

Falling Blue

String quartet (violin, violin, viola, cello)

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Performance notes:

The given bowing positions are meant to be only a suggestion. You are also encouraged to explore alternatives as long you retain the same approach to/ratio of gradual change.

----->: gradual transition.

-----> ord/tasto: reach ordinario; if time/space allows for it, continue to tasto.

l.h. pizz: left hand pizzicato

Ric ord. Ricochet: as inertial as possible, let the gravity do the job without attempting to control the bouncing. Subsequently, keep bowing normally. Let the strings resonate when taking off the bow to perform the ricochet.

Accordatura:

Violin 1 and 2: IV = F III = D II = G I = E

Viola and cello: IV = Bb III = G II = C I = A

$$\text{J} = 38/40$$

vcln 1
 molto pont. → ord. → pont. → ord. → molto pont. → pont. → molto pont. → simile → X10

vcln 2
 molto tasto → molto pont. → X10

vcln 3
 l.h. pizz. II
 molto tasto → ord. → pont. → ord. / pont. → molto tasto → ord. → simile → X10

vcln 4
 molto tasto → pont. → fine

vcln 5
 molto tasto → pont. → fine

vcln 6
 ric. → ord. → X10

vcln 7
 molto tasto → pont. → fine

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Handwritten musical notes for three instruments:

- vln**: Treble clef on the first line of a staff.
- vln**: Treble clef on the second line of a staff.
- vla**: Treble clef on the third line of a staff.
- vcl**: Bass clef on the fourth line of a staff.