

Performance Notes and Symbols

1. Although the music is notated without barlines, all durations are precisely indicated and should be carefully followed.
2. Tenuto marks indicate a slight emphasis on the start of the note, but less stress than an accent.
3. + = left hand pizzicato
4. l.v. = let vibrate

Program Notes

Four Short Pieces for solo violin was written while I was a graduate student at the University of Illinois. My goal was to explore various possibilities of writing for the solo violin while creating movements that were brief yet musically coherent. Each movement has a different character, expressed in the first two movements by the respective tempo indications *Molto espressivo* and *Dramatically*. The third movement features *pizzicato* passages with subtle timbral shadings. The final movement starts with quiet yet intense motion, and builds to a final burst of energy.

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