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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 consequent unity of texture in the music. For in these poems we have Lorca's [illegible] with his Andalucia as the 'dry, quiet land of [illegible]' [illegible] Dance (2nd movement) is in the twilight darkness with '[illegible] shadows [illegible] violet sky'.

The first movement — *Lamentación de la* [illegible] — alternates percussive effects such as the drum [illegible] and tambourine with an intense melody, played almost exclusively on the vibraphone's fourth string. The [illegible] moving rapidly but with a sombre undertone, is made out [illegible] material. Both the chord schemes and scale figures are [illegible] with symmetrical [illegible] which, once memorized, should help the performer considerably.

Tierra [illegible] (Dry [illegible]) paints a picture of the dry, quiet earth under the 'immense night' [illegible] against a quiet, almost immobile background. The [illegible] piece [illegible] high yellow flowers where the death bells ring, with the [illegible] curving [illegible] dark. Ringing chords alternate with whirling figurations and a [illegible]

[illegible] of the music have been composed with the serial technique, the emotive, poetic imagery of the words is tempered by a musical language [illegible] certain rational discipline.

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1 Lamentacion de la Muerte

("Sobre el cielo negro . . .")

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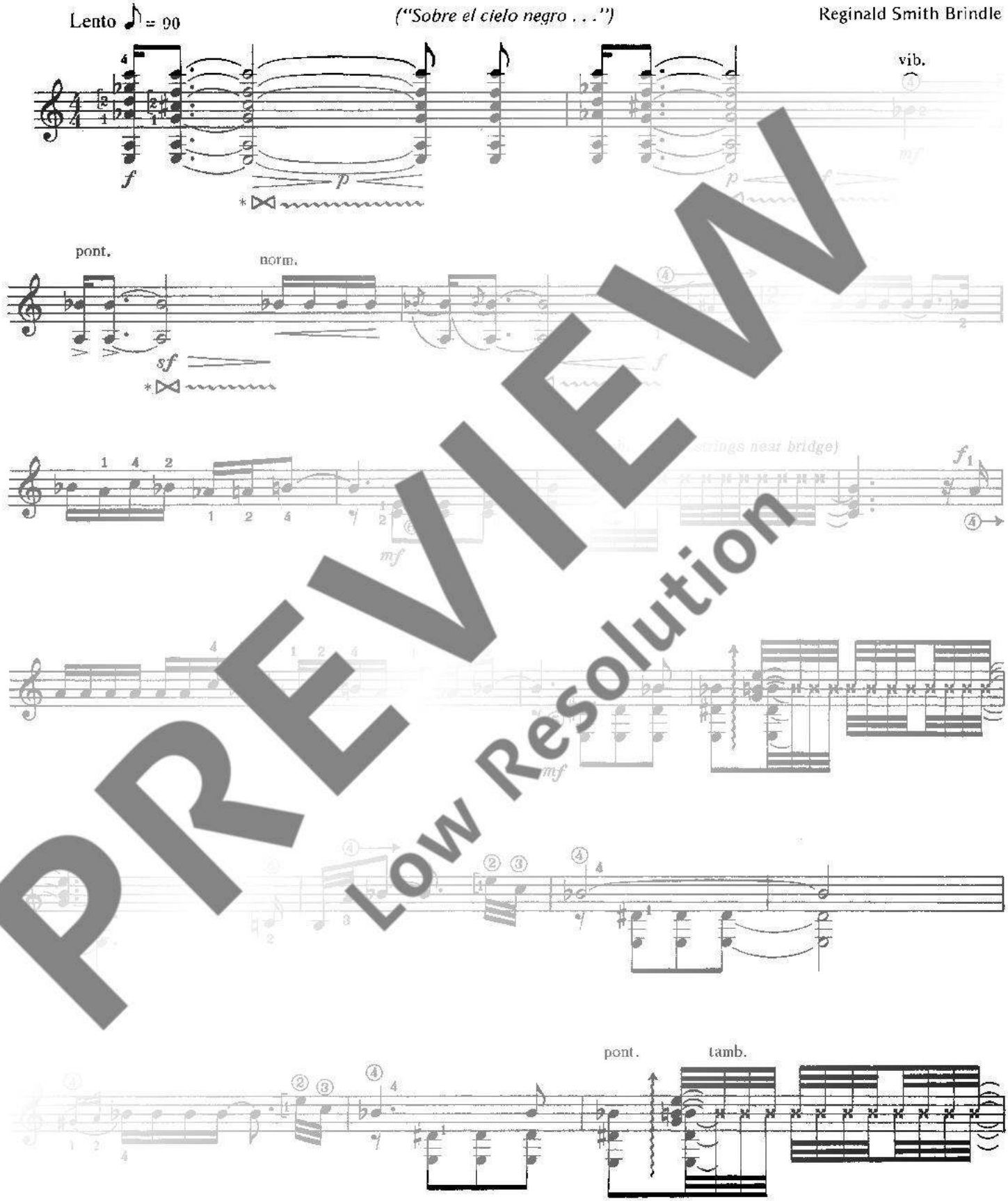

*N.B. ⋈ ~~~~~ signifies a rapid drum roll. This is executed by striking the body of the guitar near the bridge with alternating blows of the right thumb and little finger. To do this, a fast 'roll' of the wrist is necessary.

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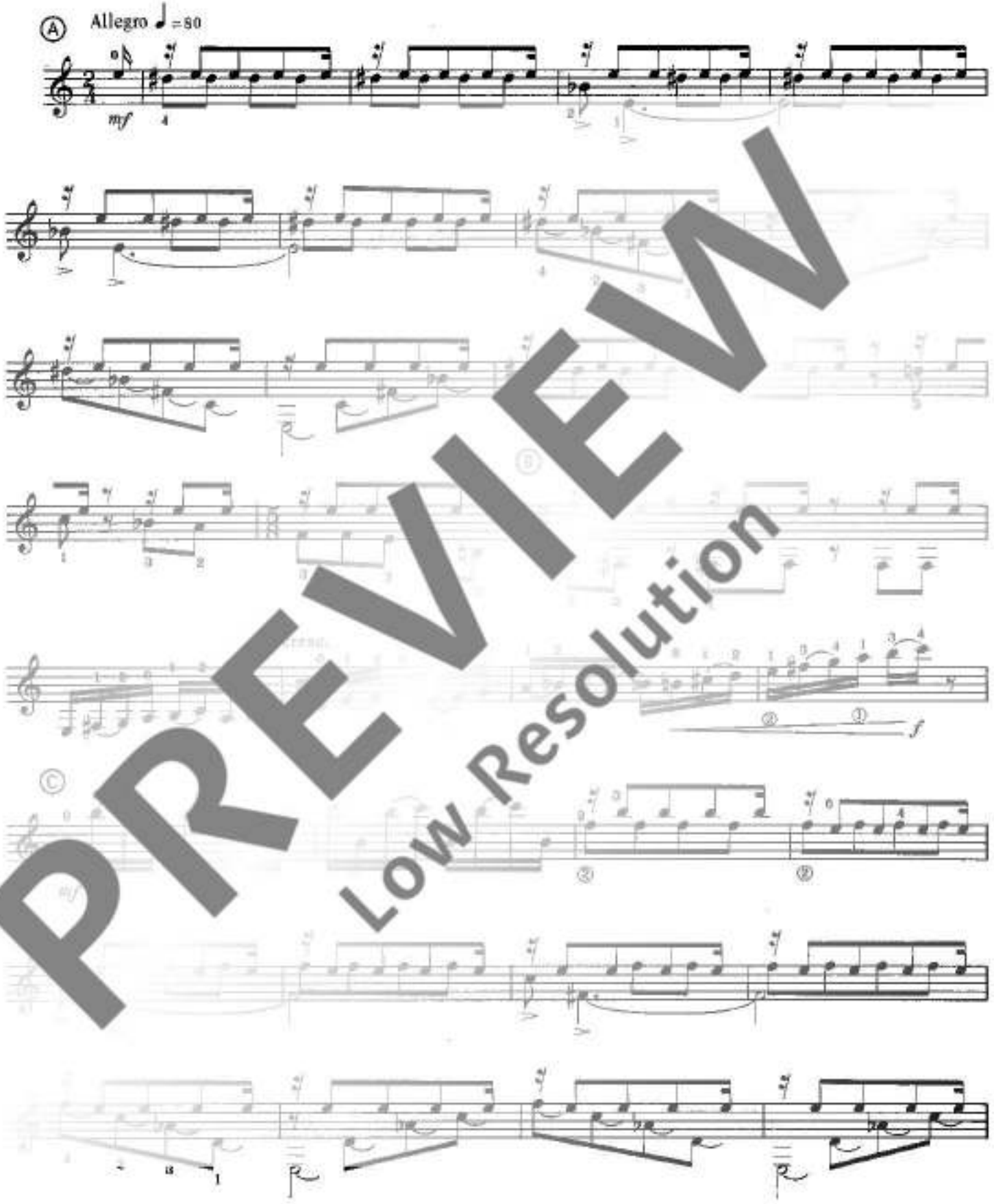
2 Danza

("En la noche del huerto . . .")



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