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4 Poems of García Lorca
4 Gedichte nach García Lorca

for Guitar
für Gitarre

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Preface

The music of *Four Poems of García Lorca* has been directly inspired by the poetry, and the constancy of theme in the poems is echoed by the consequent unity of imagery in the music. For in these poems we have Lorca's personal emotional connection with darkness and death, with his Andalucía as the 'dry, quiet land of eternal shadows'. The *Danza* (2nd movement) is in the twilight darkness with 'long shadows' and 'a meteor sky'.

The first movement — *Lamentación de la muerte* (Lament of Death) — alternates percussive effects such as the drum (caja) and tambor (small intense drum), played almost exclusively on the vibraphone (fourth string). The music, moving rapidly but with a sombre undertone, is made out of a limited range of material. Both the chord schemes and scale figures are marked with symbols which, once memorized, should help the performer considerably.

Tierra Seca (Dry Earth) is a picture of a dry, quiet earth under the 'immense night' of a windless night with a 'dark, almost immobile background'. The first piece is set in a 'dry, night yellow' where the death bells ring, with the 'vibrant' and 'dual'. Ringing chords alternate with whirling figurations and a plain

In the *Trío de Grupos* of the music have been composed with the serial technique but the emotive, poetic imagery of the words is tempered by a musical language with a certain rational discipline.

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Four Poems of García Lorca

1 Lamentacion de la Muerte ("Sobre el cielo negro...")

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Lento ♩ = 90

The musical score is written for guitar in 4/4 time, with a tempo of Lento (♩ = 90). It consists of five systems of music. The first system includes a treble clef, a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and a 4/4 time signature. It features a melody line and a bass line with a rapid drum roll indicated by a wavy line and an asterisk. Dynamics include *f* (forte) and *p* (piano). The second system includes markings for *pont.* (ponticello) and *norm.* (normal), with a dynamic of *sf* (sforzando). The third system includes a dynamic of *mf* (mezzo-forte) and a marking for *(strings near bridge)*. The fourth system includes a dynamic of *mf*. The fifth system includes markings for *pont.* and *tamb.* (tambora), with a dynamic of *f* (forte). The score includes various musical notations such as slurs, ties, and fingerings.

*N.B. signifies a rapid drum roll. This is executed by striking the body of the guitar near the bridge with alternating blows of the right thumb and little finger. To do this, a fast 'roll' of the wrist is necessary.

6 4 5 2 3 4

pont.

4 5

pont.

4 → sempre

2 1 2 4 3 2 1 2 4 3 2

più calmo dim.

1 2 4 3 2 2

poco

1 2 4

tamb.

4 2

f > p p < f sf

pont.

4

poco p

al 120

3'00

2 Danza

*("En la noche del huerto . . .")*A Allegro $\text{♩} = 80$

Musical score for "2 Danza" (Allegro, $\text{♩} = 80$). The score is in 2/4 time and consists of two systems of staves. The first system (A) is in treble clef and the second system (C) is in bass clef. The key signature is one flat. The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, slurs, and dynamics like *mf* and *f*. A large diagonal watermark "PREVIEW Low Resolution" is overlaid on the page.