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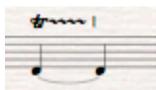
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# The Riddle (Gåtan)

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Violin I  $\text{♩} = 62$  *Tranquillo* *mp* *senza vibrato\** *mf*

Violin II *senza vibrato\** *mf > mp* *cantabile poco vibrato* *mf*

Viola *senza vibrato\** *mf*

Violoncello *senza vibrato\** *mf > mp* *mf*

Vln. I *gliss.* *mf mp* *jeté* *p* *jeté*

Vln. II *mf* *p* *jeté*

Vla. *mf*

Vc. *mf* *5*

Vln. I *tr* *mp*

Vln. II *mp* *mf*

Vla. *mf*

Vc. *p* *mf p* *mp*

Vln. I *jeté* *p* *jeté*

Vln. II *mp* *mf* *f* *p sub* *jeté*

Vla. *mf* *f* *p sub*

Vc. *non dim.* *mp* *f* *mp* *p* *5*

\* mainly without vibrato, use vibrato for colouring and drama



rit. . . . . a tempo . . . . . accel. . . . .

Vln. I  
Vln. II  
Vla.  
Vc.

*mp*  
*pp*  
*mf*  
*pp*  
*pp*  
*pp*

**B** Schwungvoll, a polska\*

$\text{♩} = 104$

Vln. I  
Vln. II  
Vla.  
Vc.

*f*  
*mf*  
*mf*  
*mf*

Vln. I  
Vln. II  
Vla.  
Vc.

*mf*  
*mf*  
*mf*  
*mf*

rit. . . . .

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♩ = 80

61

Vln. I *ff* *mf*

Vln. II *ff* *non dim.* *mf*

Vla. *ff* *non dim.* *mf*

Vc. *ffs* *non dim.* *mf*

66

♩ = 62

Vln. I *p* *accel.*

Vln. II *mp* *p*

Vla. *mp* *p*

Vc. *mp*

**C** → *sul pont.*

71

Vln. I *f* *ord.*

Vln. II *f* *ord.*

Vla. *f* *ord.*

Vc. *p* *f* *ord.* *p*

**D** ♩=80

74 ♩=44

Vln. I sul pont. ord.

Vln. II sul pont. *p*

Vla. sul pont. *p*

Vc. slow gliss molto vibr *f* *mf* *p* *mf* *p* *mf* *mf*

pizz. arco

**E**

78 ♩=96

Vln. I *p* *mf*

Vln. II ord. *p*

Vla. *pp*

Vc. *pp* *mf > p* *mf > p*

gliss. flautando s.t. (sul tasto)

**F** *Leggiero*

86

Vln. I ord. *p* flaut. s.t. *mf*

Vln. II flautando s.t. (sul tasto) *p* *mf* ord. *p*

Vla. *pp*

Vc. *pp* *mf > p* *mf > p*

91

Vln. I ord. *p* gliss. # *p*

Vln. II flaut. s. t. *mf* ord. gliss. # *p*

Vla. (8) sul tasto V *mp*

Vc. sul tasto *mp* ord. *p*

95

Vln. I flaut. s. t. *mf* ord. *p*

Vln. II flaut. s. t. *mf* II:

Vla. ord. *p*

Vc. *mf > p* *mf > p* sul tasto *mp*

99

Vln. I flaut. s. t. *mf* ord. *p* *trm* gliss. *mf > p*

Vln. II ord. *p* flaut. s. t. *mf* ord. *p*

Vla. *mp* *p*

Vc. ord. *p* *mf > p*

103

Vln. I *trm* gliss. *trm* gliss.

Vln. II gliss. *trm* gliss.

Vc. gliss.

Senza misura  
vln 1 and vla coordinated  
vln 2 freely

G

accel.

108

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

*gliss.*

111

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

repeat 3 times

in free order, as fast as possible

continue

in free order, accelerating figure

continue as fast as possible

repeat 3 times

112

**H** Subito, espressivo

$\text{♩} = 62$

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

*poco vibrato*

*f*

*mf*

*sim.*

0 IV: 0 III: 0

*f > mf*

sul pont.

ord. 3

115

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

*mf*

♩ = 104

119

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

mp sub.

mp sub.

senza vibr.

I ♩ = 80

rit. ♩ = 62

124

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

p

f

mf

p

f

mf

p

f

mf

non dim.

non dim.

non dim.

129

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

gliss.

gliss.

gliss.

gliss.

IV: molto vibr.

IV: molto vibr.

IV: molto vibr.

subito

ff

mf

mp

mp

ff

mf

p

ff

mf

134

poco rit. .

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

*pp* *mf* *pp* *mf* *ppp*

*pp* *mf* *pp* *mf* *ppp*

*p* 3 3

*p*

**J** **Meno mosso**  
♩ = 48

138

almost inaudible

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

*pp* *pppp*

*pp* *pppp*

*mp* *pp* *pppp*

*mp* *pp* *ppp*

senza vib.

*gliss.*

VIOLIN I

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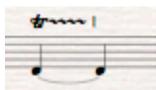
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Violin I

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(Gåtan)

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♩=62 **Tranquillo**

senza vibrato\*

*mp* *mp* *mf mp* *p* *mp* *mf* *f* *p* *mf* *p < f p < f p < f p*

7 *gliss.* *gliss.* *jeté*

12 *tr* *tr* *mp*

17 *tr* *gliss.* *jeté*

22 *tr* *mp* *jeté*

27 *tr* *mf mp* **A** *p < f p < f p < f p* **♩=70 Poco più mosso**

31 *sim.* *mf*

34 *jeté* *tr* *tr* *tr* *tr* *tr* *tr*

38 4 jeté rit. 3

*mf*

48 a tempo accel.

*pp* *mf*

**B** Schwungvoll, a polska\*\*

♩=104

53 f

57 rit.

61 ♩=80 ff mf

66 ♩=62 C sul pont. accel.

*p*

71 ord. tr~ tr~ tr~

*f*

\* soft accent, the sign shows the bows movement

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74  $\text{♩} = 44$  **D**  $\text{♩} = 80$  sul pont. *trm* ord. *p*

78 **E** *p* *gliss.*

**H** Subito, espressivo

112  $\text{♩} = 62$  sul pont. *mf* ord. 3 *<*

116 *mf*

119 *<*

123  $\text{♩} = 104$  rit. **I**  $\text{♩} = 80$  *p* *f* *mf*

127 rit.  $\text{♩} = 62$  *mf* *mp* *pp* *mf* *pp* *mf*

132 IV: *molto vibr.* *gliss.* *gliss.* *pp* *mf* *pp* *mf*

136 poco rit. **J**  $\text{♩} = 48$  *ppp* *pp* *pp* *Meno mosso*

140 *almost inaudible* *pppp*



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44 *rit.* *a tempo*

Schwungvoll, a polska\*

52 *accel.* **B** ♩=104

56

60 *rit.* ♩=80 *ff non dim.* *mf*

64 ♩=62 *> mp mp 3 3*

**C** 69 *sul pont.* *accel.* *p 3 3 3 3*

71 *ord. tr tr* *f*

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Rehnqvist: The Riddle

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 sul pont. *tr* *p*

78 **E**  
 ord. *gliss.* *p*

86 **F**  $\text{♩} = 96$  *Leggiero*  
 flautando s.t. (sul tasto) *ord.* *p*  
*p* *mf* *p*

91 flaut. s. t. *ord.* *p*

96 flaut. s. t. *ord.* *II:* *p*

101 flaut. s. t. *ord.* *gliss.* *p*

104 *tr* *gliss.* *p*

Senza misura; vln 1 and vla coordinated  
vln 2 freely

108 **G** *accel.*

111 in free order, accelerating figure continue as fast as possible

**H** Subito, espressivo

112  $\text{♩} = 62$

*>* *mf*

119

123  $\text{♩} = 104$   $\text{♩} = 80$

*mp sub.* *p* *f* *mf* *rit.* *non dim.*

127  $\text{♩} = 62$

*rit.* *<*

131 *IV: molto vibr.*

*mp* *mf* *gliss.*

134 *poco rit.*

*> pp* *> mf* *> pp* *> mf* *> ppp* *pp*

**J** Meno mosso  $\text{♩} = 48$

138 *almost inaudible*

*pp* *pp* *pppp*

VIOLA

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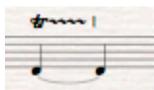
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Viola

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$\text{♩} = 62$  *Tranquillo* **2** *cantabile poco vibrato*

9 *mf*

16 *non dim.* *mf*

24 *mf*

30 **A**  $\text{♩} = 70$  *Poco più mosso* *senza vibrato*

*p < f p < f p < f p < f*

34 *p < f mf* *p < f p < f p < f mf* *p < f*

37 *mf* *p* *mf* *mp* *rit.*

45 *a tempo* *pp* *pp* *accel.*

\*soft accent, the sign  $\text{>}$  shows the movement of the bow

**B** Schwungvoll, a polska\*  
♩=104

53 *mf*

57 *rit.*

61 *ff non dim. mf*

66 *mp* **C** *accel. sul pont. p*

71 *f* *ord.*

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sul pont. *p*

78 *pp*

86 **F**  $\text{♩} = 96$  *Leggiero*

94 *mp* sul tasto *ord.* *p*

99 *mp* *p*

102

108 **G** *gliss.* *acc.*

111 *repeat 3 times*

112 **H** ♩=62 Subito, espressivo  
poco vibrato

117

122 senza vibr. ♩=104 rit. **I** ♩=80

128 rit. ♩=62

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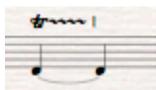
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Violoncello

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senza vibrato\*

7 *mf* *mp* 3 3 3 3

12 *p* *mf* *p* *mf* 5

18 *f* *mp* *mp* 5 *p* *mp* *p* *mp*

24 *f* *mp* *f* *mp* *tr* *tr*

30 **A**  $\text{♩} = 70$  *Poco più mosso* *mf* *tr*

34 *mf* *tr* *tr* *tr* *legato*

38 *rit.* *a tempo* *accel.* 3

44 *pp*

\* mainly without vibrato, use vibrato for colouring and drama

\*\* soft accent, the sign shows the bows movement

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$\text{♩} = 104$

53 *mf*

57 *rit.*

$\text{♩} = 80$

61 *ff non dim. mf*

$\text{♩} = 62$

66 **C** *mp* *p* *accel.* *sul pont.*

72 *ord.* *slow gliss* *molto vibr* *mf* *f* *p* *f*

$\text{♩} = 80$

75 **D** *p* *sul pont* *mf* *pizz.* *arco* *p* *mf* *pizz.* *arco* *mf*

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**E**

78 *pp* *mf > p* *mf > p*

**F** *Leggiero* ♩=96

86 *mf > p* *mf > p*

92 *mp* *p* *mf > p* *mf > p*

*sul tasto* *ord.*

97 *mp* *p*

*sul tasto* *ord.*

101 *mf > p* *gliss.*

**G** Senza misura; vln 1 and vla coordinated, vln 2 freely

109 *accel.*

**H** ♩=62 Subito, espressivo

112 *f > mf* *sim.*

116

119

I ♩=80

123

127

132

Meno mosso

136

140