. — Sa - - ba - oth. Ple - - -

H. - tion's more cru - cial for us, for us at this

G. self as ar - - - tist? Does art,

Vln.

Vc.

C. - - ni sunt cae - - - li

Milligan *f*

Mi. 8 It's a joke, ha, ha, ha ha ha it's a joke, _____ but the

H. time. Li - - ving and dy - - ing should

G. does art grant en - ti - tle ment,

Vln.

Vc.

C. et — ter - - - ra glo - - - ri - a

Mi. 8 joke's on us: we're pa-ying! And how? They won't say, there's no

H. be un - - der stood, should be un - - der -

G. en - ti - - tle - ment to

Vln.

Vc.

329

C. tu - a, glo - ri - a tu - a,
 Mi. price, _____ there's no price on the me-nu, no price, _____ there's no price on the
 H. stood! Kil - - - ling and
 G. mur - der, to mur - der cat - fish, to mur - der, to mur - der

329

Vln.
 Vc.

C. glo - ri - a tu - a, glo - ri - a
 Mi. me-nu, no price, _____ there's no price on the me-nu!
 H. ea - ting should be, should be in - ter -
 G. cat - fish, to mur - der, to mur - der cat-fish?

Vln.
 Vc.

336

C. tu - a.

Mi. -

H. twined!

G. Hu-mans should know their food sour - ces,

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Vln. -

Vc. -

Milligan
(brandishing a hammer)

Mi. -

H. -

G. I have with

Goodman

hu - mans should know their

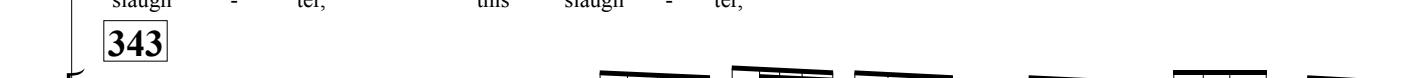
But must they wit - ness this slaughter,

Vln. -

Vc. -

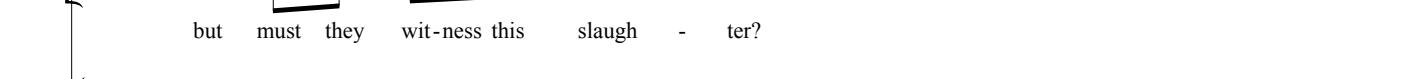
Mi.  8 me a wea - pon, I have with me a wea - pon,
H. food sour - ces. Har -
G. but must they wit-ness this slaugh - ter, this
Vln. 
Vc. 

343

Mi.  8 a wea - pon, and if needs
H. ves - ting turns in - to, turns in - to, turns in - to a
G. slaugh - ter, this slaugh - ter,
Vln. 
Vc. 

343

Vln. 
Vc. 

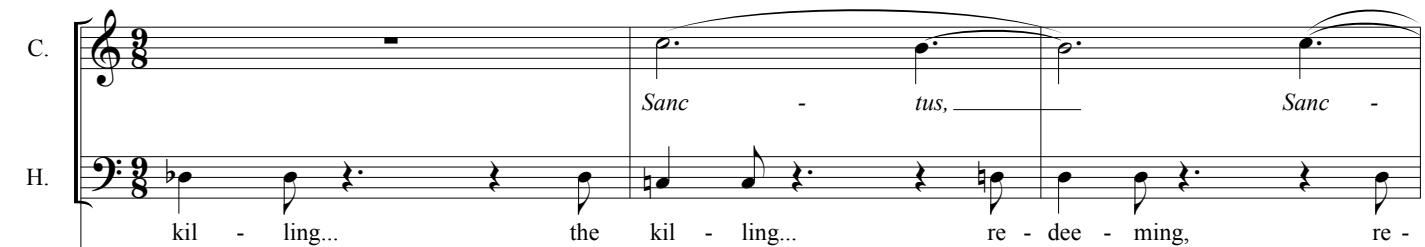
Mi.  8 be I'll use it!
H. feast, turns in - to, turns in - to a feast: _____ the kil - killing trans-fi - gured by ce - le
G. but must they wit-ness this slaugh - ter?
Vln. 
Vc. 

Vln. 
Vc. 

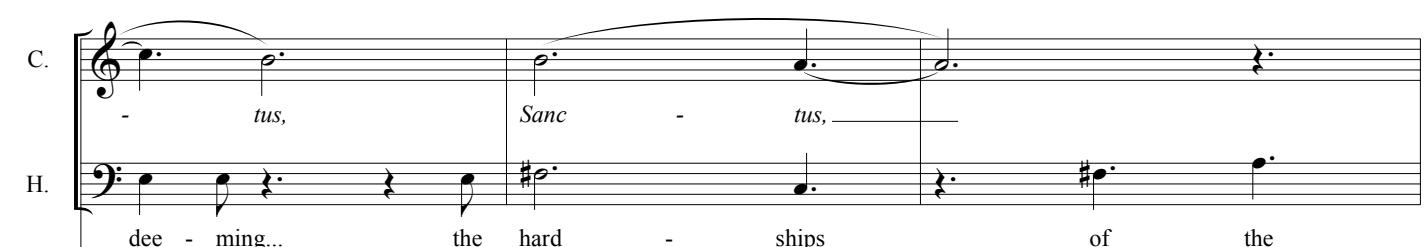
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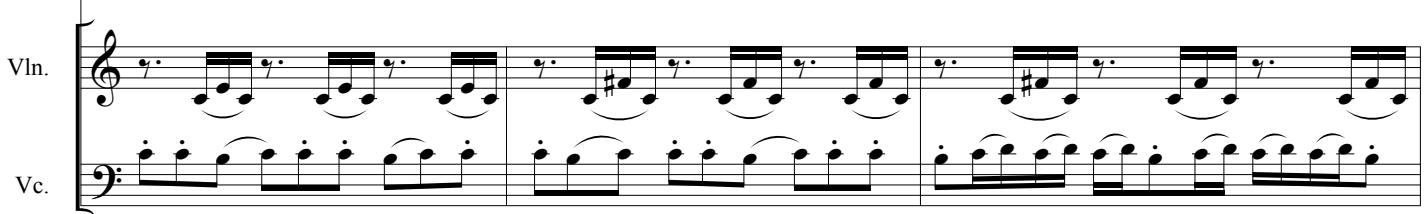
H. 

354 Catfish

C. 

Vln. 

C. 

Vln. 

C. *Sanc* - *tus,* — *Sanc* - *tus,*

H. peo - ple, the peo - - - - - ple!

Vln.

Vc.

C. *Sanc* - - - - *tus.*

Goodman

G. Life's certain-ly hard — for the

Vln.

Vc.

366**Milligan**

Mi. —

G. —

Cat-fish on death row, cat-fish on death row,

cat-fish which fall in-to your hands!

366

Vln.

Vc.

f *ff* *f*

Mi.

374

Mi.

374

Vln.

H.

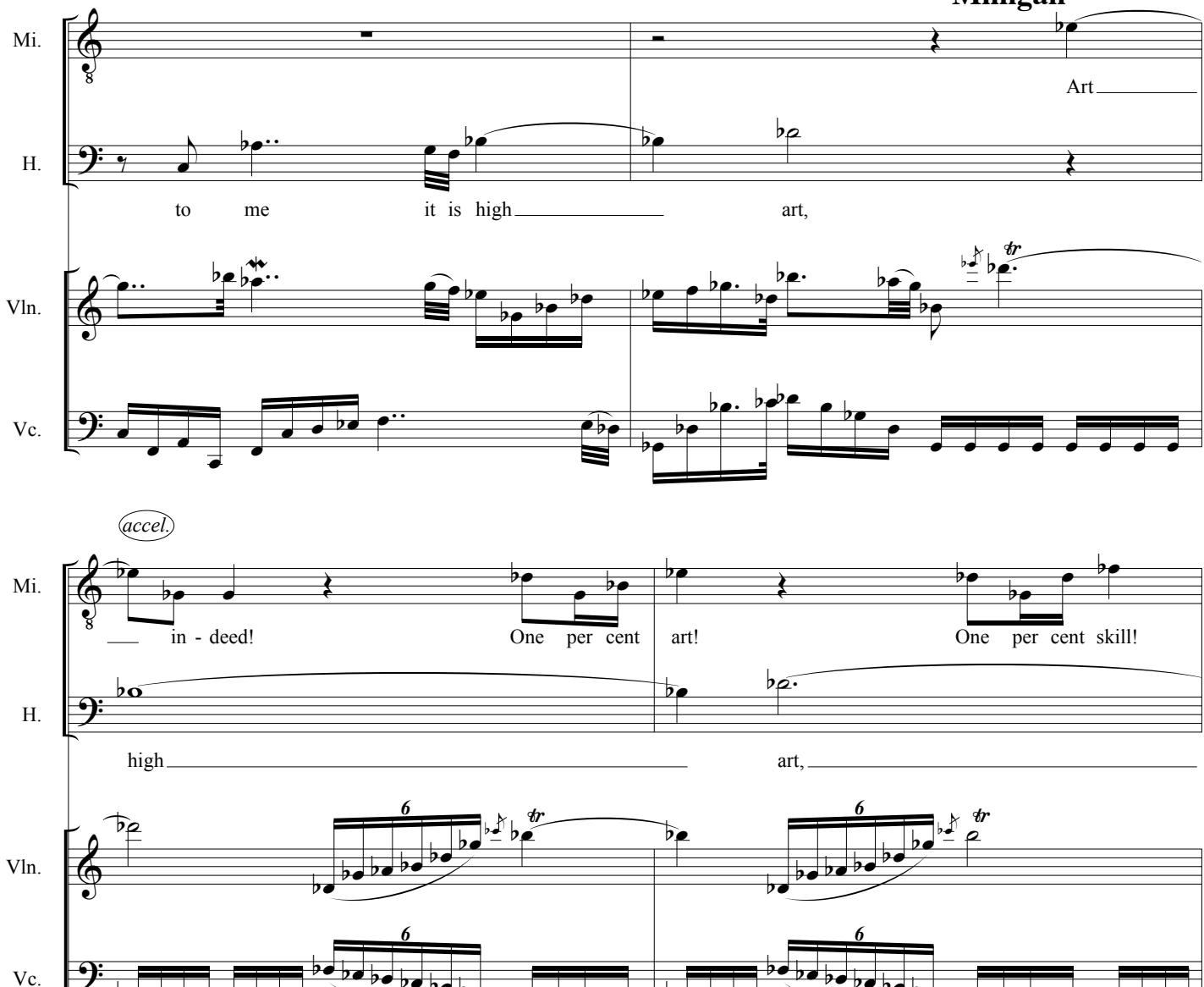
Vln.

(a stunned silence) 381

H.

Vln.

Milligan

Mi. 

H. 

Vln.

Vc.

Mi.

Mi.

Vln.

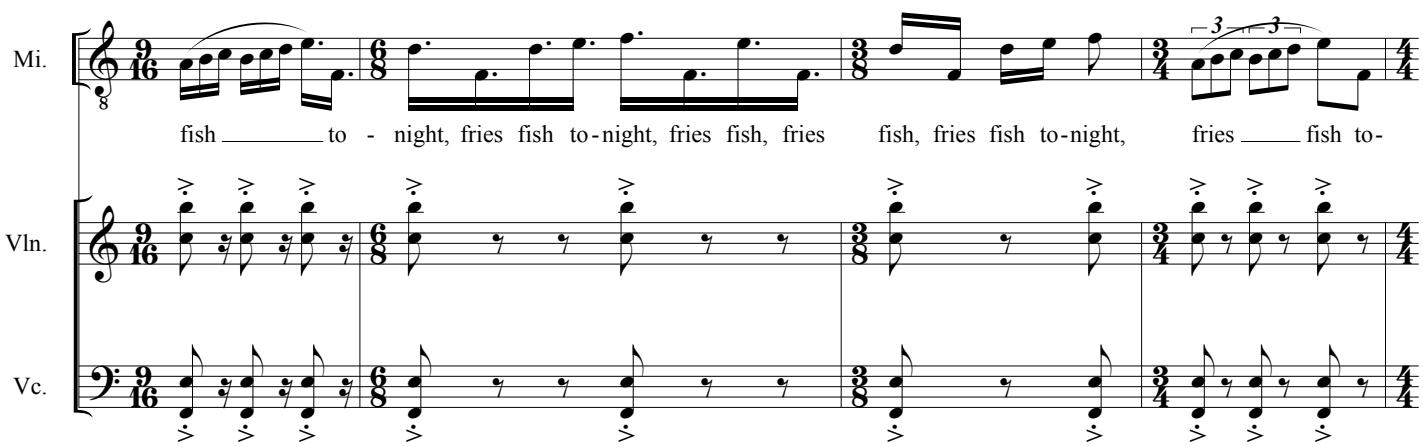
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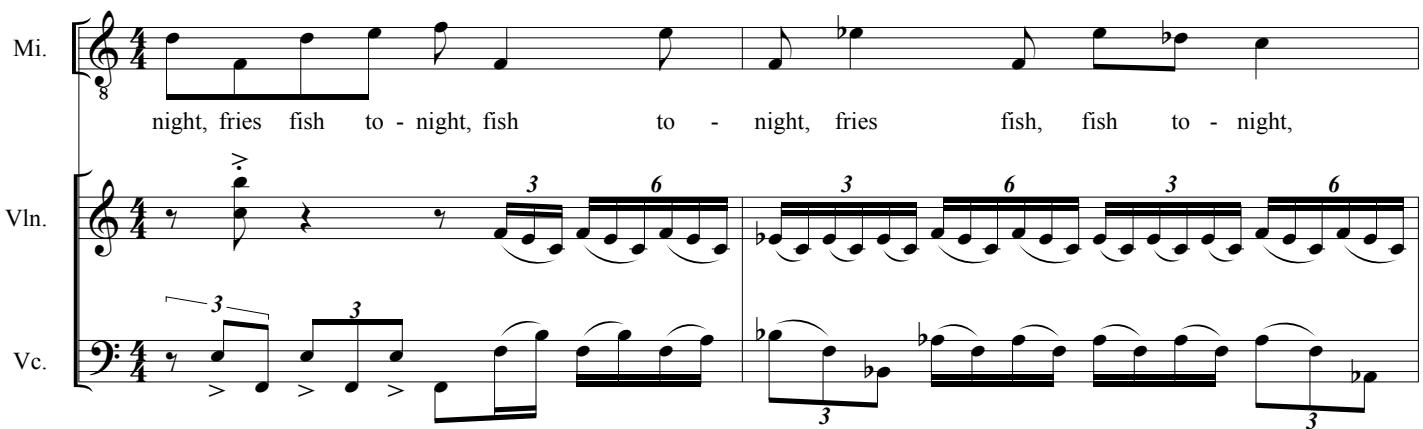
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Mi.

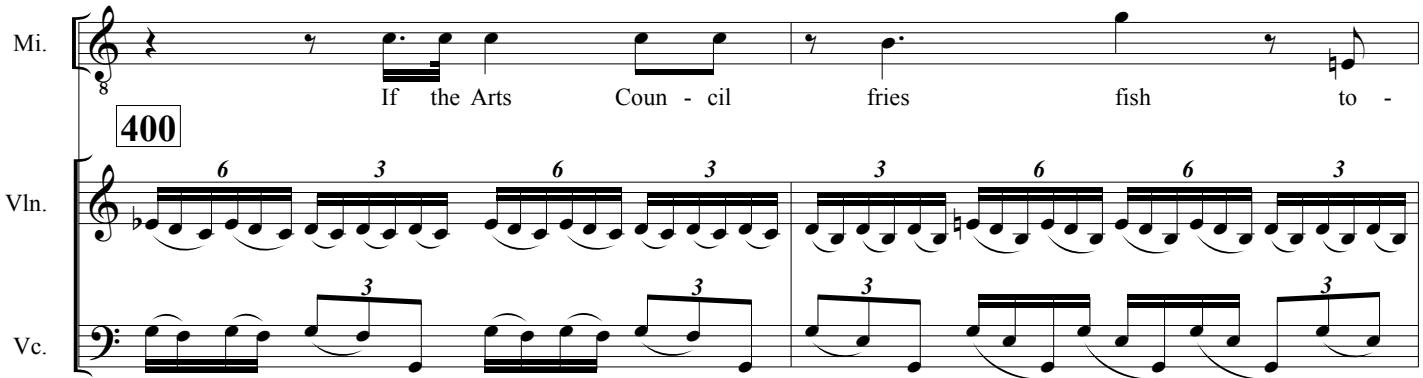
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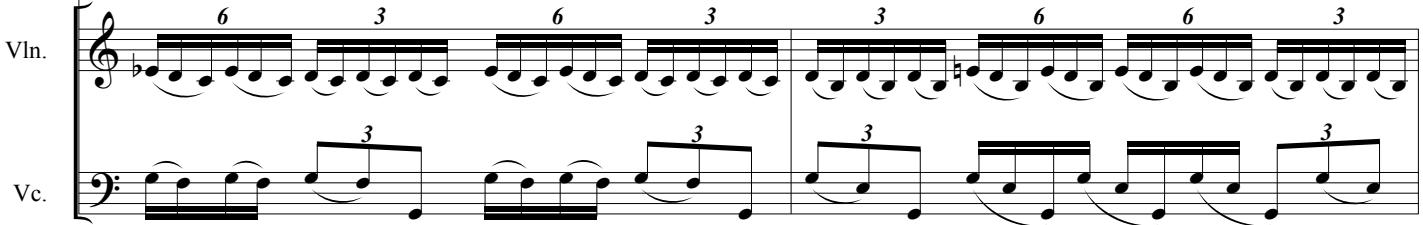
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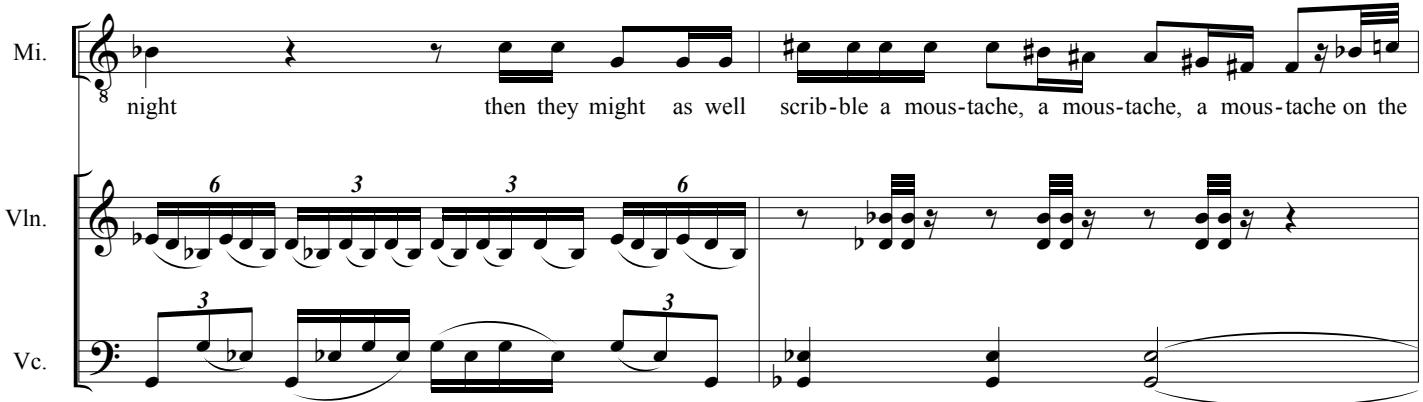
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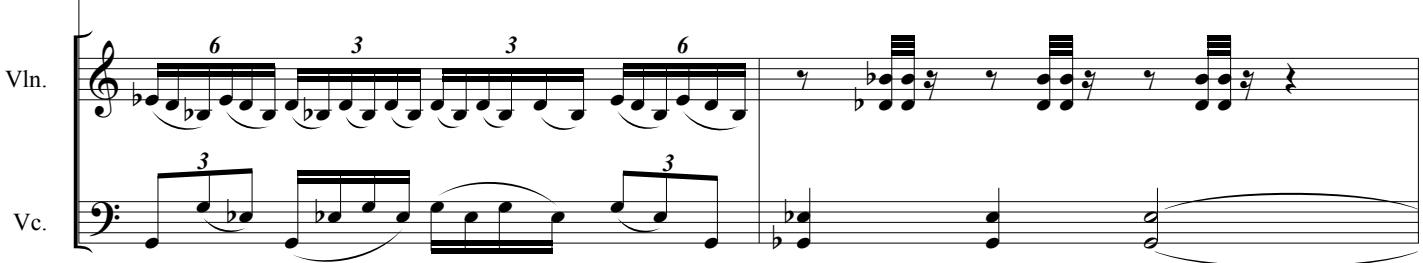
400

Mi. 

400

Vln. 

Mi. 

Vln. 

Mi. 

Vln. 

Vc. 

Mi. 8 face, scrib-ble a mous-tache, on the face, on the face _____ of the

Vln.

Vc.

A musical score page showing three staves. The top staff is for 'Mi.' (Mezzo-soprano), the middle for 'Vln.' (Violin), and the bottom for 'Vc.' (Double Bass). The vocal line for Mi. starts with a melodic line over a sustained note, followed by the lyrics 'Mo - na - sa!' and 'Li - sa!' on separate notes. The Vln. staff features sustained notes with grace notes above them. The Vc. staff shows a rhythmic pattern of eighth-note pairs. The score is set against a background of a city skyline at night.

H.

pears seam - less and the cost of be-lief has be - come out-ra - geous of-fer the op - por -

Vln.

Vc.

H.

tu - ni-ty to__ cre - ate, to__ cre-ate new spa - ces, first in

Vln.

Vc.

H.

the mind and there-af-ter in e - very day life. ____ My

Vln.

Vc.

430 *(D. = 144)*

Milligan

Mi. His work begins when he per-ceives an a -

H. work begins when I per-ceive an a - no-ma-ly in the en-vi-ron-ment, my work be - gins when

430

Vln. -

Vc. -

Mi. no - ma - ly in the en - vi - ron-ment, his work be - gins when he per-ceives an a -

H. I per - ceive an a - no - ma - ly in the en - vi - ron-ment,

Goodman

G. His

Mi. no-ma-ly in the en - vi - ron-ment, his work be - gins when he per - ceives an a -

H. vi - ron - ment, my work be - gins when I per-ceive an a - no-ma-ly in the en-vi-ron-ment, my

G. work be-gins when he per-ceives an a - no-ma-ly in the en - vi - ron-ment, his work be - gins when

Mi. no - ma-ly in the en - vi - ron-ment, an a - no-ma-ly in the en-vi-ron-ment, an a -

H. work be-gins when I per-ceive an a - no-ma-ly in the en-vi-ron-ment, an a - no-ma-ly in the en-vi-ron-ment, an a -

G. he per ceives an a - no - ma-ly in the en - vi - ron - ment, an a -

441

Mi. 
 no-ma-ly in the en-vi-ron-ment, an a - no-ma-ly in the en-vi-ron-ment, that is the re-sult of op-po-sing be-liefs, that

H. 
 no-ma-ly in the en-vi-ron-ment, an a - no-ma-ly in the en-vi-ron-ment, that is the re-sult of op-po-sing be-liefs, that

G. 
 no-ma-ly in the en-vi-ron-ment, an a - no-ma-ly in the en-vi-ron-ment, that is the re-sult of op-po-sing be-liefs, that

441

Vln. 
p Senza sord.

Mi. 
 is the re-sult of op-po-sing be-liefs, that is the re-sult of op-po-sing be-liefs, that is the re-sult of op-po-sing be-liefs,

H. 
 is the re-sult of op-po-sing be-liefs, that is the re-sult of op-po-sing be-liefs, that is the re-sult of op-po-sing be-liefs, or

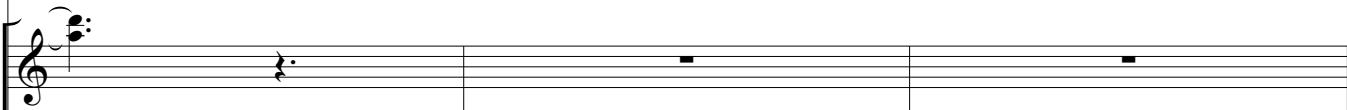
G. 
 is the re-sult of op-po-sing be-liefs, that is the re-sult of op-po-sing be-liefs, that is the re-sult of op-po-sing be-liefs,

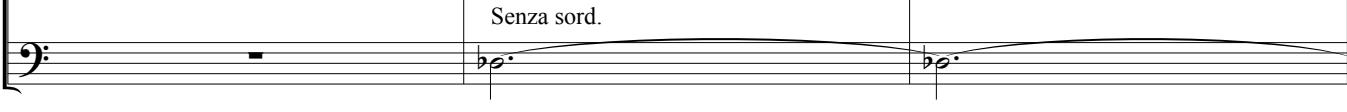
Vln. 

Mi. 
 8

H. 
 con - tra-dic-to - ry me - ta-phors, or con - tra-dic-to - ry, con - tra-dic-to - ry, con - tra-dic-to - ry me - ta-phors. My

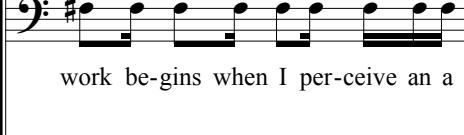
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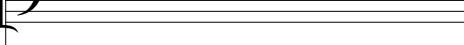
Vln. 
 Senza sord.

Vc. 
p

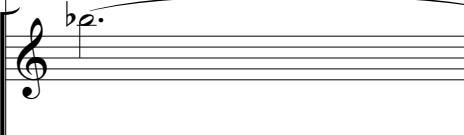
450

Mi.  His work be-gins when he per-ceives an a -

H.  work be-gins when I per-ceive an a - no-ma-ly in the en-vi-ron-ment, my work be - gins when

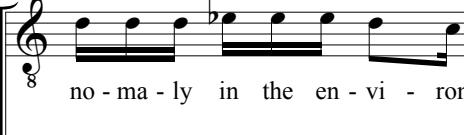
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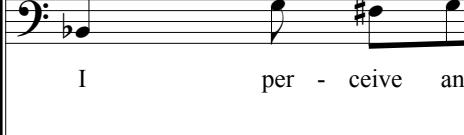
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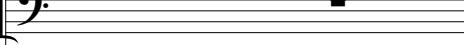
Vln. 

Vc.  f

f

Mi.  no - ma - ly in the en - vi - ron-ment, his work be - gins when he per-ceives an a -

H.  I per - ceive an a - no - ma - ly in the en -

G.  His

Vln. 

Vc. 

Mi.

H.

G.

Vln.

Vc.

no - ma - ly in the en - vi - - ron - ment, his work be - gins when
vi - - ron - ment, my work be - gins when I per-ceive an a - no - ma - ly
work be - gins when he per-ceives an a - no - ma - ly in the en - vi - - ron - ment, his

Mi.

H.

G.

Vln.

Vc.

he per - ceives an a - no - ma - ly in the en - vi - - ron - ment, an a -
in the en - vi - - ron - ment,
work be - gins when he per-ceives an a - no - ma - ly in the en -

Mi. no-ma-ly in the en-vi - ron-ment, his work be - gins,
H. my work be - gins when
G. vi - ron - ment His work be-gins when he per-ceives an a - no-ma-ly in the en-vi-ron-ment, his

Vln.

Vc.

462

Mi. H. G.

his work begins when he perceives an a -

I per - ceive an a - no - ma - ly,

work be - gins when he per ceives an a - no - ma - ly in the en - vi - ron - ment, his

462

A musical score for two instruments: Violin (Vln.) and Cello (Vc.). The Violin part consists of a treble clef staff with six horizontal lines. It features a melodic line with several grace notes indicated by small dots before the main notes. The Cello part is in bass clef, with four horizontal lines. It has sustained notes indicated by vertical stems with dots at the top. The score is divided into measures by vertical bar lines, and a large vertical line in the middle separates the two halves of the page.

Mi. 8 no - ma - ly in the en - vi - ron-ment, my work be - gins when

H. an a - no - ma - ly in the en - vi - ron-ment, my

G. work be - gins when he per - ceives an a -

Vln.

Vc.

Mi. 8 I per - ceive an a - no - ma - ly in the en -

H. work be - gins when I per - ceive an a - no - ma - ly in the en - vi - ron-ment, an a -

G. no - ma - ly in the en - vi - ron - ment, an a -

Vln.

Vc.

468

Mi. vi - ron - ment, an a - no - ma - ly in the en - vi - ron-ment, an a -

H. no - ma - ly in the en - vi - ron-ment, an a - no - ma - ly in the en - vi - ron-ment, an a -

G. no - ma - ly in the en - vi - ron-ment, an a - no - ma - ly in the en - vi - ron-ment, an a -

468

Vln. ff

Vc. ff

Mi. no - ma - ly in the en - vi - ron-ment, that is the re - sult of op - po - sing be - liefs, that

H. no - ma - ly in the en - vi - ron-ment, that is the re - sult of op - po - sing be - liefs, that

G. no - ma - ly in the en - vi - ron-ment, that is the re - sult of op - po - sing be - liefs, that

Vln.

Vc.

Mi.

H.

G.

Vln.

Vc.

Mi.

H.

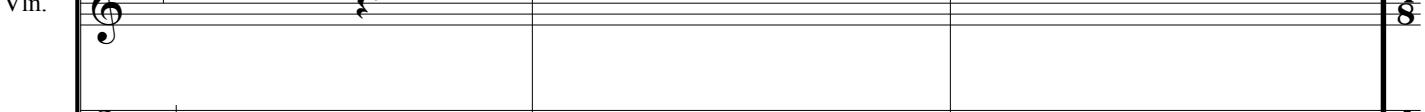
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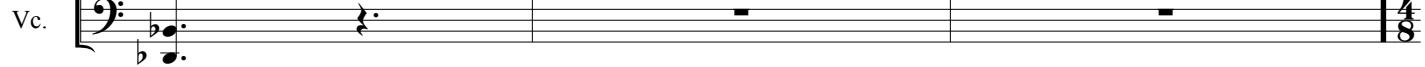
Vln.

Vc.

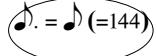
Mi. 

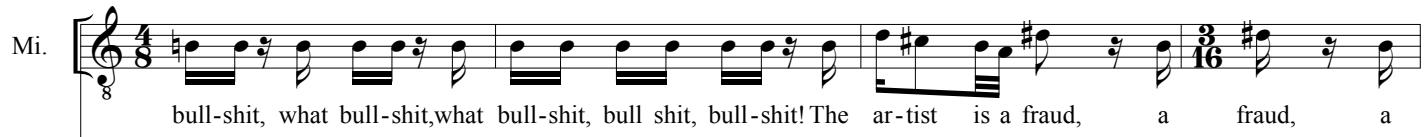
H. 

G. 

Vln. 

Vc. 

480 

Mi. 

Vln. 

Vc. 

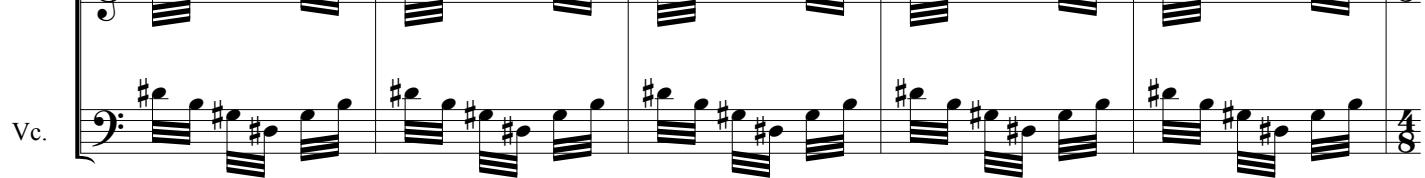
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Vln. 

Vc. 

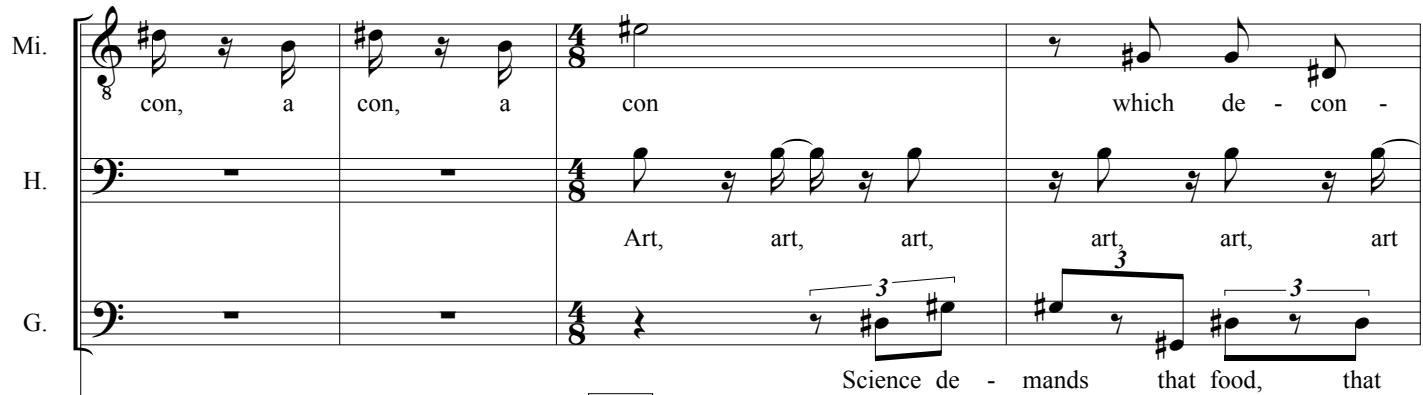
Mi. 

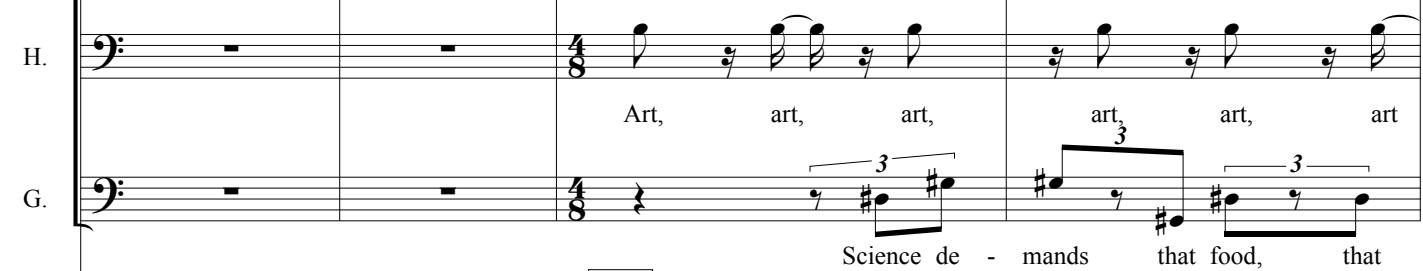
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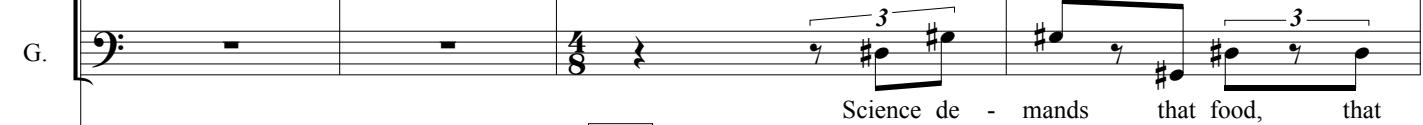
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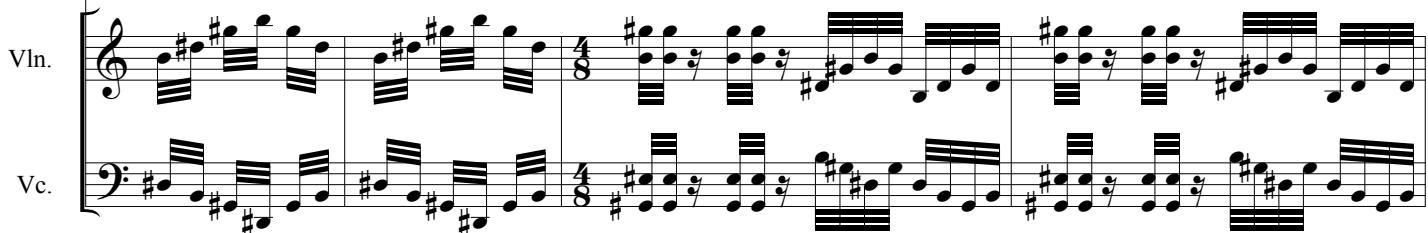
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Mi. 

H. 

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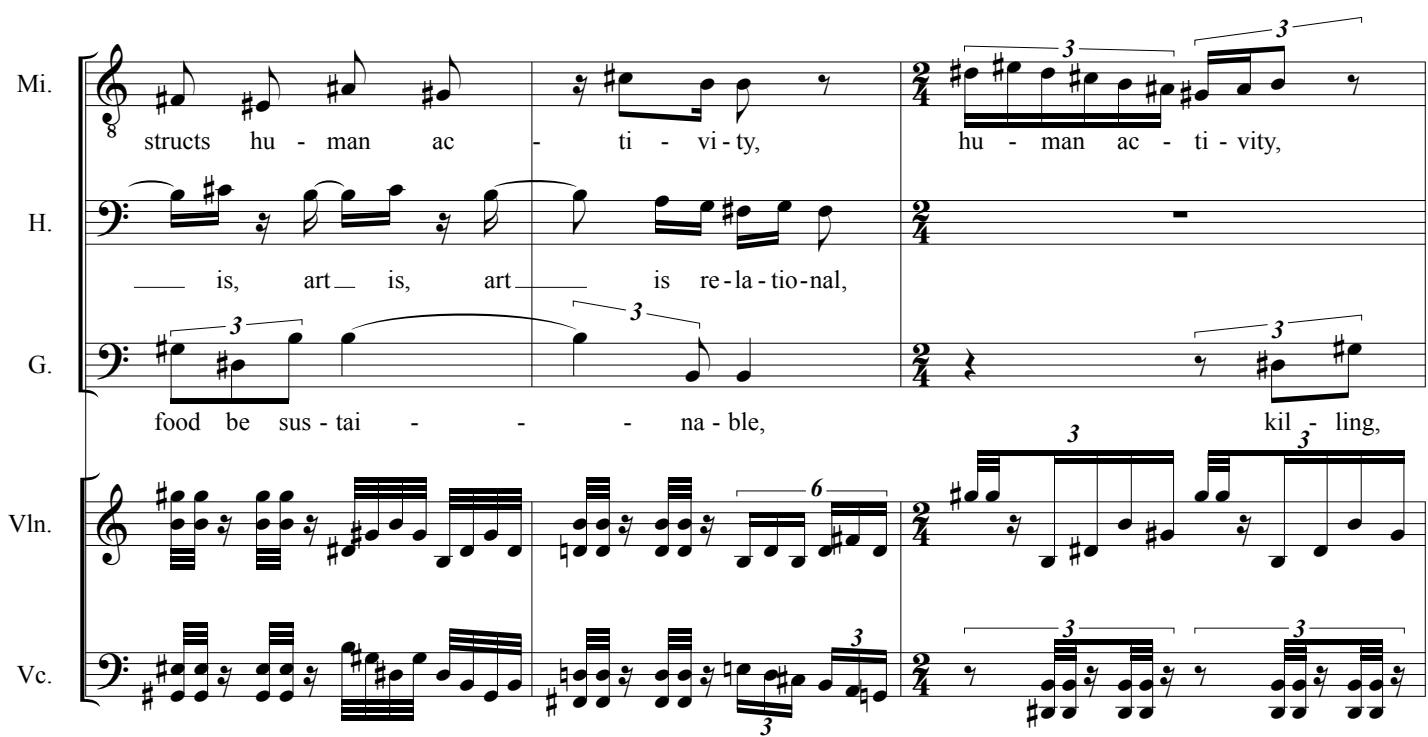
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Vln. 

Vc. 

Mi. 

H. 

G. 

Vln. 

Vc. 

502

Mi. hu - man ac - ti - vity, 4 8 re - du - ces

H. Art, art, art, art, art, art

G. kil - ling, kil - ling in pub - lic is not, is not

Vln.

Vc.

502

Mi. life to va - pid ba na - li - ty, 2 4

H. is, art is, art is a-na-la-gous, art is re-la-tio-nal, a na-lo-gous to na-ture,

G. jus - ti - fi - a - ble, not jus - ti - fi - a - ble,

Vln.

Vc.

508

Mi. 

H.

G.

Vln.

Vc.

Mi. 

H. 

G. 

Vln. 

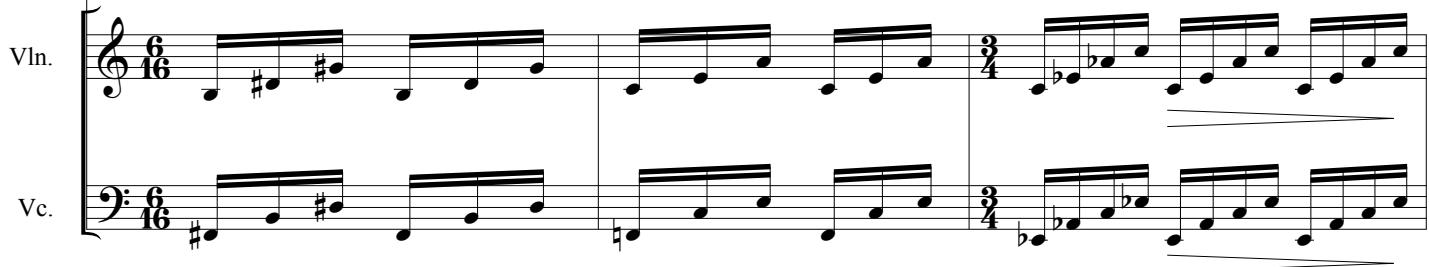
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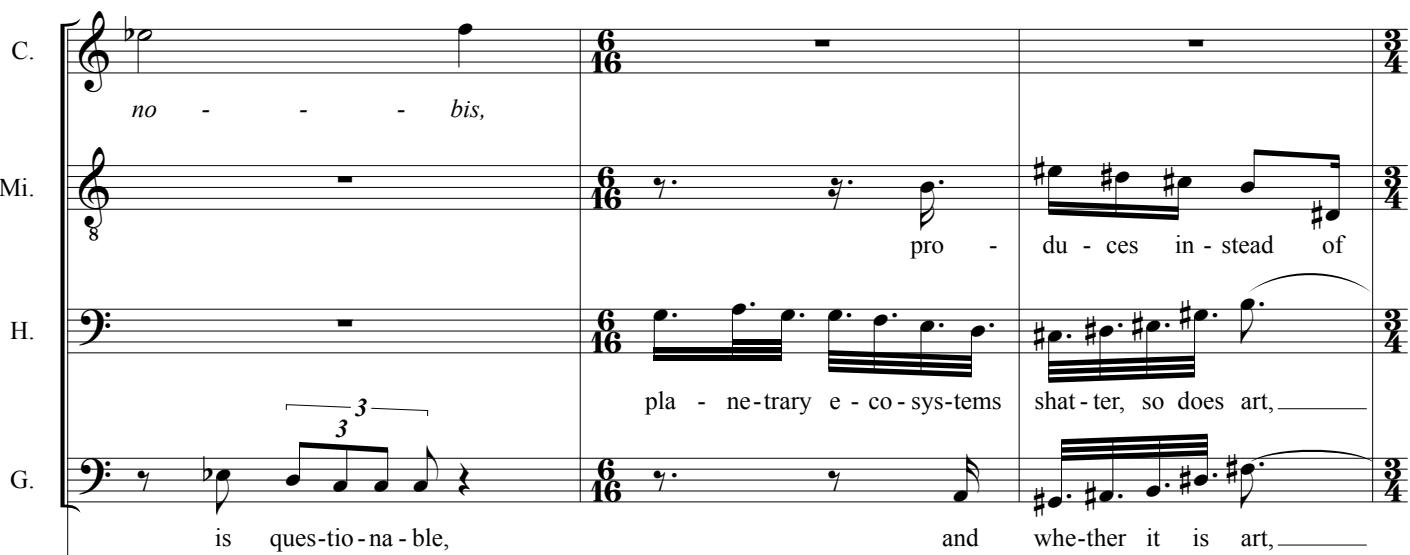
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Catfish

C. 

515

Vln. 

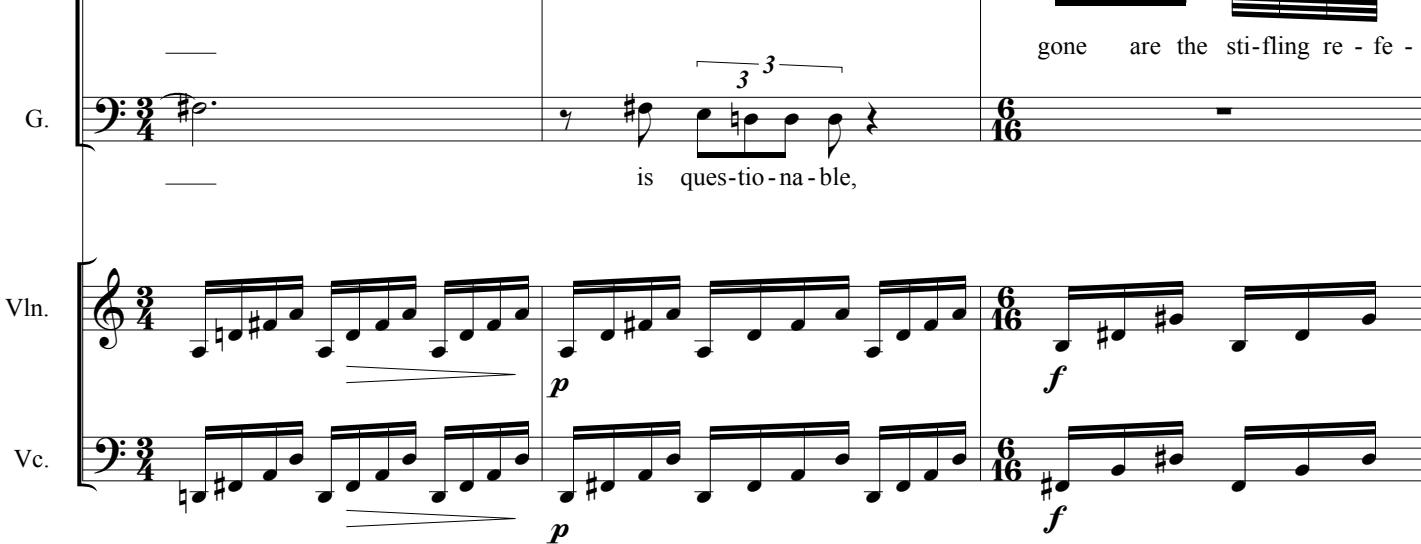
C. 

Vln. 

C. 

Mi. 

H. 

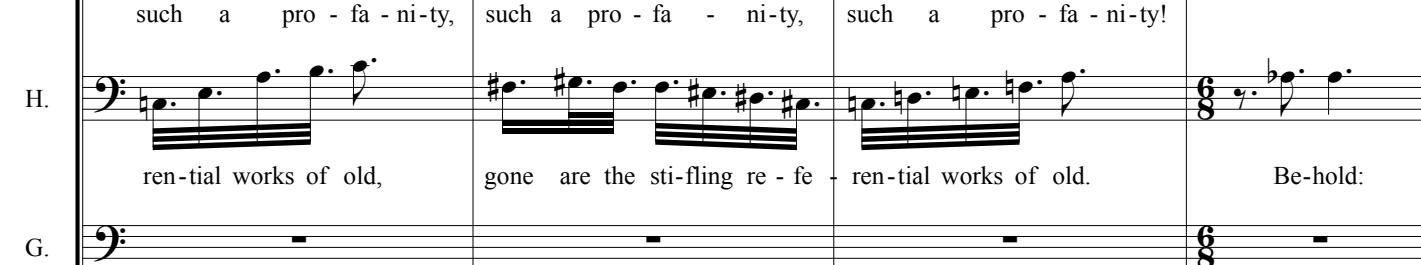
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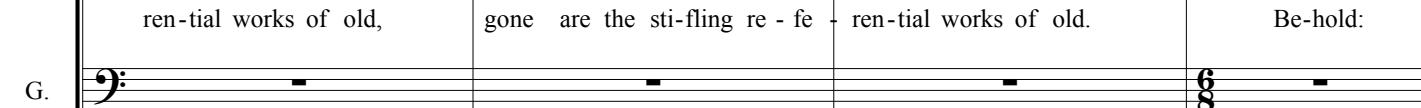
Vln. 

Vc. 

525

Mi. 

H. 

G. 

525

Vln. 

Vc. 

(Milligan breaks a window pane:
it is an anti-climax)

Mi. I think I'm going to smash a win-dow!

H. a self-suf - fi-cient sur-vi-val re - source!

G. (spoken) You'll need a bigger hammer!

533 **Catfish** *dolce*

C. (spoken) *Mi - - - se-re - re,* *mi - - se - re - re no -*

Mi. Let the catfish live!

H. (spoken) Philistines! Bureaucrats! You: English!

G. They will: longer than your average kipper, no doubt!

533

Vln. *p*

Vc. *p*

537

 $\text{d} = 108$

C. - bis.

Chorus

Mi. 8 So the show goes dark while talks are held. Dead

H. So the show goes dark while talks are held. For near - ly

G. So the show goes dark while talks are held. Dead

537

Vln. p

Vc. p

Mi. 8 cat - - - fish, dead cat - - -

H. three hun - dred peo - ple who were to have at - ten-ded the feast there was dis - ap -

G. cat - - - fish, dead cat - - -

Vln.

Vc.

Mi. fish with the fresh har - vest

H. point-ment: near - ly one hun - dred pounds of dead cat - fish flown in - to sup - ple - ment the fresh har - vest

G. fish with the fresh har - vest

Vln.

Vc.

550

Mi. were put back on ice. In - to sto - rage went the in - gre - di - ents for one thou-sand 'hush

H. — were put back on ice. Hush

G. — were put back on ice. Corn

550

Vln.

Vc.

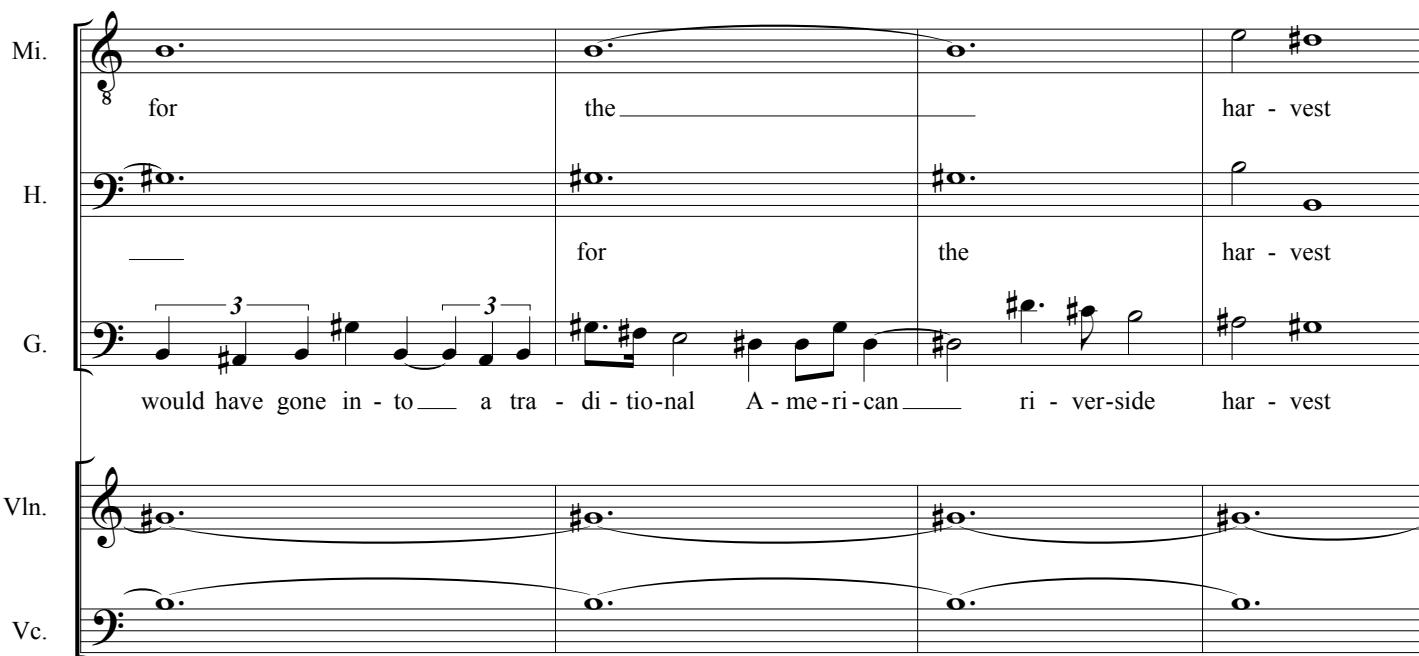
Mi. pup-pies' of corn-meal cakes, twen-ty-five gal-lons of iced tea, and one gal-lon of wild ho - ney

H. pup - - - pies, tea and ho - ney,

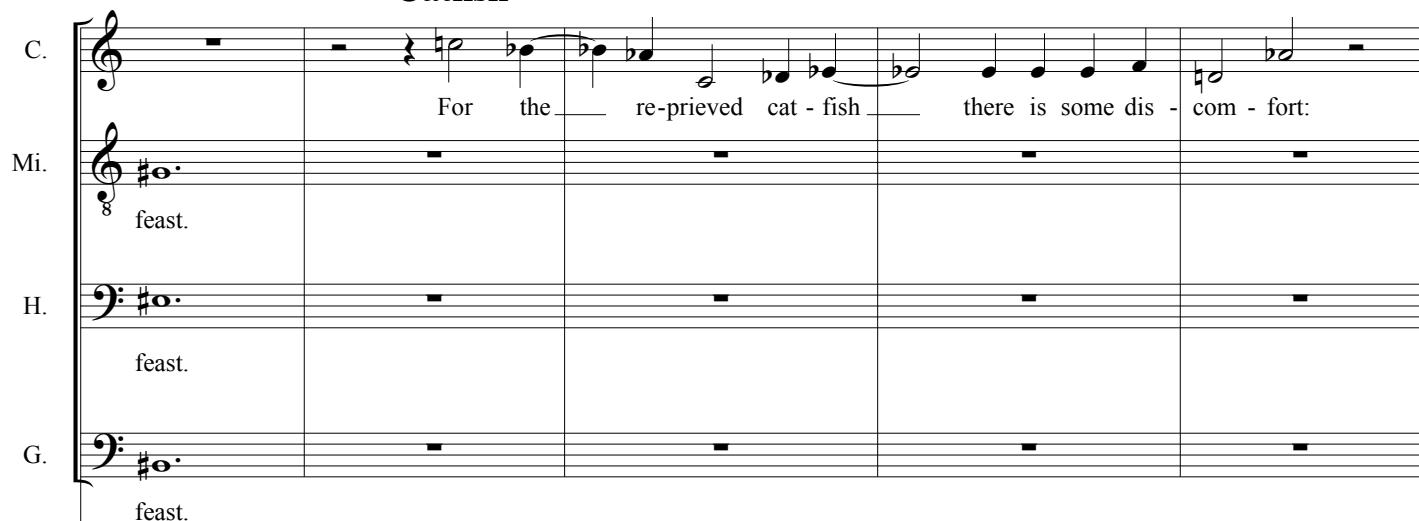
G. meal cakes, which

Vln.

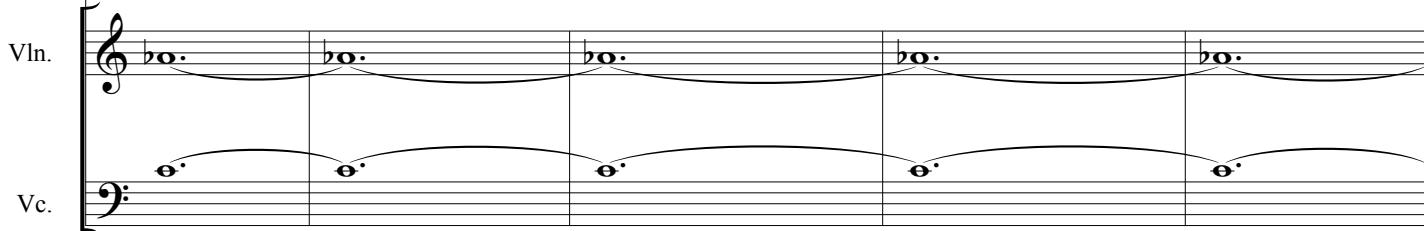
Vc.

Mi. 

563 **Catfish**

C. 

563

Vln. 

C. - the tank is now o-ver - stocked.

Mi. 8 But, ah! Vic - to - ry! Jus -

H. But all is well, the fish

G. But all is well, the fish

Vln. -

Vc. -

C. -

Mi. 8 - tice! The fish swim peace - ful - ly...

H. live...

G. live ...for

Vln. -

Vc. -

577

 $\text{♩} = 60$

G. $\text{♩} = 60$
now!

Vln.

Vc. p

Vln.

Vc.

Vln.

Vc.

588

Vln.

Vc. p

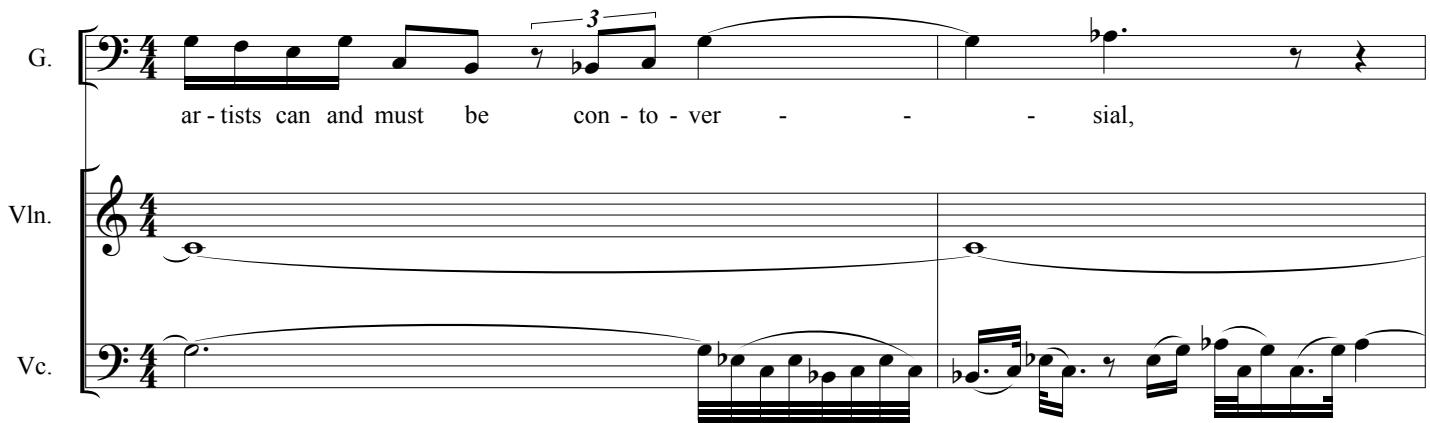
Goodman

G. $\text{♩} = 60$

Sub - si - dy should not im - pose _____ cen - sor - ship:

Vln.

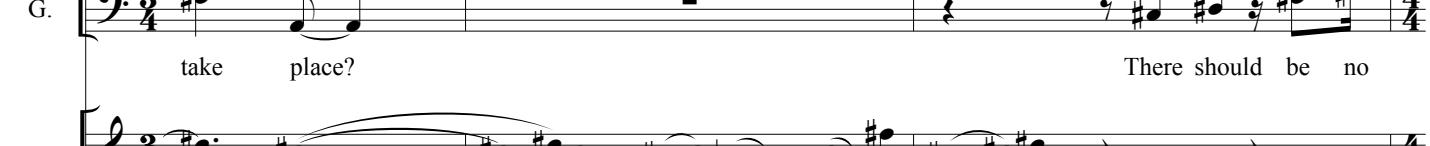
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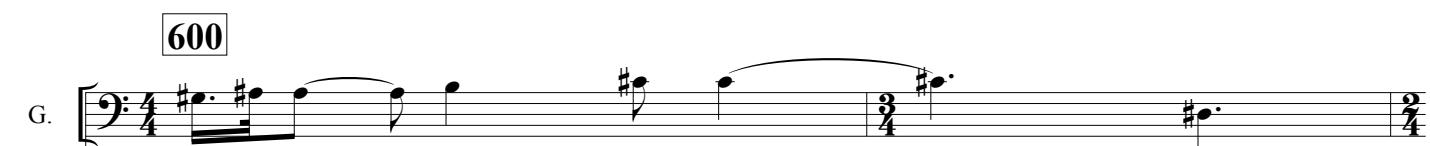
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Vcln. 

G. 

Vln. 

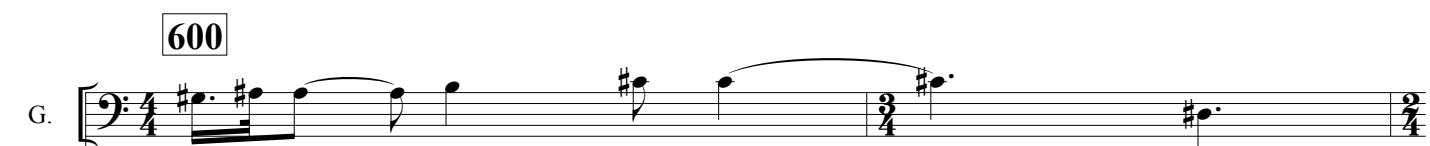
Vcln. 

G. 

Vln. 

Vcln. 

600

G. 

600

Vln. 

Vcln. 

G. 

vi - o - late to vi - o - late pub - lic space with

Vln.

Vc.

G. pre-sen - ta-tions of a vul - gar, course, gross and re-pul - sive

Vln.

Vc.

G. na - ture. To

Vln.

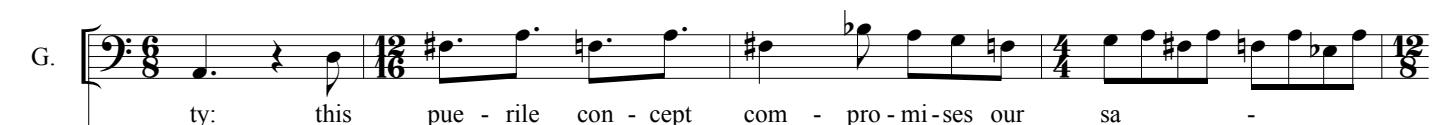
Vc.

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G. mu-der, to mur - der, to mur - der cat - fish seems an ab-sur-di-

Vln.

Vc.

G. 

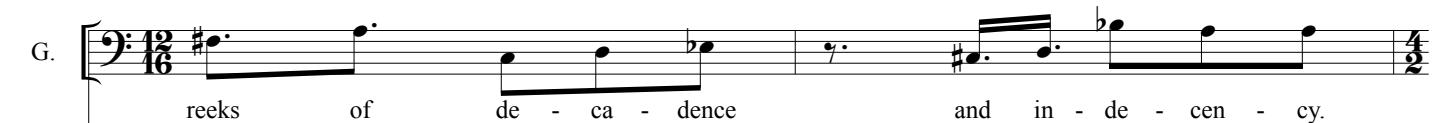
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Vc. 

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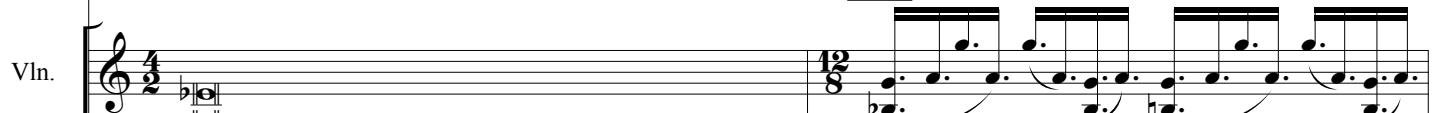
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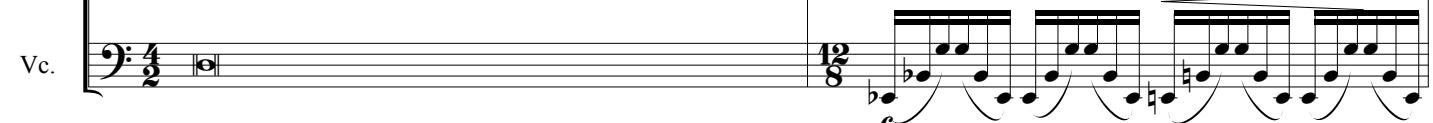
Vln. 

Vc. 

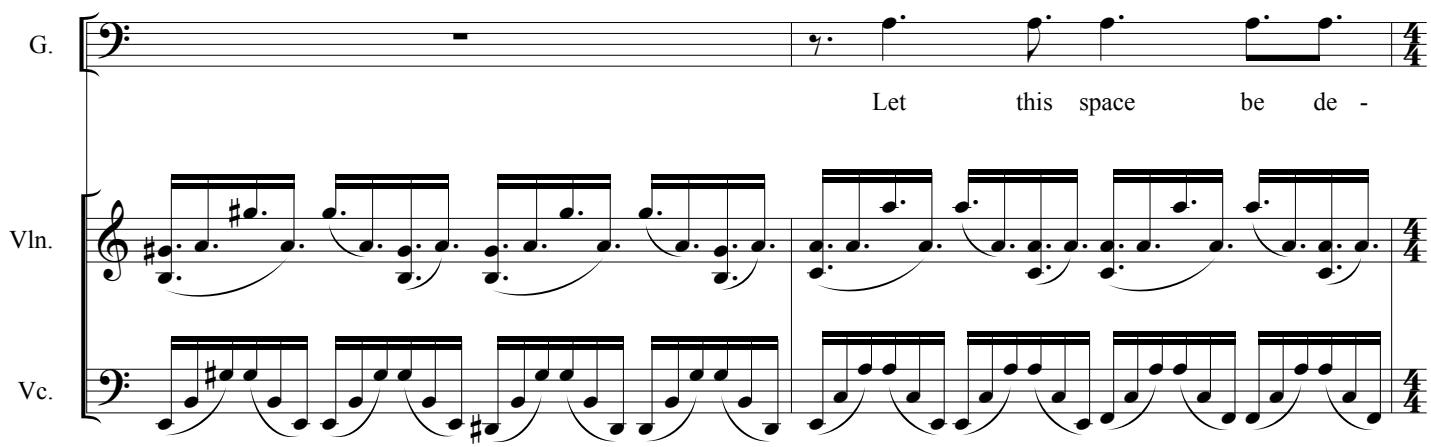
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G. 

Vln. 

Vc. 

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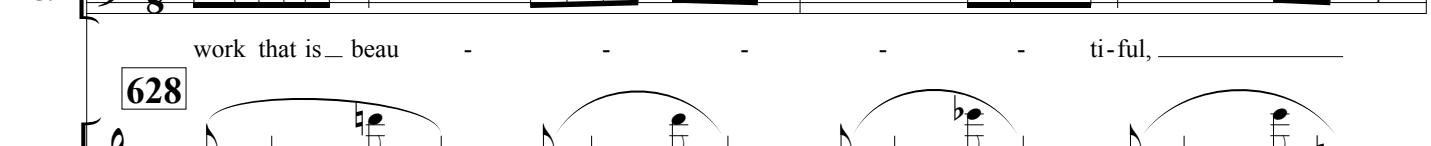
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Vln. 

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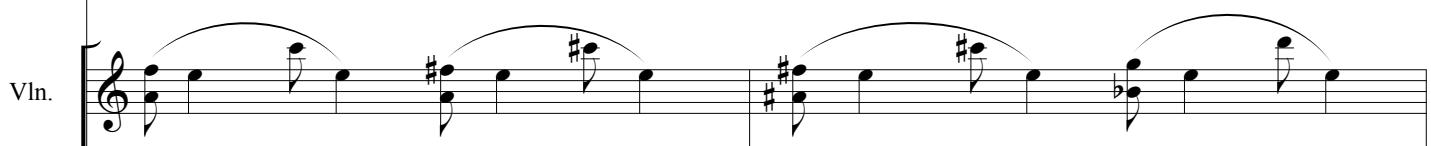
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Vc. 

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G. 

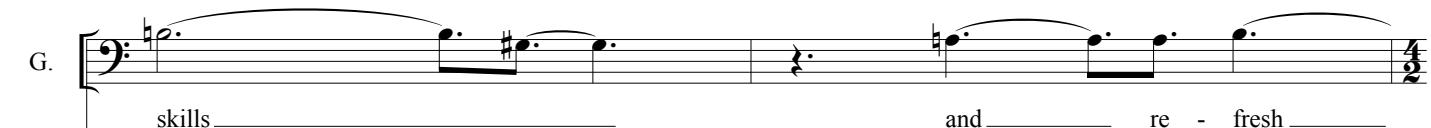
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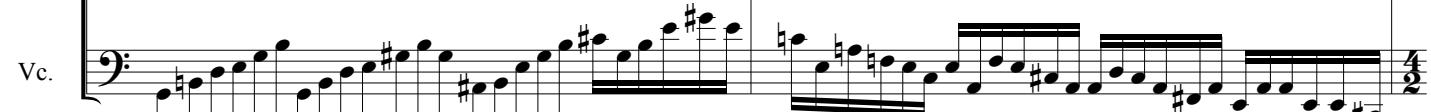
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Vln. 

Vc. 

G. 

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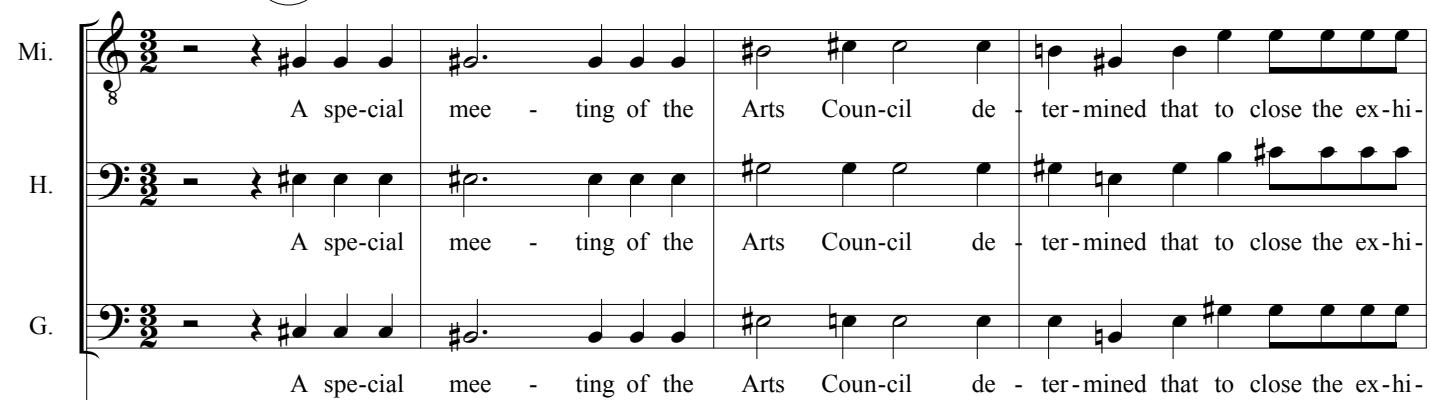
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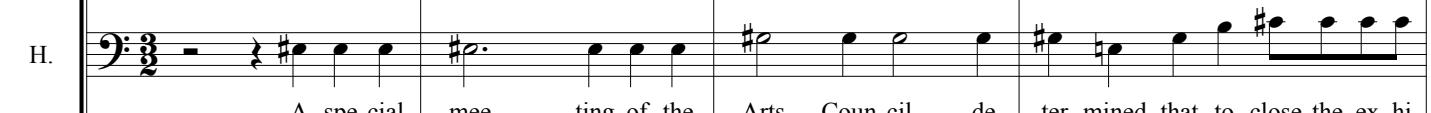
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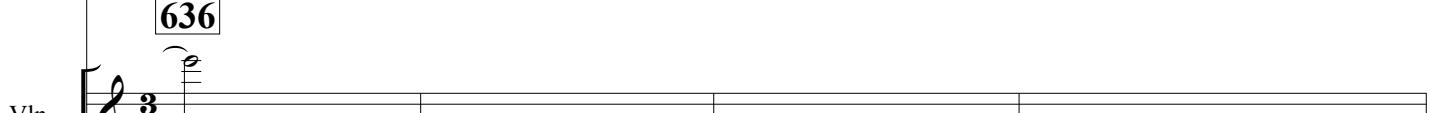
Vc. 

636  Chorus

Mi. 

H. 

G. 

636 

Vln. 

Vc. 

643

Mi. 8 bi - tion would in - ter - fere with ar - tis - tic free - dom,

H. bi - tion would in - ter - fere with ar - tis - tic free - dom, Besides,

G. bi - tion would in - ter - fere with ar - tis - tic free - dom,

Harrison

643

Vln.

Vc.

Mi. 8 but

H. if the cat - fish are not to be killed, how else are they to be dis - posed of?

G. but,

Vln.

Vc.

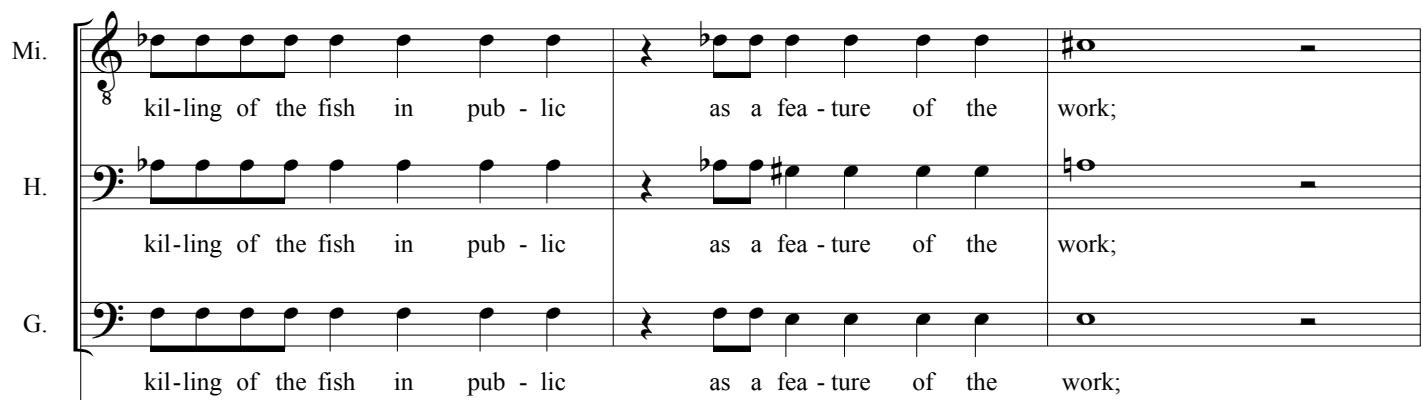
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Mi. 

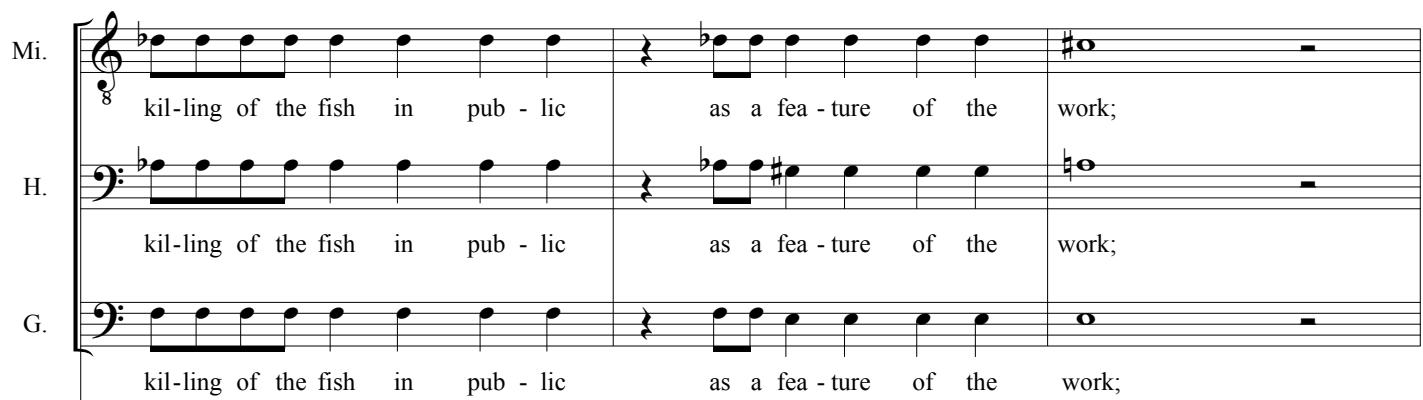
H. 

G. 

648

Mi. 

H. 

G. 

Vln. 

Vc. 

656 $\text{d} = 72$

Mi. 8 the ar-tist has ag-reed to ad - apt it ac - cor-ding-ly, a -

H. the ar-tist has ag-reed to ad - apt it ac - cor-ding-ly, a -

G. the ar-tist has ag-reed to ad - apt it ac - cor-ding-ly, We a - dop-ted a prac-ti-cal

Vln. 656 p

Vc. p

Mi. 8 dapt it ac - cor - ding - ly.

H. - dapt it ac - cor - ding - ly.

G. view and ab - ro - ga - ted the mo - ral as - pects...

Vln. $\frac{4}{4}$

Vc. $\frac{4}{4}$

662 (♩ = 60)

C. - - -

Vln. **662** *The apparatus for electrocution is prepared;
as the Catfish goes to her execution, she recites the Lord's prayer.*

Vc. *pp*

Catfish

C. *Our Fa - ther; — our Fa — ther which art in hea — ven,*

Vln.

Vc. *turn violin* -

668

C. *our — Fa - ther; — our Fa — ther which art in hea — ven, hal -*

Mi. *Strug - gling with cot-ton and rice,*

H. *Strug - gling with cot-ton and rice,*

G. *Strug - gling — with cot-ton and rice,*

668

Vln. *p*

Vc. *p*

C. - - - low-ed be thy name, hal - low -

Mi. 8 far - mers in Mis-sis-sip-pi long a - go di-ver - si - fied in - to cat - fish

H. — far - mers in Mis-sis-sip-pi long a - go di-ver - si - fied in - to cat - fish

G. — far - mers in Mis-sis-sip-pi long a - go di-ver - si - fied in - to cat - fish

Vln.

Vc.

C. - èd be - thy name; thy king-dom

Mi. 8 far - ming, i - deal - ly sui-ted to the cli - mate and a - qui - fers

H. — far - ming, i - deal - ly sui-ted to the cli - mate and a - qui - fers

G. — far - ming, i - deal - ly sui-ted to the cli - mate and a - qui - fers

Vln.

Vc.

C. come, thy king - dom come; thy will be done,

Mi. of the del - ta. It's now a mul-ti mil - lion dol-lar in - dus -

H. of the del - ta. It's now a mul-ti mil - lion dol-lar in - dus -

G. of the del - ta. It's now a mul-ti mil - lion dol-lar in - dus -

Vln.

Vc.

679 $\text{♩} = 108$ [the Catfish is electrocuted and struggles to finish her prayer]

C. — be done on earth, on earth as it is

Mi. try which u - ses state of the art

H. try which u - ses state of the art

G. try which u - ses state of the art

Vln.

Vc.

679 pp

C. in ————— hea - - - - - - - -

Mi. me-thods of a - qua - cul - ture to

H. me-thods of a - qua - cul - ture to

G. me-thods of a - qua - cul - ture to

Vln. (Musical score showing two staves of violin parts with sixteenth-note patterns.)

Vc. (Musical score showing two staves of cello parts with sixteenth-note patterns.)

689

C. - - - - ven. Give — us — this day — our — dai - -

Mi. fur - nish A - me-ri-can con - su-mers with a nu - tri-cious deli-ca-cy,

H. fur - nish A - me-ri-can con - su-mers with a nu - tri-cious deli-ca-cy,

G. fur - nish A - me-ri-can con - su-mers with a nu - tri-cious deli-ca-cy,

689

Vln. (Musical score showing two staves of violin parts with sixteenth-note patterns.)

Vc. (Musical score showing two staves of cello parts with sixteenth-note patterns.)

C. - ly bread, our dai-ly bread. And for -
 Mi. a nu - tri - cious de-li-ca-cy.
 H. a nu - tri - cious de-li-ca-cy.
 G. a nu - tri - cious de-li-ca-cy.

rit. [dies]

C. give us our tres - pas - ses,
 Vln.
 Vc.

The Catfish manages a terrible scream as Harrison takes a filleting knife and cuts her throat

704 *(a piacere)*

[revives]

C. as - we - for - give - them that tres - pass a - gainst - us...
 R. Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le -

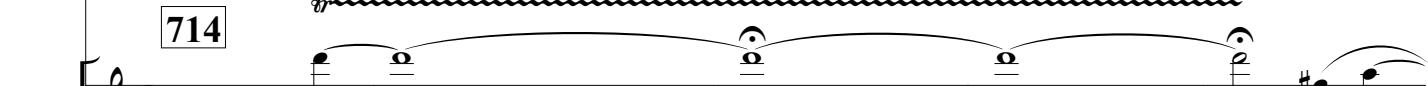
Reagan (off-stage)

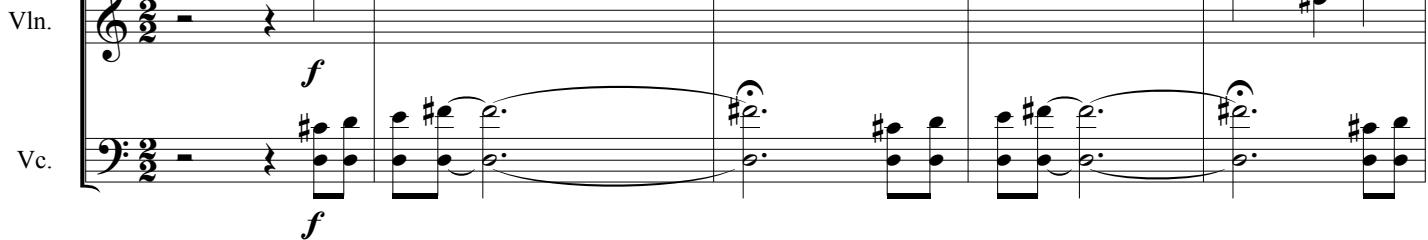
714

Reagan (*entering, with a flourish*)

R. 

714

Vln. 

Vc. 

R. 

Vln. 

Vc. 

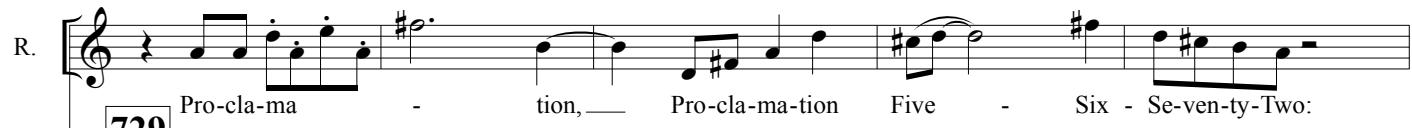
728

R. 

Vln. 

Vc. 

729

R. 

Vln. 

Vc. 

R. I pro-claim _____ it! In re - cog - ni - tion of the va - - lue of farm-raised,

Vln.

Vc.

743

R. farm - raised _____ cat - fish, the Con-gress, by House Joint Re - so -

Vln.

Vc.

743

R. lu - tion One - Se-ven-ty - Eight, by House Joint Re - so lu - tion One - Se-ven-ty-Eight,

Mi. **Chorus *p***

H. by House Joint Re - so lu - tion,

G. by House Joint Re - so lu - tion,

Vln.

Vc.

R. has de-sig-na-ted, has de-sig-na-ted, has de-sig-na-ted June

Mi. Re - so lu-tion One - se-ven-ty - eight, one - se-ven-ty-eight, June

H. Re - so lu-tion One - se-ven-ty - eight, one - se-ven-ty-eight, June

G. Re - so lu-tion One - se-ven-ty - eight, one - se-ven-ty-eight, June

Vln.

Vc.

R. twen-ty - fifth, June twen-ty - fifth, nine - nineteen-eigh - ty se - ven,

Mi. twen-ty fifth nine - teen eigh - ty se - ven,

H. twen-ty fifth nine - teen eigh - ty se - ven,

G. twen-ty fifth nine - teen eigh - ty se - ven,

Vln.

Vc.

759

R. as "Na - tio - nal Cat -

Mi. - "Na - tio - nal Cat -

H. - "Na - tio - nal Cat -

G. - "Na - tio - nal Cat -

"Na - tio - nal Cat -

759

Vln. ff

Vc. ff

R. fish Day, Na - tio - nal Cat - fish Day, Na - tio -

Mi. fish Day, Na - tio - nal Cat - fish Day, Na - tio -

H. fish Day, Na - tio - nal Cat - fish Day, Na - tio -

G. fish Day, Na - tio - nal Cat - fish Day, Na - tio -

Vln.

Vc.

R.
nal Cat - fish Day, Na - tio - nal Cat - fish Day."
Mi.
nal Cat - fish Day, Na - tio - nal Cat - fish Day."
H.
nal Cat - fish Day, Na - tio - nal Cat - fish Day."
G.
nal Cat - fish Day, Na - tio - nal Cat - fish Day."

Vln.

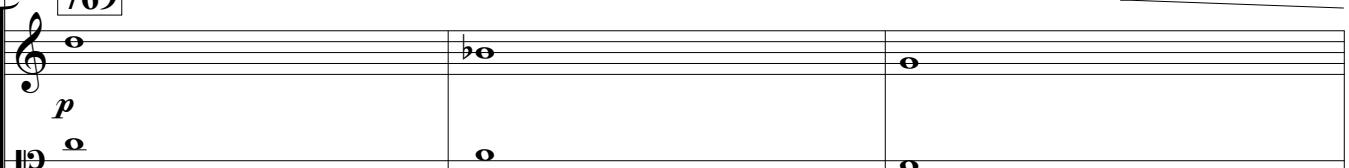
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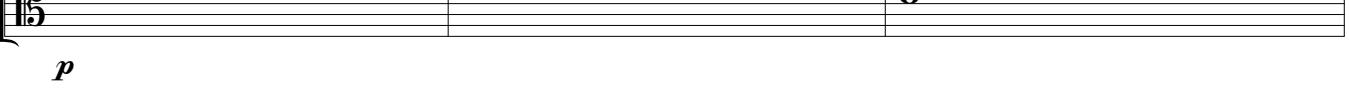
Catfish
(suddenly aroused)

C. — — — Ah! —
R. — — —
Mi. — — —
H. — — —
G. — — —
Vln.
Vc.

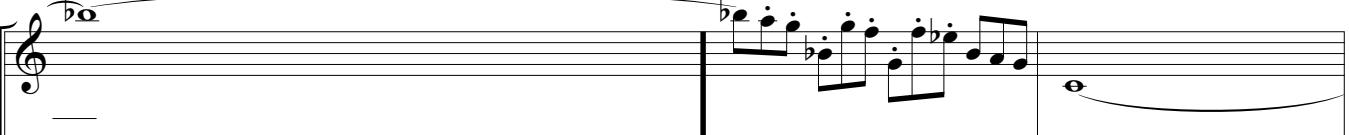
769

C. 

Vln. 

Vc. 

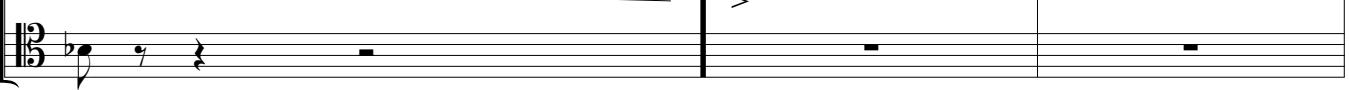
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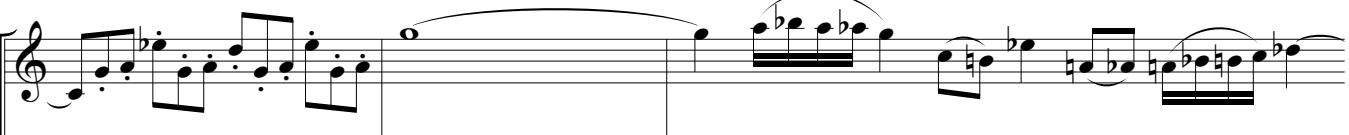
C. 

R. 

Ah!

Vln. 

Vc. 

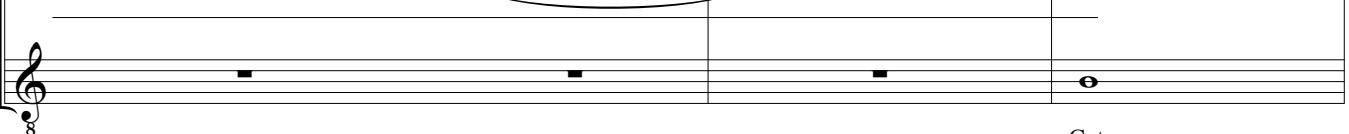
C. 

R. 

(tornando al tempo)

C. 

R. 

Mi. 

Cat -

782

$\text{♩} = 48$

C. Cat - fish Day.

R. Now, there-fore, I, Ronald Rea - gan,

Mi. fish Day, Cat - fish Day.

H. Cat - fish, Cat - fish Day.

G. Cat - fish, Cat - fish Day.

Vln. p

Vc. p

782

p

6

C. Yes, sir,

R. Pre-si-dent of the U-ni-ted States. of A-me-ri-ca, do hereby call u-pon the

Mi. Yes, sir,

H. Yes, sir,

G. Yes, sir,

Vln. p

Vc. p

6

C. Mis-ter Pre-si - dent!

R. peo - ple to ob-serve this day — with ap-pro-pri-ate ce-re-mo-nies and ac - ti-vi-ties. —

Mi. Mis-ter Pre-si - dent!

H. Mis-ter Pre-si - dent!

G. Mis-ter Pre-si - dent!

Vln. 3 6

Vc.

790 $\text{d} = 72$ **Reagan** (*amidst much confusion, the Proclamation is signed and a feast is served*)

R. In, in, in, in,

Vln. *leggiero*
f p f p

Vc. f p

804

R. in, in, in, in, in,

Vln. 804

Vc.

R. in wit - ness, wit - ness, wit - ness

Vln.

Vc.

818

R. there - of I have here-un - to, I have here-un -

818

Vln.

Vc.

R. to, I have here-un - to, I have here-un - to

Vln.

Vc.

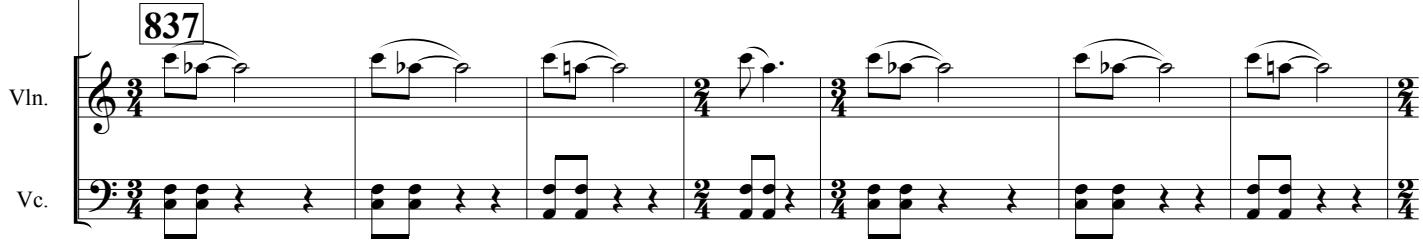
R. I have here-un - to, I have here-un - to set,

Vln.

Vc.

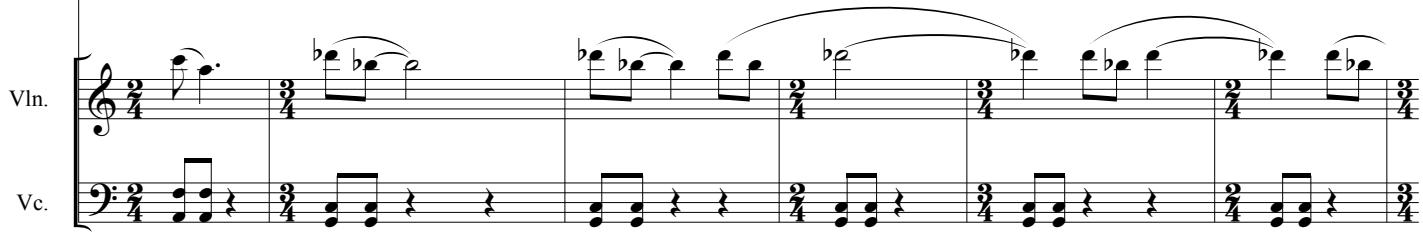
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R. 

Vln. 

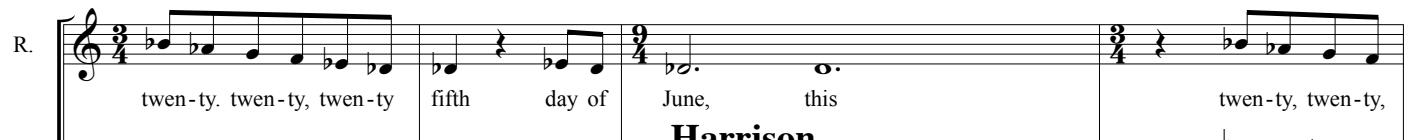
Vc. 

R. 

Vln. 

Vc. 

853

R. 

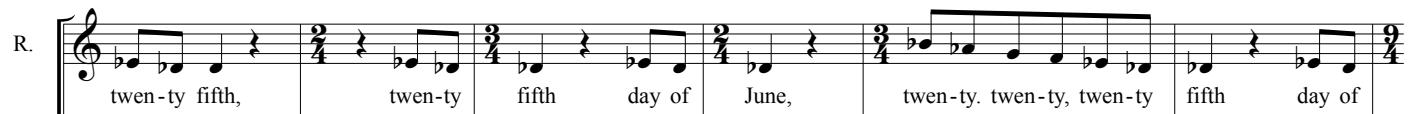
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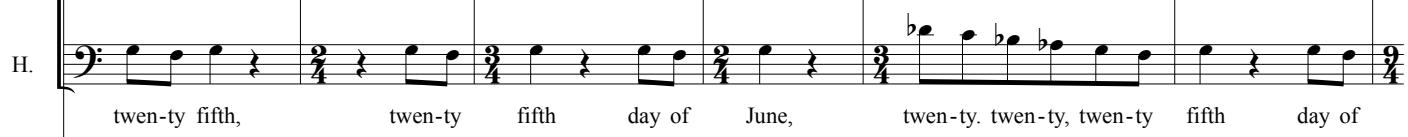
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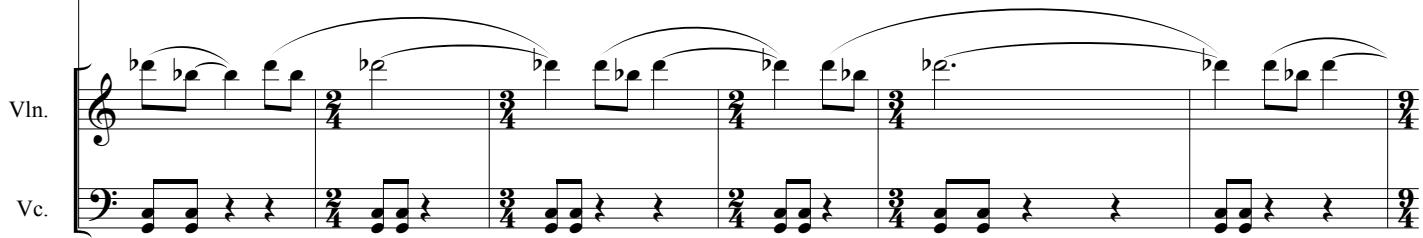
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Vln. 

Vc. 

R. 

H. 

Vln. 

Vc. 

R. June, this twen - ty, twen - ty, twen - ty, twen-ty fifth day,

H. June, this twen - ty, twen - ty, twen - ty, twen-ty fifth day,

Vln.

Vc.

R. twen - ty, twen - ty, twen - ty, twen-ty fifth day, twen-ty fifth day, twen-ty fifth day, twen-ty - fifth day of

H. twen - ty, twen - ty, twen - ty, twen-ty fifth day, twen-ty fifth day, twen-ty fifth day, twen-ty - fifth day of

Vln.

Vc.

868

R. June, _____ In, in, in,

H. June, _____

868

Vln.

Vc.

880

C. *p*
In, in,

R. in, in, in, in, in, in, in, wit-ness where-
sotto voce

Mi.

H. *pp*
In, in, in, in, in, in, in, wit-ness where-

G. *pp*
In, in, in, in, in, in, in, wit-ness where-

880

Vln.

Vc.

C. in, in,

R. of, In wit-ness where - of, In wit-ness where-

Mi. ness, wit - ness, wit - ness there - of, I

H. of, in wit-ness where - of, in wit-ness where-

G. of, in wit-ness where - of, in wit-ness where-

Vln.

Vc.

891

C. in wit - ness there-of, in, in wit - nes there-of, in, in wit - nes

R. of, I have here-un - to, I have here-un - to, I have

Mi. 8 have, I have, I have here - un - to,

H. of, I have here-un - to, I have here-un - to, I have

G. of, I have here-un - to, I have here-un - to, I have

891

Vln.

Vc.

904

C. there - of I have here-un-to set, I have set, here-un-to -

R. here-un - to, I have here-un - to set, here-un-to -

Mi. 8 here - un - to set my hand, set,

H. here-un - to, I have here-un - to, here-un - to,

G. here-un - to, I have here-un - to, here-un - to,

904

Vln.

Vc.

C. set my hand, I have set, here-un-to set my hand, set my hand

R. set my hand, my hand, here-un-to set my hand, my hand

Mi. 8 set my hand, set, set my hand this

H. set my hand, here-un - to set my hand, here-un-

G. set my hand, here-un - to set my hand, here-un-

Vln.

Vc.

912

C. this twen-ty, twen-ty fifth, twen-ty fifth day of June, twen-ty. twen-ty, twen-ty

R. this twen-ty, twen-ty fifth, twen-ty fifth day of June, twen-ty. twen-ty, twen-ty

Mi. 8 twen - ty, twen - ty fifth day, twen - ty, fifth day, twen - ty

H. to set my hand this twen-ty fifth, twen - ty

G. to set my hand this twen-ty fifth, twen - ty

912

Vln.

Vc.

920

C. fifth day of June, twen-ty, twen-ty, twenty, twen-ty fifth day,

R. fifth day of June, twen-ty, twen-ty, twenty, twen-ty fifth day,

Mi. twen - ty fifth day of June,

H. fifth day of June, of June,

G. fifth day of June, of June,

920

Vln.

Vc.

C. twen - ty, twen - ty, twenty, twen-ty fifth day, twen ty fifth day, twen-ty - fifth day of

R. twen - ty, twen - ty, twenty, twen-ty fifth day, twen ty fifth day, twen-ty - fifth day of

Mi. of June, day of

H. of June, day of

G. of June, day of

Vln.

Vc.

927

C. June,

R. June,

Mi. June in the year

H. June in the year of our Lord,

G. June in the year of

927

Vln. f

Vc. f

C. in the year, the year

R. in the year, the year

Mi. in the year, the year of our Lord, in the year, in the year, the year

H. our Lord, in the year, in the year, in the year, of our Lord, our

G. our Lord, in the year, the year, the year, of our

Vln. f

Vc. f

C. of our Lord,

R. of our Lord,

Mi. 8 year of our Lord, in the year, in the year, the year of our Lord,

H. Lord, in the year, in the year, of our Lord, our Lord, in the

G. Lord, in the year, the year of our Lord, in the

Vln.

Vc.

940

C. in the year, the year of our Lord,

R. in the year, the year of our Lord, of our Lord, of our Lord,

Mi. 8 - - - - in the

H. year of our Lord, in the

G. year of our Lord, in the year of our

940

Vln.

Vc.

C. — in the year, the year of our Lord, of our Lord,

R. — in the year of our Lord, in the year, the year of our Lord, of our Lord,

Mi. 8 year, the year of our Lord,

H. 8 year, the year of our Lord,

G. 8 Lord, in the year of our Lord, of our Lord,

953

C. of our Lord, of our Lord, the year

R. of our Lord, of our Lord, the year

Mi. 8 Lord, in the year, in the year, the

H. Lord, in the year of our Lord, our

G. our Lord, the year of our

953

C. of our Lord, in the year, the year of

R. of our Lord, in the year, the year of

Mi. 8 year of our Lord, in the year,

H. Lord, in the year, in the year of our Lord, year of our

G. Lord, in the year, the year, the year of our

Vln.

Vc.

C. our Lord, - - - - 3

R. our Lord, 3 - - of our Lord, 3 - - of our Lord, 3 - - in the year 3 - - of our Lord, 3

Mi. 8 - - - 3 - - of our Lord, 3 - - Lord - - 3

H. Lord, 3 - - of our Lord, 3 - - Lord 3

G. Lord, 3 - - in the year 3 - - of our Lord, 3

Vln.

Vc.

967

C. nine - teen hun - dred and eigh - ty se - ven, nine - teen

R. nine - teen hun - dred and eigh - ty se - ven, nine - teen

Mi. nine - teen hun - dred and eigh - ty se - ven, nine - teen

H. nine - teen hun - dred and eigh - ty se - ven, nine - teen

G. nine - teen hun - dred and eigh - ty se - ven, nine - teen

967

Vln. *ff*

Vc. *ff*

979

C. hun - dred and eigh - ty se - ven, nine-teen hun-dred and eight-ty

R. hun - dred and eigh - ty se - ven, nine-teen hun-dred and eight-ty

Mi. hun - dred and eigh - ty se - ven, nine-teen hun-dred and eight-ty

H. hun - dred and eigh - ty se - ven, nine-teen hun-dred and eight-ty

G. hun - dred and eigh - ty se - ven, nine-teen hun-dred and eight-ty

979

Vln.

Vc.

C. se - ven, nine-teen hun-dred and eigh-ty se - ven, nine-teen hun-dred and eigh-ty

R. se - ven, nine-teen hun-dred and eigh-ty se - ven, nine-teen hun-dred and eigh-ty

Mi. ⁸ se - ven, nine-teen hun-dred and eigh-ty se - ven, nine-teen hun-dred and eigh-ty

H. se - ven, nine-teen hun-dred and eigh-ty se - ven, nine-teen hun-dred and eigh-ty

G. se - ven, nine-teen hun-dred and eigh-ty se - ven, nine-teen hun-dred and eigh-ty

Vln.

Vc.

988

C. se - ven, and of the In - de-pen-dence, of the In - de-pen-dence

R. se - ven, and of the In - de-pen-dence, of the In - de-pen-dence

Mi. ⁸ se - ven, and of the In - de-pen-dence, of the In - de-pen-dence

H. se - ven, and of the In - de-pen-dence

G. se - ven, and of the In - de-pen-dence

988

Vln.

Vc.

C. of the U - ni - ted States, the U-nit - ed States of A - me - ri-ca, the U-ni - ted

R. of the U - ni - ted States, the U-ni - ted, the U-ni - ted States of A - me - ri-ca,

Mi. 8 of the U - ni - ted States, the U-ni - ted States of A - me - ri-ca,

H. of the U - ni - ted States, of the U -

G. of the U - ni - ted States, the U - ni - ted

Vln.

Vc.

C. States of A - me - ri - ca, States of A - me - ri - ca,

R. the U-ni - ted States of A - me - ri-ca, the U - ni - ted States.

Mi. 8 the U-ni - ted States of A - me - ri-ca, U - ni - ted, the U-ni - ted

H. ni - ted States of the U - ni - ted States, the U-ni - ted States of A -

G. States of A - me - ri-ca, of the U - ni - ted States, the U-ni - ted States of A -

Vln.

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C. States of A - me - ri - ca, _____ the two hun - dred and e -

R. the States of A - me - ri - ca,

Mi. 8 States of A - me - ri - ca, the U-ni - ted States of A - me - ri - ca,

H. me - ri - ca, the U-ni - ted States of A - me - ri - ca,

G. me - ri - ca, the U-ni - ted States of A - me - ri - ca, the two hun - dred and e -

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(the President is crowned and partnered with the Catfish)

C. le - venth Ro-nald Rea - gan Ro-nald Rea - gan, Ro-nald Rea - gan

R.

Mi. 8 Ro-nald Rea - gan, Ro-nald Rea - gan Ro-nald Rea - gan, Ro-nald Rea - gan

H. Ro-nald Rea - gan, the two hun - dred and e - le - venth,

G. le - venth the two hun - dred and e - le - venth,

Vln.

Vc.

C. Ro-nald Rea - gan, Ro-nald Rea - gan, A - men, a - men,

R.

Mi. 8 Ro-nald Rea - gan, Ro-nald Rea - gan Ro-nald Rea - gan, Ro-nald Rea - gan,

H. Ro-nald Rea - gan, Ro-nald Rea - gan, Ro-nald Rea - gan, Ro-nald Rea - gan,

G. Ro-nald Rea - gan, Ro-nald Rea - gan, A - - - - men, _____

Vln.

Vc.

C. - - - - A - men, a - men,

R. - - - -

Mi. 8 - - - - A - men, a - men, - -

H. - - - - A - men, a - men, - -

G. - - - - a - men, _____ a - men, - - men, a - men,

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R. A - men, a - men, a - men, a - men, a - men,

Mi. 8 A - men, a - men, a - men, a - men,

H. A - men, a - men, a - men, a - men,

G. A - men, a - men, a - men, a - men,

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Vln. f p f p

Vc. f p f p

C. - men, a - men.

R. - men, a - men,

Mi. 8 a - men, a - men,

H. a - men, a - men,

G. a - men, a - men,

Vln. f p f ff

Vc. f p f ff

