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Desert Rain

for viola and percussion

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for viola and percussion
(bass drum, small high-pitched suspended cymbal,
marimba, 5 temple blocks)

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Duration: 5 minutes

Commissioned by Stefanie Farrands

Programme note:

The sun rises slowly over the Australian desert. The trees creak and the insects begin their day, darting about, looking for food.

In the distance, grey clouds darken.

Thunder booms across the land. The rain ceases, the sun sets. Night falls.

Percussion

Scrape (slow with squeak): press firmly on cymbal so that a squeaky sound results when scraped.

Normal scrape is indicated by *Scrape l.v.*

Bass drum: small drum if possible. The grace-note indicates a 'heart-beat' sound.

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Adagio, freely ♩ = 60

Viola

Percussion

bass drum

susp. cymbal (small, high)

8

Vla.

Perc.

14

Vla.

Perc.

20

Vla.

Perc.

25

Vla.

Perc.

A Moderato (♩ = 68)

ppp *p* *f* intense *pp* *f* *ppp* *p* *p*

ppp *p* *pp* *fp* *ppp* *scrape (slow, with squeak)* *l.v.*

p *ppp* *f* *ppp* *p* *l.v.* *scrape (slow, with squeak)* *l.v.*

fp *p* *pp* *mf* *p* *pp*

p *mf* *p* *pp*

30 *accel.*

Vla. *fp fp sim. f*

Perc. *p* S.C. mar. *f*

34 *mf*

Vla. *mf*

Perc. *mf*

39 *f*

Vla. *f*

Perc. *f*

44 *p playfully*

Vla. *p playfully*

Perc. *p playfully*

50 *mf pp*

Vla. *mf pp*

Perc. *mf*

4

56

C

Vla.

Perc.

61

Vla.

Perc.

66

Vla.

Perc.

71

Vla.

Perc.

75

Vla.

Perc.

D

pp *agitato*

mf *fp* *pp*

mf *fp* *pp* t. blks

f

fp *p* *mf* *p*

fp *p* *mp*

mar.

mf *f* *ff*

mf *t. blks* *ff* *mar.*

79 *Vla.* *ffp*

Perc. *ffp*

Vla. *f* *ffp* **E**

Perc. *pp* *bass drum*

Vla. *f* *ff*

Perc. *fp*

93 *Vla.* *f* *ff* *rit.*

Perc. *fp* *pp* *f*

Adagio, freely ♩ = 60

98 *Vla.* *p* *intense* *f* *pp* *f*

Perc. *pp* *f* *pp* *f* *mar.*

106 *Vla.* *p* *mf* *pp*

Perc. *p* *mf* *pp*