

Three Solar Essences

for mixed chamber ensemble

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Program Note

Compared to the Sun, the Earth is about the size of a grain of sand. So where does that leave us humans? Since the planets of our solar system are made of debris from the Sun during its formation (which, in turn, comes from even older stars and gases), we are all technically stardust.

Three characters of our nearest star are presented distinctly in order: Power and sheer magnitude, gentle nourishing warmth, and mystic energy. Later, they intermingle and play.

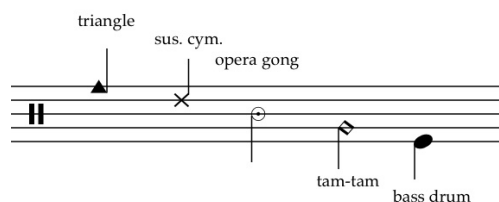
Instrumentation

flute, clarinet in B-flat, bass trombone, violin, double-bass, percussion (one player), piano

List of Percussion Instruments

vibraphone (with motor), glockenspiel, triangle, suspended cymbal, Chinese opera gong, tam-tam (medium), bass drum (medium), little metal chain (for the bass drum), bow for vibes (if available)

Percussion Notation



vibraphone indicated by



glockenspiel indicated by



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Flute

Clarinet in Bb

Bass Trombone

Violin

Double Bass

Percussion

Piano

Fierce, powerful, wild ♩ = c. 90-96

ff *mp* *f* *gliss.* *5* *3* *Reo.* *

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Fl. *fff* *tr* *5*

Cl. *fff* *3* *3* *6* *3*

B. Tbn. *fff* *gliss.* *keep l.h. pos.*

Vln. *fff*

Db. *fff* *3* *gliss.* *gliss.*

Perc. *fff*

Pno. *fff* *Ped.*

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15

Fl. *ff* *mf* *ff* *mf* *ff*

Cl. *mf* *ff* *mf* *ff* *ff*

B. Tbn. *ff* *gliss.* *3*

Vln. *ff* *tr*

Db. *ff*

Perc. *Glsp* *ff* *gliss.* *tr*

Pno. *ff* *mf* *ff* *Ped.*

6

19

Fl.

Cl.

B. Tbn.

Vln.

Db.

Perc.

Pno.

ff

mf

ff

mf

ff

gliss.

gliss.

A.F.A.P.

Vib

mf

Red.

ff

Red.

Red.