

Accession

for solo violin

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duration:

5'

notes:

Violinist Mary Grace Johnson commissioned *Accession* for her second master's degree recital at the Juilliard School. "Accession" means to come into power, and this piece describes my own accession to a mature, inner confidence in my work as a composer.

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PERUSAL
SCORE

Accession

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dedicated to Mary Grace Johnson

Amy Nam

calm, extremely free

Breath

ah → ooh ah ah → ooh ah

exhale audibly; breath sound should function as an extension of the sound of bowing on violin body (transition gradually between vowels and from higher to lower pitch)

Violin

square noteheads = bow on body of instrument
below staff = on body beneath G string
above staff = on body above E string

moving forward, extremely freely (♩ = c. 72-92)

sul tasto ooh sul tasto

pp *p* *mf*

holding back moving forward

ah → ooh ah → ooh sul tasto → norm.

ppp *pp* *mp*

sul tasto → norm.

holding back

moving forward

The musical score consists of six systems of music. The first system features a vocal line with lyrics "ah" and "ooh" and a guitar line with a triplet of eighth notes marked *mf* and a *ppp* dynamic. The second system continues the vocal line with lyrics "ah" and "ooh" and the guitar line with dynamics *mp*, *p*, *mf*, and *pp*. The third system includes a guitar line with a "touch-five harmonic sounding with open G" and dynamics *pp*, *ppp*, *p*, *mp*, and *p*. The fourth system features a guitar line with dynamics *mf*, *p*, *f*, *mf*, and *ff*. The fifth system shows a guitar line with dynamics *p* and *cresc.*. The sixth system concludes with a guitar line featuring triplets and a quintuplet, ending with a *fff* dynamic. Performance instructions include "holding back" and "moving forward" with corresponding musical notations like "sul tasto" and "norm.".

I.
II. *sul tasto* → *norm.* → *trans. to trem.*

mp > ppp

boldly, unashamed, joyous

f *mp*

f *mp* *f*

p *ff*

p *pp* *ooh* *f* *pp* *fff*