Mystings

FOR FLUTE, VIOLIN, PIANO, PERCUSSION AND ELECTRONIC TAPE

MUSIC BY

WATERCOLORS BY

JIM STALLINGS AND ROBIN SANTERRE

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Duration: 9 Minutes

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PROGRAM NOTES:

Mystings is a collaboration of art forms between Nashville artist Robin Santerre, and Atlanta composer Jim Stallings. Robin communicates with color, the emotions and imagery conveyed through the music. Her hazy watercolors reflect the blurring of images evoked through the sound, and draw the listener into the world of the comfortably abstract: a palette of colors, which implies rather than interprets. The music of Mystings mirrors the implications of the paintings by bringing together the acoustic sounds of the traditional instruments with recorded sounds in a way that blurs the distinction between the two. By switching the role of the traditional instruments with that of the recorded sounds, and by the layering of different tempos, the listener is left to consider which is the predominant theme and which is the supporting material; indeed at times even to consider which are the taped sounds and which are live. Many possibilities are offered, but none are promoted above the rest. What we are given is not a clear rendering of the musical material but rather a mist through which we hear but shadows.

PERFORMANCE NOTES

Mystings can be performed in one of three ways:

The first is with audio track and the ensemble

The second is with video projection and the ensemble

The third is with video projection, artist and the ensemble.

The third way is preferred. For this stage set; the Artist is positioned stage right; the ensemble is positioned center stage; and the video projection is positioned either on a large screen stage left or if using rear projected images, possibly above and behind the ensemble. The stage lights should be dimmed with sufficient lighting on the artist for the audience to see the new painting as it develops. The artist should begin the painting when the piece begins and conclude with the conductors cut off.

PERCUSSION

At measure 71, begin a gradual linier slow down out of time with the tape and the conductor. As the slow down continues, a loose grip should be employed allowing the hits to drag across the heads of the three snares at liberty, using the score as a guide to mimic and blend with the sounds of the drums on the tape. The sticks need not be playing on the same drum at the same time. The slow down should continue until the pattern becomes indiscernible and the dragged loose grip effect across the three drums becomes prominent; stopping entirely at letter D. At the beginning and after letter H, the wind chimes and the cola nuts should only be played as needed to continue the sound, allowing the random hits of the chimes, etc. to continue unaided until needing to be restarted.

FLUTE

Where indicated, the flute should employ flutter tonguing to mimic the ruffs and drags of the snare drum; starting clean and allowing the flutter tonguing to fade in and out as notated.

PERCUSSION EQIPMENT LIST:

Triangle

Cola nut shaker

Field snare without the kevlar head, using a remo pinstripe or similar head

5" concert snare tuned lower than the field snare

5" concert snare tuned higher than the field snare

Glass or metal wind chimes

3 suspended small brass cymbals of various pitches

Bowed crotales

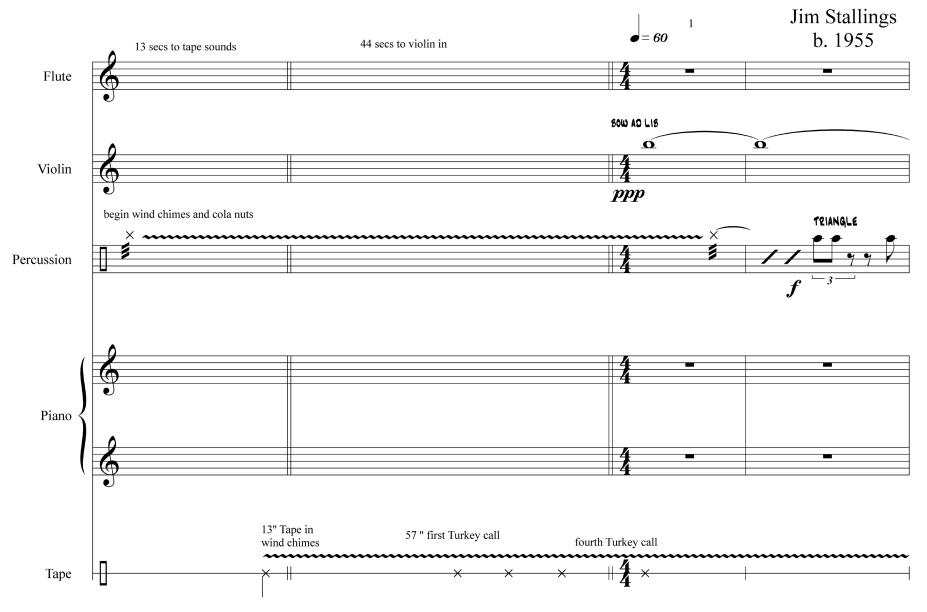
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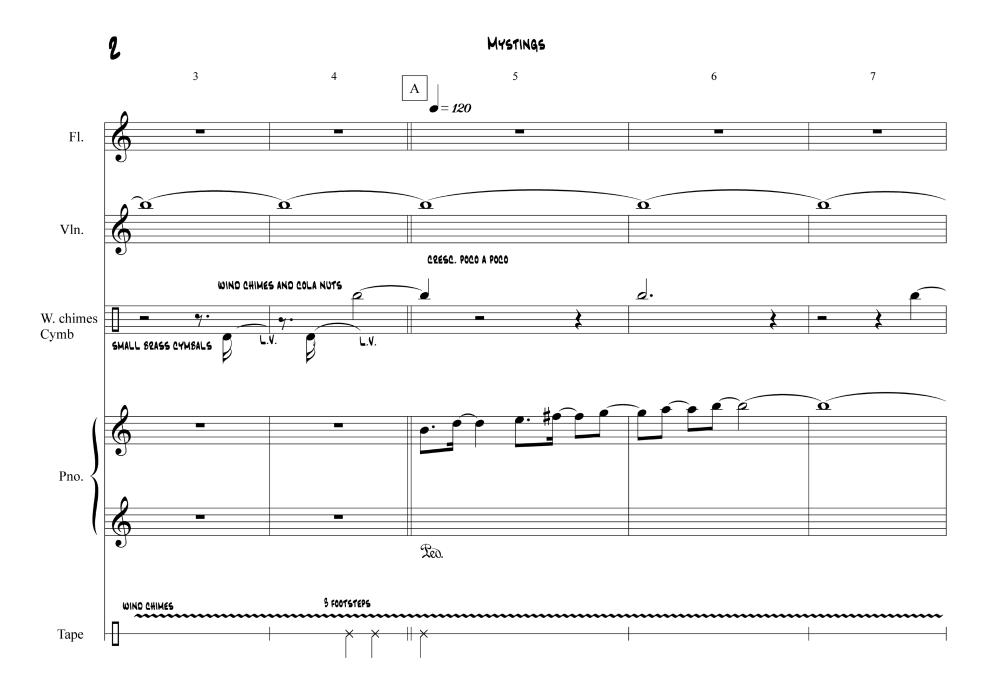
2 suspended cymbals of different timbers

China cymbal

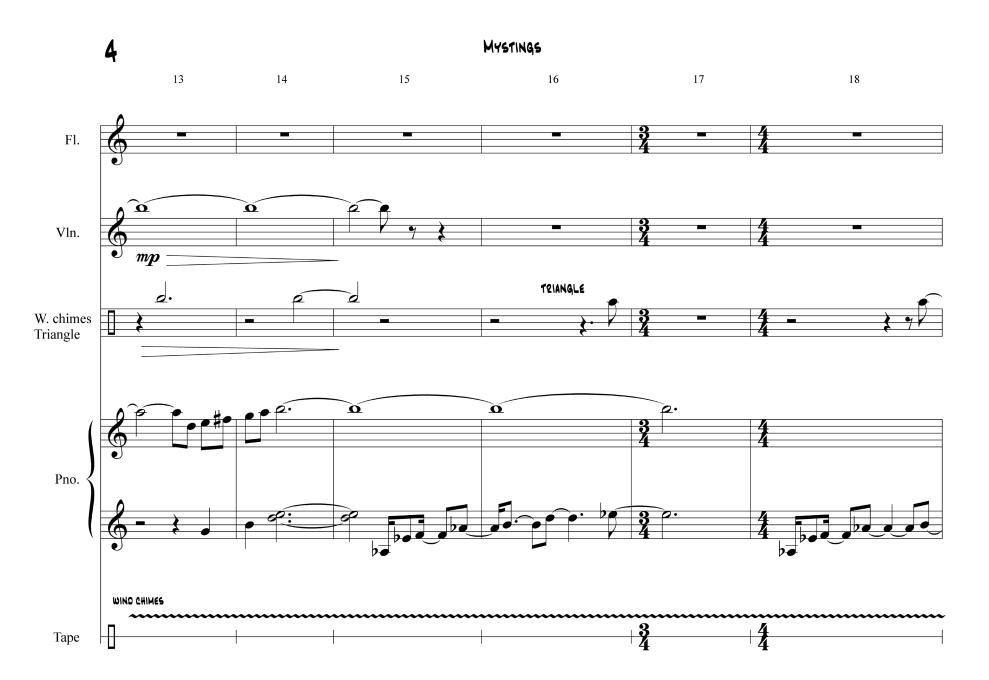
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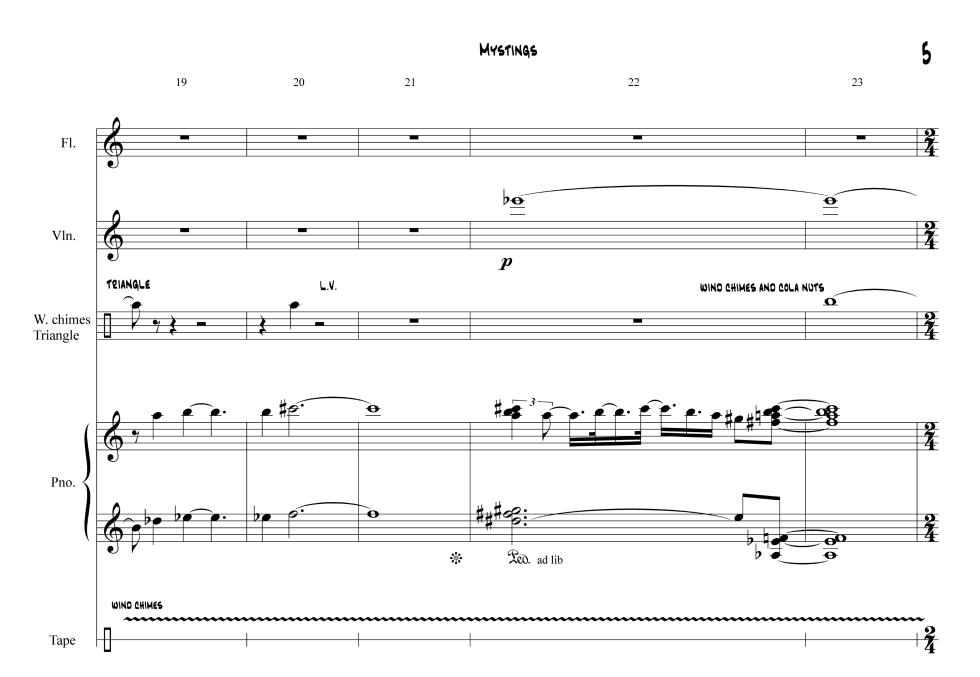
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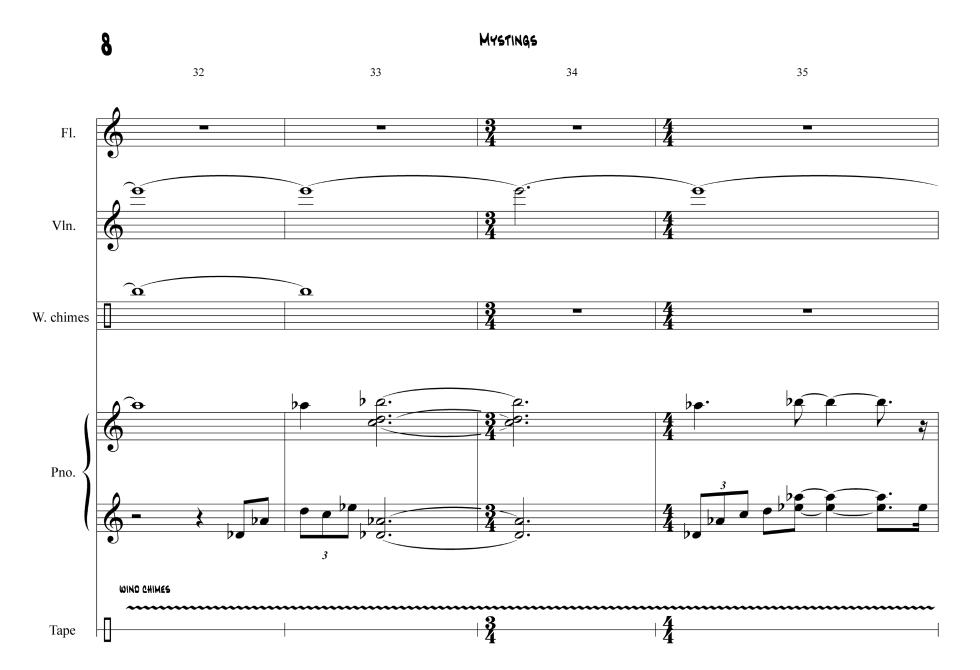
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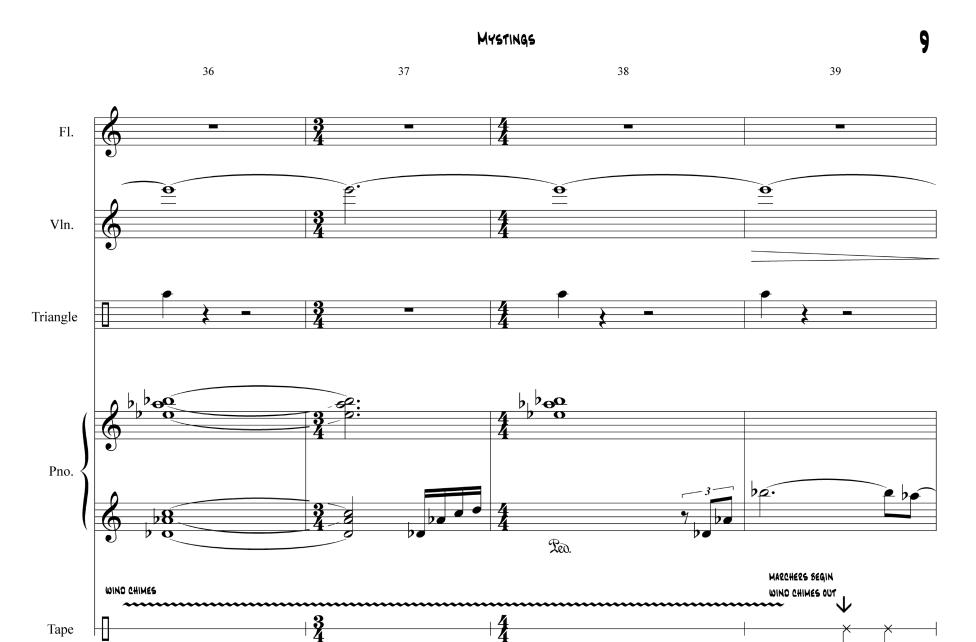
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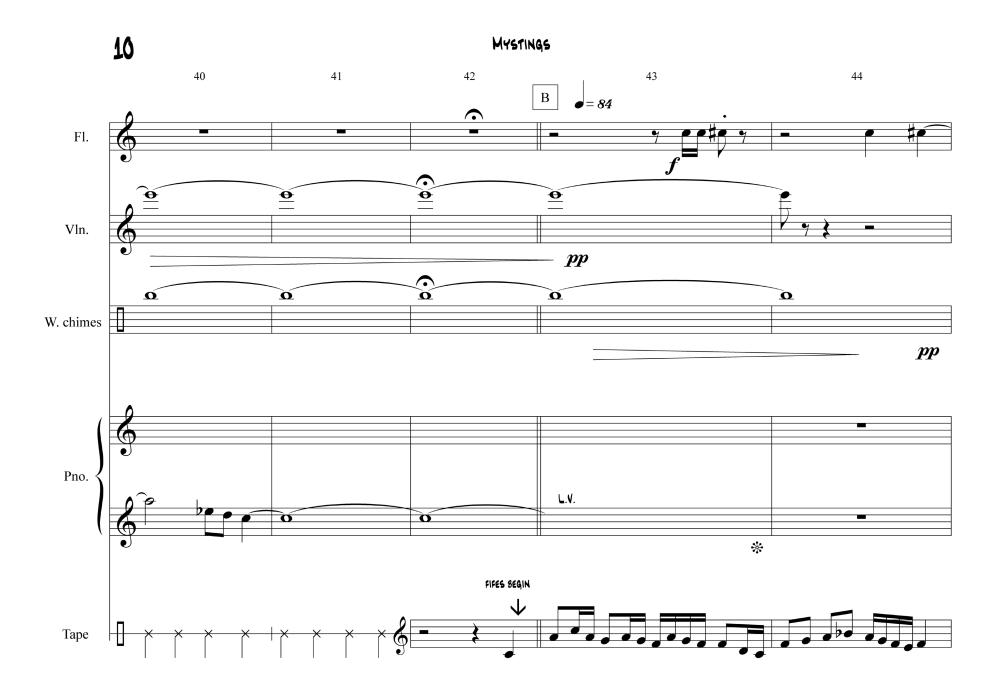


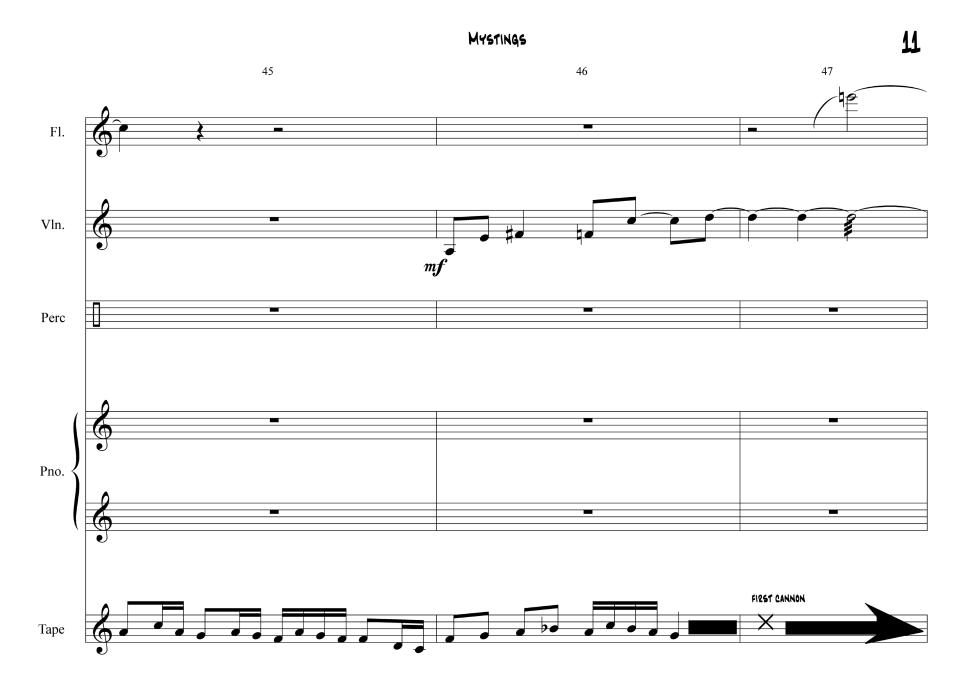
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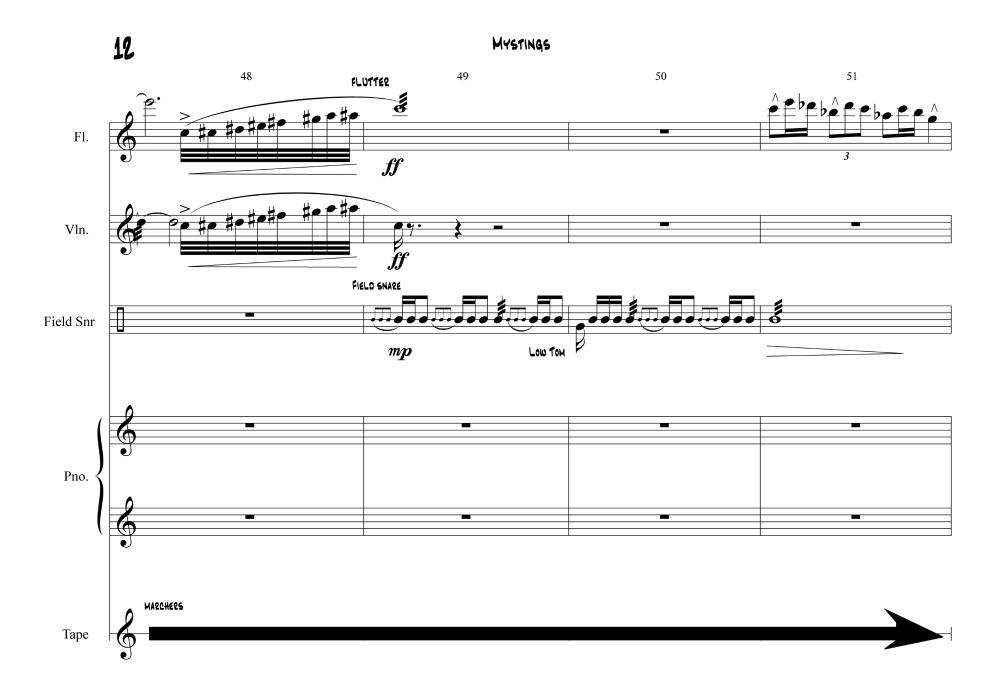
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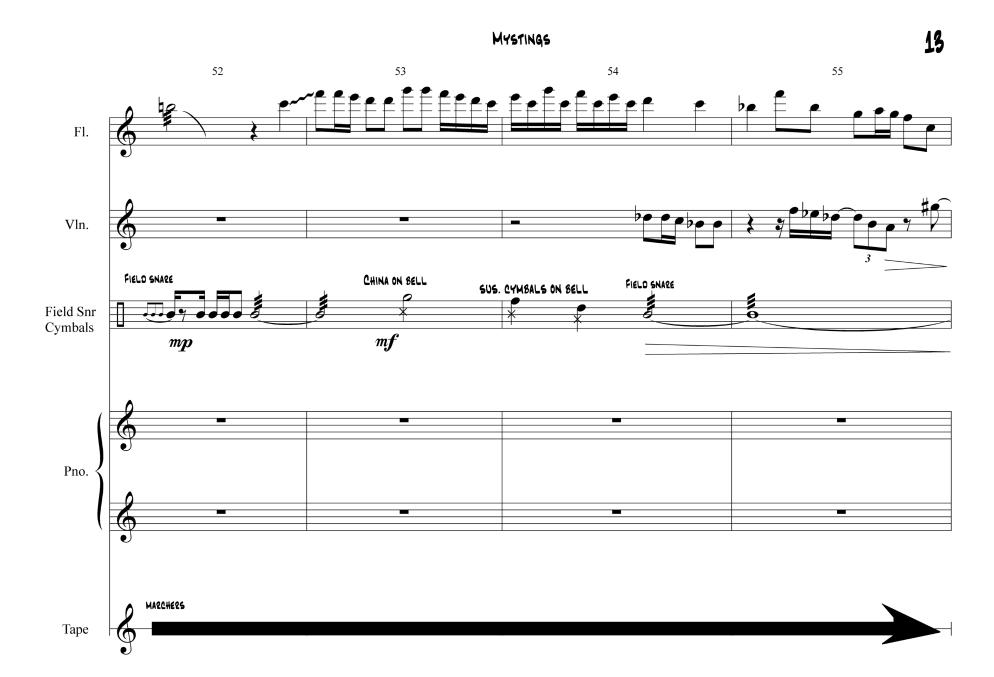




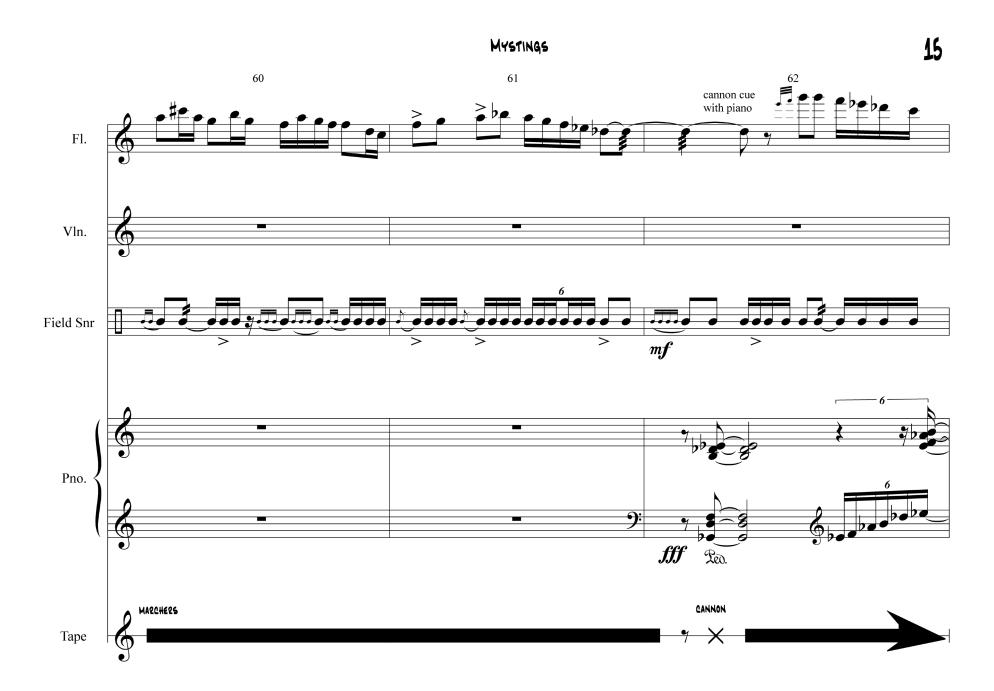


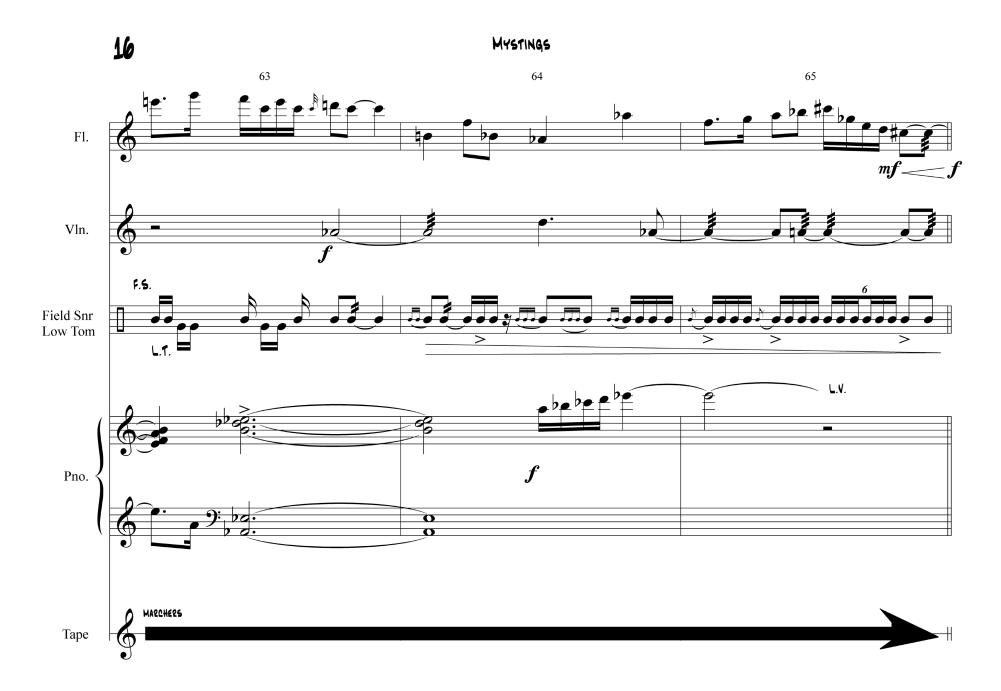






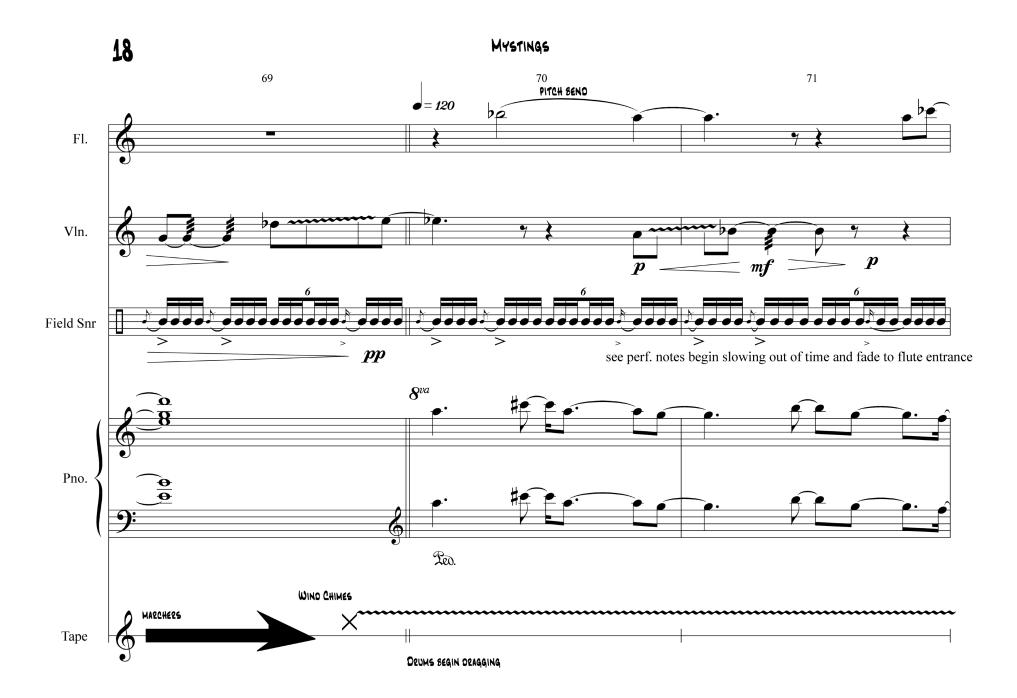
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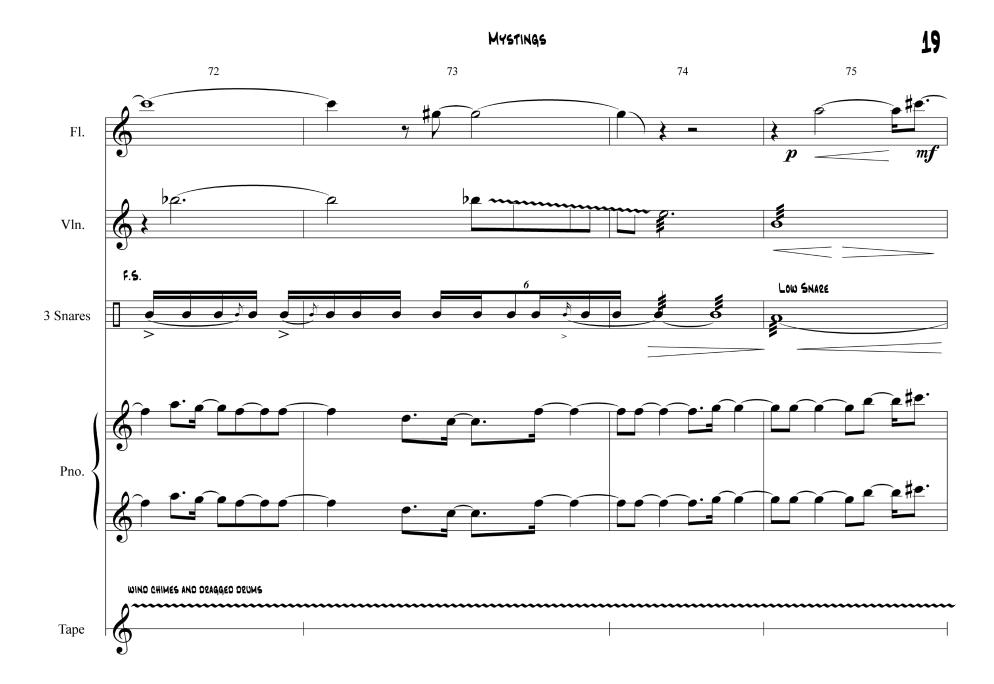




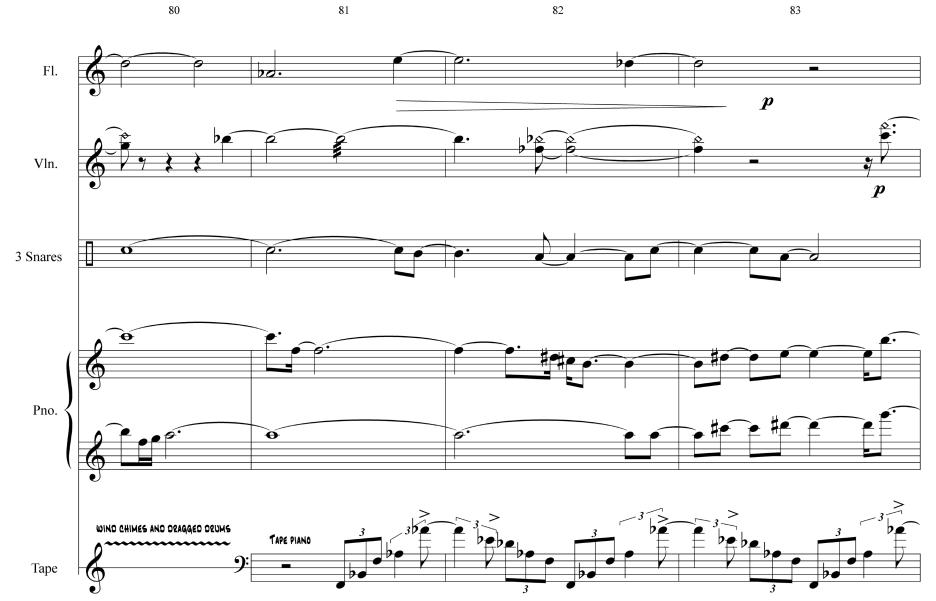
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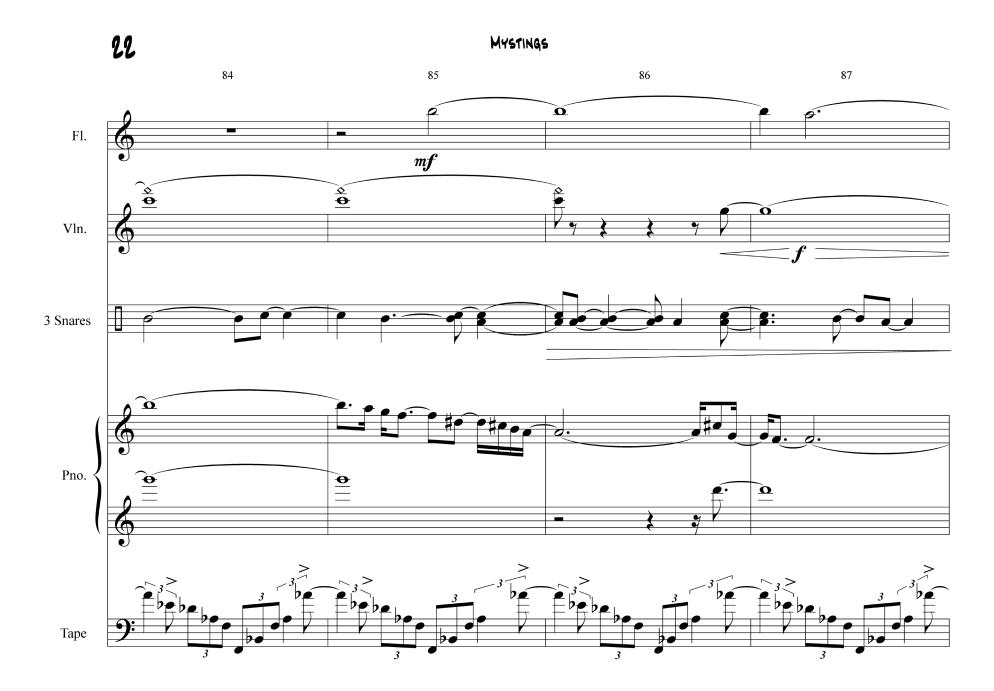


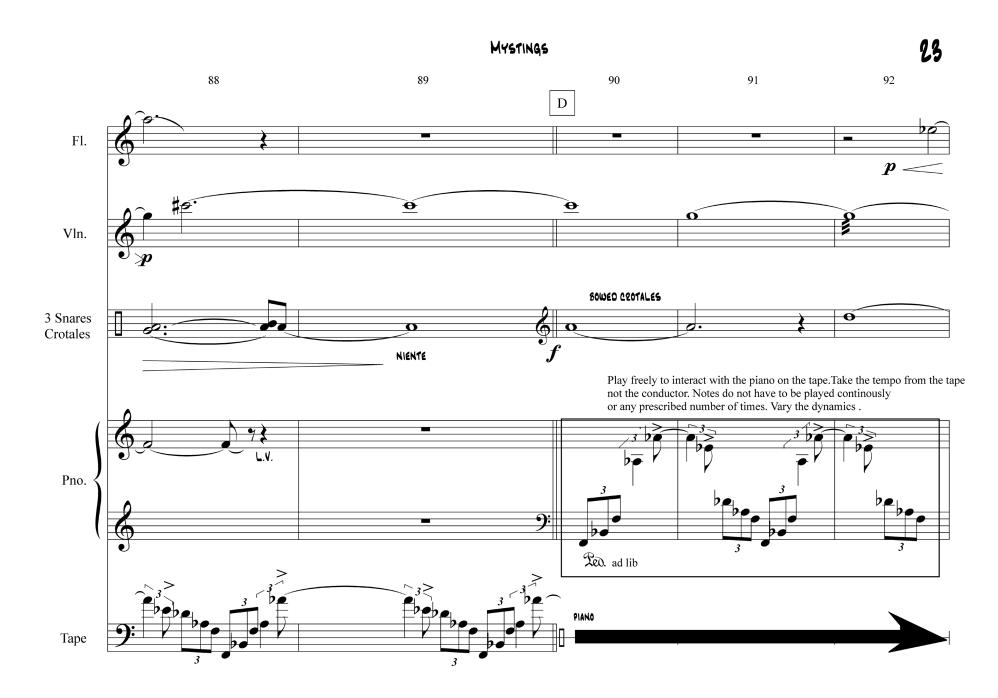


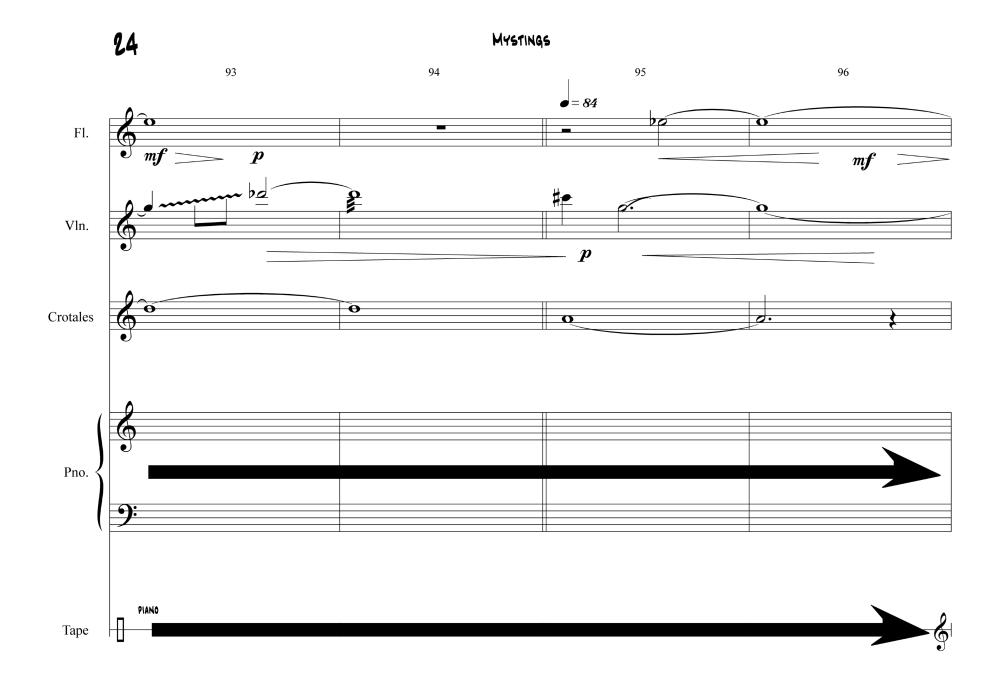


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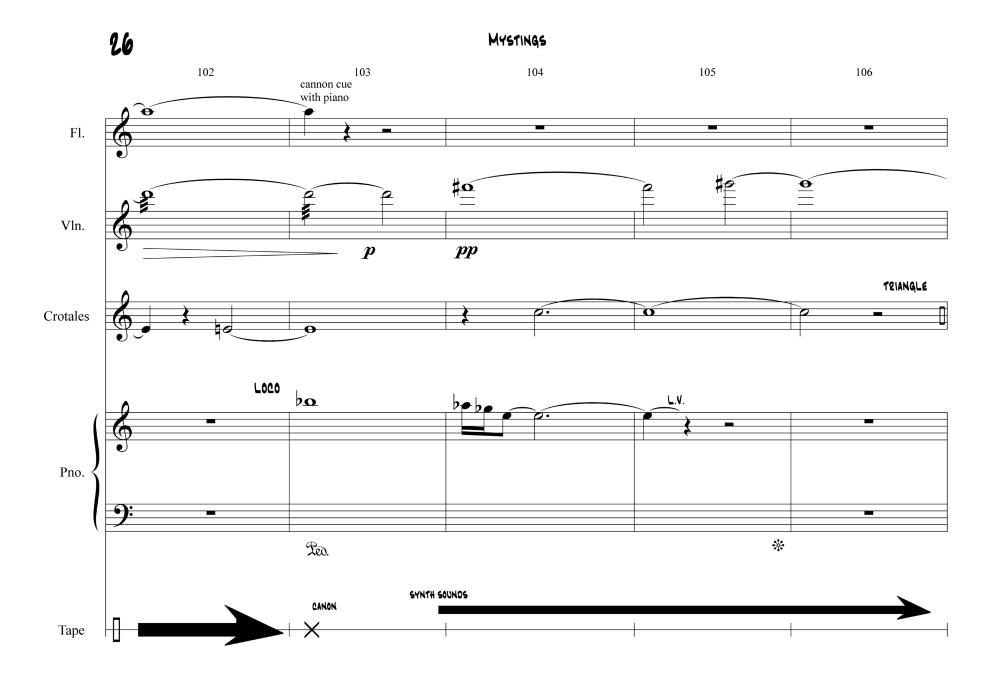


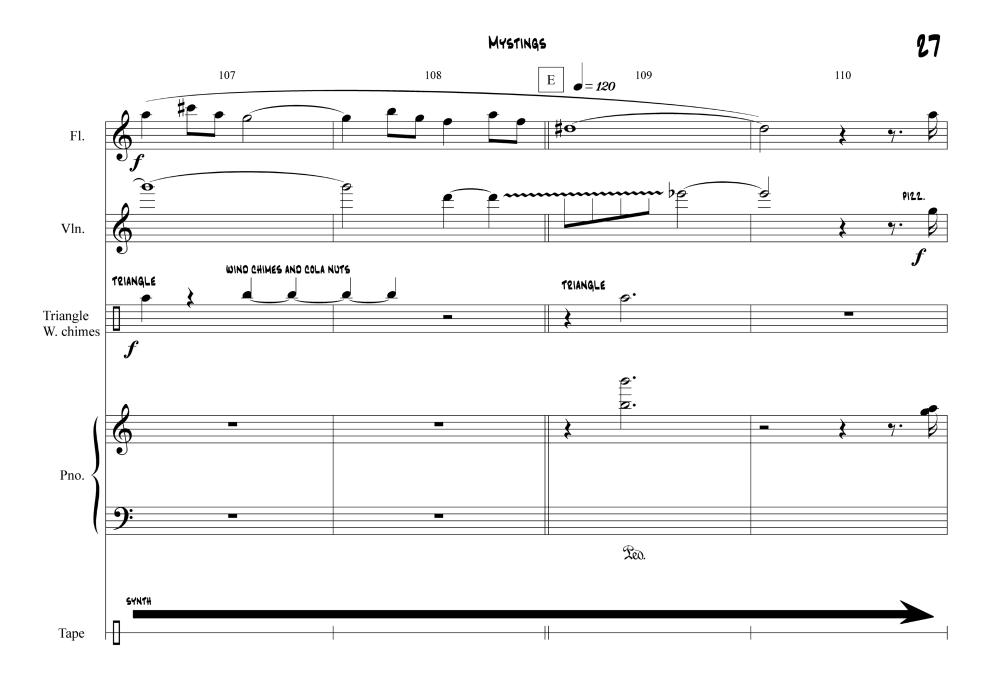


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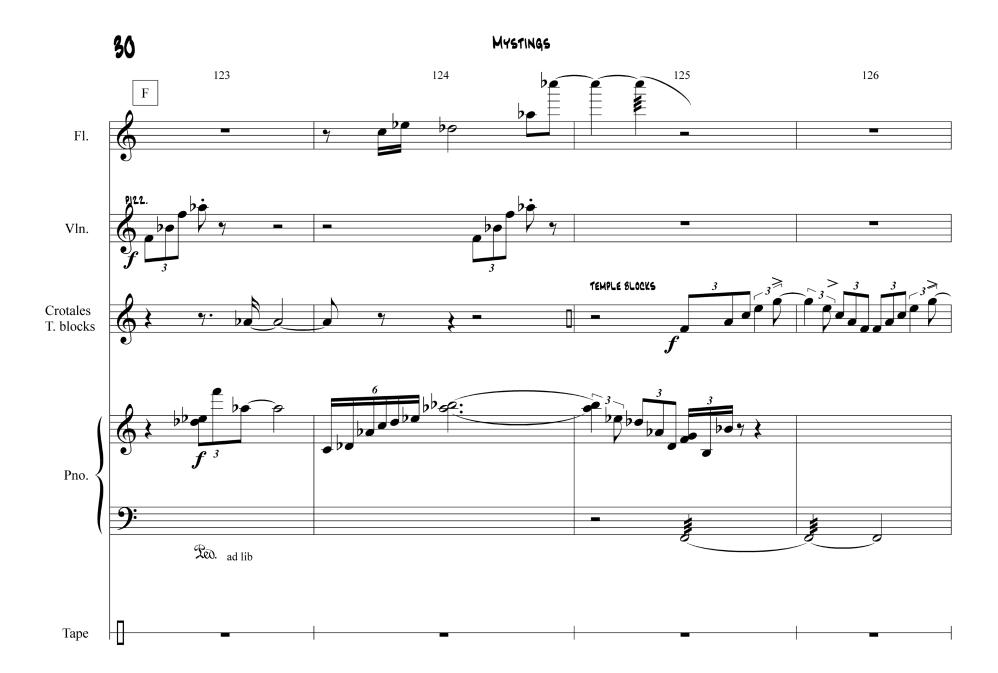






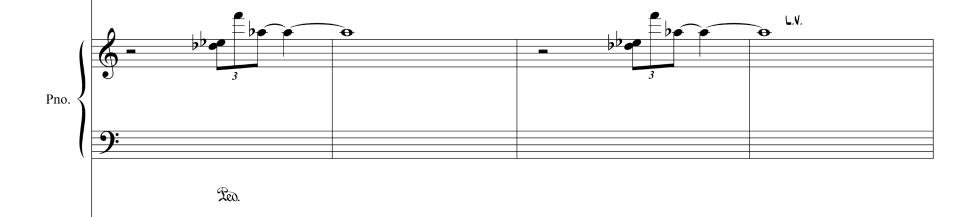
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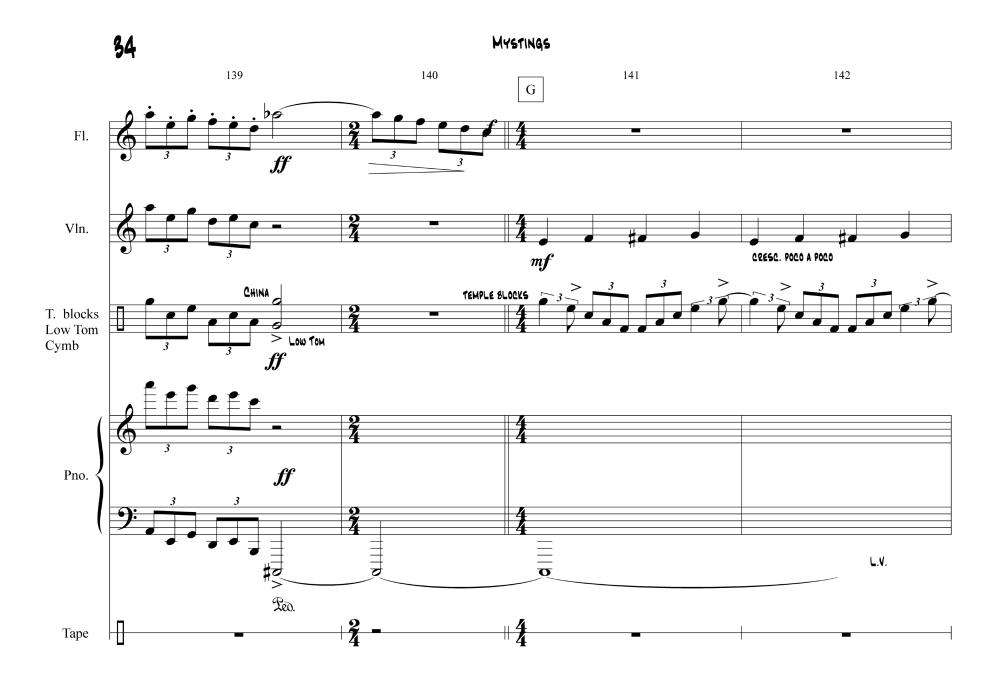


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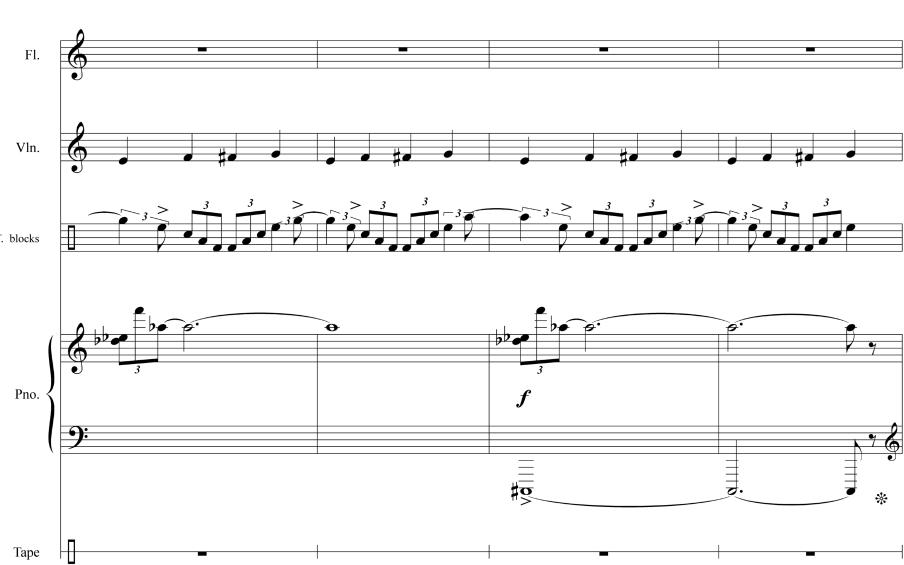
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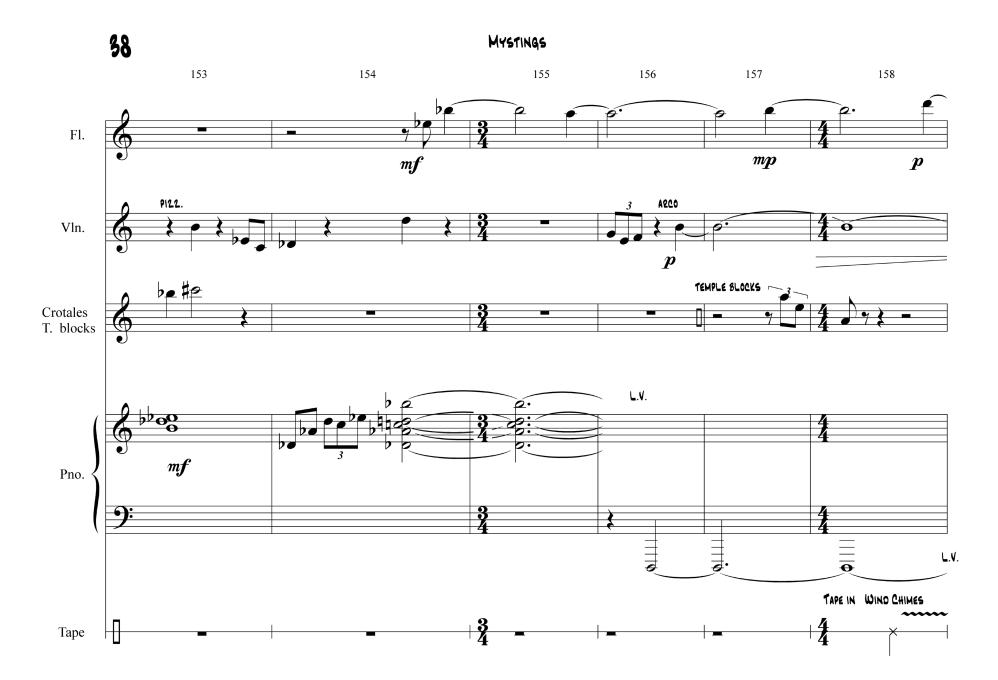


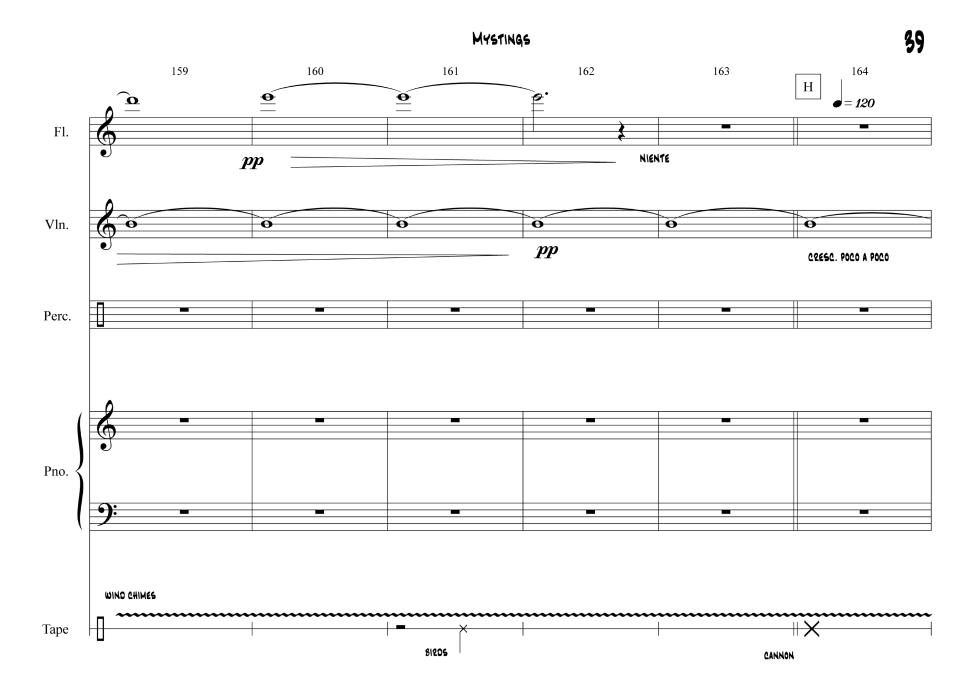
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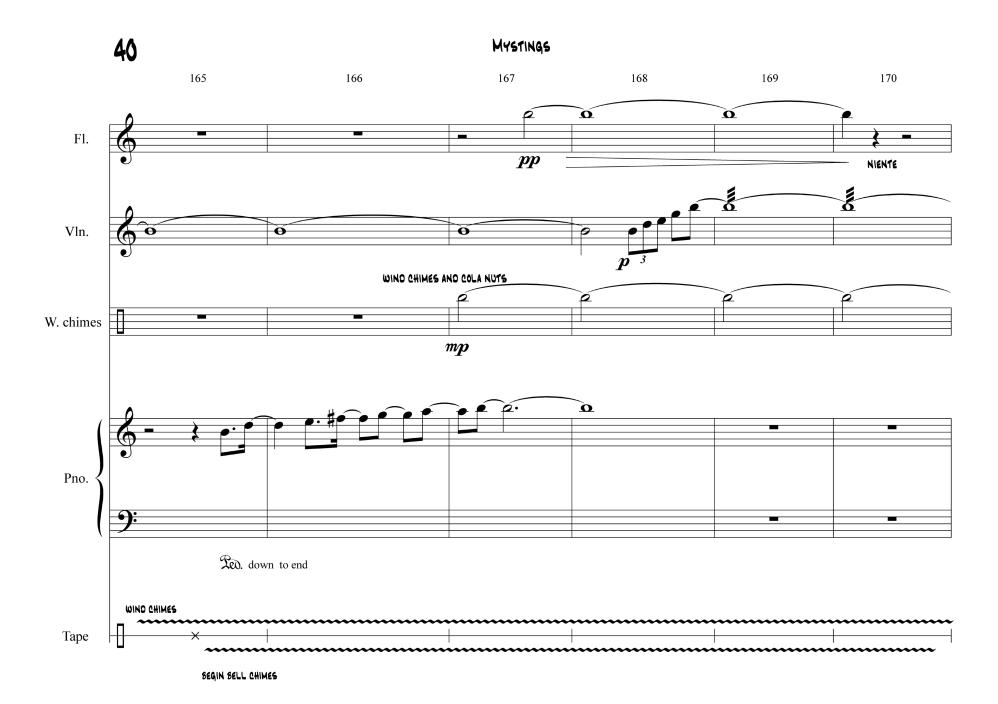


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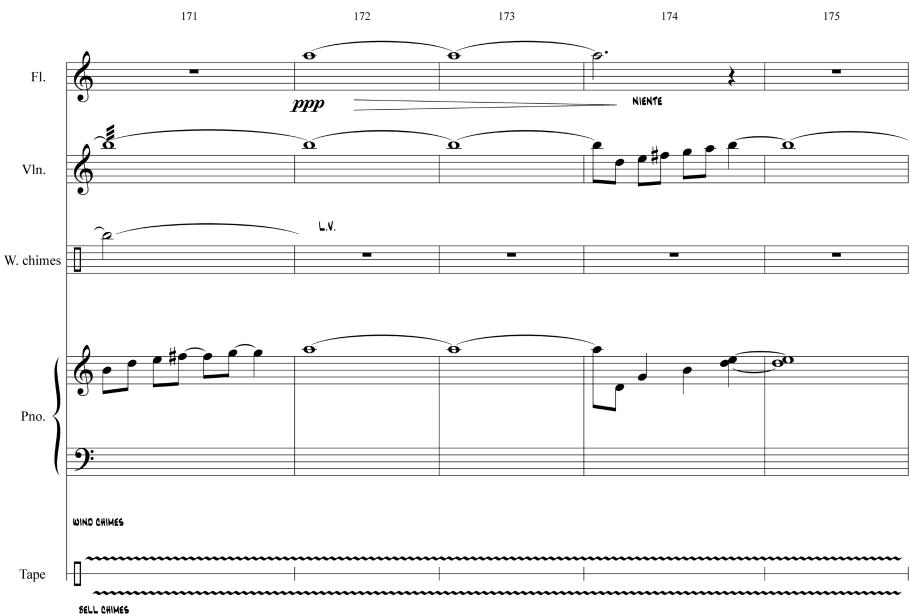
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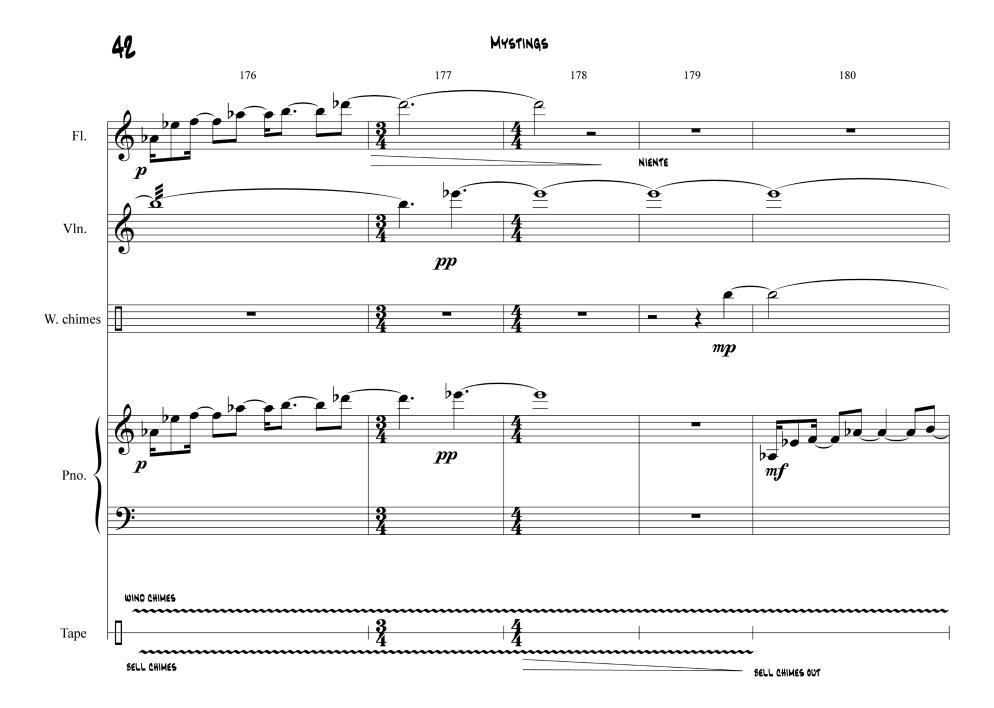


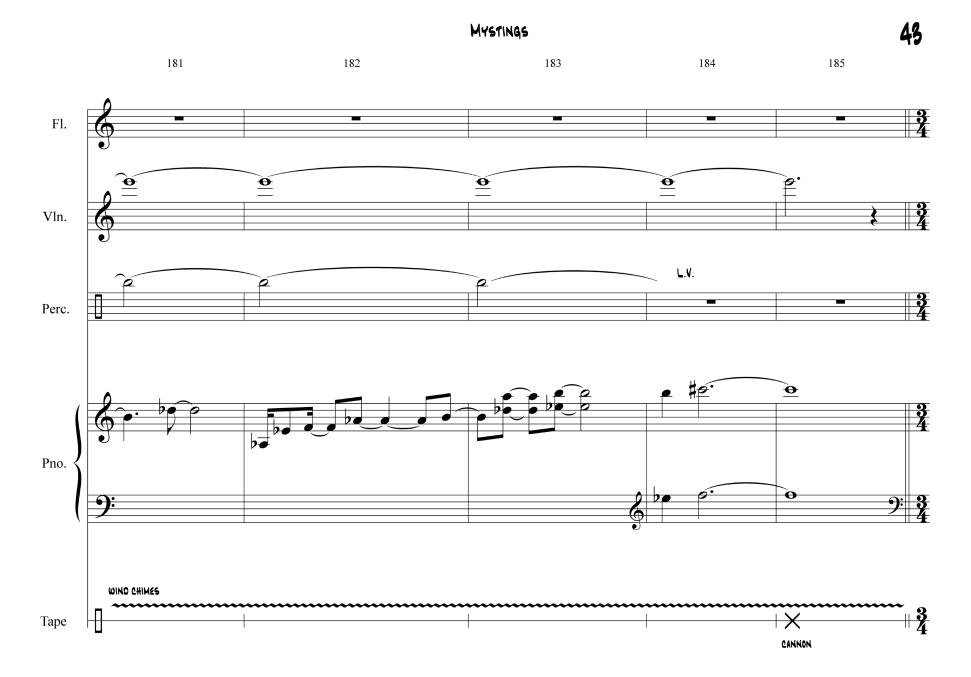


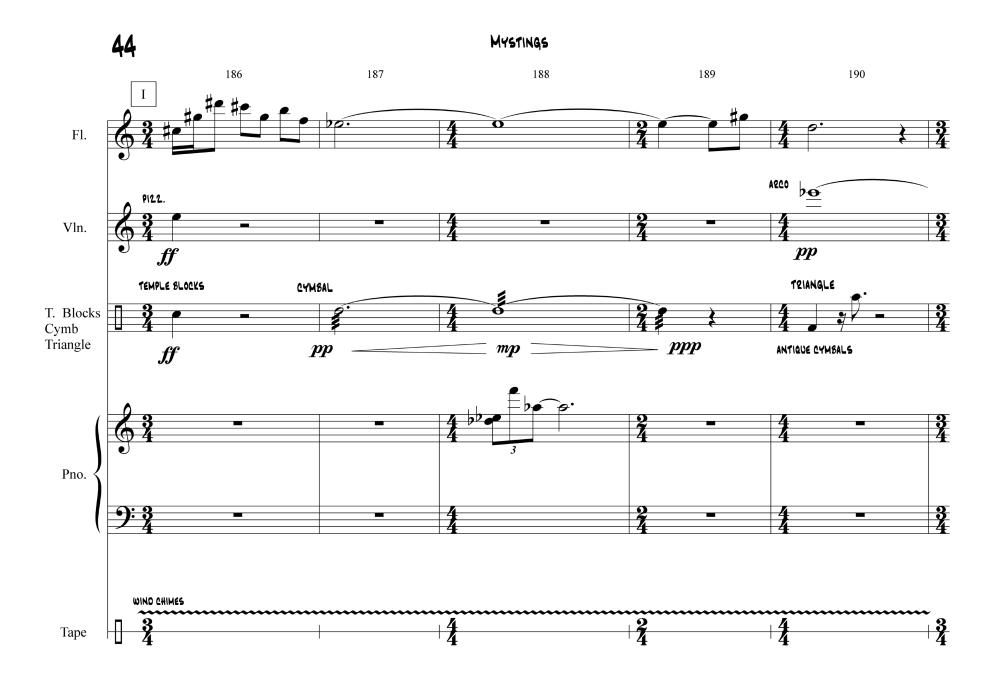


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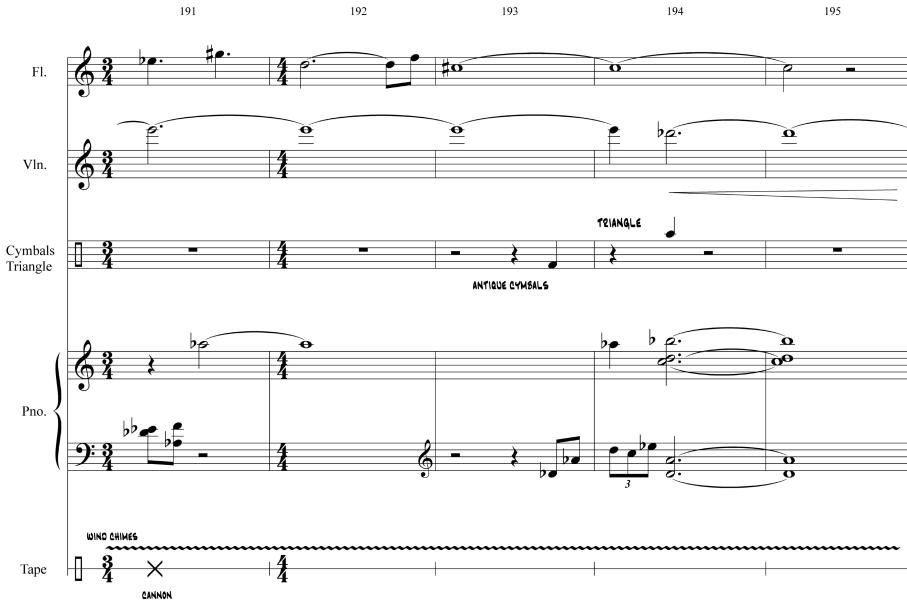


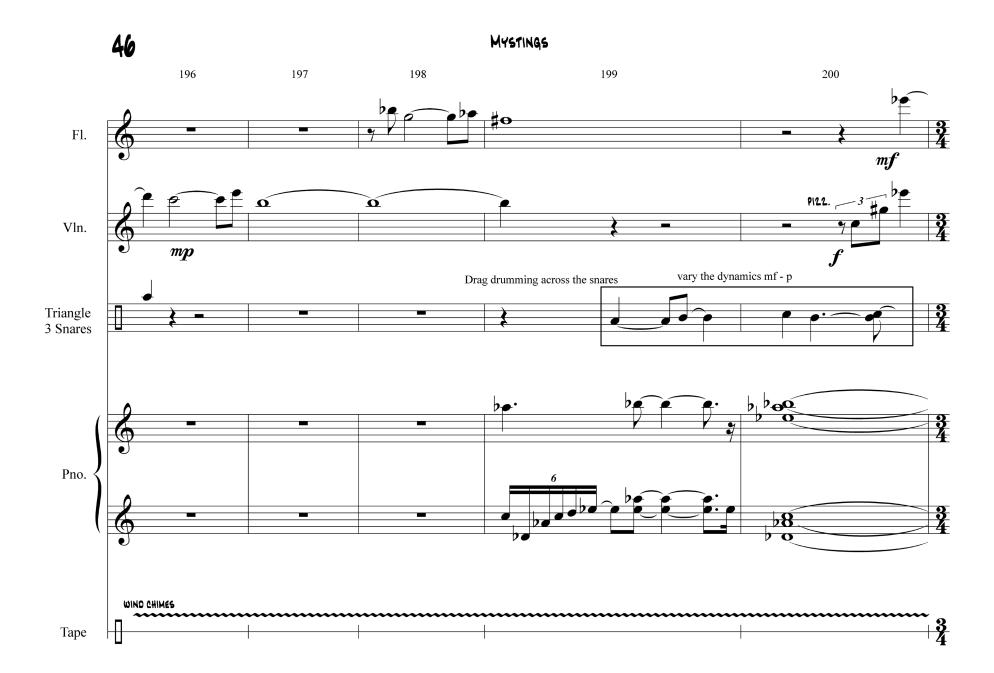


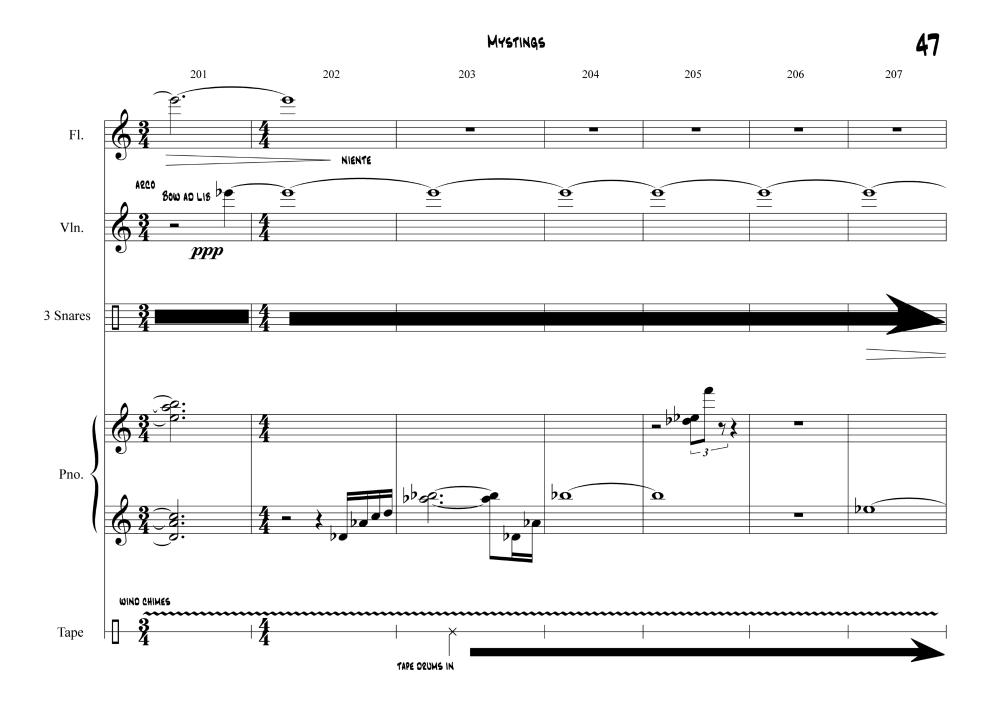




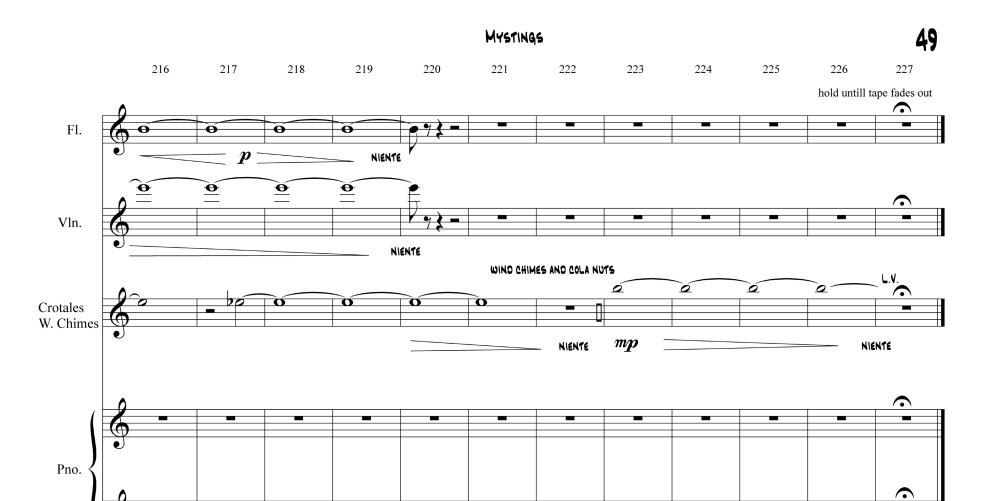








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