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for Eric Pritchard
in memoriam; Fred Robinson, Jane Hawkins Raimi, and Anshel Brusilow

I have had the pleasure of making music with violinist Eric Pritchard since 2006. In 2009, Eric performed the first edition of Violin Concerto No. 1, *Ananda Concerto*, with the Raleigh Civic Chamber Orchestra. That concerto has since been extensively revised. I started a second violin concerto for Eric after finishing my Cello Concerto for Bonnie Thron. Spring and summer 2016 was a difficult and depressing time for me, as I was losing my job teaching physics at NCSU, and had to scramble to find a place to live after spring 2017. As a result, I wrote no music for about six months. After retiring and moving to the small town of Cleveland, NC, I was able to start back into the violin concerto in the fall of 2017. This is a companion piece to the Cello Concerto, with the same instrumentation, four movements, about the same length, and a third movement with origins in my sonatas for solo violin. Both concertos have chamber versions for soloist and two pianos, as well as for soloist and one piano (such as this score).

The concerto is in four movements:

I. Country Fiddling	Playful	[7']	
II. Between Earth and Space	With awareness	[8']	
III. Scherzo	Vivace		[4']
IV. Sufinale	Dervishistical	[7']	

In the first movement, measures 108 (clue; look that up in Hindu symbology) through 115, and again measure 144 to the end, I use a melody introduced by Ram Dass in his 1969 Sculpture Garden lectures in NYC. These lectures formed the basis for the book *Be Here Now*. The tune was used to chant “Rama”.

The short third movement started life in 2002 as the second movement of my *Ninth Sonata for Solo Violin*. (There are ten such sonatas.)

The fourth movement is titled *Sufinale*, as both Eric and I are interested in Sufi mysticism and spiritual practices.

Three people noted above died during the composition of this work. Fred Robinson (no relation) was a composer, arranger, and saxophonist I met in 1974 when I first attended NTSU in Denton, Texas. I heard of his death while writing measure 208 in the fourth movement, as I think you can tell. Jane Hawkins was a phenomenal pianist and educator who was a very significant figure in the Duke University musical scene for many years. Anshel Brusilow had a long career, first as a violinist and then as a conductor. I played under his baton at NTSU, and studied conducting with him.

There is an edition of this score on legal size paper (8.5 x 11.4 inches) that is more suitable for printing on paper; this letter size is best for electronic music readers.

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Playful (♩ = 80)

I. Country Fiddling

[7']

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Violin

Piano

p

8va

sim.

Red.

cresc.

(mp)

(mf)

f

ff

8va

11

12

Red.

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2

14

14

3

17

17

3

21

22

22

ff

ff

3

3

24

24

f

mf

mp

p

f

mf

mp

p

3

3

3

3

28 *pp* 31

28 *pp* *p* 31

28 *pp* *p* 31

33 *p* *mp* *mf* *f* 39

33 *p* *mp* *mf* *f* 39

33 *p* *mp* *mf* *f* 39

36 *ff* *ff* *f* 39

36 *ff* *ff* *f* 39

36 *ff* *ff* *f* 39

40 *f* *f* *f* 39

40 *f* *f* *f* 39

40 *f* *f* *f* 39

53

mp cresc. *(mf)* *f*

53

mp cresc. *(mf)* *f*

8va¹ *8va* *8va* *8va*

** 8va*

56 *ff* *ff* *mp* *mp*

59 *8va* *sim.*

62 *mp* *mp*

67

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This musical score page contains measures 70 through 90 of a Violin Concerto. It is written for violin and piano. The score is divided into four systems, each with a violin staff and a piano grand staff (treble and bass clefs). Measure numbers 70, 75, 82, and 90 are indicated at the beginning of their respective systems. The music features complex rhythmic patterns, including triplets and sixteenth-note runs. Dynamic markings such as *ff* (fortissimo), *fff* (fortississimo), and *ff* are used throughout. The key signature changes from one sharp (F#) to two flats (Bb and Eb) between measures 75 and 82. The time signature changes from 2/4 to 3/4 between measures 82 and 90. The piano part includes dense chordal textures and intricate arpeggiated figures, while the violin part features rapid sixteenth-note passages and melodic lines with slurs and accents.

93

pp *cresc.* *(mp)*

93

pp *cresc.* *(mp)*

99

mf *mp*

99

mf *mp*

Red. *

105

dolce *p*

105

mp *p*

dolce

n 108

109

8va

109

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8

111

(8va)

mf

113

mp *mf* *mp*

(8va)

mf *mp*

116

118

118

mp *mf*

8va

120

120

f *ff*

8va - 1
Red.

124 *ff* *rit.* *dim.* *rit.*

124 *ff* *dim.*

* *

a tempo *p* *a tempo* *8va* *8va*

128 *ff* *dim.*

* *

133 *mf* *f*

133 *mf* *f*

136 *ff* *ff* *dim.*

136 *ff* *ff* *dim.*

140

144

144

145

148

151

rit.

pp

rit.

pp

Red.

*

[illegible]

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12

23 *dim.*

23 *f*

Red.

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

30

28 *mf* *mp* *p*

35 *mf*

35 *mf*

38 *dim.* *mp* *p* *pp*

38 *mp* *p* *pp*

dim.

Red.

43 44

p *mp* *mf* *p*

43 44

p *mp* *mf* *p*

S.P. S.P.

51

pp *p* *mp* *f*

51

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

ped. *ped.* *ped.* *

56

p

56

p

61 62

pp *p* *mf*

61 62

p *mf*

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14

66 *f*

69 *mp*

74 *pp* *cresc.* *(mp)*

75 *pp* *cresc.* *Leo.* *** *(mp)*

80 *(mf)* *f*

80 *(mf)* *f*

The musical score is for Violin Concerto No. 2, measures 66 to 80. It is written for violin and piano. The key signature has one sharp (F#). The time signature is 8/8. The score is divided into four systems. The first system (measures 66-68) features a violin melody starting on a whole note G#4, followed by eighth notes, and a piano accompaniment of chords and eighth notes. The second system (measures 69-73) shows the violin playing a melodic line with some rests, while the piano provides a rhythmic accompaniment. The third system (measures 74-79) includes a crescendo in the piano part and a change in the violin's dynamics. The fourth system (measures 80-81) concludes with a forte (f) section for both instruments. Performance markings include *f*, *mp*, *pp*, *cresc.*, *Leo.*, and ***.

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The image displays a musical score for the song "The Rose Tree". It features two staves: a vocal line on a single treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a grand staff (treble and bass clefs). The key signature has one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 3/4. The score begins with a tempo marking of "Allegretto" and a dynamic of "ff". The vocal line starts at measure 82 and includes a "Cresc." (crescendo) marking. The piano accompaniment includes several "Ped." (pedal) markings and a "Cresc." marking. The piece concludes with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

The image displays a musical score for the song "The Rose Tree". It consists of two systems of staves. The top system features a single melodic line in treble clef, 3/8 time, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody begins at measure 84 and continues through measure 85. Dynamics include *pp* (pianissimo) and *p* (piano). The bottom system is a piano accompaniment in grand staff (treble and bass clefs). It also starts at measure 84. The left hand plays a steady bass line, while the right hand provides harmonic support with chords and moving lines. Dynamics include *ff* (fortissimo) and *pp*. The score includes a repeat sign in measure 85 and a final double bar line. The title "The Rose Tree" is written in a decorative font at the bottom right.

The image shows a musical score for the song "The Rose Tree". It consists of two systems of staves. The first system has a vocal line (soprano) and a piano accompaniment (treble and bass clefs). The second system has a vocal line (soprano) and a piano accompaniment (treble and bass clefs). The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 3/8. The score includes dynamic markings such as *cresc.* and *(mf)*, and articulation marks like *leg.* and **.*

The image displays a musical score for the song "The Rose Tree". It is written for voice and piano. The score is in 3/8 time and consists of two systems, each containing a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The key signature has one sharp (F#), and the tempo is marked "Allegretto".

System 1:

- Vocal Line:** Starts with a quarter note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, and a quarter note B4. The melody continues with a quarter note C5, a quarter note D5, and a quarter note E5. The line ends with a quarter rest.
- Piano Accompaniment:** The right hand plays a series of eighth notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, D5, E5. The left hand plays a series of eighth notes: G3, A3, B3, C4, D4, E4. The piano part ends with a quarter rest.

System 2:

- Vocal Line:** Starts with a quarter note F#4, followed by a quarter note G4, and a quarter note A4. The melody continues with a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, and a quarter note D5. The line ends with a quarter rest.
- Piano Accompaniment:** The right hand plays a series of eighth notes: F#4, G4, A4, B4, C5, D5. The left hand plays a series of eighth notes: F#3, G3, A3, B3, C4, D4. The piano part ends with a quarter rest.

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Violin Concerto No. 2, page 16. The score is in 3/4 time and features a violin and piano. The violin part has measures 97-108, and the piano part has measures 97-108. The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and dynamic markings.

Violin Part:

- Measure 97: *p*, *rit.*
- Measure 98: *rit.*
- Measure 99: *a tempo*
- Measure 100: *rit.*
- Measure 101: *a tempo*
- Measure 102: *rit.*
- Measure 103: *a tempo*
- Measure 104: *mf*
- Measure 105: *f*
- Measure 106: *f*
- Measure 107: *f*
- Measure 108: *ff*

Piano Part:

- Measure 97: *pp*, *rit.*
- Measure 98: *p*, *rit.*
- Measure 99: *a tempo*
- Measure 100: *rit.*
- Measure 101: *a tempo*
- Measure 102: *rit.*
- Measure 103: *a tempo*
- Measure 104: *mf*
- Measure 105: *mf*
- Measure 106: *f*
- Measure 107: *f*
- Measure 108: *ff*

Other markings:

- Measure 97: *Reo.*
- Measure 98: *Reo.*
- Measure 99: *Reo.*
- Measure 100: ***
- Measure 101: *Reo.*
- Measure 102: ***
- Measure 103: *Reo.*
- Measure 104: *Reo.*
- Measure 105: *Reo.*
- Measure 106: ***
- Measure 107: *Reo.*
- Measure 108: *Reo.*

111

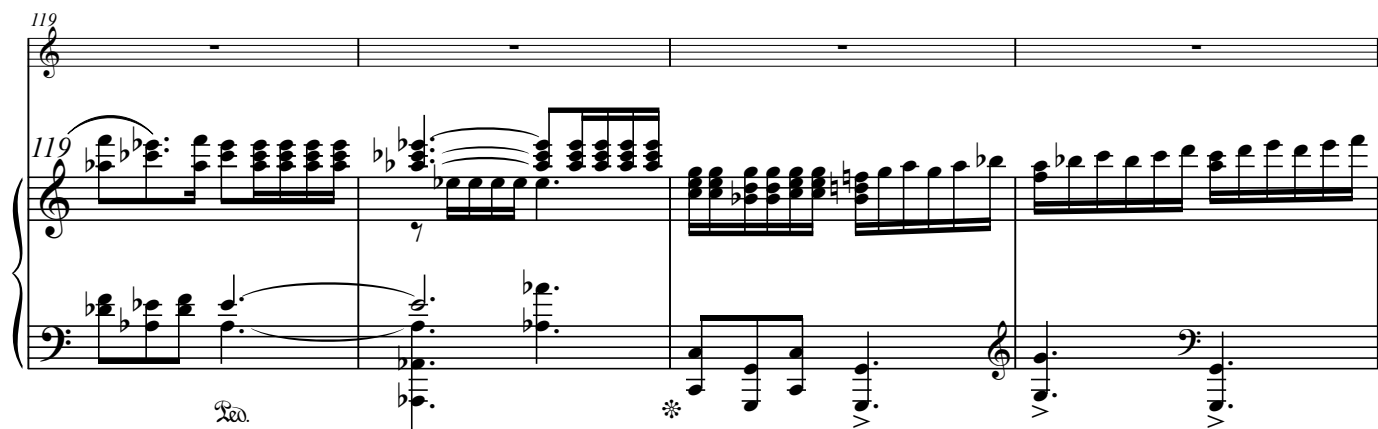


114 **Moderato** (♩ = 54)

p *cresc.* *(mf)* *f* *ff*



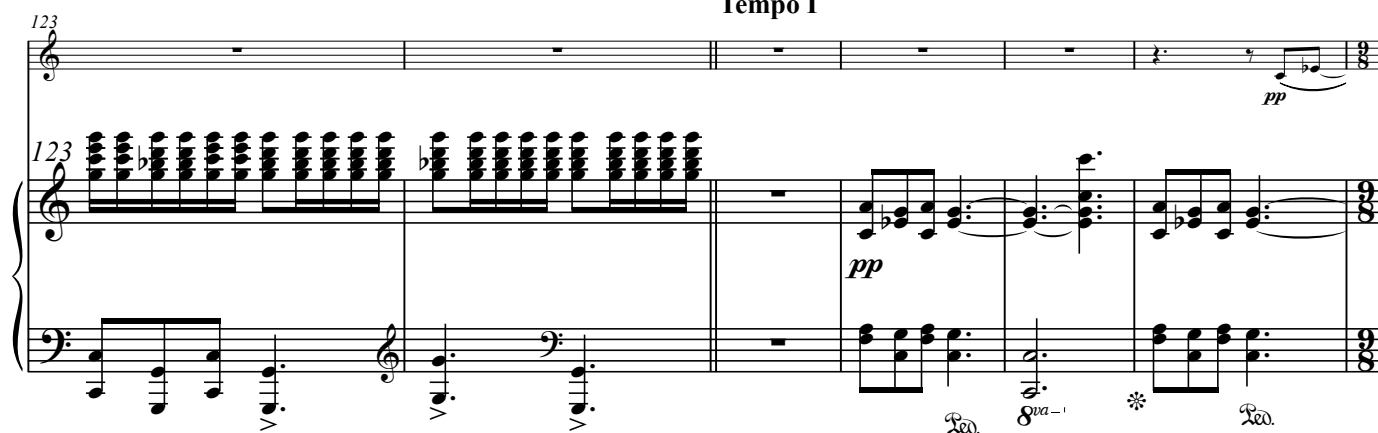
119



(♩ = 100)
Tempo I

123

pp



This image shows a page from a musical score for Luciano Berio's 'L'Espresso'. The score is written for voice and piano. The top system (measures 129-133) features a vocal line with a 'rit.' (ritardando) marking and a piano line with an '8va' (octave) marking. The tempo is marked 'Meno mosso' and the dynamics include 'p' (piano). The middle system (measures 134-136) continues the vocal and piano parts, with the piano line featuring a 'Ped.' (pedal) marking. The bottom system (measures 137-141) shows the vocal line with a 'rit.' marking and the piano line with an '8va' marking. The score is in 3/4 time and includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and dynamic markings.

III. Scherzo

[3:50]

19

Vivace (♩.= 112)

Violin

Piano

ff

ff

8va-

5

5

9

9

8va---

13

13

(8va)

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20

16 *ff* *p*

16 *f* *p*

20 *p* *cresc.*

20 *cresc.* (*mf*)

25 *f* *ff* 27

25 *f* *ff* 27

29

29

Detailed description: This page contains the musical score for measures 16 through 29 of a section in Violin Concerto No. 2. The score is written for Violin (top staff) and Piano (bottom staff). Measures 16-19 show a transition from fortissimo (ff) to piano (p) in the violin and forte (f) to piano (p) in the piano. Measures 20-24 feature a crescendo in both parts, with the piano part reaching mezzo-forte (mf) by measure 24. Measures 25-28 show a return to forte (f) and fortissimo (ff) dynamics, with a section marked '27' starting in measure 27. Measure 29 continues the fortissimo passage. The piano part includes complex rhythmic patterns and dynamic markings throughout.

33 36

33 36

37

37

41

41

46 48

46 48

p

ff

p

p cresc.

mf

f

f

cresc.

8va-

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22

49 *ff*

49 *ff*

53

53

57 58

57 58

60

60

63

63

8va

ff

68

68

p

cresc.

74

74

p

mf

77

77

f

ff

79

81

8^{va}-----

81

Poco meno mosso (♩.= 92)

85

85

pp *legato*

LH RH

ff

pp

Leg.

85

91

91

8^{va}-----

pp *legato*

91

Tempo I (♩.= 112)

96

96

p *pp* *ff*

8^{va}-----

8^{va}-----

p *pp* *ff*

96

The image displays a musical score for the song "The Rose Tree". It consists of three staves. The top staff is a single melodic line in treble clef, starting with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The middle and bottom staves are a piano accompaniment in grand staff format, with a bass clef on the left and a treble clef on the right. The key signature for the piano part is one flat (Bb). The music is written in 4/4 time. The melody features a mix of eighth and sixteenth notes, with some rests. The piano accompaniment includes chords and moving lines in both hands, with some triplets indicated by a '3' over a group of notes. The score is divided into measures by vertical bar lines.

The image displays a musical score for the song "The Rose Tree". It consists of two systems of staves. The first system has a single treble staff with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C). The second system is a grand staff, featuring both a treble and a bass staff, with a key signature of one flat and a common time signature. The music is written in a simple, melodic style, with the melody primarily in the treble staff and accompaniment in the bass staff. The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and bar lines, and ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

The image shows a musical score for the song "The Rose Tree". It consists of two systems of staves. The top system has a single staff with a treble clef, and the bottom system has two staves (treble and bass clefs) for piano accompaniment. The music is in 12/16 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The tempo is marked "rit." (ritardando) and the dynamics are marked "pp" (pianissimo). The score includes a vocal line and piano accompaniment. The piano part features a repeating bass line in the left hand and a more melodic line in the right hand. The vocal line is a simple melody. The score is divided into measures by bar lines, and there are repeat signs at the end of the piece.

Poco meno mosso (♩.=92)

The musical score for 'The Rose Tree' is presented in three systems. The first system consists of a single treble staff with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature. It begins with a treble clef and a repeat sign. The melody is written in a simple, folk-like style. The second system is a grand staff, featuring a bass staff on the left and a treble staff on the right. The bass staff begins with a bass clef and a key signature of one flat. The treble staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The third system continues the grand staff, with the bass staff featuring a key signature change to two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a common time signature. The treble staff continues with the same key signature and time signature. The score concludes with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

Dervishistical (♩ = 80)

Violin

Piano

p

legato

cresc.

mp

mf

f

ff

9

15

17

20 *ff*

20 *ff* *assez*

24

24 *ff* *8va*

30

30 *ff* *assez* *8va*

34

37

37

41

44

47

47

fff

50

50

ff

ff *assez*

Red. *

52

57

ff

dolce

p

52

ff *p* *pp* *p dolce*

58

58

63

63

67

68

68

p cresc.

71

71

f ff

73

73

75

75

ff

f

77

78

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

legato

mp *p* *pp* *f*

8va

Rec.

85

mp *p* *pp*

mp *p* *pp*

8va

91

f *mf* *dim.* *mp*

91

f *mf* *dim.* *mp*

8^{va} 2^{do} *

97

p *rit.* *a tempo* *pp* *p*

97

p *rit.* *a tempo* *pp* *p cresc.*

8^{va} 103

105

p *rit.* *a tempo* *pp* *p cresc.*

105

p *rit.* *a tempo* *pp* *p cresc.*

8^{va} 103

111

p *rit.* *a tempo* *pp* *p cresc.*

111

p *rit.* *a tempo* *pp* *p cresc.*

8^{va} 103

117

ff

120

120

123

123 *8va*

ff

126

126

ff dim.

ff dim.

Leg. *

The image displays a musical score for the song "The Rose Tree." It consists of two systems of staves. The first system features a single melodic line on a treble clef staff, starting at measure 130 and ending at measure 134. The second system is a piano accompaniment, with a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. It begins at measure 130 and continues through measure 134. The music is written in a key with one sharp (F#) and uses a variety of time signatures: 4/4, 3/4, 2/4, and 4/4. Dynamic markings include *f* (forte), *mf* (mezzo-forte), and *mp* (mezzo-piano). The piano part includes triplets and a *legato* section. The score is presented in a clean, professional layout with clear notation and dynamic markings.

The image displays a musical score for the song "The Rose Tree." It consists of two systems of music. The first system features a vocal melody on a single staff and a piano accompaniment on a grand staff (treble and bass clefs). The second system continues the piano accompaniment. The score includes various musical notations such as treble and bass clefs, a key signature of one sharp (F#), a common time signature (C), and dynamic markings like *mp* (mezzo-piano) and *mf* (mezzo-forte). There are also performance instructions like *tr* (trill) and *acc* (accents). The lyrics "The Rose Tree" are written below the vocal line in the first system. The piece concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots.

138

f *ff*

138 *f* *ff*

Reo. Reo. Reo. Reo. *

The image displays a musical score for the song "The Rose Tree". It features two systems of music. The first system consists of a single treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The melody begins with a quarter note G4, followed by eighth notes A4 and B4, and a quarter note C5. The second system is a piano arrangement with a grand staff (treble and bass clefs). The treble staff continues the melody, while the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with eighth notes. The score includes dynamic markings such as *mp* (mezzo-piano) and *f* (forte), and various musical notations like slurs, ties, and accidentals.

144

cresc. *(mf)* *f*

144

cresc. *(mf)* *f*

Reo. *

147

ff

147

ff

153

153

156

ff

156

8va

159

159

162 G.P. 163 *p*

162 G.P. 163 *p*

168

168

173 174 *mp*

173 174 *mp*

8va -

8va -

177

177

cresc. *(mf)* *f*

(8va)

185

186

185

ff

186

190

190

197

199

197

199

201

201

204

204

207

208

207

208

ff

ff *mp*

Pia. *

211

p *cresc.* *(mf)*

p *cresc.* *(mf)*

214 *f* *ff*

216 *legato*

223

228

230

230

232 (tutti) *ff*

232

236

236

239 *fff*

239