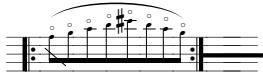


# adagio

doublebass quartet

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repeat the same pattern.

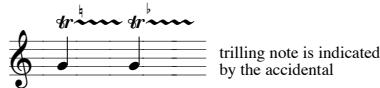


Tremolos ( or ) or ( ) are always played as fast as possible (not measured).

Glissandi are always played proportionally to the notation.



Harmonics ( , or ) are written as they should be performed. It is possible to change the note to be played, as long as the resulting harmonic is the same.

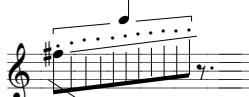


trilling note is indicated by the accidental

the number of notes to be played in these accel./rit. is free,



ord → s. pont move progressively from ordinario to sul pont

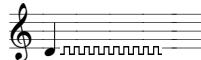


Headless notes represent only approximate pitch. The number of notes to be played is free, but the overall indicated duration should be respected.

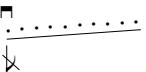
Indeterminate glissando (approximate pitch indicated by the lines)



~ : play between the bridge and the tailpiece. The string or strings to be played are indicated in the score (for example, measure 66, CB IV).



: press drawing of the bow so that a dry rattling of the string is heard (for example, measure 75, CB II, III).



: strike gently the string with the metallic end of the bow. In case the end of the bow is plastic, use a coin, or a tuning fork. The glissando line indicates the approximate position where to strike (for example, measures 16 to 31, CB I).



: circular bowing (for example, measures 18, CB IV).



: vertical tremolo (for example, measures 79, 80, CB I).



: insert the tip of the bow between two strings and strike them alternating, like a tremolo (for example, measure 33, CB III).



: body of instrument (for example, measure 42, CB IV).

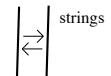


: press the bow against the fourth string, so that it bends and touches the third string, making a metallic rattling sound (for example, measure 113, CB I).

Harmonic glissandos with trills or tremolos are not to be heard as normal glissandos. The result should be somewhat indeterminate, vaguely resembling pink noise.

all other indications are written in the score.

duration: approx. 10 minutes.



**adagio**

$\text{♩} = 50$  (*tempo rubato*)

ord

I

*mf*

*p*

*p*

II

*molto sul pont*

*b*

*mf*

*5*

*5*

III

*8va*

I

*p*

*p*

*mf*

*mf*

*3*

*3*

IV

*p*

*molto sul pont*

*ord*

*p*

*pp*

*mf*

*mf*

*3*

*3*

*molto sul pont*

*ord*

*p*

*mf*

13

I 8<sup>va</sup> - (not too fast)

II 8<sup>va</sup> - f > p

III II pizz mf ff arco I p

IV IV pizz ff molto sul pont arco mf

I

**[26]**

**p**

II

*mf* *f* *f**p* *mf*

*8va.* *jeté*

III

*p* *f*

*8va.*

IV

*f* *p*

*pizz* *arco jeté* *f*

*(harm gliss with tremolo)*

*sul pont* *tr* *f*

*pizz* *f*

**piú mosso**

**[31]**

**p**

*jeté* *I*

*fp* *p* *f* *fp* *p*

*pizz* *arco*

*p*

*p*

*8va.*

*ord* *molto sul pont* *ord*

*pp* *mf* *pp* *f* *fp*

*arco ord*

*pp* *mf*

*legno batt*  
approx. same speed as measures 16-31

**[36]**

**p** *mf* *p* *pp* *mp*

*8va.* *III* *mf* *f* *fp*

*loc* *p* *mf* *p* *f* *fp*

*8va.* *I* *mf* *p* *f* *fp*

*loc* *p* *mf* *p* *IV* *p*

*play under the strings* *legno I*

41

I 8va  
II 8va  
III 8va  
IV 8va

I f  
II p → f  
III p → f  
IV p → f

I 8va  
II 8va  
III 8va  
IV 8va

I I 8va  
II f p  
III f p  
IV f p

I molto sul pont  
II ord jeté  
III tr  
IV tr

I 6  
II p → f  
III p → f  
IV p → f

I batt between strings and body of instrument  
II legno batt fast  
III (rall. il batt)  
IV (not too fast)

I harm gliss  
II harm gliss  
III harm gliss  
IV harm gliss

I mf  
II mf  
III mf  
IV pp

I p → mf  
II p → mf  
III p → p  
IV pp → mf → p

I p → mf  
II p → mf  
III p → mf  
IV ord IV

46

I 8va  
II 8va  
III 8va  
IV 8va

I (harm gliss)  
II (harm gliss)  
III (harm gliss)  
IV (harm gliss)

I legno batt fast  
II (rall. il batt)  
III (not too fast)  
IV pp

I p  
II p  
III p  
IV pp

I mf  
II mf  
III mf  
IV pp

I p → mf  
II p → mf  
III p → p  
IV pp → mf → p

I p → mf  
II p → mf  
III p → mf  
IV ord IV

**tempo I**

I  
50

II

III

IV

ord IV      II 3  
*p < f*      *fp*      *fp*

I 8va+ 3  
*p < fp*

III  
*fp*

IV  
*fp*

*p*      *mf*      *p*      *fp*      *f*      *p*      *mf*

*III*      *IV*  
*molto sul pont*

*ord*      *mf*

(harm gliss)

Musical score for orchestra and piano, page 16, measures 60-61. The score is divided into four staves: I (Violin), II (Cello), III (Double Bass), and IV (Piano). Measure 60 starts with 'ord' dynamic. Staff I has sixteenth-note patterns with 'sf' dynamics. Staff II has eighth-note patterns with 'sf' dynamics. Staff III has sustained notes with 'p' dynamics. Staff IV has eighth-note patterns with 'sf' dynamics. Measure 61 begins with dynamic 'I'. Staff I has sustained notes with 'fp' dynamics. Staff II has sustained notes with 'fp' dynamics. Staff III has sustained notes with 'fp' dynamics. Staff IV has sustained notes with 'fp' dynamics. The score includes various performance instructions like 'harm gliss', 'loco', 'jeté', 'sul pont', and 'mf' dynamics.

8va.

I

*mf*      *f*      *p*

64

II

*mf*      *p*      *mf*      IV

III

IV

*mf*

jeté

*mp*      6

(play between the bridge  
and the tailpiece)

*pp*

(legno batt)  
approx. same speed  
as measures 16-31

(accell. il batt.)

69

I      *p*

II      (harm gliss) I      II      *mf*

III      *p*      *f* > *p*      *f*

IV      III pizz      molto sul pont arco      legno (keep same pattern and make a gliss up)      *ord* *fp*      *ff*

tempo I

74

I      *p*      *ff*      *ff* > *p*      *mf*

II      *ff*      *p*      *ff* > *p*      *p*      *mf*      *p*

III      molto sul pont      *ord*      *ff* > *p*      *p*      *mf*      *p*

IV      jeté      *ff* > *p*      *p*      *mf*      *p*      III 8va

80

I      *p*      molto sul pont      *ord*

II      *p*      legno      pizz      molto sul pont arco

III      8va      *p*      *mf*      pizz      arco      molto sul pont

IV      *p*      <*mf*>*p*      *mf*      *p*      molto sul pont      *ord*

(slowly detune the string)

87

I      *p*      *mf* > *p*

II      ord I      *mf*      (play between the bridge and the tailpiece)      sul pont      I      ord  
III      ord II      *mf*      sul pont      II      *pp* — *f*  
IV      *p*      *pp* — *mp*      sul pont      III      *pp* — *f*  
ord  
II  
III

→ molto sul pont      → ord

92

I      *p*      *mf* > *p*

II      *fp*      *mf*      6      (harm gliss)  
III      *fp*      *mf*      7      (harm gliss)  
IV      *fp*      *mf*      5      (harm gliss)      alternate the order of the notes freely

→ molto sul pont      ord

97

I      *pp*

II      alternate the order of the notes freely      *mf* > *p*      *p* — *f*

III      alternate the order of the notes freely      *mf* > *p*      *p* — *f*

IV      *mf* > *p*      *fp* — *f*      *pp* — *p*

105 (rall. the attacks)

Musical score page 105. The score consists of four staves (I, II, III, IV) with the following details:

- Staff I:** Treble clef. Dynamics: *p*. Performance instruction: (rall. the attacks).
- Staff II:** Treble clef. Dynamics: *mf* → *pp*. Performance instruction: *ord*.
- Staff III:** Bass clef. Dynamics: *mf* → *pp*. Performance instruction: → *sul tasto*.
- Staff IV:** Bass clef. Dynamics: *mf* → *pp*. Performance instruction: → *sul tasto*.

Performance instructions for the right hand (staves I-IV):

- *ord*
- *sul pont*
- *ord*
- *ord*

Performance instructions for the left hand (staves III-IV):

- ord I 8va
- p* → *mf* → *p*
- ord II → *p* → *mf* → *p*

I [111] 

(slowly detune the string)

tempo I

I 115

II

III (slowly detune the string)

IV

116

117

118

119

120

121

*p*

*mf*

*p*

*p*

*mf*

*p*

*f*

*p*

*p*

*mf*

*p*

I 120

II

III jeté

IV jeté

121

122

123

124

125

*pp*

*mp*

*pp*

*pp*

*mp*

*pp*

*pp*

*mf*

*p*

*pizz*

*pp*

*p*

*pizz*

*pp*