15 MOMENTS

From – The Time of Rivers

Bass Flute, Bass Clarinet, Contrabass, and Percussion (vibraphone and bass drum)

Commissioned by and dedicated to Paul Taub

Frog Peak Music 2015

Tom Baker

Performance notes:

15 Moments is a series of 15 pages, each lasting approximately 1 minute, labeled A-O. These pages are designed to be performed in any order, predetermined by the ensemble through discussion/rehearsal or using aleatoric means. The moments should be played attaca, (they are not to be considered "movements").

This piece is part of a larger cycle of works entitled The Time of Rivers. Each moment is a transcription of a moment experienced in/around rivers (mostly in the Western US and Canada). These moments are not meant to *sound* like a moment in a river or nature, but instead are mere impressions or translations of the *experience* of that moment.

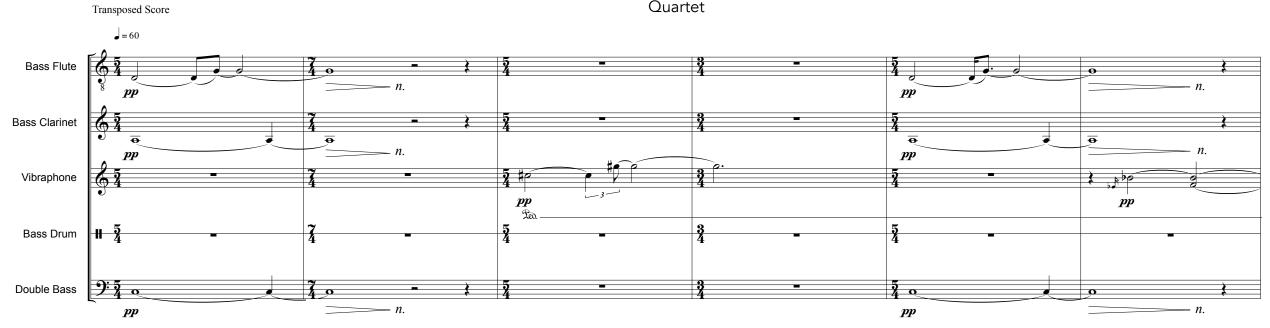
Each page is approx. 1 minute long. Some pages are measured with time signatures and tempi, some are more free. Each bar in the free pages should be approx. 5 seconds.

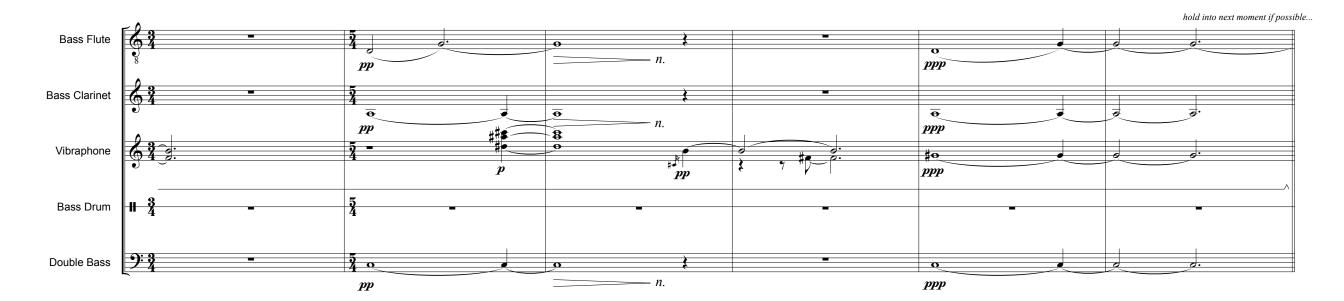
There are 4 pages using a graphic notation called *Shendos*. These shapes are meant to guide the performer through an improvisation, and they represent the intensity of the sound at any given time. There are suggested pitch centers for these shapes, but they are optional.

Some pages have one or more instruments holding their final sounds into the next page, if possible.

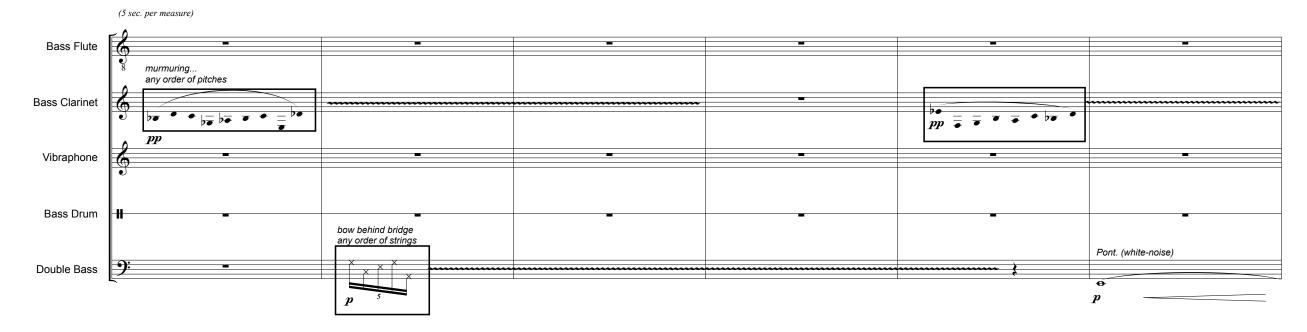
The Vibraphone part includes pitches down to C#3. If a 4-octave vibraphone is unavailable, all of the pitches below F3 may be played one octave higher.

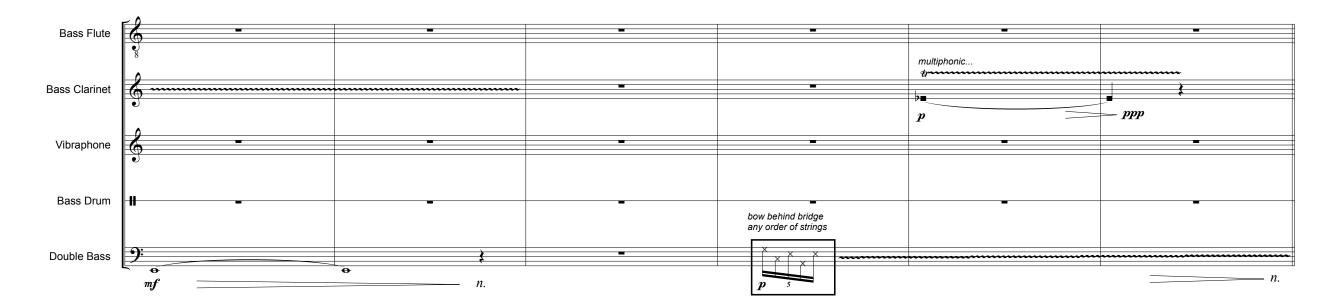
Moment A Quartet



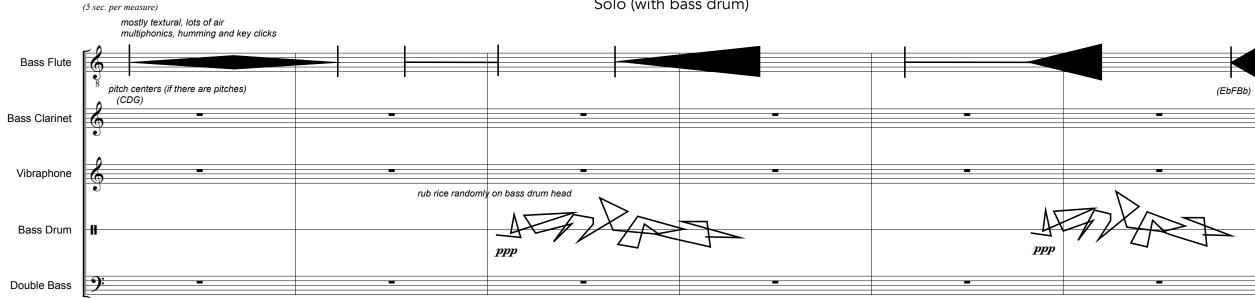


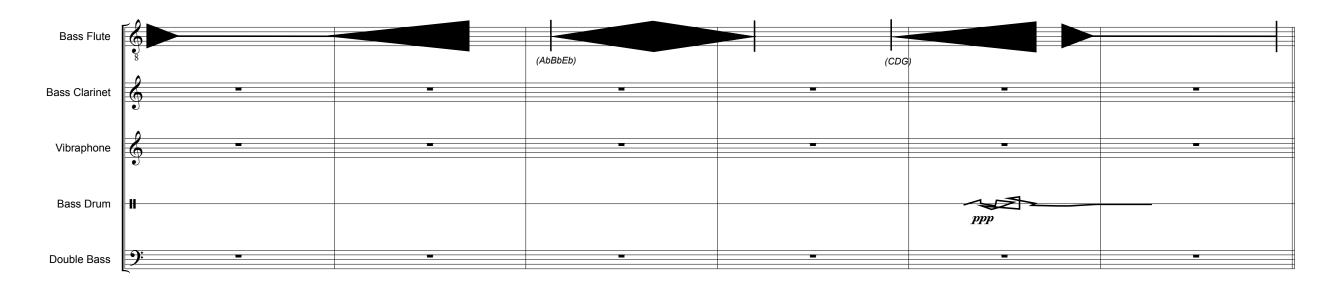
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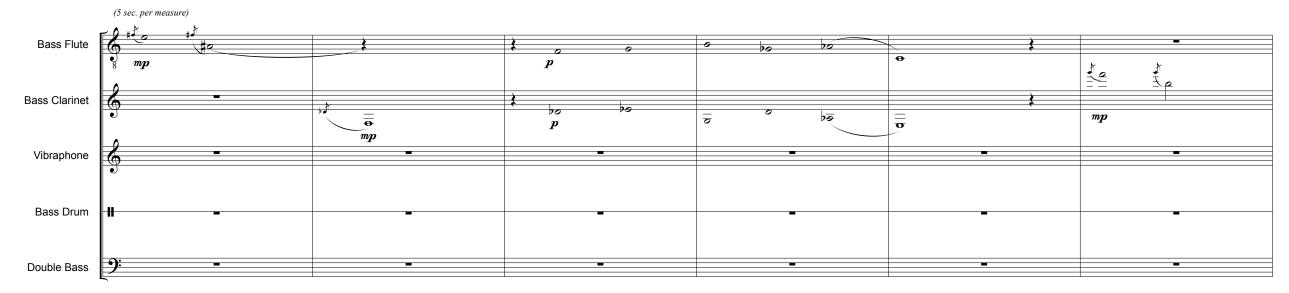


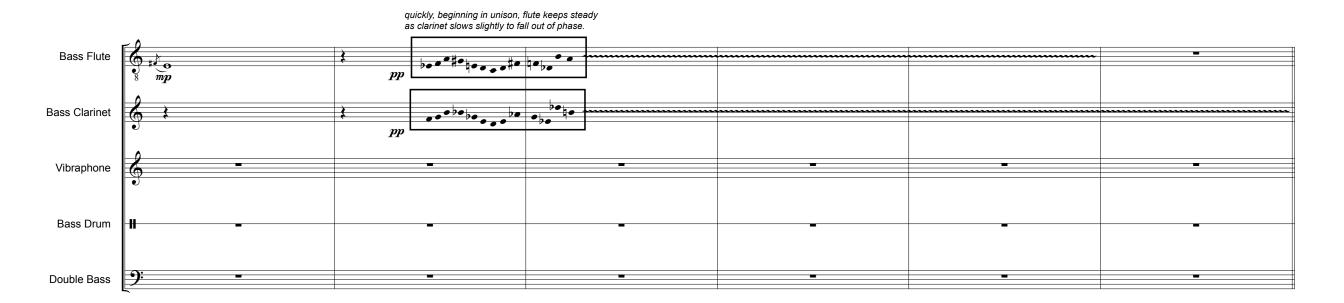
Moment C Solo (with bass drum)



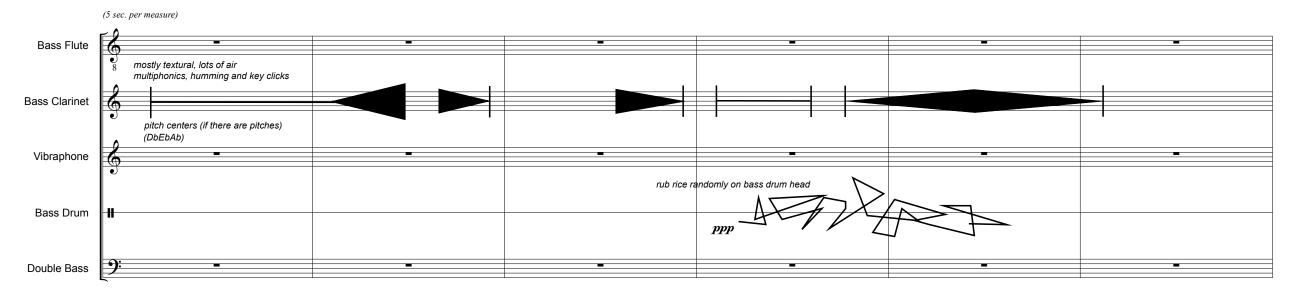


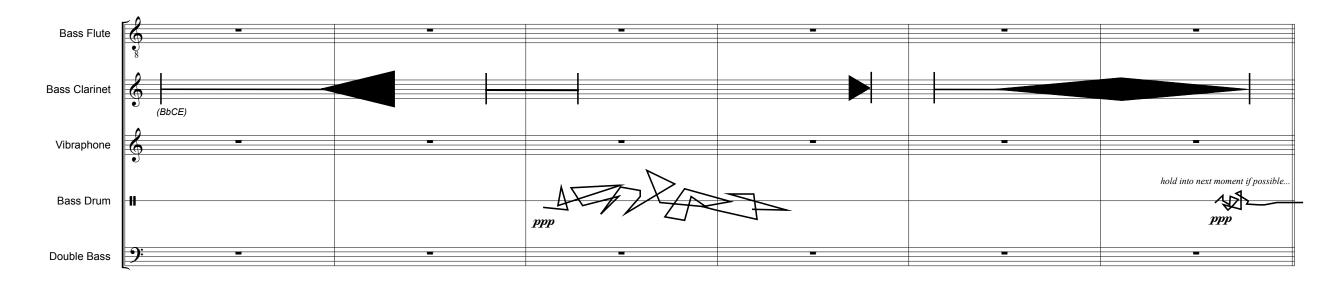
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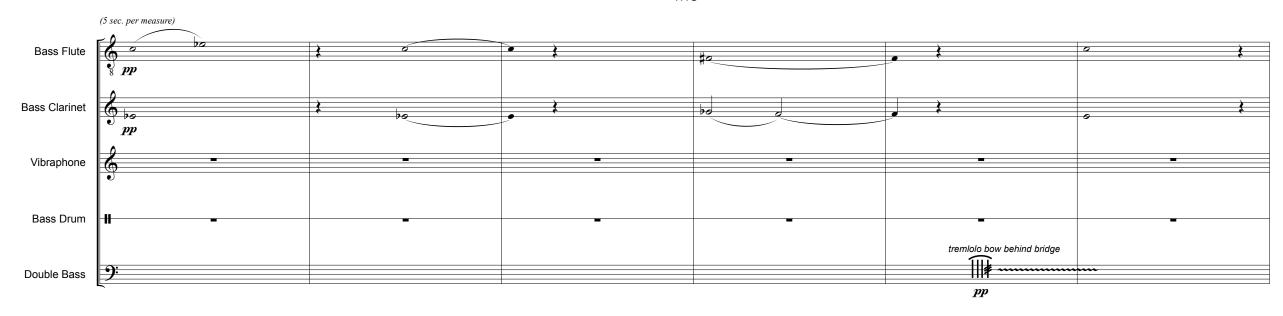


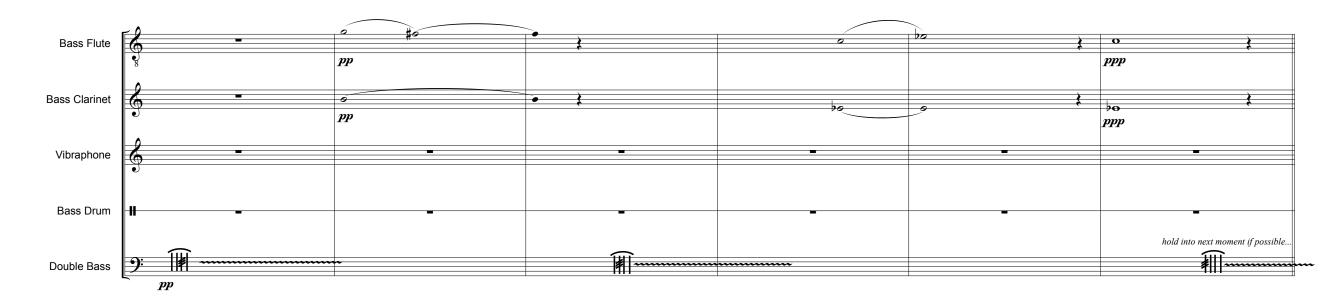
Moment E Solo (with bass drum)



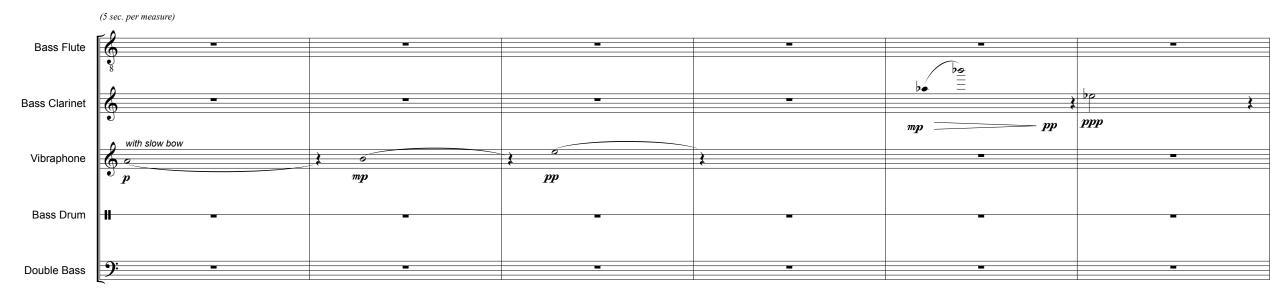


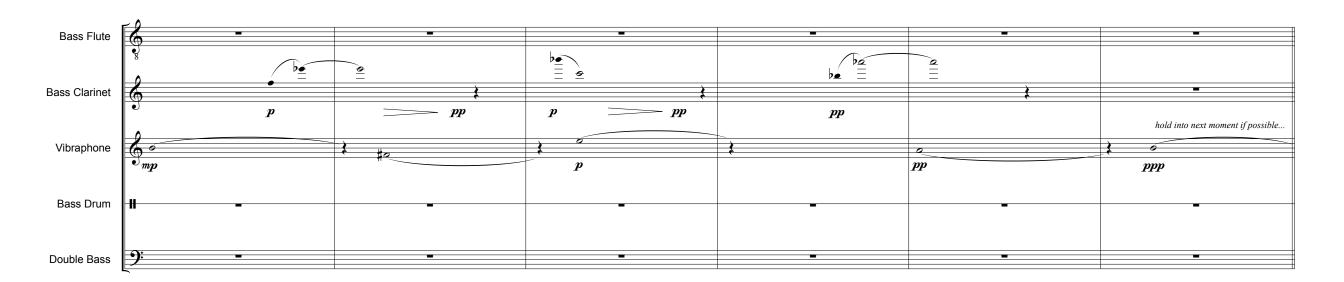
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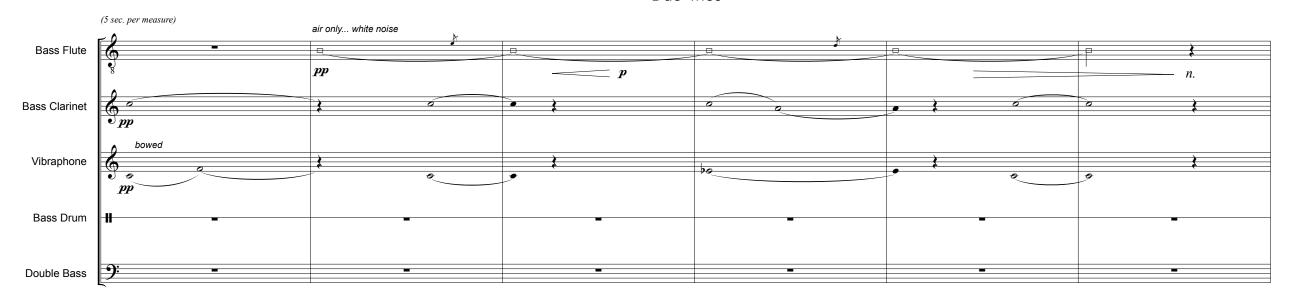


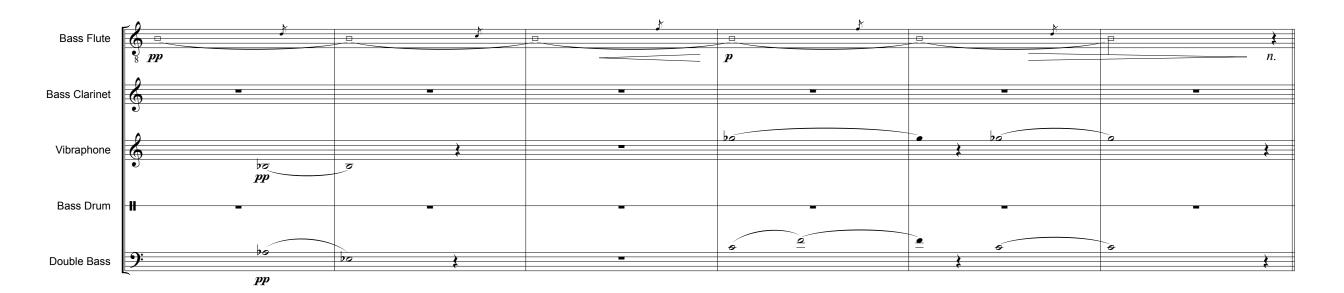
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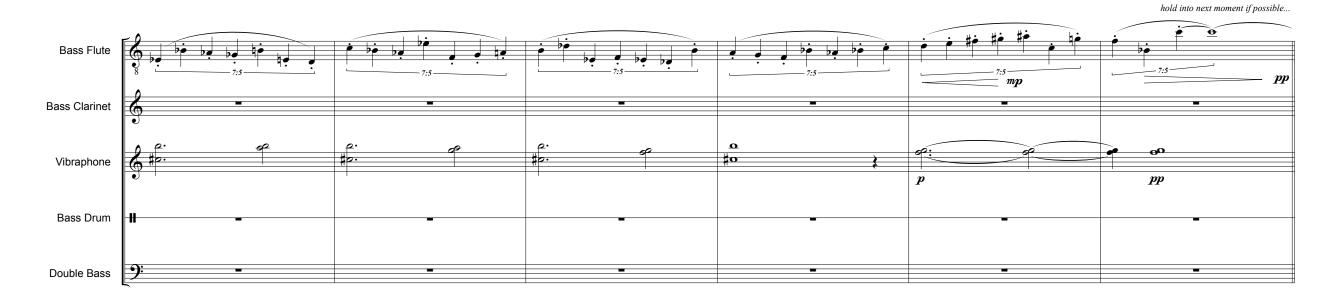
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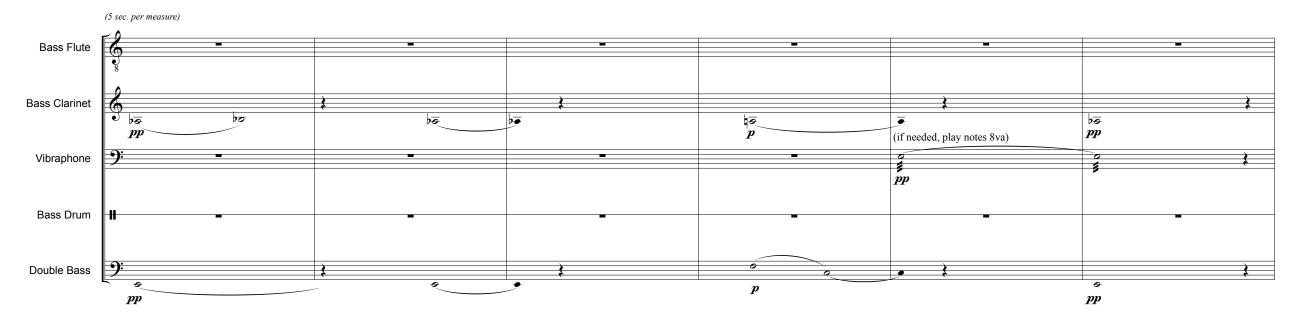


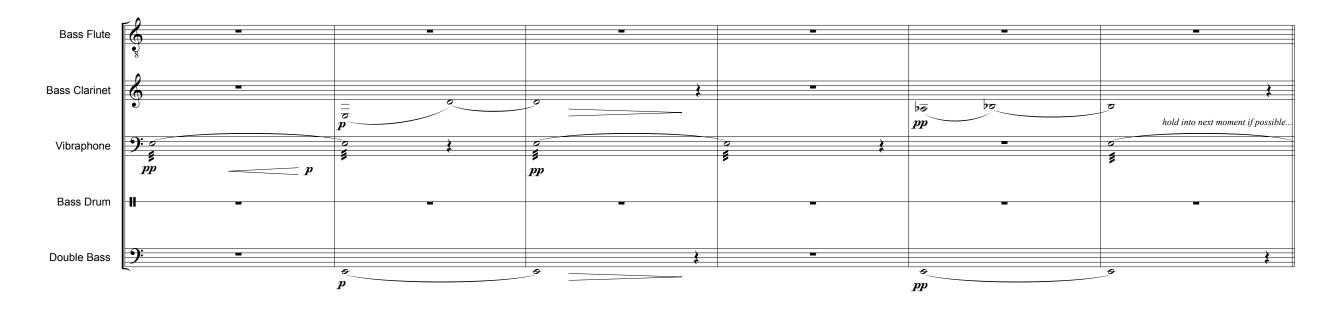
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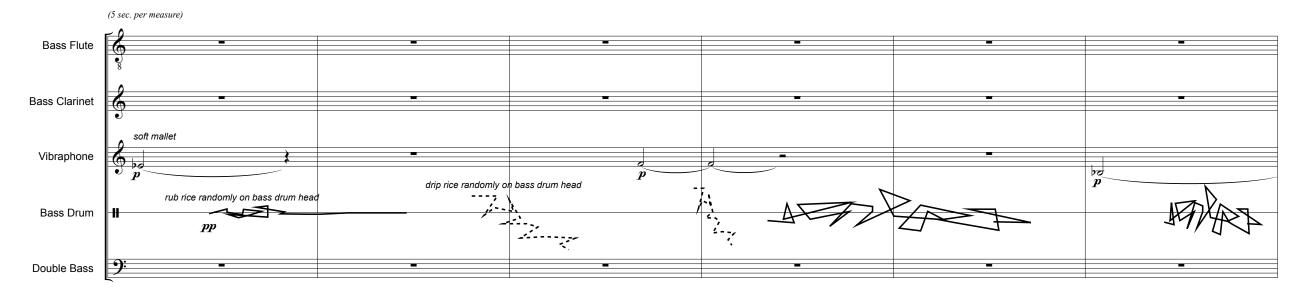


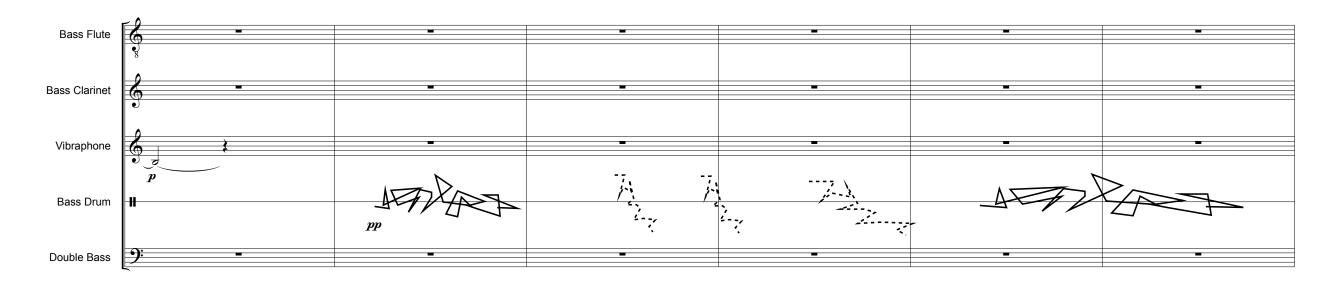
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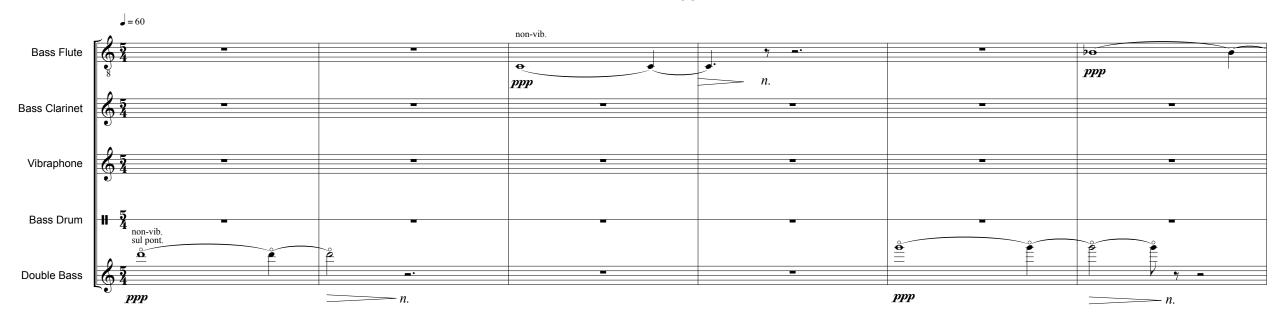


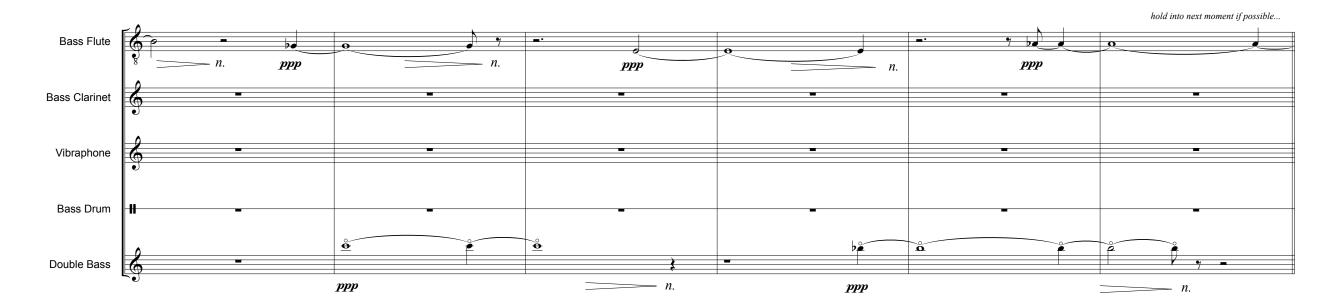
Moment K Solo



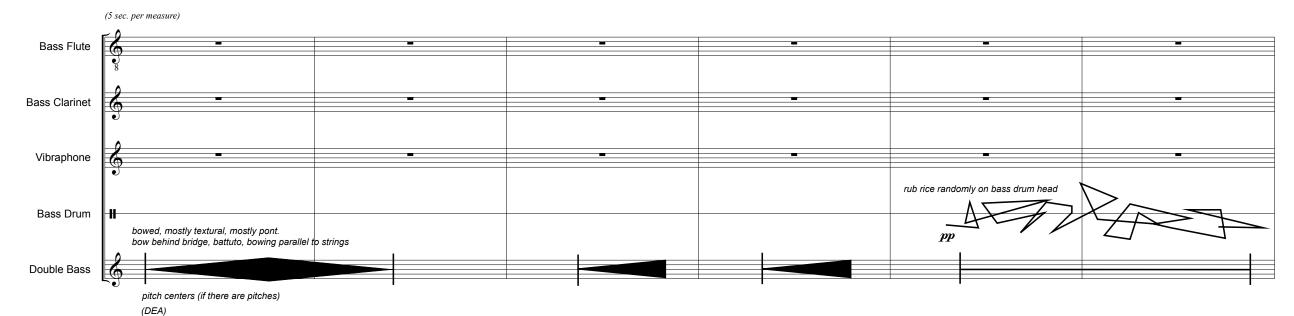


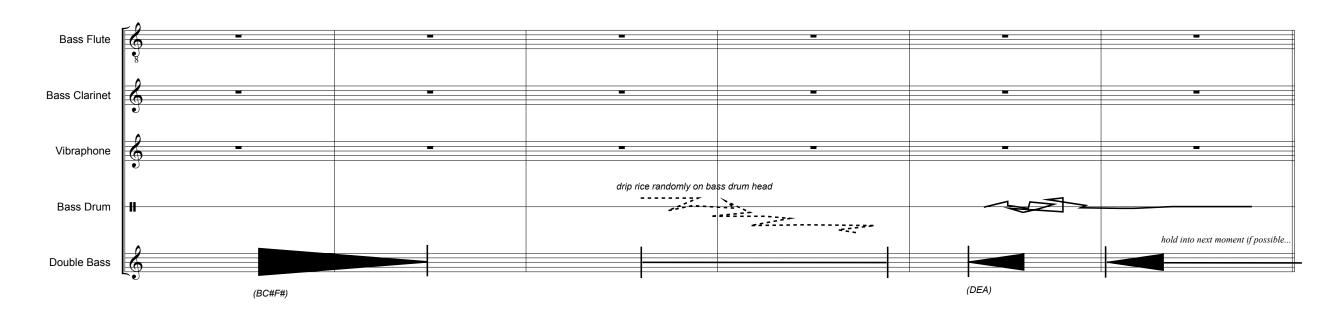
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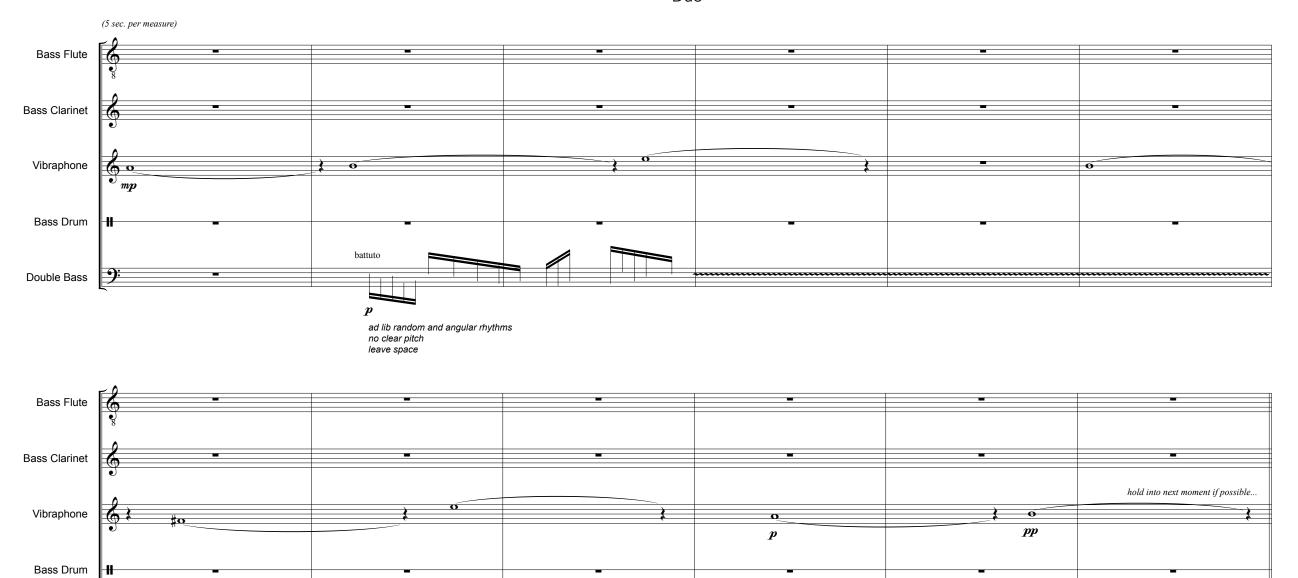


Moment M Solo





Moment N



Double Bass

Moment O Quartet

