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## PERFORMANCE NOTES

- For best results, use a contact microphone (such as the Cherub WCP-60V) to amplify the violin.
- The violinist should stand slightly stage right of center and be panned accordingly.
- The electronics part shows the principal cues, but it is not an exhaustive transcription. Bars without bar rests are meant to suggest a texture's continuation, whereas bar rests denote general silence. Shorter rest durations reference specific cues from the texture.

*Duration: 4 minutes*

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“This is my soul and the world  
unwinding, this is my heart in  
the still winter air.”

— Emily St. John Mandel,  
*Station Eleven*

# Still Winter Air

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ca. 4 sec. Calmly ♩ = 132

Violin

Electronics

Orchestral tutti

Strings, dulcimer:  
swirling sounds . . .

Fast granulated violin

7

Vln

Violin crunch

Granulated violin, slow → fast

Music box

Violin crunch

Music box

8va

15

13

Vln

Strings sul tasto

Violin crunch

pp

18

Vln

Violin jeté

8va

8va

8va

Double basses

Dulcimers (detuned)

mf

mf

23

Vln

gliss.

*p*

Synth Violins

8va

27

Vln

28

gliss.

String pad

Double basses

*mf*

*p*

30

Vln

*mf*

*p*

Drums

34

Vln

36

flautando

*mp*

*pp*

(... with echo delay)

Metal Plates

Double bass

Music box

8va

42

41 Vln ord. *mp* *p* *pp*

Anvil Metal Bowl Strings sul tasto, Hp, Vbr.

Bowl Metal plates Dulcimer

48 Vln jeté ord. flautando sul pont. *mf* *ppp*

Violins flautando

Granulated violin

Synth violin + Granulated scraping Bass drum

Tom-tom (+ echo delay) Wood block *pp*

54 Vln ord. flautando IV *pp* *mf*

Strings sul tasto, Hp, Vbr.

Bass drum Metal plate *ppp* *p* *pp*

Double basses

66

61 Vln *f* *mp* *f*

Violin flautando Crotales Strings

Congas Bowl Dulcimer +Hp, Vbr. Wood Block *f*

B.D. *mf* *pp*

74

Vln

*pp* *f*

Granulated violins

Strings + Dulcimer trem.

Bowl

*p*

*mp* sempre

76

Vln

*mf* *f*

Crotales 8va

Strings + Dulcimer arp.

Granulated violins

Wood block

*fp*

Metal plates

82

Vln

*mp* *f* *p*

Granulated violins

molto rubato through 104

Anvil

*gliss.*

Synth Violins

8va

Violin jeté

87

Vln

*f* *fp*

*gliss.*

(8)



90 Vln

Synth Violins  
15<sup>ma</sup>  
f  
(+ Dulcimer sim.)

93 Vln

ff  
repeat ad lib.,  
accel.  
Violin jeté  
gliss.

96 Vln

ord. sul pont. ord.  
repeat ad lib.  
gliss.  
fff mf

103 Vln

molto vib.!!  
106  
ffff mp Strings sul tasto pp  
ff ppp

111

Vln

gliss.

sul pont.

Crotales, dulcimer, music box

8<sup>va</sup>

117

Vln

pp

Bongos

f

+ Bass drum