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PROGRAM NOTE

“In comics, motion lines are the abstract lines that appear behind a moving object or person, parallel to its direction of movement, to make it appear as if it is moving quickly.” — Wikipedia

“. . . Whence Rays diverge, and how they strike,
In lines direct, or Lines oblique,
And many a difficle Perplexion.” — Elizabeth Thomas

“Whose woods these are I [do not] know.” — Robert Frost

“Fill me with wonder, you architects;
Make me wander.
Let far be near at hand
And near? Up yonder
Let me not know quite where I go,
Let me seem lost;
Stuff my eyes with texture on texture
At any cost.
Confuse me with where I might maunder
And yet arrive;
And the final end of my journey?
I’m alive!” — Ray Bradbury

Duration: 3½ minutes

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Transposed Score

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Very Fast $\text{♩} = 200$

Soprano Saxophone

Alto Saxophone

Tenor Saxophone

Baritone Saxophone

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p ——————
pp ——————
f ——————
pp ——————
p ——————
f ——————
pp ——————
f ——————
p, f ——————
pp ——————

30

ff ——————
ff p ——————
ff f ——————
f ——————

36

mp p <ff
mp p <ff
mp p <ff
ff p ff

39

42

p pp ff *f sempre*

p = pp ff ff *f sempre*

p ff ff *f sempre*

47

f sempre

p

55

58

mf ff f

mf ff

ff ff p

ff ff

62

p

f

p

72

68

pp

f

pp

<f

f

f

72

mf

3

pp sub.

f

mf

p

81

p

pp

mp

p

88

f

p *mf* *p < f*

p *f p* *pp*

p *mf* *p < f*

94

<f

p *f p* *pp*

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

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

102

102

116

111

116

120

125

127

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144

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pp *mf* *p* *f* *p*—*mf* *pp* *mp* *mf* *p*<*mf*

pp *mf* *p* *f* *p*—*mf* *pp* *mp* *mf* *p*<*mf*

pp *mf* *p* *f* *p*—*mf* *pp* *mp* *mf* *p*<*mf*

pp *mf* *p* *f* *p*—*mf* *pp* *mp* *mf* *p*<*mf*

pp—*mf* *f*—*pp* *pp*—*mf* *pp*—*mf*

159

154

p *mf* *f* *p*—*ff*

p *mf* *f* *p*—*ff*

p *mf* *f* *p*—*ff*

f—*p* *p*—*ff* *p*—*ff*

162

pp—*subtone* *pp*—*subtone* *pp*—*subtone* *pp*—*subtone*

pp—*subtone* *pp*—*subtone*