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for string orchestra and harp (or piano)

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INSTRUMENTATION

Violin I
Violin II
Viola
Cello
Double Bass
Harp (or piano)

PROGRAM NOTE

As a teenage violinist, I wrote my first compositions to be performed by my middle- and high-school orchestras. More than a decade later, as I neared the end of my formal music education, I again had the opportunity to write for high-school orchestra. I decided to base this new work on a melody I had written as a teenager. I called the resulting piece "Aspen Song" for three reasons. First, as a shout out to Utah and its state tree for the work's dedicatees, Vanese Landry and the Lone Peak Symphonic Orchestra (Highland, Utah). Second, as a reflection of the tune's rustic nature. And third, as a way of acknowledging the connections between this new piece and the old one, which reminded me of how aspen trees share their root structures.

Duration: c. 4 minutes

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Full Score

For Vanese Landry and the Lone Peak Symphonic Orchestra

Aspen Song

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Comfortable, not too slow ♩= 84

Violin I
Violin II
Viola
Violoncello I
Violoncello II
Double Bass
Harp

poco rit.....**A tempo**

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ord.

ord.

ord.

41

I. Solo

I. gli altri

div.

bring out

ord.

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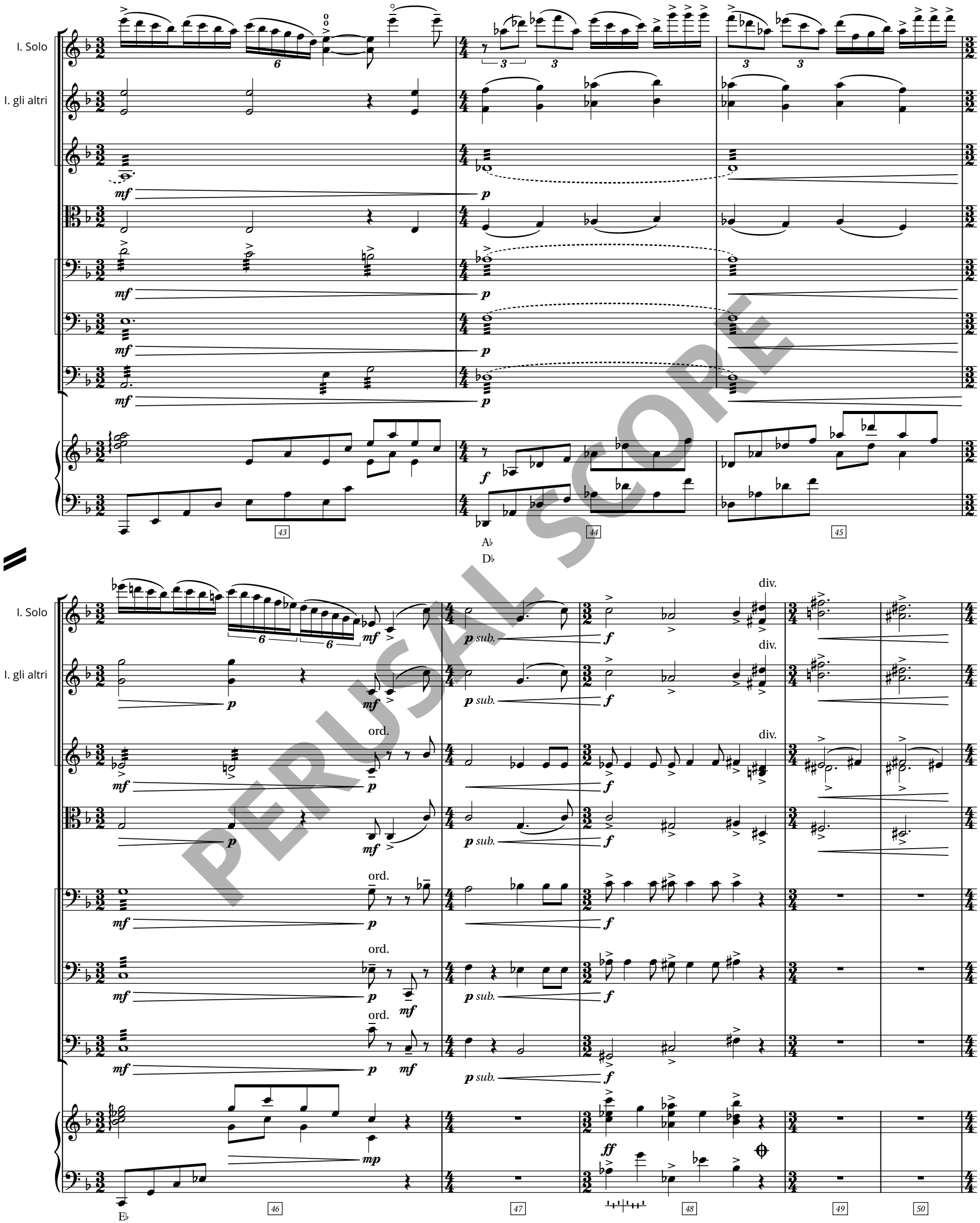

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unis.

55

poco rit.....A tempo

ff fff pp

unis.

ff fff pp

div. ff fff pp unis. soli, div.

ff fff pp f sub. mp

soli, div.

ff fff pp f sub.

ff fff pp f sub.

gliss.

ff fff pp

D♯ D♯

51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58

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67

ord.

pp mf

sempre non div.

pp mf p

p unis.

mp f p mf p

mp f p mf p

mp f p mf p

59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70

78

rit.....A tempo

div.

unis.

ord.

molto rit.....Very Slowly ♩ = 48

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