

Gwyneth Walker

Language of the Soul

for Trumpet and Strings

Duration: 15 minutes

It is often said that music is the language of the soul. This sentiment originates with Plato, and resounds through musical writings over the centuries. Thus, with a focus on the humanistic and expressive nature of music, this four-movement work for trumpet and string orchestra aims to explore several of the “messages” which the soul might choose to speak: peace, wonder, freedom and joy. Words cannot always adequately convey these concepts and emotions. Music has the capacity to powerfully capture moods – to touch upon the outpourings of the soul.

“The Soul Speaks of Peace” focuses upon a cantabile melody introduced by the trumpet. This theme is repeated and expanded in dynamics and range, leading to a middle section of falling patterns in the strings. A secondary theme is heard in the trumpet. The opening material returns, including a cadenza in the trumpet. The ending is quiet, fading away.

“Wonder” might be heard in the opening overlapping tones played by the strings, marked “as stars appearing in the sky.” Each note is perhaps a different star, appearing briefly and then becoming part of the entire night view. The trumpet enters, filled with wonder at the beauty of the canopy of stars. Ascending lines, often heard in the strings, draw the attention back upwards to the sky. An energetic section arrives, perhaps expressing the exuberance of experiencing the surrounding wonder of the universe. A solo violin remains at the end – one lone star.

An impish, playful character appears as the “Free Spirit.” The trumpet and strings dialogue in a series of short, bouncy patterns. Eventually, the mood switches to that of the blues, with a “soft shoe” rhythm. Although the instruments occasionally play together, the texture is predominantly a “back-and-forth” of ideas, trying to decide who gets the last word!

“The Soul Sings with Joy” is a highly energetic expression of the thrill of being ALIVE! The music races along, often filled with upward scales and upward glissandi. This is not intended for the faint-hearted violist! Yet it will be the trumpeter who is called upon to give the utmost energy to a role which is truly celebratory.

Language of the Soul was commissioned by, and is dedicated to, trumpeter Tim Hudson of Greensboro, NC. Tim Hudson and Gwyneth Walker met several years ago, and have been collaborating on new works ever since.

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Gwyneth Walker is a proud resident of Vermont. She is the recipient of the Year 2000 “Lifetime Achievement Award” from the Vermont Arts Council as well as the 2008 “Athenaeum Award for Achievement in the Arts and Humanities” from the St. Johnsbury (VT) Athenaeum.

Walker’s catalog includes over 180 commissioned works for orchestra, chamber ensembles, chorus and voice. The music of Gwyneth Walker is published by E. C. Schirmer of Boston (choral and vocal music) and MMB Music of St. Louis (orchestral and instrumental music).

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1. The Soul Speaks of Peace

Flowing $\text{d.} = 44$ ($\text{J.} = 132$)

Trumpet in C

Violins

Viola

Violoncello

Contrabass

arco, sul tasto,
non vib.

p

div.

arco, sul tasto,
non vib.

p

div.

p

pizz.

p

7

A

Tpt.

Vlns.

Vla.

Vlc.

Cb.

unis.

div.

mf cantabile

2

13

Tpt.

Vlns. 1
ord.
unis.

Vlns. 2
ord.
unis.

Vla.
mf

Vlc.
mf

Cb.
mf

p

p

p

p

19

Tpt.

Vlns. 1
mf

Vlns. 2
mf

Vla.
mf

Vlc.
mf

Cb.
mf

p

p

p

arco

p

mf

25

B

Tpt.

Vlns. 1
mf

Vlns. 2
mf

Vla.
mf

Vlc.
mf

Cb.
mf

p

p

p

p

p

31

poco accel.

Tpt. *pizz.* *arco* *mf* *f*

Vlns. 1 *pizz.* *arco* *mf* *f*

Vlns. 2 *pizz.* *arco* *mf* *f*

Vla. *mf* *f*

Vlc. *mf* *f*

Cb. *mf* *f*

Faster

37

rit.

Tpt. *p*

Vlns. 1 *div.* *p*

Vlns. 2 *div.* *p*

Vla. *p*

Vlc. *p*

Cb. *p*

43

a tempo (d. = 44)

[C]

Tpt. *mf*

Vlns. 1 *unis.* *mf* *p* *pizz.*

Vlns. 2 *mf* *p* *pizz.*

Vla. *mf* *p* *pizz.*

Vlc. *mf* *p* *pizz.*

Cb. *mf* *p* *pizz.*

49

Tpt.

Vlns. 1

Vlns. 2

Vla. *arco*
p

Vlc.

Cb.

54

Tpt.

Vlns. 1

Vlns. 2 *arco*
mp

Vla. *mp*

Vlc.

Cb.

59

Tpt. *p* *cresc. poco a poco*

Vlns. 1

Vlns. 2 *pizz.* *cresc. poco a poco*

Vla. *p* *pizz.* *cresc. poco a poco*

Vlc. *p* *cresc. poco a poco*

Cb. *cresc. poco a poco*

64

Tpt. (cresc.) D f

Vlns. 1 (cresc.) arco f

Vlns. 2 (cresc.) arco f

Vla. (cresc.) arco f

Vlc. (cresc.) arco f

Cb. (cresc.) arco f

69

Tpt. div.

Vlns. 1 div. p

Vlns. 2 div. p

Vla. div. p unis.

Vlc. div. p

Cb. div. p

74

Tpt. mf E Same tempo

Vlns. 1 mf

Vlns. 2 mf

Vla. mf

Vlc. mf

Cb. mf

80

Tpt.

Vlns.

Vla.

Vlc.

Cb.

div.

p

p

p

pizz.

mp

mp

mp

arco

mp

85

Tpt.

Vlns.

Vla.

Vlc.

Cb.

p

p

p

pizz.

unis.

div.

mp

mp

mp

mp

arco

mp

poco

90

Tpt.

Vlns.

Vla.

Vlc.

Cb.

p

p

p

pizz.

unis.

div.

mp

mp

mp

arco

non dim.

non dim.

non dim.

unis.

non dim.

non dim.

95

Tpt. *p* **F**

Vlns. 1 *unis.* *div.* *p*

Vlns. 2 *p*

Vla. *p*

Vlc. *div.* *p*

Cb. *pizz.* *p*

100

Tpt. *p*

Vlns. 1 *unis.* *div.* *mf* *p* *mf*

Vlns. 2 *mf* *p* *mf*

Vla. *mf* *p* *mf*

Vlc. *mf* *p* *mf*

Cb. *arco* *pizz.* *arco* *mf*

105

G

Tpt. *f*

Vlns. 1 *f* *f* *unis.*

Vlns. 2 *f* *f*

Vla. *f* *unis.*

Vlc. *f* *f*

Cb. *f*

III

Tpt.

Vlns. 1

Vlns. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

Cb.

117

Tpt.

Vlns. 1

Vlns. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

Cb.

122 **H**

Tpt.

Vlns. 1

Vlns. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

Cb.

128

Tpt. - - - - (f) sul tasto, non vib.

ord. Vlns. 1
ord. unis. 2

Vla. Vlc. Cb. sul tasto, non vib.
sul tasto, non vib.

134 rit.

Tpt. - - - - (f)

ord. Vlns. 1
ord. unis. 2
div. Vla. div.

Vlc. ord. Cb. ord.

I

Slower, more freely

139

Tpt. - - - - , 3 3 3

Vlns. 1 , p f
Vlns. 2 , p f

Vla. , pizz. , p f
Vlc. , pizz. , p arco
Cb. , pizz. , p arco

p f

10

144

Tpt.

Vlns. 1
Vlns. 2
Vla.
Vlc.
Cb.

149 rit.

Tpt.

J a tempo (d. = 44)

Vlns. 1
Vlns. 2
Vla.
Vlc.
Cb.

154 rit. to end

Tpt.

Vlns. 1
Vlns. 2
Vla.
Vlc.
Cb.

2. The Soul Speaks of Wonder

Moderato $\text{♩} = 108$
as stars appearing in the sky

con sord.

Violins
1
2
Viola
Violoncello

p
con sord.

p

con sord.

p
con sord.

poco rit.

With motion $\text{♩} = 120$

A

Tpt.
Vlns.
Vlns.
Vla.
Vla.
Vlc.
Vlc.
Cb.

p gently

p gently

p gently

p gently
con sord.
pizz.

p gently

mf cantabile

arco

Tpt.
Vlns.
Vlns.
Vla.
Vla.
Vlc.
Vlc.
Cb.

p

p

p

p

p

p

arco

18

Tpt.

Vlns. 1

Vlns. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

Cb.

B

22

Tpt.

Vlns. 1

Vlns. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

Cb.

26

Tpt.

Vlns. 1

Vlns. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

Cb.

C

poco cresc.

poco cresc.

poco cresc.

div.

poco cresc.

poco cresc.

30

Tpt.

Vlns. (cresc.)

Vla. (cresc.)

Vlc. (cresc.)

Cb. (cresc.)

34

Tpt.

Vlns.

Vla.

Vlc.

Cb.

38

Tpt.

Vlns.

Vla.

Vlc.

Cb.

43 **D**

Tpt. Vlns. 1 Vlns. 2 Vla. Vlc. Cb.

p *div.* *f* *unis.* *div.*

p *div.* *f* *arco* *pizz.*

p *pizz.* *f* *arco* *pizz.*

p *pizz.* *f* *arco* *pizz.*

f *p*

47

Tpt. Vlns. 1 Vlns. 2 Vla. Vlc. Cb.

p *f* *unis.* *>* *p*

f *arco* *f* *>* *p*

f *arco* *f* *>* *p*

f *arco* *f* *>* *p*

f *p*

51 **E**

Tpt. Vlns. 1 Vlns. 2 Vla. Vlc. Cb.

p *poco cresc.* *f*

poco cresc.

poco cresc.

poco cresc.

poco cresc.

55

Tpt. 
(*f*)

1 Vlns. 
f

2 Vlns. 
f

Vla. 
f

Vlc. 
f

Cb. 
f

59

Tpt. 
3 3 3 3 3 3

1 Vlns. 
3 3 3 3 3 3

2 Vlns. 
3 3 3 3 3 3

Vla. 
3 3 3 3 3 3

Vlc. 
3 3 3 3 3 3

Cb. 
3 3 3 3 3 3

63

poco rit. F *a tempo (♩ = 120)*

Tpt. 
3 3 3 3 3 3
f

1 Vlns. 
p

2 Vlns. 
p

Vla. 
p

Vlc. 
p

Cb. 
p *f*

67

Tpt.

Vlns. 1

Vlns. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

Cb.

72

Tpt.

Vlns. 1

Vlns. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

Cb.

77

Tpt.

Vlns. 1

Vlns. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

Cb.

81 **H**

Tpt. *f*
Vlns. 1
Vlns. 2
Vla.
Vlc.
Cb. *f*

85 *rit.*

Tpt. *f*
Vlns. 1
Vlns. 2
Vla.
Vlc.
Cb. *p*

89 **I** Quickly, with much energy $\text{d} = 88$ **J**

Tpt. *f*
Vlns. 1
Vlns. 2
Vla.
Vlc.
Cb. *f*

94

Tpt.

K

Vlns. 1

Vlns. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

Cb.

via sord.

senza sord.

(f)

99

Tpt.

L

Vlns. 1

Vlns. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

Cb.

via sord.

senza sord.

(f)

104

Tpt.

M

Vlns. 1

Vlns. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

Cb.

senza sord.

(f)

N

109

Tpt. (f)

Vlns. 1

Vlns. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

Cb.

113

Tpt.

Vlns. 1

Vlns. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

Cb.

O

Solo

Altri

rit.

Tpt.

Vlns. 1

Vlns. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

Cb.

P

121 Slower, yet with motion ♩ = 120

Tpt.

1 (Solo)
(Altri-take sord.)

2

Vla. (f)

Vlc. (f)

Cb. (f)

Tutti, con sord.
(Solo tacet - take sord.)

(f) con sord.

Solo join Tutti
con sord.

126

rit.

Q ♩ = 108

Tpt.

1

Vlns. 2

Vla.

Vlc. con sord.

Cb. con sord. (mf)

mf

p

p

131

rit.

Tpt.

1

Vlns. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

Cb.

p

Solo via sord.

pp via sord.

pp via sord.

pp via sord.

pp via sord.

pp

3. The Soul is a Free Spirit (!)

Lively $\text{d}.$ = 112

C Trumpet *p*

Violins 1
Violins 2
Viola

Tpt.
Vlns. 1
Vlns. 2
Vla.

Solo *Tutti*

p *p very daintily and playfully* *mp* *p* *mp*
p *p very daintily and playfully* *mp* *p* *mp*
p *p very daintily and playfully* *mp* *p* *mp*

Tpt.
Vlns. 1
Vlns. 2
Vla.

A

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

Tpt.
Vlns. 1
Vlns. 2
Vla.

p *mp* *p* *mp* *p* *mp* *p* *mp* *p* *mp*

30

Tpt.

Vlns. 1

Vlns. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

Cb.

B

36

Tpt.

Vlns. 1

Vlns. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

Cb.

C

42

Tpt.

Vlns. 1

Vlns. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

Cb.

48

Tpt. 

Vlns.

Vla.

Vlc.

Cb.

D

(mf)

pizz.

(mf)

pizz.

(mf)

pizz.

(mf)

pizz.

(mf)

54

Tpt. 

Vlns.

Vla.

Vlc.

Cb.

arco

pizz.

p-f

arco

p-f

arco

p-f

arco

p-f

arco

p-f

arco

p-f

arco

p-f

p-f

mf

p-f

arco

p-f

arco

p-f

arco

p-f

arco

p-f

60

Tpt. 

Vlns.

Vla.

Vlc.

Cb.

pizz.

mf

arco

mf

pizz.

mf

arco

pizz.

mf

pizz.

arco

pizz.

arco

pizz.

arco

pizz.

mf

24

66

E

Tpt.

Vlns. 1

Vlns. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

Cb.

72

Tpt.

Vlns. 1

Vlns. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

Cb.

78

F

Tpt.

Vlns. 1

Vlns. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

Cb.

85

Tpt.

Vlns. 1
Vlns. 2
Vla.
Vlc.
Cb.

92

Tpt.

Vlns. 1
Vlns. 2
Vla.
Vlc.
Cb.

98

Tpt.

Vlns. 1
Vlns. 2
Vla.
Vlc.
Cb.

102

Tpt. 

Vlns. 1 

Vlns. 2 

Vla. 

Vlc. 

Cb. 

H

p

f

arco

pizz.

mf

arco

f

mf

pizz.

arco

f

mf

pizz.

arco

f

mf

pizz.

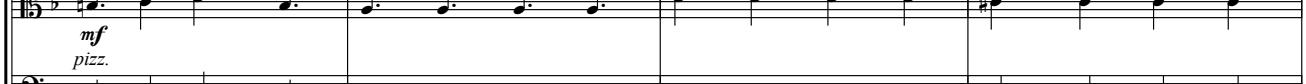
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Tpt. 

Vlns. 1 

Vlns. 2 

Vla. 

Vlc. 

Cb. 

pizz.

mf

pizz.

mf

pizz.

mf

pizz.

110

Tpt. 

Vlns. 1 

Vlns. 2 

Vla. 

Vlc. 

Cb. 

I

f

114

Tpt.

Vlns. 1

Vlns. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

Cb.

117

Tpt.

Vlns. 1

Vlns. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

Cb.

120

J

Tpt.

Vlns. 1

Vlns. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

Cb.

124

Tpt.

Vlns. 1

Vlns. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

Cb.

127

K

Tpt.

Vlns. 1

Vlns. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

Cb.

130

Tpt.

Vlns. 1

Vlns. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

Cb.

134

Tpt. L

Vlns. 1
Vlns. 2
Vla.
Vlc.
Cb.

non cresc.

p

p

p

p

137

Tpt.

Vlns. 1
Vlns. 2
Vla.
Vlc.
Cb.

mf

mf

mf

mf

mf

Cadenza
M Freely

141

Tpt. *rit.*
p

Vlns. 1
Vlns. 2

div.

Vla.
Vlc.
Cb.

f

p

div.

8:

p

p

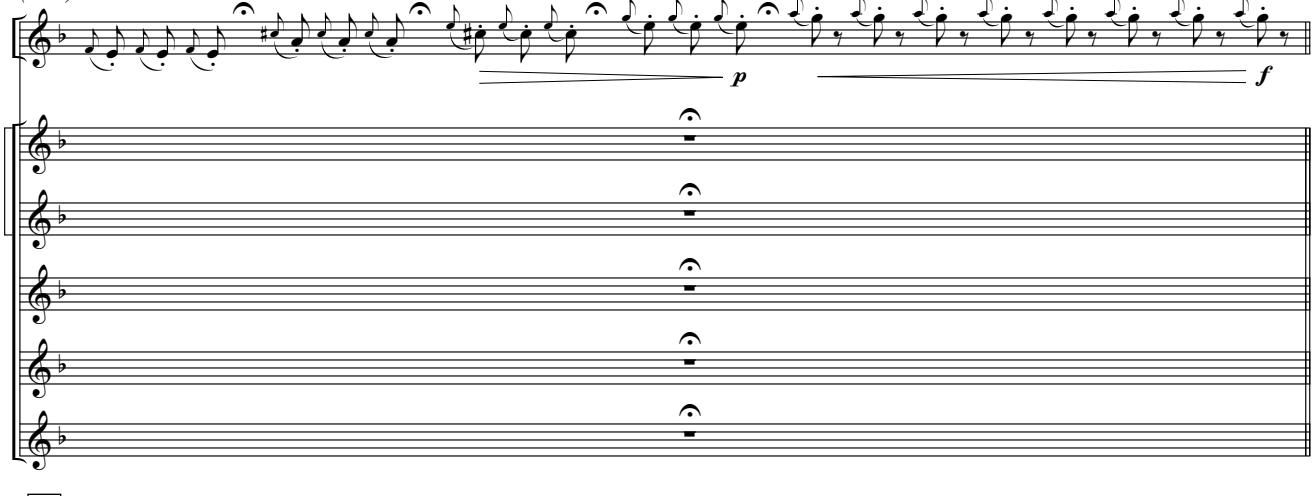
p

p

p

p

(143) *start slowly and accel.*

Tpt. 

N
144 *a tempo* $\text{♩} = 112$

Tpt. 

148

Tpt. 

4. The Soul Sings With Joy

Triumphantly, in celebration ♩ = 100

C Trumpet *f arco* *div.* *b> b>* *unis.* *div.* *b> b>* *b> b>* *b> b>*

Violins *f arco* *div.* *b> b>* *unis.* *b> b>* *b> b>* *b> b>* *b> b>*

Viola *f arco* *div.* *b> b>* *unis.* *b> b>* *b> b>* *b> b>* *b> b>*

Violoncello *f arco* *div.* *b> b>* *unis.* *b> b>* *b> b>* *b> b>* *b> b>*

Contrabass *f arco* *div.* *b> b>* *unis.* *b> b>* *b> b>* *b> b>* *b> b>*

rit. *Slower, emphatically* A *Very Lively ♩ = 160*

Tpt. *p* *rit.* *Slower, emphatically* A *Very Lively ♩ = 160*

Vlns. *p* *rit.* *Slower, emphatically* A *Very Lively ♩ = 160*

Vla. *p* *rit.* *Slower, emphatically* A *Very Lively ♩ = 160*

Vlc. *p* *rit.* *Slower, emphatically* A *Very Lively ♩ = 160*

Cb. *p* *rit.* *Slower, emphatically* A *Very Lively ♩ = 160*

10

Tpt. *p* *Tutti* *p* *Tutti* *p* *arco* *arco*

Vlns. *p* *Tutti* *p* *Tutti* *p* *arco* *arco*

Vla. *p* *Tutti* *p* *Tutti* *p* *arco* *arco*

Vlc. *p* *Tutti* *p* *Tutti* *p* *arco* *arco*

Cb. *p* *Tutti* *p* *Tutti* *p* *arco* *arco*

14

Tpt.

Vlns. 1

Vlns. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

Cb.

B

f

18

Tpt.

Vlns. 1

Vlns. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

Cb.

22

Tpt.

Vlns. 1

Vlns. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

Cb.

C

p

pizz.

arco

(f)

arco

p

pizz.

arco

26

Tpt.

Vlns. 1

Vlns. 2

Vla.

Vlc. pizz. arco pizz. arco

Cb. pizz. arco pizz. arco

30

Tpt. f

Vlns. 1

Vlns. 2

Vla.

Vlc. pizz. arco

Cb. pizz. arco

D

$\frac{3}{4}$

34

Tpt.

Vlns. 1

Vlns. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

Cb.

38

Tpt.

Vlns. 1

Vlns. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

Cb.

42

Tpt.

Vlns. 1

Vlns. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

Cb.

[E]

p

47

Tpt.

Vlns. 1

Vlns. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

Cb.

arco

52 **F** *lip trill*

Tpt. *p* *f* *p* *f*

Vlns. 1
Vlns. 2
Vla.
Vlc. *p*
Cb.

56

Tpt. *p* *f*

Vlns. 1
Vlns. 2
Vla.
Vlc.
Cb.

60 **G** ($\text{G} = \text{F}$)

Tpt.

Vlns. 1
Vlns. 2
Vla.
Vlc.
Cb.

65 *flutertongue* H

Tpt. *p* *f*

Vlns. 1
Vlns. 2
Vla.
Vlc.
Cb.

70

Tpt. *p* *f*

Vlns. 1
Vlns. 2
Vla.
Vlc.
Cb.

75 *rit.*

Tpt. *p* *f* *div.*

Vlns. 1
Vlns. 2
Vla.
Vlc.
Cb. *p* *f*

I

80 *a tempo* ($\text{♩} = 160$)

Tpt.

Vlns. 1

Vlns. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

Cb.

pizz.

p

pizz.

p

pizz.

p

84

Tpt.

Vlns. 1

Vlns. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

Cb.

f

pizz.

p

pizz.

arco

f

arco

f

pizz.

arco

pizz.

arco

pizz.

88

Tpt.

Vlns. 1

Vlns. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

Cb.

pizz.

p

pizz.

arco

f

arco

f

f

f

arco

pizz.

arco

pizz.

arco

92

Tpt. *p* (f)

Vlns. 1 *p* *f*

Vlns. 2 *p* *f*

Vla. *p* *f* *pizz.*

Vlc. *p* *f* *pizz.*

Cb. *p* *f* *arco*

J

96

Tpt. *p* *f* *p* *f*

Vlns. 1 *mf*

Vlns. 2 *mf* *unis.*

Vla. *mf* *pizz.* *arco* *pizz.*

Vlc. *mf* *pizz.* *arco* *pizz.*

Cb. *mf* *pizz.* *arco* *pizz.*

101 *rit.*

K Slower $\text{♩} = 120$

Tpt. *p* *f* *p* *f*

Vlns. 1

Vlns. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

Cb.

101 *rit.*

K Slower $\text{♩} = 120$

Tpt. *p* *f* *p* *f*

Vlns. 1

Vlns. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

Cb.

105

Tpt. *f*

Vlns. 1
2

Vla.

Vlc.

Cb.

108

Tpt.

Vlns. 1
2

Vla.

Vlc.

Cb.

div. *(f)* *unis.* *sfp* *sfp* *sfp* *sfp*

*Cadenza**L* Freely

112

Tpt.

Vlns. 1
2

Vla.

Vlc.

Cb.

sfp *sfp* *sfp* *sfp*

40

(114)

*flutertongue rit.***M** Very Quickly ♩ = 160

Tpt.

Vlns. 1

Vlns. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

Cb.

116

Tpt.

Vlns. 1

Vlns. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

Cb.

120

Tpt.

Vlns. 1

Vlns. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

Cb.