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## Chapter Five: Music

1. A printed form of musical notation, made up primarily of symbols.
2. When she unfurled the score, a sequence of unfamiliar chords sounded, that incandescent singing.
3. “Only then did I wish to document the strange hymns I heard that evening. I longed for a record in all of its officiousness.”
4. *Arrangement*.
  1. A thing composed of various parts.
  2. An agreement, settlement, or understanding.
  3. An adaptation for performance.
5. In this nineteenth-century stage production, canaries appear alongside instruments in a more conventional sense: harps, violins, and cellos. Despite the decorative nature of the feathers, the conductor struggled to contain the unruly birds.
6. *Amanuensis*. Meaning the physical labor of transcribing music.
7. “I began to understand the role of the unconscious mind in his process of composition. It may be compared to an iceberg submerged in a large body of water.”
8. The phonograph, with its projection of unusual bird calls, was regarded as an evil device. This hidden Faustian motif extends well into the novel's *denouement*, with its intricate diagrams of the concert hall.
9. At this point in the score, the notes are obscured by fire damage. A residue of ashes where the music once was.

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### Performance Notes

When a glissando is marked, slide for the entire marked duration of that note.

Changes between vowel sounds can happen gradually. For example, a change from “oo” to “ah” might subtly start on the beat before “ah” is marked.

Spoken text without a note-head is marked in an approximate rhythm.  
The soloist may deviate slightly from the notated rhythm.

Notes marked with X note-heads should be spoken in exact rhythm.

“Aa” is pronounced as in “apple.” “Ah” is pronounced as in “almond.”

When a sound is italicized, it is pitchless. For instance, *hoo* is a breathy sound rather than the sound an owl makes.

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# Footnotes to a History of Music

for SATB Chorus a cappella

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SOPRANO       $\text{♩} = \text{ca. } 100$        $\text{<}\text{f}$

oo oh ah      oo oh ah

ALTO

oo oh      oo oh      oo oh      oh ah

TENOR

oo oh      oo oh      oo oh      oo oh ah

BASS

oo oh ah      oo oh ah

Piano

$\text{♩} = \text{ca. } 100$

S.      6       $\text{p}$       sub.  $\text{pp}$

oh oo ah oo

A.

oh oo oh oo oh oo oh oo oh

T.

oh oo oh oo oh oo oh oo

B.

oh oo nn.

Pno.

11

S. *f*  
Ah\_\_ oh oo mm nn

A. *f*  
ah\_\_ oo\_\_ oh\_\_ oo\_\_ oh\_\_ oo\_\_ oh\_\_

T. *f*  
oh\_\_ oo\_\_ oh\_\_ oo\_\_ oh\_\_ mm\_\_

B. *f*  
oh\_\_ oo\_\_ mm\_\_

Pno.

15 1 Baritone solo *mf*

Solo One. a print - ed form of mu - si - cal no - ta - tion,

S. *pp* ah\_\_ oo nn\_\_

A. *pp* mm\_\_ *mp* ah\_\_ oo\_\_ oh\_\_ oo\_\_ oh\_\_

T. *pp* mm\_\_ *mp* ah\_\_ oh\_\_ oo\_\_ oh\_\_

B. *pp* mm\_\_ *mp* ah\_\_ oo nn\_\_

Pno.

1 mm\_\_ ah\_\_ oo nn\_\_

20

Solo: made up pri - ma - ri - ly of sym - bols.

S. (Soprano): *p* ah \_\_\_\_\_ *mf* oh \_\_\_\_\_ oo \_\_\_\_\_ oh \_\_\_\_\_ oo \_\_\_\_\_

A. (Alto): *p* ah \_\_\_\_\_ *mp* *n* ss \_\_\_\_\_

T. (Tenor): *p* oh \_\_\_\_\_ *mf* ah \_\_\_\_\_

B. (Bass): *p* oh \_\_\_\_\_ *mf* 3 oh \_\_\_\_\_ 3 oo \_\_\_\_\_ 3 oh \_\_\_\_\_ 3

Pno. (Piano):

24

Solo: - *pp* sh \_\_\_\_\_ *ss* \_\_\_\_\_ *mp* \_\_\_\_\_ *ff* \_\_\_\_\_

S. (Soprano): oh \_\_\_\_\_ oo \_\_\_\_\_

A. (Alto): 3 oo \_\_\_\_\_ 3 oh \_\_\_\_\_ 3 *mp* \_\_\_\_\_ 3 oo \_\_\_\_\_

T. (Tenor): 3 oh \_\_\_\_\_ 3 oo \_\_\_\_\_ 3 oh \_\_\_\_\_ 3 oo \_\_\_\_\_

B. (Bass): 3 oh \_\_\_\_\_ 3 oo \_\_\_\_\_ mm \_\_\_\_\_

Pno. (Piano):

28

Solo: Treble solo

S. (pp) Two. When she unfurled the

A. (sh) ss (mf)

T. (oo) oh (mf)

B. (nn) (mf)

Pno.

33

Solo: poco rall. Tempo 1 (mf)

S. (score a sequence of unfamiliar chords sound ed,

A. (nn) (oo) (oh) (mf)

T. (oo) (nn) (oo) (oh) (mf)

B. (nn) (oo) (ah) (mf)

Pno.

38

Solo: sound - ed, that in - can - descent  
S.: ah nn.. ng..  
A.: oo oh oo oh oo ng..  
T.: oh oo oh oo oh ng..  
B.: oh ng..  
Pno: piano part

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Solo: sing - ing.  
S.: ah oh nn.. ah  
A.: ah mn..  
T.: ah oh nn..  
B.: ah nn..  
Pno: piano part

poco rit.      Slightly slower, subdued;  $\text{♩} = \text{ca. } 92$

S. *f*  
A. *f*  
T. *f*  
B. *f*  
Pno.

51      3 [Spoken solo]

Solo: Three "On - ly then did I wish to doc - u-ment the strange hymns I heard that eve-ning.

S. *pp* *mp*  
A. *pp* *mp*  
T. *pp* *mp*  
B. *pp* *mp*  
Pno.

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Solo

Tutti

S.

A.

T.

B.

Pno.

One. A thing com-

ba du n dm ba ya dm ba ya dn dm.

ba du n dm ba ya dm mm ba da tu ee oo oo

dm m ba da du

dm

dm

68

Solo

posed of va - ri - ous parts.

S.

A.

T.

B.

Pno.

ba ya dn dm ba du n dm ba ya dm

oh oo m ba da tu ee oo ba dm ba du n dm

dm m ba da dm m ba da

dm

dm

73

Solo - x x | 2 7 | An a-gree-ment, set-tle-ment, or un-der-stand-ing.

S. ba ya dn ba ya dn dm nn oh oo ah

A. tu ee oo m ba da dm nn oh oo ah

T. dm dm nn

B. - - -

Pno. - - -

78

Solo - - | 3 7 | - | 3 7 | - | x | 4

Three.

S. f oo ba ya da da du ba du n dm ba du n du,

A. f tu ee oo ba dm m ba da tu ee oo ba dn du du

T. f dm m ba da dm m ba da du du

B. f dm, - - | 3 - | 7 - | 3 - | du du

Pno. - - -

83

Solo *mf*

An a - dap - ta-tion for per - form - ance.

S. *p* *mp* *mp* *mf*

A. *p* *mp* *p*

T. *p*

B. *oo*

Pno.

88

S. *f* *poco rit.*

A. *f* *mp* *3* *3*

T. *f* *mp* *3* *3*

B. *oo* *ah* *oh*

Pno.

11

92  $\text{♩} = \text{ca. } 100$

S.  $p$   
ah oh oo oh

A.  $mf$   $p$   
ah oh oo oh

T.  $mf$   $p$   
8 ah oh oo oh

B.  $mf$   $p$   
ah oh

Pno.  $p$   $p$   
 $p$

96

5 [Baritone solo]

Solo  $f$   
Five. In this nine-teenth cen - tu - ry stage pro-

S.  $f$   $mf$   $p$   
ah oh

A.  $f$   $p$   
ah ah oh nn

T.  $f$   $p$   
8 ah oh oo oh

B.  $f$   
ah

Pno.  $f$   $5$   
 $p$

12 101

Solo: duc - tion, ca - na - ries ap-peared a - long - side in - stru-ments in a more con-

S. Solo *mp* *p* Tutti: tu ee oo oo ee oo oh

A. *mp* ah ah, oh

T. nn ah *mp*

B. nn ah

Pno.

105

Solo: vention - al sense: harps.

S. Solo *mf* Tutti *mp*: tu ee oo tu tu tu tu tu ah tu ee oo tu tu tu

A. *pp* *mf* ah ah, ah dm dm,

T. *pp* *mf* dm dm,

B. *pp* *mf* dm dm dm,

Pno.

109 Holding back . . . Slightly slower 13

Solo: vi - o - lins. and cel - los.

Tutti: *mf* *p*

S.: tu ah oh oh

A.: *pp* *mf* *p*

T.: *pp* *mf* *p*

B.: *pp* *p* mm.

Pno. *pp* *mf* *p*

**Holding back . . . Slightly slower**

114 A tempo ( $\text{♩} = \text{ca. } 100$ )

Solo: Des-pite the de-co-ra-tive na-ture of the

S.: mm oo

A.: nn *mf* *p* oo

T.: nn

B.: nn

Pno. *mp* *p* nn

**A tempo ( $\text{♩} = \text{ca. } 100$ )**

14

118

poco accel.

Solo: fea - thers the con - duc - tor strug-gled\_ to con-tain the un - ru - ly birds

S.: tu ee oo tu tu oo ee tu ee oo ee oo

A.: oo ee oo ee oo ba dn

T.: nn oh ah mba da

B.: oo oh

Pno.: poco accel.

*f* = ca. 130

122

Treble solo

Solo: tu ee oo tu tu tu tu tu tu tu ee oo tu tu tu

S.: ba dm da dm ba ya n dm ba ya n dm ba ya dm

A.: dm ba da n tu ee oo ba dn du du oo oh

T.: da m ba da du du du

B.: dm

Pno.: poco rit.

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Solo:  $f$

S. (8) of transcrib - ing mu - sic.

A.  $mf$

T.  $mf > p$

B. mm.

Pno. (8) ah mm. oh oo ah

141 7 Spoken solo

Solo:  $mf$

S. Sev-en. "I be - gan to un - der-stand the

A. ah oh dm dm dm

T. ah oh dm dm,

B. nn oh dm dm dm

Pno. (8)  $p$   $mf$

145

Solo      role of the un - con-scious mind      in his pro - cess of com - po - si - tion.

S.      oh oo ah  
mf

A.      oo ah  
ah mf

T.      oo ah  
ah mf

B.      oo ah  
ah mf

Pno.

149

Solo      It may be com-pared to an ice-berg sub - merged in a large bo - dy of wa - ter."

S.      nn ah mm  
pp mp pp

A.      nn ah oo ah  
pp mp pp

T.      nn ah oo ah  
pp mp pp

B.      nn ah oo ah  
pp mp pp

Pno.

153

S. *mp*      *poco accel.*      *f* = ca. 130  
oo oh ah ba ya n

A. *mp*  
mm tu ee oo ba dm ba du n da da

T. *mp*  
mm m ba da dm

B. *mp*  
mm dm

Pno.  
*poco accel.*      *f* = ca. 130

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Solo *mp*  
Eight. The pho-no-graph, with its un -

S. *mp*  
dm tui oo hee tu ee oo tu tu tu tu tu tu

A. *p*  
tu ee oo ba dm nn oo

T. *mp*  
m ba da du ah

B. dm m ba da du

Pno.  
*mp*

**8** *Baritone solo* *mp*  
 Abruptly slower; *f* = ca. 88  
Eight. The pho-no-graph, with its un -

**8** *mp*  
 Abruptly slower; *f* = ca. 88

162

Solo: usual col-lec-tion of bird calls, was re - gard - ed as an e - vil de - vice.

Tutti: *mp* ah oo ah ah  
*mf*

A.: *mp* oo oh *pp* *mf*  
*pp* *mf* oh ah oo  
*ah* *ah*

T.: *pp* *mf* oo oh ah oo  
*p* *mp*

B.: ah oo  
*ah* *oo*

Pno.: *3* *3* *3* *3*

167

Solo: This hid - den Faust - i - an mo - tif ex - tends well be - yond the

S.: *pp* oo oh *pp* ah oh  
*3* *3* *3* *3*

A.: *pp* oo oh *pp* ah  
*3* *3* *3* *3*

T.: *pp* oo *pp* oh *pp* *3* *3* *3* *3*

B.: *pp* *3* *3* *3* *3*

Pno.: *3* *3* *3* *3* *3* *3* *3* *3*

171 *f*

Solo: no - vel's\_ de-nou-men-t, with its in - tri - cate di - a - grams\_ of the

S.: ah

A.: *mf*

T.: *mf* ah. oo oh

B.: oo oh ah nn.

Pno.

175 *mf*

Solo: con - cert hall.

S.: ah. oo oh

A.: *mp* oo oh *pp* oo oh

T.: *mp* sh ss *p* aa

B.: *mp* oh oo oh *pp* oh oo oh oo mm.

Pno.

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183                    *poco rit.*

Solo                      *mf*                      *mp*  
fire—dam-age.—         A res-i-due of ash-es.—         Where the

Solo                      *mf*                      *mp*  
fire—dam-age.—         A res-i-due of ash-es.—         Where the

S.                      *mf*                      *mf*                      *sotto voce pp*      *3*      *3*  
hah—                      ss—                      mm—

A.                      *p*      *3*      *pp*                      *sotto voce*      *3*      *3*  
mm.—                      mm—                      mm—

T.                      *mf*      *p*      *p*      *mf*      *p*      *mf*      *pp*  
ah                      uh                      shh      ss—

B.                      *p*      *mf*      *p*      *mf*      *pp*  
*ff*                      ah      uh                      aa—                      sh

Pno.                      *poco rit.*

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188    **A tempo**

Solo    *mf*

Solo    *mf*

S.    *p*    *mf*    *p*    *mf*

A.    *wah*    *wah*

T.    *hoo*    *pp*    *mf*    *n*

B.    *mf*

Pno.     **A tempo**

mu - sic once was.

mu - sic once was.

ss    hah    oo    hah

wah    wah

8    *shh*    *ss*    *sh*    *ss*

nn

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The musical score consists of seven staves. The first two staves are for 'Solo' voices, each with a treble clef and one sharp in the key signature. The third staff is for 'S.' (Soprano) with a treble clef and one sharp. The fourth staff is for 'A.' (Alto) with a treble clef and one sharp. The fifth staff is for 'T.' (Tenor) with a treble clef and one sharp, and includes a '8' above it. The sixth staff is for 'B.' (Bass) with a bass clef and one sharp. The seventh staff is for 'Pno.' (Piano) with a treble and bass clef. The score begins with 'A tempo' and 'mf'. The vocal parts sing words like 'music once was' and various consonants (ss, hah, oo, hoo, shh, sh, nn). The piano part has dynamic markings like pp, mf, and n. The score is marked 'A tempo' at the beginning and end.