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New Day

(2014)

for piano and ensemble

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for piano and ensemble (open instrumentation, 10-15 players)

Duration: 10 mins

Instrumentation

Solo piano

+ 10-15 instruments (wind, brass, strings) ad lib.

A good balance between different instrument types should be sought. Strong, forceful instruments such as clarinets, saxophones and trumpet are particularly desirable.

There is no full score.

There are 11 independent instrumental parts at concert pitch:

7 parts notated in treble clef

1 part notated in alto clef

3 parts notated in bass clef

Each instrumental part consists of four sections, (a), (b), (c) and (d).

Any part may be played by any instrument, transposing up or down one or more octaves as required (the given distribution of treble, alto and bass clefs reflects the original instrumentation of the work and is retained for practicality, but may be ignored if desired). More than one instrument can play the same part, and some parts may therefore be omitted (though this should be minimised).

Certain parts have wider tessituras than others, and it is advisable for players to choose the part which best reflects their instrument's range, particularly regarding section (a). Once an octave transposition has been decided it should be maintained for the whole piece. However, if some notes or phrases remain that are outside the range of the instrument, these may be locally octave-transposed.

The score also contains transposed versions of some parts in an Appendix; these are included as an assistance to transposing instruments; however, this does not preclude other parts from being played by transposing instruments, as long as they too are transposed accordingly.

Layout

The piano should be at the front in the centre. The other instruments should be arranged independently over the stage (not too far apart), facing forwards towards the audience. Quieter instruments should be placed towards the front, loud ones further back.

Method of Performance

General: The piece is conceived as a vigorous collage of different elements (three for the piano, four for the ensemble), any of which may be played at any time by any instrument, each player acting at all times independently. There is no conductor; after the initial *tutti* on section (a) (see below), instruments should be free to move from section to section to section as desired. The envisaged result might be described as a highly energised coherent chaos: it is extremely important that every instrument plays with great energy (at the required dynamic) throughout, without flagging. It is also extremely important that each instrument listens to the overall texture and plays something appropriate to it – thus, spontaneous *tutti* passages of any material type may arise between groups of players or even the whole ensemble. Louder instruments should be sensitive to the overall balance and take care not to overwhelm quieter ones.

Piano: The solo piano has three sections, A, B and C. The player should begin at the beginning of section A; thereafter s/he may play the sections in any order, repeating ad lib (e.g. a sequence of A, C, B, C, A, etc.). Sections may be played in full or in part, beginning and ending anywhere the player desires (not necessarily at the start and end of the section). It is also possible to carry straight on from the end of a section to the beginning of the same section without a break: i.e. they are circular. The piano's alternations from one section to the next give the clearest structuring to the piece for the listener. The player should play relatively lengthy sections (e.g. between 1 and 2 mins generally) and change from one to another not more than 5 times in the course of the whole piece (i.e. a maximum of 6 sections across the 10 mins is permitted).

Ensemble: Each instrument has 4 sections, (a), (b), (c), and (d), presented in two or three columns of phrases down the page. Every player must begin at the beginning (top left-hand corner) of section (a); thereafter each instrument may play the sections in any order, repeating ad lib (e.g. a sequence of (a), (d), (c), (b), (c), (a), etc.). Sections may be played in full or in part, beginning and ending wherever the player desires (not necessarily at the start and end of the passage). Players should read in sequence down or up the columns, changing direction ad lib. They may also repeat a phrase – *or any part of a phrase* (even a single note) – any number of times before moving on. However, each phrase must be played forwards (left to right). It is also possible to carry on from the end of a section to the beginning of the same section without a break – i.e. the sections are circular in design. Ideally players should move without a break from one section to the next; however, a short pause for rest or page-turn may be required.

The following additional instructions relate to each of the ensemble's sections in turn:

Sections (a) and (b): phrases must follow on from each other *attacca*, without break or pause.

Section (b): *tremolo* marks may be executed as appropriate to each instrument. This section is envisaged as a relative rest for the players, and should be played more quietly (*mf*) than the other sections.

Section (c): These are solo (melodic) sections: players should stand up to play these sections if their instrument allows. The motifs in boxes should be played *in any rhythm* for the total duration indicated above the box. (The spacing of notes given need not be respected – the melody can swing or kick at will.) Players may go on from one box to the next without a break, or stop for a short pause: for example, one could play three boxes then pause, then two boxes then pause, then six boxes then pause, etc. It is desirable to form spontaneous Section (c) duos and trios with other players, so conversations can arise at any time.

NB It may be found appropriate to limit the instruments playing Section (c) to those with a particularly strong timbre, such as trumpet, clarinet or saxophone.

Section (d): The figures should be played loudly using noise-rich timbres, multiphonics etc., ad lib. No figure should last more than 5 seconds, and short gaps should be left between each figure. The sounds chosen to render these figures should contrast as strongly as possible with the other sounds and timbres in the piece. The performance of the figures should not be minutely worked out, but the player should translate the *overall* gesture into sound intuitively and spontaneously. They should be played with strength and vitality.

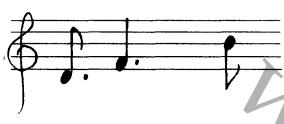
The piece should finish altogether, mid-phrase, after 10 minutes of playing. The ensemble should devise together an appropriate signal or other means to achieve this. (In the first performance the lights onstage were extinguished at a pre-arranged moment.)

New Day was written in 2006 but not performed at the time. Revisions were made in 2014 and it was first performed at the CoMA Summer School, August 2014, by participants of the Summer School with Rolf Hind (piano).

1a

Transposed
up tone

$\text{♩} = 112$ molto ritmico ed energico



1b

Transposed
up tone

($\text{d}=112$)

mf sempre

$\text{d}=112$

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(d=112)

*ff più legato, ma ritmico sempre
(quasi solo)*

1c

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1d

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2a

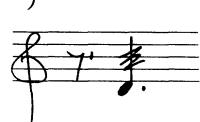
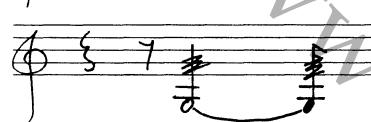
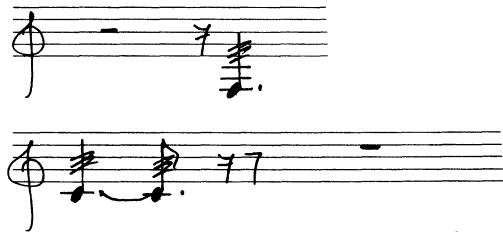
Transposed
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$\text{♩} = 112$ molto ritmico ed energico

f sempre

2b

Transposed
up tone



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(♩=112) ♩

ff più legato, ma ritmico sempre
(quasi solo)

2c
Transposed
up tone

2d

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3a

$\text{J}=112$ molto ritmico ed energico

A handwritten musical score consisting of 15 staves of music. The music is written in common time (indicated by a 'C') and uses a treble clef. The tempo is marked as $\text{J}=112$ molto ritmico ed energico. The dynamics include f sempre in the first staff and p in the last staff. The notation includes various note heads (solid black, hollow white, and black with a vertical line) and stems, with some stems pointing up and others down. There are also several sharp and flat symbols placed above the notes.

A handwritten musical score consisting of 2 staves of music. The music is written in common time (indicated by a 'C') and uses a treble clef. The notation includes solid black note heads and stems pointing up, with a sharp symbol placed above the second note.

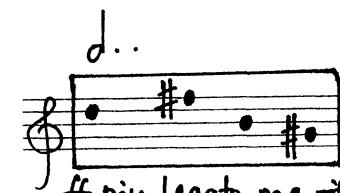
($\text{J}=112$)

mf sempre

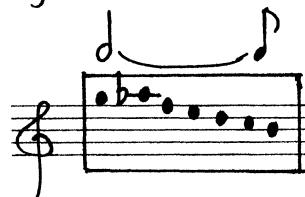
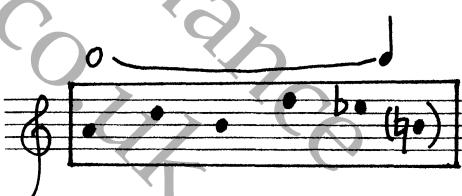
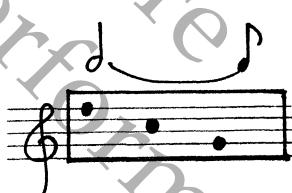
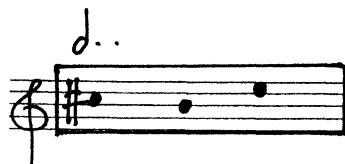
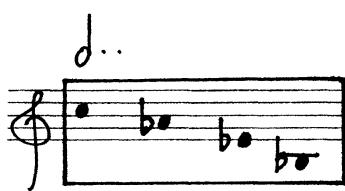
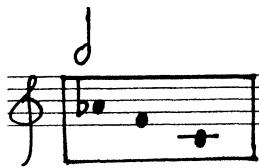
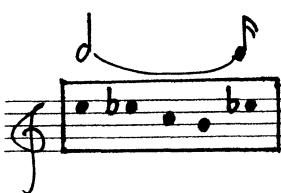
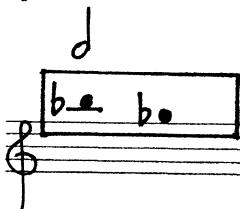
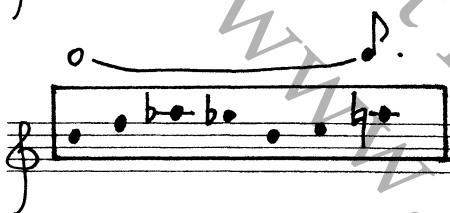
The score consists of 12 staves of music for a single melodic line. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The tempo is indicated as $\text{J}=112$. The dynamic marking *mf sempre* is placed above the first staff. The music features various note heads (solid black, hollow white, and solid black with a vertical stroke) and rests, often with horizontal dashes or stems extending from them. Measure 1 starts with a solid black note followed by a hollow white note. Measures 2-3 show a sequence of notes and rests. Measures 4-5 include a solid black note with a vertical stem and a hollow white note with a horizontal dash. Measures 6-7 feature a solid black note with a vertical stem and a hollow white note with a horizontal dash. Measures 8-9 show a solid black note with a vertical stem and a hollow white note with a horizontal dash. Measures 10-11 show a solid black note with a vertical stem and a hollow white note with a horizontal dash. Measure 12 ends with a solid black note.

The score consists of 6 staves of music for a single melodic line. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The music features various note heads (solid black, hollow white, and solid black with a vertical stroke) and rests, often with horizontal dashes or stems extending from them. Measure 1 starts with a solid black note followed by a hollow white note. Measures 2-3 show a sequence of notes and rests. Measures 4-5 include a solid black note with a vertical stem and a hollow white note with a horizontal dash. Measures 6-7 feature a solid black note with a vertical stem and a hollow white note with a horizontal dash.

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*ff più legato, ma ritmico sempre
(quasi solo)*



3d

AM

4a

$\text{d}=112$ molto ritmico ed energico

A handwritten musical score consisting of 14 staves of music for a single melodic line. The music is written in common time (indicated by a 'C') and uses a treble clef. The key signature changes frequently, starting with two flats and then alternating between one flat, no sharps or flats, and two sharps. The tempo is marked as $\text{d}=112$ molto ritmico ed energico. The dynamics include f (fortissimo) and $f\text{ sempre}$. The notation includes various note heads (solid black, hollow black, solid white), stems (upward, downward), and beams connecting notes. Measure 1 starts with a dotted half note followed by a dotted quarter note. Measures 2-3 show a pattern of eighth and sixteenth notes. Measures 4-5 continue with eighth and sixteenth note patterns. Measures 6-7 show more complex rhythms with sixteenth notes and rests. Measures 8-9 show eighth and sixteenth note patterns. Measures 10-11 show eighth and sixteenth note patterns. Measures 12-13 show eighth and sixteenth note patterns. Measure 14 ends with a single eighth note.

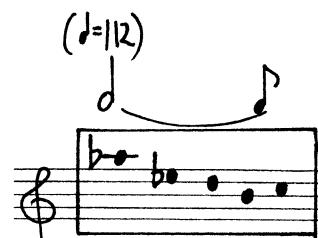
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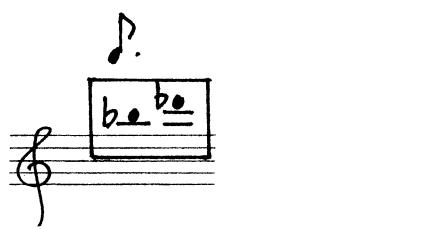
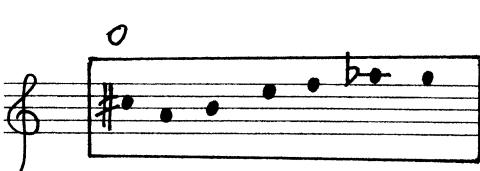
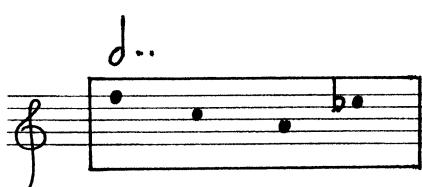
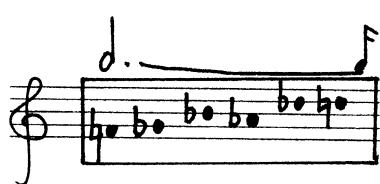
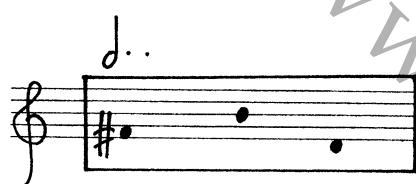
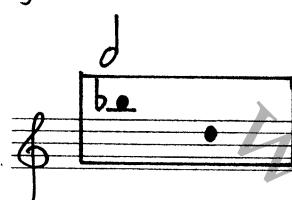
(L=112)

mf sempre

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ff più legato, ma ritmico sempre
(quasi solo)



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4d

scribble

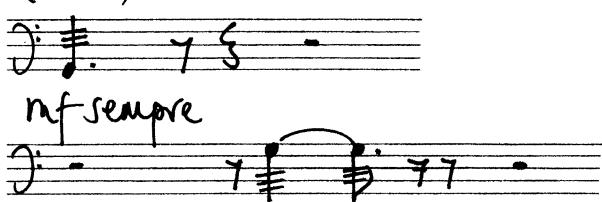
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$\text{J}=112$ molto ritmico ed energico,

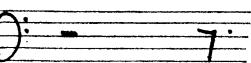
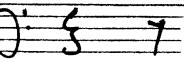
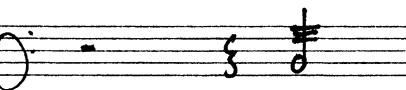
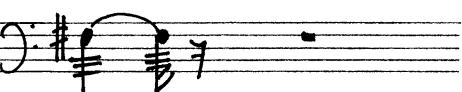
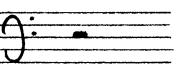
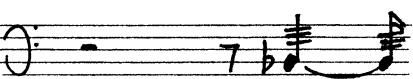
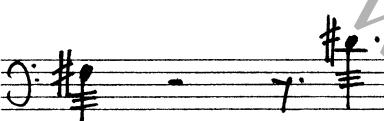
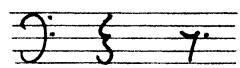
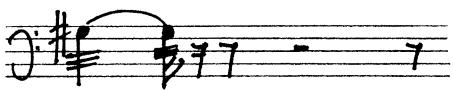
f sempre

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(♩ = 112)



A single melodic line on a staff. It starts with a half note, followed by a quarter note with a fermata, and then a half note. The second measure consists of a half note, a quarter note with a fermata, and then a half note.

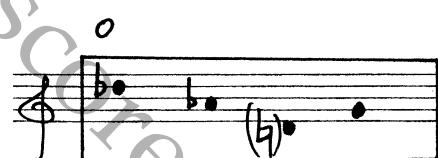
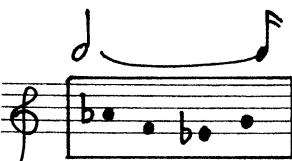
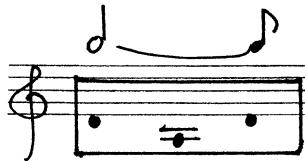
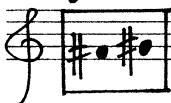


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f più legato, ma ritmico sempre
(quasi soto)





6a

$\text{J}=112$ molto ritmico ed energico

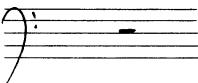
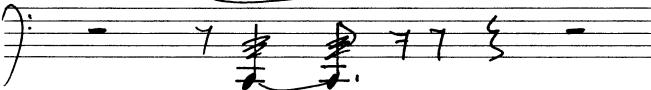
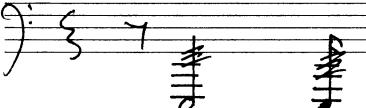
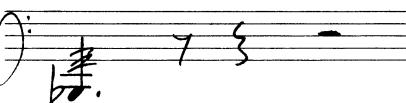
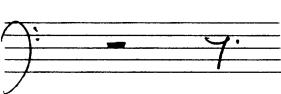
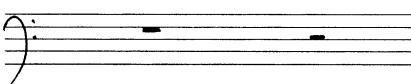
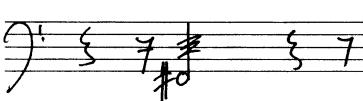
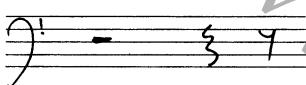
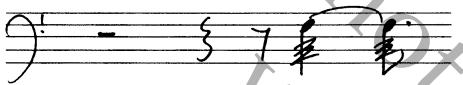
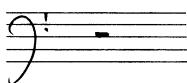
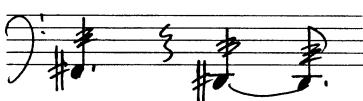
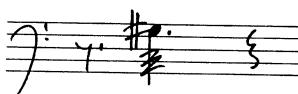
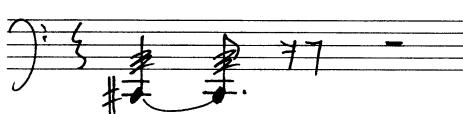
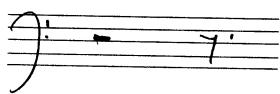
f sempre

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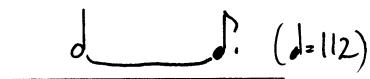
6b

(♩=112)

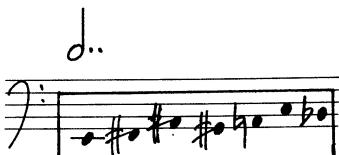
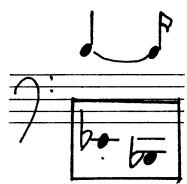
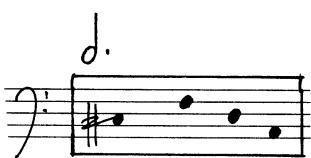
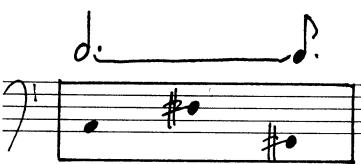
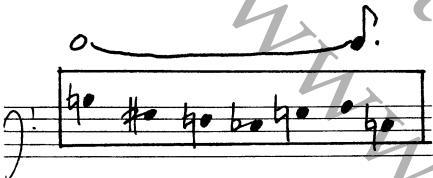
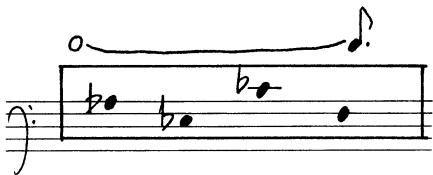
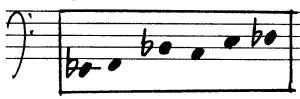


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6c



*ff più legato, ma ritmico sempre
(quasi solo)*



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7a

$\text{♩} = 112$ molto ritmico ed energico

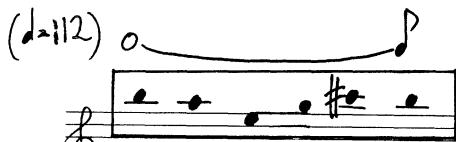
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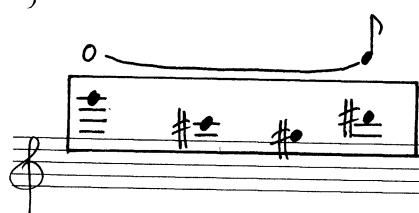
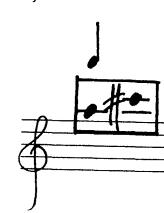
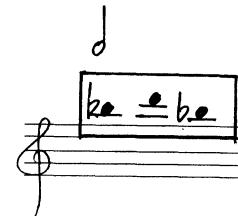
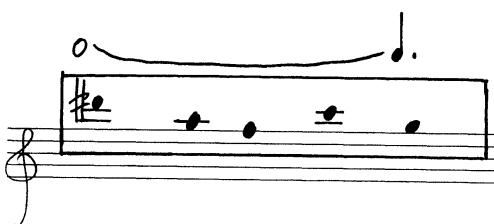
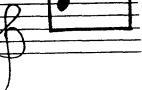
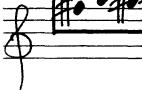
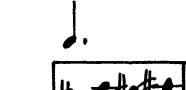
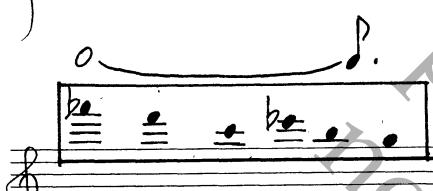
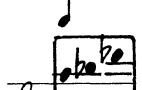
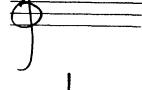
($\text{d}=112$)

Handwritten musical score for a single melodic line. The score consists of ten staves of music. The key signature changes frequently, indicated by various sharps and flats. The tempo is marked as $\text{d}=112$. The dynamics include mf and sf . The first staff has a dynamic marking *sempre* under a slur. The score ends with a final dynamic instruction sf .

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ff più legato, ma ritmico sempre
(quasi solo)



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Wk

$\text{♩} = 112$ molto ritmico ed energico

f sempre

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(♩=112)

mf sempre

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(d=112) o.

ff più legato, ma ritmico sempre
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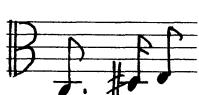
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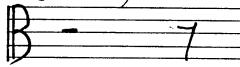
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9a

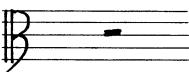
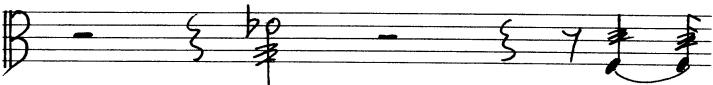
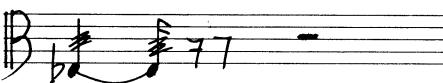
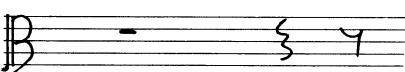
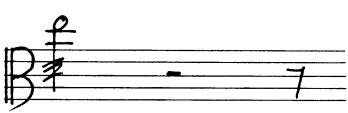
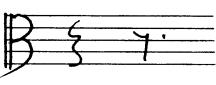
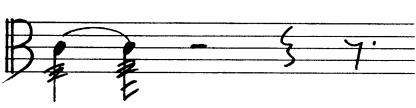
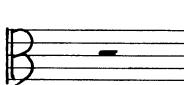
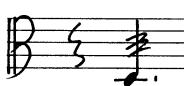
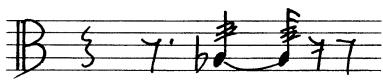
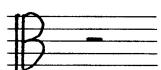
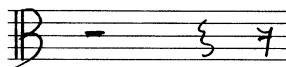
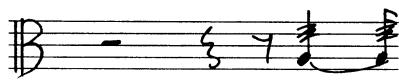
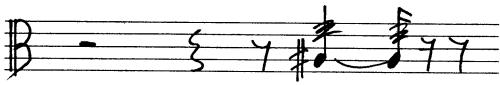
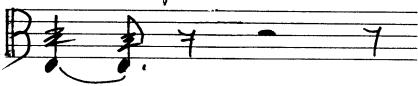


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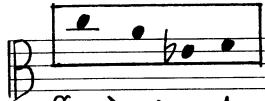


mf sempre

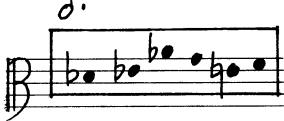
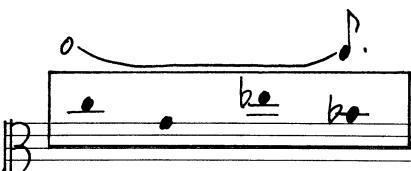
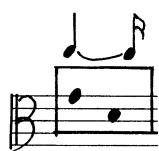


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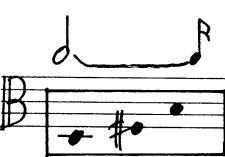
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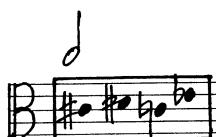
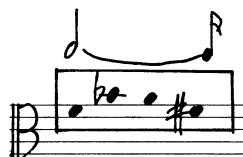
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ff più legato, ma ritmico sempre
(quasi solo)

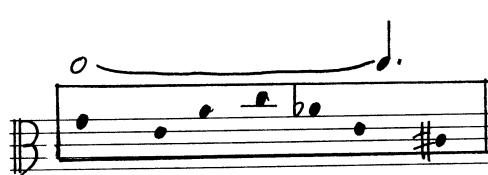






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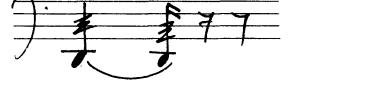
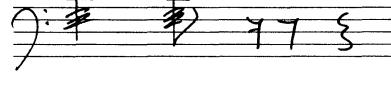
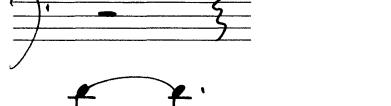
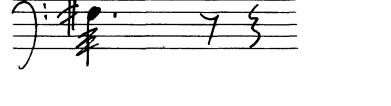
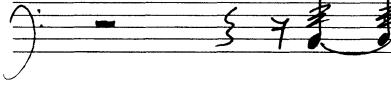
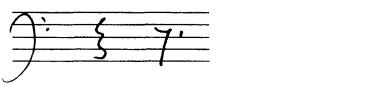
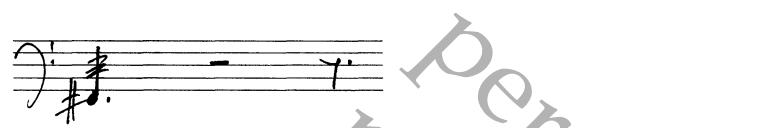
$\text{d}=112$ molto ritmico ed energico

f sempre

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15

10b

($\text{d}=112$)



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(♩=112) ♩..

ff più legato, maritimo sempre
(quasi solo)

A handwritten signature consisting of two loops at the top and a vertical line with a loop at the bottom.

A handwritten signature consisting of a series of loops and curves forming a stylized 'S' shape.

A handwritten signature consisting of a large, sweeping loop on the left and a smaller loop on the right.

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11a

$\text{♩} = 112$ molto ritmico ed energico

f sempre

This block contains a handwritten musical score for a single melodic line. The score consists of 15 staves of music, each with a clef (G or F), a key signature, and a time signature of common time (indicated by a 'C'). The music is written in a rhythmic style using eighth and sixteenth notes. The first staff includes dynamic markings 'f' and 'sempre'. The score is divided into measures by vertical bar lines. Measure 1 starts with a half note followed by an eighth note. Measures 2-3 show eighth-note patterns. Measures 4-5 feature sixteenth-note patterns. Measures 6-7 continue with eighth-note patterns. Measures 8-9 show sixteenth-note patterns. Measures 10-11 feature eighth-note patterns. Measures 12-13 show sixteenth-note patterns. Measures 14-15 feature eighth-note patterns.



(♩=112)

mf sempre

The score consists of 15 lines of music, each starting with a clef (F or C) and a key signature. The first line includes dynamic markings: 'mf' and 'sempre'. The music features various note heads (triads, sixths, etc.) and rests, with some notes having stems pointing up and others down. Measures are separated by vertical bar lines.

This section contains 6 lines of handwritten musical notation, likely a continuation of the piece from the previous page. It uses a bass clef and includes a key signature of one sharp. The notation includes various note heads and rests, with some stems pointing up and others down.

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(♩=112) ♩.

ff più legato, ma ritmico sempre
(quasi solo)

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A handwritten signature consisting of a stylized 'E' and 'S'.

A handwritten signature consisting of a stylized 'M' and 'Y'.

A handwritten signature consisting of a stylized 'W' and 'R'.

A handwritten signature consisting of a stylized 'L' and 'K'.

A handwritten signature consisting of a stylized 'X' and 'A'.

A handwritten signature consisting of a stylized 'Z' and 'J'.

A handwritten signature consisting of a stylized 'B' and 'R'.

A handwritten signature consisting of a stylized 'D' and 'F'.

A handwritten signature consisting of a stylized 'G' and 'A'.

A handwritten signature consisting of a stylized 'Y' and 'D'.

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A handwritten signature consisting of a stylized 'A' and 'R'.

A handwritten signature consisting of a stylized 'B' and 'G'.

A handwritten signature consisting of a stylized 'M' and 'N'.

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A handwritten musical score consisting of ten staves of music. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The tempo is indicated as $J=112$ with the instruction "molto ritmico ed energico". The dynamics include f (fortissimo) and b (pianissimo). The first staff begins with a forte dynamic, while subsequent staves begin with piano dynamics. The music features various note values including eighth and sixteenth notes, and rests. The score is written on five-line staff paper.

3a

Transposed
up major 6th

3b

Transposed
up major 6th

(d=112)

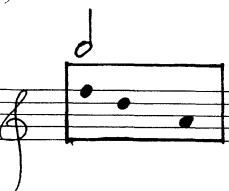
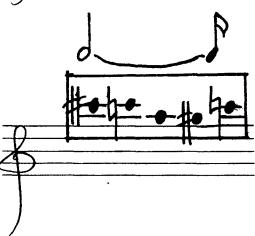
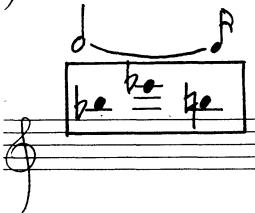
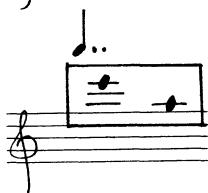
mf Sempre

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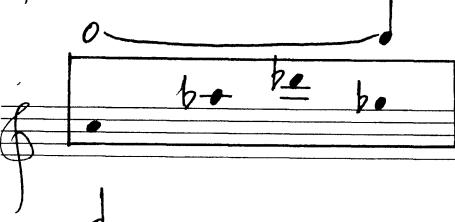
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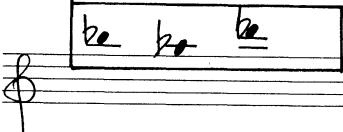
ff più legato, ma ritmico sempre
(quasi solo)



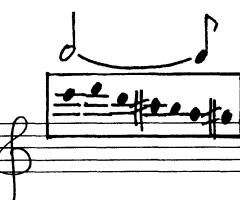
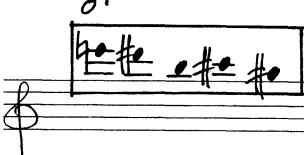
d..



d..



d.



3c

Transposed
up major 6th

4a

Transposed
up tone

$\text{J}=112$ molto ritmico ed energico

f sempre

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4b

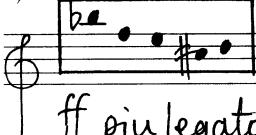
Transposed
up tone

(♩=112)

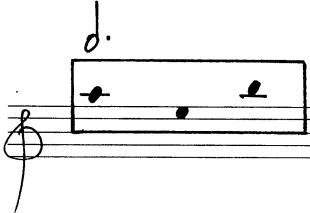
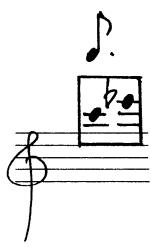
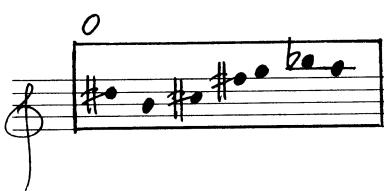
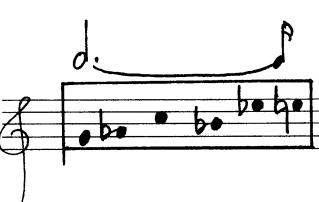
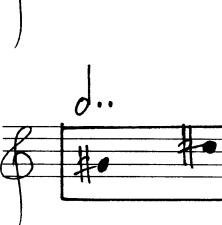
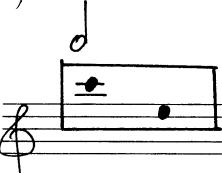
mf semper

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(♩=112) ♩



ff più legato, ma ritmico sempre
(quasi solo)



4c

Transposed
up tone

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5a

Transposed
up 5th

$\text{♩} = 112$ molto ritmico ed energico

f *sempre*

56

Transposed
up 5th

(♩=112)

This block contains ten lines of handwritten musical notation for a single melodic line. The first line includes dynamic markings 'mf' and 'sempre'. The notation uses various note heads (circles, diamonds, squares) and stems, with some notes having horizontal strokes through them. Measures are separated by vertical bar lines. The key signature changes from B-flat major (two flats) to A major (no sharps or flats) throughout the piece.

This block contains four lines of handwritten musical notation for a single melodic line, transposed up a fifth. The key signature is E major (no sharps or flats). The notation uses various note heads and stems, with some notes having horizontal strokes through them. Measures are separated by vertical bar lines.

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5c

Transposed
up 5th

(d=112)

ff più legato, ma ritmico sempre
(quasi solo)