

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

p

mf

[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

Ob. 1 2

Cl. 1 2

Bsn. 1 2

Hn. 1 2

Tpt. 1 2

Tbn. 1 2

Tba.

Timp.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vc.

Cb.

11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19

1, 2

poco rall.

mp

mf

pp

pp

mp

mf

ff

ff

p

mf

mp

p

arco

arco

mp

f

f

f

f

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.

1, 2

ff

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

p

mf

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

div.

Vln. II

mf

Vla.

mf

Vc.

mf

div.

Cb.

mf

46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53

This musical score segment covers measures 54 through 61. The instrumentation includes Flute (Fl.), Clarinet (Cl.), Trumpet (Tpt.), Trombone (Tbn.), Violin I (Vln. I), Violin II (Vln. II), Viola (Vla.), Violoncello (Vc.), and Contrabass (Cb.).

- Measures 54-57:** The woodwinds and strings play in D major. The Flute and Clarinet have melodic lines with slurs. The Trombone has a melodic line with slurs and accents. The Violin I, II, Viola, and Cello/Double Bass parts are playing a rhythmic pattern of eighth notes.
- Measure 58:** The key signature changes to D minor. The woodwinds and strings continue their respective parts.
- Measures 59-61:** The music continues in D minor. The woodwinds and strings maintain their parts.

Dynamic markings include *mf* (mezzo-forte) for the woodwinds and *f* (forte) for the strings. The Trombone part includes articulation marks like accents and slurs. The string parts are marked with *f* and have slurs over the eighth notes.

(♩=146)

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

Re0

(♩=120)

Vln. II

mp

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*

pizz. div.
p

86 87 88 89 90 91 92 93

Fl. 1 2 *rall.*

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

Timp.

Hp. *mf* [F^b G#]

Vln. I *rall.*

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc. *pizz.*

Cb. *pizz.*

94 95 96 97 98 99 100 101 102

Fl. 1 2 *♩=65* 1. *p* 2. *p* 1. *rall.*

Ob. 1 *p* *pp*

Eng. Hn. *mp* Resume oboe

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

Hp. *mp* [A^b] [F# G^b]

103 104 105 106 107 108 109

Cl. 1 2 *♩=50* 1. solo *mp*

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

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

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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 is for a full orchestra, including 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 are *accel.*. The score includes various musical notations such as *p*, *mp*, *pp*, *div.*, *tr.*, *gliss.*, and *1. solo*. The measures are numbered 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, and 125.

This musical score page contains measures 126 through 133. The instruments are Oboe (Ob.), Bassoon (Bsn.), Horn (Hn.), Harp (Hp.), Piano (Pno.), Violin I (Vln. I), Violin II (Vln. II), Viola (Vla.), Violoncello (Vc.), and Contrabass (Cb.).

- Measures 126-129:** The tempo is marked $\text{♩} = 110$. The Oboe has a "1. solo" marking. Dynamics include *f* (forte) and *mf* (mezzo-forte).
- Measure 130:** The Horn has a "1. solo" marking. Dynamics include *f* and *ff* (fortissimo).
- Measure 131:** The Harp has a dynamic marking of *f*. A bracket labeled *G#* spans measures 130 and 131.
- Measures 132-133:** The tempo is marked *molto rall.* (molto rallentando).

The score includes various musical notations such as slurs, ties, and dynamic markings. A large, diagonal watermark reading "PREVIEW" is overlaid across the center of the page.

This image shows a page from a musical score, likely for a symphony orchestra. The score is written for multiple instruments, including woodwinds, brass, percussion, and strings. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The tempo marking "molto allarg." is present at the top and bottom of the page. The score includes various musical notations such as triplets, glissandos, and dynamic markings like "ff" (fortissimo) and "fff" (fortississimo). The instruments listed on the left are Fl. (Flute), Ob. (Oboe), Cl. (Clarinet), Bsn. (Bassoon), Hn. (Horn), Tpt. (Trumpet), Tbn. (Trombone), Tba. (Tuba), Timp. (Timpani), Hp. (Harp), Pno. (Piano), Vln. I (Violin I), Vln. II (Violin II), Vla. (Viola), Vc. (Violoncello), and Cb. (Contrabass). The score is divided into measures, with some measures containing multiple staves for different instruments. The overall layout is typical of a professional musical score, with clear notation and a structured format.

a tempo (♩=110) **molto rall.** . . .

1. solo *espr.*

Ob. 1/2 *mf* *meno f* *p* *pp*

Bsn. 1/2 *fffmf*

Hn. 1/2 *fffmf*

Tpt. 1/2 *fffmf*

Tbn. 1/2 *fffmf*

Tba. *fffmf*

Timp. *let sound*

Hp. *let sound*

Pno. *let sound*

a tempo (♩=110) **molto rall.** . . .

Vln. II *mf* (sub.) *pp*

Vla. *mf* (sub.) *pp*

Vc. *mf* (sub.) *pp*

Cb. *mf* (sub.) *pp*

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

Bsn. 1 2

mp mf mp mf

Tbn. 1 2

1. solo

mp

Tba.

mf

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

molto rall. a tempo (♩=56)

Vla.

pp cresc. mp mf mp

Vc.

pp cresc. mp mf mp

17 18 19 20 21

Slightly Broader (♩=52) **poco rall. . . . a tempo (♩=56)** **molto rall. .**

Bsn. 1 2 *p*

Tbn. 1 2 *p*

Tba. *p*

Timp. [G# A B E] [B → C#] [C# → Bb] *p* *mp* *mf*

Slightly Broader (♩=52) **poco rall. . . . a tempo (♩=56)** **molto rall. .**

Vln. I *mp* *meno p* *mf* *f*

Vln. II *mp* *meno p* *mf* *f*

Vla. *senza sord.* *mp* *meno p* *mf* *f*

Vc. *senza sord.* *mp* *mf* *tr* *mf* *f*

Db. *mp* *mf* *tr* *mf* *f*

22 23 24 25 26 27

Fl. 1
2

Broader (♩=48)

molto rall.

Cl. 1
2

1, 2

f

piu f

ff

Bsn. 1
2

1, 2

f

ff

Hn. 1
2

1, 2

ff

piu f

ff

Tpt. 1
2

2. solo

f

ff

Tbn. 1
2

ff

f

piu f

ff

Tba.

f

ff

Timp.

f

piu f

ff

Vln. I

Broader (♩=48)

molto rall.

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
8^{va}-----
[E♭ F♭ G♯ A
C♯ D♯ B♯]

Pno.
mp
8^{va}-----
♭⁸
♯(♭) (♭)♯

poco rall. . . . a tempo (♩=48) rall.

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

Vln. II
p (sub.)
pp

Vla.
p (sub.)
pp

Vc.
p (sub.)
pp
solo
mp

Db.
p (sub.)
pp

32 33 34

con sord.
pp
p
pp
ppp

Vla.
pp
p
pp
ppp

Vc.
ppp

Db.
solo
ppp
ppp
ppp
pp

rall. div.

35 36 37 38 39 40

III. In All Their Splendor

Maestoso, but menacingly (♩=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

1 2 3 4

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

f *mp* *f* *mp* *ff*

f *mp* *f* *mp* *ff*

f pesante *f* *f* *f* *ff*

f pesante *f* *f* *f* *ff*

f pesante *f* *f* *f* *ff*

f pesante *f* *f* *f* *ff*

More broadly (♩=36)

fff

fp *ff*

lunga

sfz *fff*

more broadly (♩=36)

fff

fp *ff*

lunga

sfz *fff*

sfz *lunga* *fff*

sfz *lunga* *fff*

sfz *lunga* *fff*

lunga *fff*

lunga *fff*

sfz *lunga* *fff*

sfz *lunga* *fff*

sfz *lunga* *fff*

lunga *fff*

lunga *fff*

20

A Capacity for Evil - Suite
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.

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

sweetly

1. solo

mp

mf

con sord.

mf (sub.)

f

con sord.

mf (sub.)

f

8va

mp

6

6

6

6

ff

6

6

pp

mp

leggiere

f (sub.)

mp (sub.)

mp

13

14

15

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

Fl. 1/2

Cl. 1/2

Hn. 1/2

Tbn. 1/2

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Db.

1. solo

f

p

mf

27

28

molto rall. (♩=42)

Fl. 1/2

Cl. 1/2

Bsn. 1/2

Hn. 1/2

Glock.

Pho.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Db.

ff

fff

p (sub.)

mp

ffp

dolcissimo

p

mp

(molto)

p

mp

ff

p

pp

mp

p (sub.)

pp

mp

p (sub.)

pp

mp

29

30

31

Beginning slowly (still ♩=42)

Cl. 1

2. solo

Bsn. 1 2

Hn. 1 2

Tbn. 1 2

Tba.

Woodblock with Snare Drum Sticks

Perc.

Hp.

Pno.

Beginning slowly (still ♩=42)

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Db.

molto stringendo. (♩=48)

mf

f

ff

mf

cresc. poco a poco

p

f

pp

sempre f

mf

f

pp

mf

f

mf

cresc. poco a poco

mf

cresc. poco a poco

Musical score for "The Rose Tree" by Franz Schubert, Op. 149, No. 3. The score is for a full orchestra and includes parts for Oboe 1, Clarinet 1, Bassoon 1 & 2, Trumpet 1 & 2, Trombone 1 & 2, Tuba, Percussion, Harp, Piano, Violin I & II, Viola, Violoncello, and Double Bass. The score is divided into two systems, each with a tempo change from quarter note = 56 to quarter note = 64. The music is in 3/4 time and features a variety of dynamics and articulations.

molto allarg.

(♩=28)

Fl. 1 2 *1. solo* *ff* *2. solo* *fff*

Ob. 1 *mp* *mf* *mf* *f* *ff*

Ob. 2 *f* *fff* *fff*

Cl. 1 *mp* *mf* *f* *ff*

Cl. 2 *f* *ff* *fff*

Bsn. 1 2 *f* *ff* *fff*

Hn. 1 2 *fff* *bells up*

Tpt. 1 *mp* *mf* *mf* *f* *ff*

Tpt. 2 *ff* *mf* *piu f* *f* *ff*

Tbn. 1 2 *f cresc.* *f* *ff*

Tba. *f cresc.*

Perc. *f non cresc.* *f possibile*

Hp. *mp* *mf* *f* *ff*

Pno. *mf* *f*

molto allarg.

(♩=28)

Vln. I *mf* *f* *ff*

Vln. II *mf* *f* *ff*

Vla. *mp* *mf* *mf* *f*

Vc. *mf* *f*

Db. *mf* *f*

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 *ffff*

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* ($\text{♩} = 56$) *ff*

Vln. II *ff*

Vla. *ff*

Vc. *ff*

Db. *ff*

40

41

More broadly (♩=36)

fff

sfz *lunga* *non dim.* *fff*

fp *ff* *sfz* *fff*

fp *fff*

molto rall.

sfz *lunga* *non dim.* *fff*

sfz *lunga* *fff*

sfz *lunga* *fff*

sfz *lunga* *fff*

fff

fff

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*