

Full Score

Tread Softly

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Duration: ca. 6 minutes

INSTRUMENTATION

2 Flutes

2 Oboes

2 Clarinets in B-flat

2 Bassoons

4 Horns in F

2 Trumpets in C*

3 Trombones (3rd = Bass Trombone) *

1 Tuba

Timpani

3 Percussion**

Violin I

Violin II

Viola

Cello

Contrabass (C-Extension required)

[recommended min. string count = 10 . 8 . 6 . 5 . 4]

*All trumpets and trombones require
straight mutes and harmon mutes

**Percussion Instruments:

1 = Vibraphone, Medium China Cymbal (*shared with 2*), Glockenspiel (*shared with 2*)

2 = Crotales, Medium China Cymbal (*shared with 1*), Glockenspiel (*shared with 1*), Bass Drum

3 = 3 Woodblocks (low, medium, high), Snare Drum, Tambourine, Tam-Tam, 6 Almglocken (pitched A^{#4}, B⁴, C^{#5}, E⁵, F^{#5}, G^{#5})

Score in C

PERFORMANCE NOTES

Accidentals apply only to the octave indicated and apply throughout entire measure.

Accidentals may be repeated later in the measure as a reminder.

All glissandi should occur throughout the complete duration indicated.

All tremolos are unmeasured and should be played as quickly as possible.

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PROGRAMME NOTE

The title of this work is taken from the final line of William Butler Yeats' poem, *He Wishes for the Cloths of Heaven*. With this piece, I wanted to capture the beautiful imagery that Yeats creates in describing "*the heavens' embroidered cloths*", while also evoking the deep sense of longing and humility that is apparent within the text. There is an ephemeral nature to the language that he uses – referring to the many qualities of light,

from brilliant luminance to an almost hazy dawn. This is the essence of what I tried to capture within this work.

On a personal level, this poem was also painted on a wall of my home growing up and later was inscribed onto a piece of artwork that still hangs in my mother's living room. It's a text that has always passively been a part of my life.

He Wishes for the Cloths of Heaven

*"Had I the heavens' embroidered cloths,
Enwrought with golden and silver light,
The blue and the dim and the dark cloths
Of night and light and the half light,
I would spread the cloths under your feet:
But I, being poor, have only my dreams;
I have spread my dreams under your feet;
Tread softly because you tread on my dreams."*

-W.B.Yeats

COMPOSER BIOGRAPHY

Liam Ritz (b.1996) is a Canadian-born composer based in Toronto, Ontario.

Ritz has been fortunate to work with outstanding musicians and ensembles including the Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra, the Toronto Symphony Orchestra, Gemma New, Veronique Lacroix, Etsuko Kimura, Cameron Crozman, Adam Sherkin and more.

His works have been frequently performed across Canada in festivals and workshops such as the Canadian Contemporary Music Workshop, the Scotia Festival of Music, the University of Toronto: New Music Festival, the Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra's What Next Festival, and at the Orford Music Academy. In addition, Liam's works are often programmed by musicians in solo and chamber recitals, including performances in the United States, Italy, Finland, and Argentina.

Recognized for his work, Ritz has received multiple SOCAN Foundation Young Composers Awards, as well as a Prix Artistique from the Jeunesses Musicales Canada: Concours Do Mi Si La Do Ré. His works have been supported by organizations such as the Toronto Arts Council, Ontario Arts Council, Canada Council for the Arts, and the RBC Emerging Artists Project. Ritz was selected in 2018 as the inaugural winner of the Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra's Composer Fellowship Program (2018/2019), was awarded a 2020 City of Hamilton Arts Award, and was selected for the 2022 Winnipeg New Music Festival: Composers Institute.

Liam received a Bachelor of Music from the University of Toronto, studying composition under Abigail Richardson-Schulte. In addition, he has participated in masterclasses with Peteris Vasks, Robin de Raaf, Ana Sokolovic, and Jean Lesage and has studied conducting under Ivars Taurins, Stephane Potvin, and Gillian McKay.

Liam is an Associate Composer of the Canadian Music Centre and a member of the Canadian League of Composers.

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Fl. 1
Fl. 2
Ob. 1
Ob. 2
Cl. 1
Cl. 2
Bsn. 1
Bsn. 2
Hn. 1
Hn. 2
Tpt. 1
Tbn. 1
B. Tbn.
Tuba
Timpani
(Vib.)
(Crot.)
Perc. 1
(S.D.)
Vln. I (Div.)
Vln. II (Div.)
Vla. (Div.)
Vc.
(salt., col legno)
C.B.

A

pp → mf
mf → pp
pp
pp
pp → mp → mf
pp → mp → mf
pp → f → mf
pp → f → mf
ord. + +
pp
pp
pp → mp → pp
straight mute
molto
molto
pp
p
mf
Tambourine
salt., ad lib.
III
salt., ad lib.
III
arco
tr
col legno
pizz.
arco
pp
arco
pp → mp
col legno
f
col legno
salt.
p
(salt., col legno)
pp → p → pp
pizz.
pizz.
pp → f
mf

9

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Bsn.

Hn.

Tpt.

Tbn.

B. Tbn.

Tuba

Tim.

(Vib.)

(Crot.)

Perc.

(Tamb.)

Vln. I (Div.)

Vln. II (Div.)

Vla. (Div.)

Vc.

C.B.

B
3
4

12

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Bsn.

Hn.

Tpt.

Tbn.

B. Tbn.

Tuba

Tim.

(Vib.)

Perc.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

C.B.

mp *pp* *f*

mp *pp* *f*

mp *pp* *f* *p*

pp *f* *p*

pp *f* *p*

f

pp *mf* *p*

open *p* *mf* *p*

open *p* *mf* *p*

p *mf* *p*

p *mf* *p*

p *mf* *p*

fp

pp *molto* *p*

Med. China Cymbal *pp* *molto sul pont.* *B*

unis. *gloss.* *3* *molto sul pont.* *ord.* *3* *pp cresc. poco a poco*

unis. *3* *molto sul pont.* *ord.* *3* *pp cresc. poco a poco*

unis. *6* *6* *5* *pp cresc. poco a poco*

f *pp < f* *pp < f* *p* *f* *pp*

20

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Bsn.

Hn.

Tpt.

Tbn.

B. Tbn.

Tuba

Tim.

(Vib.)

(Glock.)

Perc.

(Almglock.)

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

C.B.

25

4

44

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Bsn.

Hn.

Tpt.

Tbn.

B. Tbn.

Tuba

Timp.

(Vib.)

(Glock.)

Perc.

(Almglock.)

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

C.B.

C Subito più mosso e energico ($\downarrow=76$)

(ord.)

28

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Bsn.

Hn.

Tpt.

Tbn.

B. Tbn.

Tuba

4

SACRA

3
4

4
4

C Subito più mosso e energico ($\downarrow=76$)

1

Violin I (Div.)

ff molto sost. *gliss.* **b>**

Violin II (Div.)

ff molto sost. *gliss.* **b>**

Viola (Div.)

ff molto sost. *gliss.* **p**

Cello

ff *pliss.* **p**

Bassoon

ff

31 4 rit.

D 3 Meno mosso e tranquillo ($\text{♩}=66$)

Fl. 1
Fl. 2
Ob. 1
Ob. 2
Cl. 1
Cl. 2
Bsn. 1
Bsn. 2
Hn. 1
Hn. 2
Tpt. 1
Tpt. 2
Tbn. 1
B. Tbn.
Tuba
Timp.
Med. China Cymbal
Perc. 1
Perc. 2 (T.T.)
Perc. 3

rit.

D f 3 Meno mosso e tranquillo ($\text{♩}=66$)

Vln. I (Div.)
Vln. II (Div.)
Vla. (Div.)
Vc.
C.B.

Musical score page 35, featuring multiple staves for various instruments. The score includes parts for Flute (Fl.), Oboe (Ob.), Clarinet (Cl.), Bassoon (Bsn.), Horn (Hn.), Trumpet (Tpt.), Trombone (Tbn.), Bass Trombone (B. Tbn.), Tuba, Timpani (Timp.), Percussion (Perc.), Violin I (Div.), Violin II (Div.), Cello (Vcl.), Double Bass (C.B.), and Bassoon. The score is marked with dynamic instructions such as *p*, *pp*, *mp*, *sfp*, *sfpp*, *gliss.*, *tr.*, and *espress.*. Measure 35 begins with a section for Flute, Oboe, Clarinet, Bassoon, and Horn. The score then transitions to a section for Horn, Trumpet, Trombone, Bass Trombone, Tuba, Timpani, and Percussion. The final section features Violin I (Div.), Violin II (Div.), Cello, Double Bass, and Bassoon. The score is annotated with performance instructions like *4:3* and *a 2 +*.

E Risoluto e nobilmente

43

E Risoluto e nobilmente

1. solo

I ♫.

100

1

1 solo

I. SOLO

ppp lontano

10

10

1

100

1

1

100

1

1

1

1

1

1

1

F

3 **2** accel.

49

Fl. 1
Fl. 2

Ob. 1
Ob. 2

Cl. 1
Cl. 2

Bsn. 1
Bsn. 2

Hn. 1
Hn. 2
(a 2)

Tpt. 1
Tpt. 2

Tbn. 1
Tbn. 2

B. Tbn.

Tuba

Timp.

(Vib.)
(B.D.)

Perc. 1
Perc. 2
Perc. 3

F

3 **2** accel.

44

Vln. I (Div.)

Vln. II (Div.)

Vla. (Div.)

Vc. (Div.)

C.B.

4 Più mosso e un po' agitato ($\text{♩}=108$)

53 **4**

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Bsn.

Hn.

Tpt.

Tbn.

B. Tbn.

Tuba

Tim.

Perc.

4 Più mosso e un po' agitato ($\text{♩}=108$)

Vln. I (Div.)

Vln. II (Div.)

Vla. (Div.)

Vc. (Div.)

C.B.

G Subito lontano e tranquillo ($\bullet = 56$)

1
2

Hn.

3
4

Tpt. 1
2

Tbn. 1
2

B. Tbn.

Tuba

Timpani

1
2

Glockenspiel
pp (med-soft mallets)

Perc. 2

Tam-Tam
Tam-Tam

Vibraphone
pp dead-stroke

Perc. 3

Snare Drum
wire brushes (sweep)

G Subito lontano e tranquillo ($\bullet = 56$)

8^a

solo

Vln. I *pp dolciss.*

gli altri

Vln. II (Div.)

Vla.

Vc.

C.B.

65

Fl. 1
Fl. 2

Ob. 1
Ob. 2

Cl. 1
Cl. 2 *ppp dolciss.*

Bsn. 1
Bsn. 2

Hn. 1
Hn. 2 *pp*

Tpt. 1
Tpt. 2

Tbn. 1
Tbn. 2

B. Tbn.

Tuba

Tim. (Vib.)
(Glock.)

Perc. 1
(S.D.)
2
3

8a.

solista
Vln. I
gli altri
Vln. II
(Div.)

Vla.

Vcl.

C.B.

H Subito più mosso ($\text{♩} = 66$) **3** **4**

69

Fl. 1
Fl. 2
Ob. 1
Ob. 2
Cl. 1
Cl. 2
Bsn. 1
Bsn. 2
Hn. 1
Hn. 2
Tpt. 1
Tpt. 2
Tbn. 1
B. Tbn.
Tuba
Timpani
(Vib.)
(Glock.)
Perc. 1
Almglocken
Perc. 2
Perc. 3
H Subito più mosso ($\text{♩} = 66$) **3** **4**

1. solo p
2. solo p
1. solo p
2. solo p
solo, salt. p
solo, salt. p

tutti pp espress. tutti pp

tutti, ord. pp pp pp pp pp pp pp

gliss. pp pp pp pp pp pp pp

74

Fl.

Fl.

Ob.

Ob.

Cl.

Cl.

Bsn.

Bsn.

Hn.

Hn.

Tpt.

Tpt.

Tbn.

B. Tbn.

Tuba

Tim.

(Vib.)

(Glock.)

Perc.

(Almglock.)

Vln. I (Div.)

Vln. II (Div.)

Vla.

Vc.

C.B.

I accel. poco a poco.

Musical score page 79, measures 1-5. The score includes parts for Flute (Fl.), Oboe (Ob.), Clarinet (Cl.), Bassoon (Bsn.), Horn (Hn.), Trumpet (Tpt.), Trombone (Tbn.), Bass Trombone (B. Tbn.), Tuba, Timpani (Timp.), Vibraphone (Vib.), and Percussion (Perc.). The instrumentation is as follows:

- Flute (Fl.)**: Part 1 (measures 1-3), Part 2 (measures 4-5).
- Oboe (Ob.)**: Part 1 (measures 1-3), Part 2 (measures 4-5).
- Clarinet (Cl.)**: Part 1 (measures 1-3), Part 2 (measures 4-5).
- Bassoon (Bsn.)**: Part 1 (measures 1-3), Part 2 (measures 4-5).
- Horn (Hn.)**: Part 1 (measures 1-3), Part 2 (measures 4-5).
- Trumpet (Tpt.)**: Part 1 (measures 1-3), Part 2 (measures 4-5).
- Trombone (Tbn.)**: Part 1 (measures 1-3), Part 2 (measures 4-5).
- Bass Trombone (B. Tbn.)**: Part 1 (measures 1-3), Part 2 (measures 4-5).
- Tuba**: Part 1 (measures 1-3), Part 2 (measures 4-5).
- Timpani (Timp.)**: Part 1 (measures 1-3), Part 2 (measures 4-5).
- Vibraphone (Vib.)**: Part 1 (measures 1-3), Part 2 (measures 4-5).
- Percussion (Perc.)**: Part 1 (measures 1-3), Part 2 (measures 4-5).

Measure 1: **Fl.** *p cresc. poco a poco*, **Ob.** *p cresc. poco a poco*, **Cl.** *pp*, **Bsn.** *mp*, **Hn.** *mf*, **Tpt.** *p*, **Tbn.** *p*, **B. Tbn.** *p*, **Tuba** *p*, **Timp.** *p*, **Vib.** *mp cresc. poco a poco*, **Perc.** *4:3 mp*.

Measure 2: **Fl.** *4:3*, **Ob.** *4:3*, **Cl.** *p cresc. poco a poco*, **Bsn.** *pp*, **Hn.** *pp*, **Tpt.** *p*, **Tbn.** *p*, **B. Tbn.** *p*, **Tuba** *p*, **Timp.** *p*, **Vib.** *4:3*, **Perc.** *4:3*.

Measure 3: **Fl.** *3*, **Ob.** *3*, **Cl.** *p cresc. poco a poco*, **Bsn.** *p*, **Hn.** *pp*, **Tpt.** *mf*, **Tbn.** *p*, **B. Tbn.** *p*, **Tuba** *p*, **Timp.** *p*, **Vib.** *mf*, **Perc.** *5 pp*.

Measure 4: **Fl.** *3*, **Ob.** *3*, **Cl.** *p cresc. poco a poco*, **Bsn.** *p*, **Hn.** *pp*, **Tpt.** *mf*, **Tbn.** *p*, **B. Tbn.** *p*, **Tuba** *p*, **Timp.** *p*, **Vib.** *mf*, **Perc.** *5 pp*.

Measure 5: **Fl.** *3*, **Ob.** *3*, **Cl.** *p cresc. poco a poco*, **Bsn.** *p*, **Hn.** *pp*, **Tpt.** *mf*, **Tbn.** *p*, **B. Tbn.** *p*, **Tuba** *p*, **Timp.** *p*, **Vib.** *mf*, **Perc.** *5 pp*.

I accel. poco a poco.

Vln. I
 (Div.) *gliss.*
 Vln. II
 (Div.) *cresc. poco a poco*
 Vla.
 Vc.
 C.B. *cresc. poco a poco*

Musical score page 94, featuring a dense arrangement of instruments. The score includes parts for Flute (Fl.), Oboe (Ob.), Clarinet (Cl.), Bassoon (Bsn.), Horn (Hn.), Trumpet (Tpt.), Trombone (Tbn.), Bass Trombone (B. Tbn.), Tuba, Timpani (Timp.), Percussion (Perc.), Violin I (Vln. I), Violin II (Vln. II), Viola (Vla.), Cello (C. B.), and Double Bass (D. B.). The music is set in common time, with a key signature of one sharp. The score is divided into two systems by a vertical bar line. The first system concludes with a dynamic ff and a tempo marking of Molto più mosso e energico (♩=144). The second system begins with a dynamic ff and continues with ff, fp, and mf. Various performance instructions are included, such as 'accel. sempre' (for Vln. I Div. and Vln. II Div.), 'cresc.' (for Cl. 1 and 2), 'gliss.' (for Vln. II Div.), and 'wooden sticks' (for Perc. 3). The score is annotated with a large, semi-transparent watermark reading 'OPEN USE' diagonally across the page.

99

molto rit.

pp

ffpp

ffpp

ff

molto

f

ff

(8^a)

molto rit.

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Bsn.

Hn.

Tpt.

Tbn.

B. Tbn.

Tuba

Timp.

Perc.

Vln. I (Div.)

Vln. II (Div.)

Vla.

Vc.

C.B.

K Meno mosso e lontano ($\text{♩} = 56$)

105

Fl. 1
Fl. 2

Ob. 1
Ob. 2

Cl. 1
Cl. 2

Bsn. 1
Bsn. 2

pp express.

Hn. 1
Hn. 2

Hn. 3
Hn. 4

Tpt. 1
Tpt. 2

Tbn. 1
Tbn. 2

(straight mute) 1.
pp

B. Tbn.

Tuba

Timp.

Perc. 1
Perc. 2
Perc. 3

Crotales arco
p

K Meno mosso e lontano ($\text{♩} = 56$)

solista
Vln. I
gli altri

pp express.

solista
Vln. II
gli altri

pp lontano

Vla.

Vcl.
C.B.

pp lontano
p
pp

pp
p
pp

115

Fl. 1
Fl. 2
Ob. 1
Ob. 2
Cl. 1
Cl. 2
Bsn. 1
Bsn. 2
Hn. 1
Hn. 2
Hn. 3
Hn. 4
Tpt. 1
Tpt. 2
Tbn. 1
B. Tbn.
Tuba
Timpani
(Glock.)
(B.D.)
Perc. 1
Perc. 2
Perc. 3
(S)
Vln. I solo
gli altri
Vln. II
Vla (div.)
Vc. (div.)
C.B.

ppp
ppp
ppp
ppp
pp
pp
ppp
ppp
pp
pp
air noise a2
pp
air noise a2
pp
pppp
pppp
pp
tr
ppp
tutti tr
ppp
tutti tr
ppp
pppp
pppp
pppp
pppp
pppp
pppp
pppp

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