

Doublemain
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for Violin and Piano

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The five sections of this composition are related only by virtue of their falsehood:

- 1) Vizier Asaf (pseudo Islamic)
- 2) Doublemain (cod Ancient Greek)
- 3) Balkis (mock Egyptian,) coupled with
- 4) Solomon (plagiarist by anticipation)
- 5) Rehoboam (false Solomon)

The idea for the piece came out of my work on John Harman's translation of Alfred Jarry's *The Other Alceste*. From an admixture of myths, Jarry spins a complex of yarns around the five characters mentioned above. Doublemain is the most Jarryfic, his version of Charon (the ferryman of the dead in Greek mythology).

The text describes him thus:

"His back appeared to be plated with bronze, or covered with scales similar to myrtle leaves, like those of a snake. His long arms reached over the side and were lost in the water as if the great beetele of the marshes, whose carapace was our conveyance, were rowing with its hairy, median pair of legs."

and, later:

"...Doublemain's arms had two elbows, since an extra arm sprang from each wrist..."

Doublemain was composed in 1989 and is dedicated to Dave Smith. It exists in six versions to date:

- 1) violin and guitar (premiered by "Gemini" (Peter Hanson, vln., Adrian Lee, guit.) at the Old Bull Arts Centre, Barnet, 1989)
- 2) violin and piano
- 3) piano solo (made in 1992)
- 4) clarinet and piano (broadcast BBC Radio 3, 9.12.94, Ed Pillinger, cl., Suzanne Cheetham, pno.)
- 5) clarinet, viola, cello, piano (premiered by 'Perihelion', Brisbane, Australia, 1996)
- 6) clarinet, violin, cello, piano (premiered by 'Burdocks', Vancouver, Canada, 1998)

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I. VIZIER ASAF (pseudo Islamic)

♩ = 115

Violin

Piano

roll chords downwards

pizz f *8va*

3 *l.v.* *8va* *l.v.*

sim.

** Red.*

7 *8va*

** Red.*

10

(8^{va})

10

l.v.

Slower ♩ = 84

molto vib.

arco ff sub.

f

12

12

✱

14

3

14

16

19

Faster

f

21

23

23

24

24

26

26

28

28

30

30

32

32

34

34

Tempo I

36

36

p

8va-

roll chords downwards

f

Led.

38

(8va)-

38

sim.

Led.

*

40

(8va) - - - - -

40

f

II. DOUBLEMAIN (cod Ancient Greek) *

42

Fast ♩ = 132

gliss until end of
fingerboard is reached
then attacca immediately

f sul G

mp

42

46

46

51

51

56

56

61

61

66

66

71

71

f

76

76

p uneven trem.

81

81

86

86

91

91

96

96

101

101

106

106

III. BALKIS (mock Egyptian)

Optional: tape of cicadas may be played during this section

109

109 $\bullet = 76$

mf

112

112

8va-----

knock piano frame

f ff p

115

115

8va-----

mf

118

(8va)

118

121

(8va)

121

*ff*⁵

124

8va

124

p *mf*

127

(8va)

127

trem.

pp

pp

Red.



130

130

f

mf

f

trem.

133

con sord *p*

rit.

8va

133

mf

ppp

IV. SOLOMON (plagiarist by anticipation)

136

♩ = 84

p guitar-like

roll chords up

140

143

f senza sord. appass.

146

149

3

152

8va-----

Musical score for piano and voice, measures 154-159. The score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment.

Measures 154-155: The vocal line begins with a rest, followed by a triplet of eighth notes (F#, G, A) and a half note (B). The piano accompaniment features a strong eighth-note bass line with chords in the right hand. Dynamics include *pp* (pianissimo) and *f* (forte).

Measures 156-158: The vocal line continues with eighth-note patterns and a triplet. The piano accompaniment maintains the rhythmic pattern. Dynamics include *f*, *mf* (mezzo-forte), and *mp* (mezzo-piano).

Measure 159: The vocal line has a half note (B) followed by a half note (A). The piano accompaniment continues with the established pattern.

The score includes various musical notations such as triplets, slurs, and dynamic markings (*pp*, *f*, *mf*, *mp*) to guide performance.

161

f

3 3 3

164

3 3

3

167

3 3 3

3

170

ff *maestoso*

170

ff

173

pp *sub.* *ff*

173

pp *sub.* *ff*

175

sub. pp *ff* *dim e rit.* *doppio* $\text{♩} = 84$ *p*

175

sub. pp *ff*

178

ff *p* *mf*

3 3 3 3

3 3 3 3

p

180

p *p*

3 3 3 3

3 3 3 3

mf *p*

V. REHOBOAM (false Solomon)

182

mf *f*

3 3 3 3

3 3 3 3

f

184

mf *sim.*

f

186

mf

f

188

mf

f

190

190

f

192

mf

192

f

194

mf

194

196

ff

f

198

mf

f

200

mf

202

mf *f*

204

mf *f*

206

f

208

mf *f*

210

rit e dim al fine

210

rit e dim al fine

212

212

-28-