

Three Murders

from *A Capacity for Evil*



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Full Score

Three Murders

Suite for Symphony Orchestra

- I. From atop the Highest Temple
- II. For Forty Days and Forty Nights, he was Hungry
- III. In All Their Splendor

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Orchestra

2 Flutes
2 Oboes, 2nd doubling English Horn
2 Clarinets in B flat
2 Bassoons

2 Horns in F
2 Trumpets in C
2 Trombones
Tuba

Timpani
Percussion (2 players)
crash cymbals, suspended cymbals, glockenspiel, tubular bell, and woodblock (with snare drum sticks)

Harp
Piano

Strings

Program Note

The Three Murders is a suite of three of the seven orchestral interludes from the opera *A Capacity for Evil*. The story of the opera follows Daniel, a famed 1930s private eye, who, with help from his partner Doyle and his fiancée Angelica, works to unravel a series of grisly murders all occurring on New Years Eve. These murders, engineered by an unknown murderer after a passage of the bible, known as “The Temptations of Christ,” are captured in these three interludes—which echo both the victim’s experience and the murderer’s own warped interpretation of the passage. *A Capacity for Evil* was featured in Fort Worth Opera’s 2017 Frontiers Showcase and awaits an upcoming piano/vocal debut with Opera MODO, in September 2018.

Duration approximately 12 minutes

I. From atop the Highest Temple

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Rushed (♩=110)

Flute 1/2

Oboe 1/2

Clarinet in B♭ 1/2

Bassoon 1/2

Trombone 1/2

Tuba

Timpani

Violin I

Violin II

Violoncello

Contrabass

1. solo

mp

pp

mf

p

pp

[G B C# F#]

p

mp

p

Rushed (♩=110)

pizz. div.

pp

p

pp

mp

p

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

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11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19

a tempo (♩=110)

Hn. 1 2

Tpt. 1 2

Tbn. 1 2

Tba.

Timp.

Pno.

mf

senza pedale

a tempo (♩=110)

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

f

non div.

ff

rall.

20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29



Slightly faster (♩=120)

Hn. 1 2

1. solo

p *mp* *mp* *mf*

Slightly faster (♩=120)

Vla.

div.

mp furiously

mf

Vc.

div.

mp furiously

mf

Cb.

mp furiously

mf

30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37

1. solo

poco a poco accel. (to bar 67)

Fl. 1 2

pp

Hn. 1 2

1. solo

pp

Tpt. 1 2

pp

Perc.

Suspended Cymbal

mf

Glock.

pp

poco a poco accel. (to bar 67)

Vln. I

pp

Vla.

p

Vc.

p

Cb.

p

38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45



Ob. 1 2

1, 2

mf

Hp.

mf

[E F# G A#
C# D B]

Vln. I

mf

Vln. II

div.

mf

Vla.

mf

Vc.

mf

Cb.

div.

mf

46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53

Fl. 1 2
Cl. 1 2
Tpt. 1 2
Tbn. 1 2
Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Cb.

mf
mf
f
f
f
f
f
f
f

senza sord.
1. 2.
1. 2.
1. 2.
1. 2.
1. 2.
1. 2.
1. 2.
1. 2.

54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61

The musical score for measures 54-61 of 'A Capacity for Evil Suite I.' features a variety of instruments. The Flute and Clarinet parts (1 and 2) play sustained notes with a mezzo-forte (mf) dynamic. The Trumpet and Trombone parts (1 and 2) have more active lines, including slurs and accents, with a forte (f) dynamic. The Violin I part plays sustained notes, while Violin II, Viola, Violoncello, and Contrabass all play rhythmic patterns of eighth notes, marked with a forte (f) dynamic. The score includes dynamic markings (mf, f), articulation (accents, slurs), and performance instructions like 'senza sord.' for the trumpets. Measure numbers 54 through 61 are indicated at the bottom.

Fl. 1 2

Ob. 1 2

Cl. 1 2

Bsn. 1 2

Hn. 1 2

Tpt. 1 2

Tbn. 1 2

Tba.

Timp. [C#→E]

Perc. Suspended Cymbals

Hp.

Pno.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69

rall.

Fl. 1/2 *ff*

Ob. 1/2 *ff* 2nd oboe to Eng. Hn.

Cl. 1/2 *ff*

Bsn. 1/2 *ff*

Hn. 1/2 *ff* 1. solo

Tpt. 1/2 *ff*

Tbn. 1/2 *ff*

Tba. *ff*

Timp.

Perc. *ff* *mp* *ff* *mp* *mf*

Hp. *ff*

Pno. *ff*

rall.

Vln. I

Vln. II *p*

Vla. *p*

Vc.

Cb.

70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77

(♩=120)
mp

Hn. 1
2

Timp.

p

Pno.

p

ped.

Vln. II

(♩=120)

Vla.

p

Vc.

p

div.

Cb.

p

78 79 80 81 82 83 84 85

rall. (♩=110)

Fl. 1
2

Cl. 1
2

Bsn. 1
2

Hn. 1
2

Timp.

mf *p*

Pno.

mf *p*

rall. (♩=110)

Vln. I

Vln. II

mf *pp*

Vla.

mf *pp*

Vc.

mf *p*

Cb.

mf *p*

86 87 88 89 90 91 92 93

pizz. div.
p

Fl. 1 2 *rall.*

Hn. 1 2 *non dim.* *p* *mp*

Timp.

Hp. *mf* [F $\sharp$ G $\sharp$]

Vln. I *rall.*

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc. *pizz.*

Cb. *pizz.*

94 95 96 97 98 99 100 101 102

Fl. 1 2 $\text{♩} = 65$ 1. *p* 2. *p* 1. *rall.*

Ob. 1 *p* *pp*

Eng. Hn. *mp* Resume oboe

Bsn. 1 2 1. solo *mp* 1. *p* 2. *p*

Hp. *mp* [A $\natural$] [F $\sharp$ G $\sharp$]

103 104 105 106 107 108 109

Cl. 1 2 *♩=50* 1. solo *mp* 3

Hn. 1 2 1. *p* *mp* 2. *p* *mp* *mp*

Tbn. 1 2 *mp* *p*

Glock. *mp*

Vln. I *♩=50* arco *p* *mp* *p* *mf* *mp* *p*

Vln. II *p* *mp* *p* *mf* *mp* *p*

Vla. *mf* *mp* *p*

Vc. arco *p* *mp* *p*

Cb. arco *p* *mp* *p*

110 111 112 113



Ob. 1 2 1. solo *mp*

Hn. 1 2 *mf* *p* 1. solo *p*

Vln. I *pp*

Vla. div. *mf warm* *mp* *p*

Vc. div. *mf warm* *mp* *p*

Cb. *mf warm* *mp* *p*

114 115 116 117

Musical score for measures 118-125. The score includes parts for Clarinet (Cl.), Bassoon (Bsn.), Horn (Hn.), Piano (Pno.), Violin I (Vln. I), Viola (Vc.), and Cello (Cb.). The tempo is marked as $\text{♩} = 85$ and the dynamics include *accel.*, *p*, *mp*, and *pp*. The score features a 1. solo section for the Clarinet and Bassoon, and a trill section for the Piano. The measure numbers 118 through 125 are indicated at the bottom.

This musical score page contains measures 126 through 133. The instruments and their parts are as follows:

- Oboe (Ob.):** Measures 126-129: Solo, *f*. Measures 130-131: Rest. Measures 132-133: *ff*, marked "1, 2".
- Bassoon (Bsn.):** Measures 126-129: *mf*. Measures 130-133: Rest.
- Horn (Hn.):** Measures 126-129: Rest. Measures 130-131: Solo, *f*. Measures 132-133: *ff*.
- Piano (Pno.):** Measures 126-129: *f*. Measures 130-133: Rest.
- Violin I (Vln. I):** Measures 126-129: *mf*. Measures 130-133: *molto rall.*
- Violin II (Vln. II):** Measures 126-129: *mf*, *div.*, triplets. Measures 130-133: *molto rall.*, triplets.
- Viola (Vla.):** Measures 126-129: *mf*, triplets. Measures 130-133: *molto rall.*, triplets.
- Violoncello (Vc.):** Measures 126-129: *mf*, *div.*, triplets. Measures 130-133: *molto rall.*, triplets.
- Contrabass (Cb.):** Measures 126-129: *mf*, triplets. Measures 130-133: *molto rall.*, triplets.

The score includes dynamic markings (*f*, *ff*, *mf*), articulation (accents), and performance instructions (1. solo, *molto rall.*). Measure numbers 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, and 133 are printed at the bottom of the page.

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Ob. 1. solo *espr.* *mf* *meno f* *p* *pp*
Bsn. *fffmf*
Hn. *fffmf*
Tpt. *fffmf*
Tbn. *fffmf*
Tba. *fffmf*
Timp. *let sound*
Hp. *let sound*
Pno.
Vln. II *mf* (sub.) *pp*
Vla. *mf* (sub.) *pp*
Vc. *mf* (sub.) *pp*
Cb. *mf* (sub.) *pp*

a tempo (♩=110) molto rall. a tempo (♩=110) molto rall.

137 138 139 140 141 142 143 144

II. For Forty Days and Forty Nights, he was Hungry

Slow and uneasy (♩=56) poco rall. a tempo (♩=56) poco rall. . . . a tempo (♩=56) rall.

con sord.

Viola

pp *p* *p* *mp* *p*

1 2 3 4 5

a tempo (♩=56) poco rall. . . a tempo (♩=56)

Vla.

pp *p* *mp* *p (sub.)* *p* *mp*

Vc.

con sord.

p *p* *mp* *p (sub.)* *p* *mp*

6 7 8 9 10 11

1. solo rall. . . . a tempo (♩=56)

Bsn. 1 2

mp *mf* *mp* *mf*

Tbn. 1 2

1. solo

mp *mf*

Tba.

rall. . . . a tempo (♩=56)

Vla.

p *mp* *p* *mp* *mf*

Vc.

p *mp* *p* *mp* *mf*

12 13 14 15 16

molto rall. . . . a tempo (♩=56)

Bsn. 1 2

pp *cresc.* *mp* *mf* *mp*

Tbn. 1 2

mp (sub.) *mf* *mp*

Tba.

mp (sub.) *mf* *mp*

Vla.

pp *cresc.* *mp* *mf* *mp*

Vc.

pp *cresc.* *mp* *mf* *mp*

17 18 19 20 21

[illegible]

Broader (♩=48) **molto rall.**

Fl. 1/2 *f* *piu f* *ff*

Cl. 1/2 *f* *piu f* *ff*

Bsn. 1/2 *f* *ff*

Hn. 1/2 *ff* *piu f* *ff*

Tpt. 1/2 *f* *ff*

Tbn. 1/2 *f* *piu f* *ff*

Tba. *f* *ff*

Timp. *f* *piu f* *ff*

Broader (♩=48) **molto rall.**

Vln. I *piu f* *ff*

Vln. II *piu f* *ff*

Vla. *piu f* *ff*

Vc. *piu f* *ff*

Db. *piu f* *ff*

28 29 30 31

1. solo
poco rall. . . . a tempo (♩=48) rall.

Fl. 1 2
p (sub.)

Bsn. 1 2
1. solo
mp

Tpt. 1 2
1. solo
con sord.
mp (sub.)
p

Tbn. 1 2
1. solo
mp
p

Tba.
1. solo
p

Tub. B.
mp

Hp.
mf
8va-----
[E♭ F♭ G♯ A
C♯ D♯ B♯]

Pno.
mp
8va-----
♭8
♯(♭) (♭)8

Vln. I
p (sub.)
pp
solo
sect.
p

Vln. II
p (sub.)
pp

Vla.
p (sub.)
pp

Vc.
p (sub.)
pp
solo
mp

Db.
p (sub.)
pp

32 33 34

con sord.
rall. div.

Vla.
pp
pp
p
pp
ppp

Vc.
ppp

Db.
solo
ppp
ppp
ppp
tr~~~~~
pp

35 36 37 38 39 40

III. In All Their Splendor

Maestoso, but menancingly (♩=40) **poco rall.** **a tempo** (♩=40) **molto rall.**

Horn in F 1/2

Trombone 1/2

Tuba

Violin I

Violin II

Viola

Violoncello

Double Bass

f pesante *f* *mp* *mf* *mp* *ff*

1 2 3 4

More broadly (♩=36)

molto rall.

Hn. 1 2

Tpt. 1 2

Tbn. 1 2

Tba.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Db.

5

6

20

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III.

Steady and driving (♩=60)

Fl. 1/2 *pp*

Ob. 1/2 *p*

Cl. 1/2 1. *pp* 2. *pp* *sim.*

Vln. I *p*

Vln. II *p*

Vla. *pizz.* *p*

Vc. *p*

7 8

Ob. 1/2 *p*

Cl. 1/2

Hp. [E F G♭ A C♭ D♯ B♭]

mp

Vln. I *p* *molto espress.* *solo* *gliss. (4)* *mf*

Vln. II *p*

Vla.

Vc.

9 10

Ob. 1 2

Cl. 1 2

Hp.

Pno.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

mf brightly (allow to fade to nothing)

Red.

molto espress. (imitating the violin)

solo arco

gliss. (h)

f

tutti pizz.

p

p

11

12

Cl. 1 2

Bsn. 1 2

Tpt. 1 2

Tbn. 1 2

Hp.

Pno.

Vla.

Vc.

Db.

1. solo

mp

mf

1. solo

sweetly

mp

mf

con sord.

mf (sub.)

f

con sord.

mf (sub.)

f

8va

mp

6

6

6

6

8va

6

6

ff

6

6

pp

mp

leggiere

f (sub.)

mp (sub.)

mp

13

14

15

22

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III.

Ob. 1/2

Cl. 1/2

Tpt. 1/2

Tbn. 1/2

Hp.

Pno.

Vc.

Db.

1. solo

mp

mp

p

pp

mp

pp

mp

mp

16

17

18

19

20

Ob. 1/2

Hn. 1/2

Hp.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Db.

poco rall. . a tempo (♩=60)

1. solo

[D♭ G]

poco rall. . a tempo (♩=60)

div.

div.

arco

mp

mf

mp

pp

pp

pp

pp

pp

pp

19

20

Ob. 1 2

Hn. 1 2

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Db.

21

22

23

Fl. 1 2

Cl. 1 2

Tpt. 1 2

Tbn. 1 2

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Db.

24

25

26

24

A Capacity for Evil - Suite
III.

Fl. 1/2

Cl. 1/2

Hn. 1/2

Tbn. 1/2

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Db.

27

28

Fl. 1/2

Cl. 1/2

Bsn. 1/2

Hn. 1/2

Glock.

Pho.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Db.

29

30

31

molto rall. (♩=42)

1. solo
sweetly

dolcissimo

—(molto)—

[illegible]

This page of a musical score is divided into two measures. The first measure is marked with a tempo of $\text{♩}=56$, and the second measure is marked with a tempo of $\text{♩}=64$.

The instruments and their parts are as follows:

- Ob. 1:** Plays a melodic line starting with a half note, then a quarter note, and a half note. Dynamics: *mf* to *f* in the first measure, *p* to *mp* in the second.
- Cl. 1:** Plays a melodic line starting with a half note, then a quarter note, and a half note. Dynamics: *pp* to *p* in the first measure, *p* to *mp* in the second.
- Bsn. 1, 2:** Play a rhythmic pattern of eighth notes. Dynamics: *mp* to *mf* in the first measure, *mf* to *mp* in the second.
- Tpt. 1:** Plays a melodic line starting with a half note, then a quarter note, and a half note. Dynamics: *mf* to *mp* in the first measure, *mf* to *mp* in the second.
- Tpt. 2:** Plays a melodic line starting with a half note, then a quarter note, and a half note. Dynamics: *f* in the second measure.
- Tbn. 1, 2:** Play a rhythmic pattern of eighth notes. Dynamics: *f* in the second measure.
- Tba.:** Plays a melodic line starting with a half note, then a quarter note, and a half note. Dynamics: *f* in the second measure.
- Perc.:** Plays a rhythmic pattern of eighth notes. Dynamics: *mp* to *mf* in the first measure, *mf* to *mp* in the second.
- Hp.:** Plays a melodic line starting with a half note, then a quarter note, and a half note. Dynamics: *pp* to *p* in the first measure, *p* to *mp* in the second.
- Pno.:** Plays a melodic line starting with a half note, then a quarter note, and a half note. Dynamics: *p* to *mp* in the first measure, *mp* to *p* in the second.
- Vln. I:** Plays a melodic line starting with a half note, then a quarter note, and a half note. Dynamics: *p* to *mp* in the first measure, *mp* to *p* in the second.
- Vln. II:** Plays a melodic line starting with a half note, then a quarter note, and a half note. Dynamics: *p* to *mp* in the first measure, *mp* to *p* in the second.
- Vla.:** Plays a melodic line starting with a half note, then a quarter note, and a half note. Dynamics: *pp* to *p* in the first measure, *p* to *mp* in the second.
- Vc.:** Plays a melodic line starting with a half note, then a quarter note, and a half note. Dynamics: *p* to *mp* in the first measure, *mp* to *p* in the second.
- Db.:** Plays a melodic line starting with a half note, then a quarter note, and a half note. Dynamics: *p* to *mp* in the first measure, *mp* to *p* in the second.

A Capacity for Evil - Suite III.

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Fl. 1/2 $\text{♩} = 56$ 1, 2 *f* 6

Cl. 1/2 1, 2 *f* 6

Bsn. 1/2 1, 2 *f* 6

Hn. 1/2 *fff*

Tbn. 1/2 *f* *mp* *f*

Tba. *f* *mp* *f*

Timp. *fff*

Vln. I $\text{♩} = 56$ *f pesante*

Vln. II *f pesante*

Vla. *f pesante*

Vc. *f pesante*

Db. *f pesante*

38

39

Fl. 1/2 **a tempo** ($\text{♩} = 56$) 6 **molto rall.** 6 *ff*

Cl. 1/2 6 *ff*

Hn. 1/2 *mp* *mf* *mp* *ff*

Tbn. 1/2 *mp* *mf* *mp* *ff*

Tba. *mp* *ff*

Vln. I **a tempo** ($\text{♩} = 56$) **molto rall.** *ff*

Vln. II *ff*

Vla. *ff*

Vc. *ff*

Db. *ff*

40

41

More broadly (♩=36)

molto rall.

Hn. 1 2

Tpt. 1 2

Tbn. 1 2

Tba.

More broadly (♩=36)

molto rall.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Db.

42

43

Fl. 1/2 *ff* *poco rall.* *ff* *sfz* *ff*

Ob. 1/2 *ff* *ff* *ff*

Cl. 1/2 *ff* *ff* *ff*

Bsn. 1/2 *ff* *ff* *ff*

Hn. 1/2 *ff* *ff* *ff*

Tpt. 1/2 *ff* *ff* *ff*

Tbn. 1/2 *ff* *ff* *ff*

Tba. *ff* *ff* *ff*

Timp. *ff* *ff* *ff*

Perc. *ff* *ff* *ff*

Tub. B. *ff* *ff* *ff*

Pno. *ff* *ff* *ff*

Vln. I *ff* *ff* *ff*

Vln. II *ff* *ff* *ff*

Vla. *ff* *ff* *ff*

Vc. *ff* *ff* *ff*

Db. *ff* *ff* *ff*