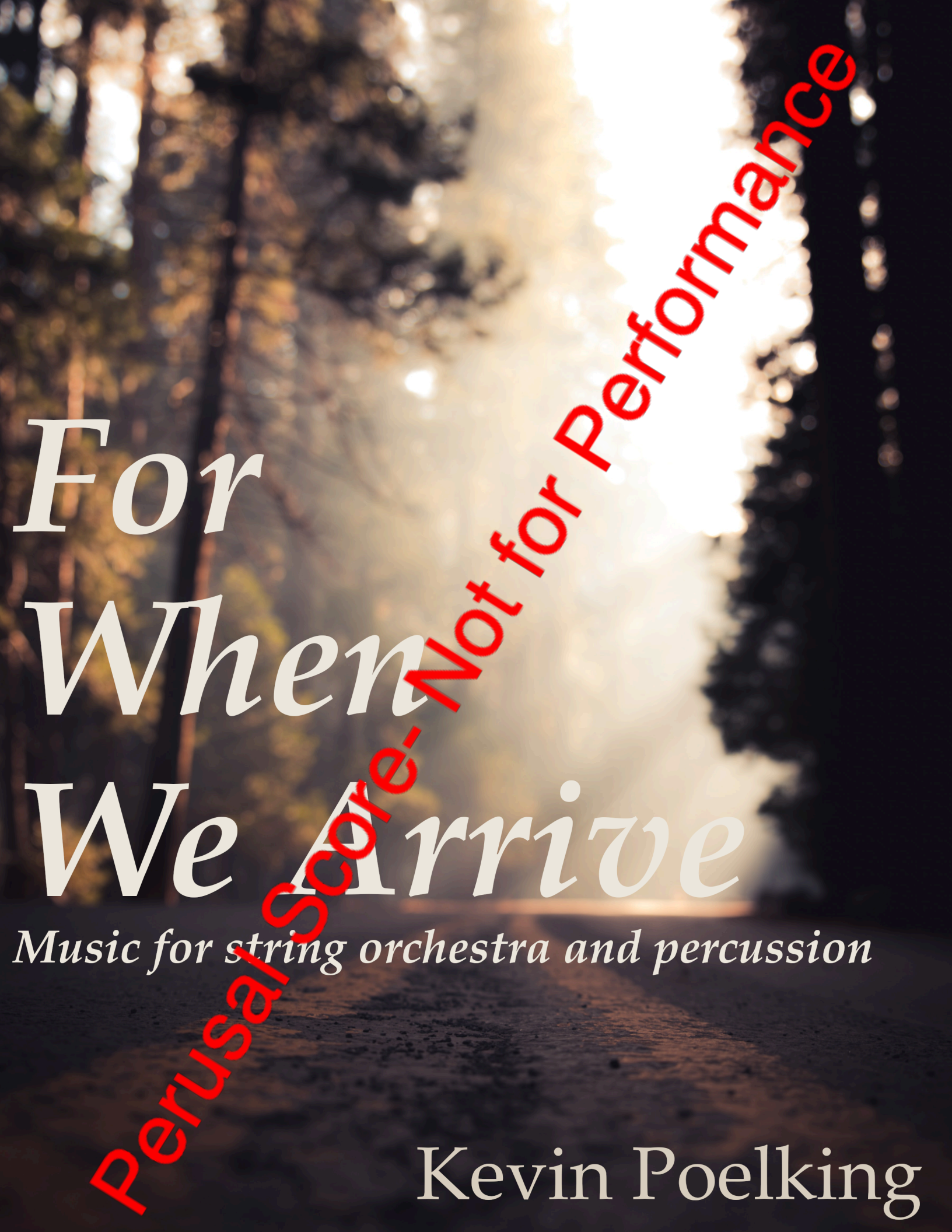


A photograph of a sunlit forest path, with sunlight filtering through the trees, creating a warm, golden glow. A red diagonal watermark reading "Perusal Score - Not for Performance" is overlaid across the image.

For When We Arrive

Music for string orchestra and percussion

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Program Note

So often, we begin moving towards a place, event, or goal, but when we arrive, things often look different than we thought they would. What if the place we ended up was not what we originally envisioned, but we were able to find beauty in it just the same?

In *For When We Arrive*, the music seems to repeatedly *almost* arrive in a satisfying place. However, with each swell, we fall short of what we thought would be our destination. At m. 45, we seem to begin from where we started, trying our luck in a new key. And something is different this time...

Suddenly, the flutes and marimba offer us some much-needed momentum while supporting a new melody. Perhaps this new melody, which we had never seen before, is the true destination?

At m. 66, we receive a taste of resolution as we begin to look back on where we have been. There is a sense of relief that we are on the right path, and a feeling of more to come.

The music finally comes to a satisfying arrival at m. 78. While the piece had been building around the material from earlier music this entire time, we now realize that it is a melody that we never saw from the beginning – one we had to discover along the way – that we had actually been waiting for all along.

For When We Arrive is the story of the beauty that can come from being open to other people, opportunities, and ideas. Questioning, being curious and honest, and sometimes altogether abandoning our plans, convictions, or beliefs can often result in the discovery of something wonderful...

*...for when we arrive,
we look back and realize that we knew nothing of the beauty
of which we could not yet see.*

Instrumentation

Divisi String Orchestra and Percussion

Violin I (Violin Ia)
Violin II (Violin Ib)
Violin III (Violin IIa)
Violin IV (Violin IIb)

Viola I
Viola II

Cello I
Cello II

Contrabass (with divisi)

Piano
(To be played in the absence of percussion)

Percussion I
Vibraphone
Large Triangle

Percussion II
Marimba
Large Suspended Cymbal
Crotales (pitches B $\flat$ and C $\natural$ only)

Performance Notes

The music should always be legato and in a lush, "choral" style. Players should use caution when accents are present and play with "weight" rather than a pointed attack. Tenuto markings are sometimes present to show "weight" / emphasis.

If possible, it is preferred that the triangle and suspended cymbal have a large range of overtones with especially audible lower pitches. (A "wash" of sound, as opposed to a clear, bright, distinct pitch.)

The vibraphonist/ pianist should make pedaling decisions based on a combination of the provided text, slur markings, and their own musical intuition. The player can be liberal in providing resonance and the blending of notes.

A piano part is provided in the absence of one or both percussionists.

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rit. *breve*

Vln. I *n. < mp > n. p < mp*

Vln. II *pp mp*

Vln. III *pp mp*

Vln. IV *mp*

Vla. I *mp*

Vla. II *mp*

Vc. I *mp*

Vc. II *mp*

Cb. *mp*

Pno.

Perc. I *p* Large triangle

Perc. II *mp* Crotales- bowed large sus. cym *pp*

12

13

14

15

16

17

Poco piu mosso ca. $\text{♩} = 56$

Violin I

Violin II

Violin III

Violin IV

Viola I

Viola II

Violoncello I

Violoncello II

Contrabasso

Piano

Percussion I

Percussion II

Marimba

Full Score - Not for Performance

Score for Percussion, starting on page 29. The score is marked "Perusal Score - Not for Performance".

The score includes parts for:

- Vln. I
- Vln. II
- Vln. III
- Vln. IV
- Vla. I
- Vla. II
- Vc. I
- Vc. II
- Cb.
- Pno.
- Perc. I
- Perc. II

Key markings and dynamics include:

- ppp* (pianissimo)
- p* (piano)
- norm.* (normal)
- norm. div.* (normal division)
- sul tasto* (on the hammer)

The score is divided into measures, with page numbers 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, and 30 indicated at the bottom.

div.

Vln. I *mp*

Vln. II *mp*

Vln. III *pp* *mp*

Vln. IV *pp* *mp*

Vla. I *mp*

Vla. II *mp*

Vc. I *mp*

Vc. II *mp*

Cb. *mp* unis.

Pno. *pp* *mp*

Perc. I *mp*

Perc. II *pp*

31

32

33

34

35

36

37

40 unis. rit.

Vln. I *mp* *mf*

Vln. II *mf*

Vln. III *mf*

Vln. IV *mf*

Vla. I *mf*

Vla. II *mf*

Vc. I *mf*

Vc. II *mf*

Cb. *mf*

Pno. *mf* *mp*

Perc. I *mf*

Perc. II *sus. cym* *pp* *mp* *mp*

38

39

40

41

42

Tempo I poco piu mosso

Score for Percussion and Strings, measures 43 to 47.

Violins (Vln. I, II, III, IV): Vln. I and II play sustained notes. Vln. III and IV enter in measure 44 with a *p* dynamic, then move to *mp* in measure 45.

Violas (Vla. I, II): Play sustained notes, moving from *p* to *mp* in measure 45.

Celli (Vc. I, II): Play sustained notes, moving from *p* to *mp* in measure 45.

Double Bass (Cb.): Play sustained notes, moving from *p* to *mp* in measure 45.

Piano (Pno.): Enters in measure 44 with a *mp* dynamic, playing a rhythmic pattern.

Percussion (Perc. I, II): Perc. I plays a *p* dynamic, marked "Large triangle". Perc. II plays a *pp* dynamic, marked "Large triangle".

Measures: 43, 44, 45, 46, 47.

Gently c. ♩ = 60

musical score for Vln. I, Vln. II, Vln. III, Vln. IV, Vla. I, Vla. II, Vc. I, Vc. II, Cb., Pno., Perc. I, and Perc. II. The score is marked with a large red diagonal watermark reading "Perusal Score - Not for Performance".

Key markings and dynamics include:

- Vln. I:** solo, *p* delicato, poco staccato
- Vln. II:** *pp*
- Vln. III:** *p*
- Vln. IV:** *p*
- Vla. I:** *p*
- Vla. II:** *p*
- Vc. I:** solo, *mf*
- Vc. II:** *p*
- Cb.:** unis., *p*
- Pno.:** *pp*, *cresc.* una corda
- Perc. II:** *p*

The score is divided into measures, with time signatures changing from 4/4 to 2/4 and back to 4/4.

Score for Percussion, page 14, measures 52-54. The score is for a percussion ensemble and includes parts for Vln. I, Vln. II, Vln. III, Vln. IV, Vla. I, Vla. II, Vc. I, Vc. II, Cb., Pno., Perc. I, and Perc. II. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The score is marked with a large red diagonal watermark reading "Perusal Score - Not for Performance".

Measures 52-54 show the following parts:

- Vln. I:** Rapid sixteenth-note runs, starting in measure 52 and continuing through measure 54. Dynamics: *pp* (pianissimo) in measure 54.
- Vln. II:** Sustained notes with long slurs, starting in measure 52 and continuing through measure 54. Dynamics: *pp* (pianissimo) in measure 54.
- Vln. III:** Sustained notes with long slurs, starting in measure 52 and continuing through measure 54.
- Vln. IV:** Sustained notes with long slurs, starting in measure 52 and continuing through measure 54.
- Vla. I:** Sustained notes with long slurs, starting in measure 52 and continuing through measure 54. Dynamics: *mp* (mezzo-piano) in measure 54.
- Vla. II:** Sustained notes with long slurs, starting in measure 52 and continuing through measure 54. Dynamics: *mp* (mezzo-piano) in measure 54.
- Vc. I:** Sustained notes with long slurs, starting in measure 52 and continuing through measure 54. Dynamics: *p* (piano) in measure 54.
- Vc. II:** Sustained notes with long slurs, starting in measure 52 and continuing through measure 54.
- Cb.:** Sustained notes with long slurs, starting in measure 52 and continuing through measure 54.
- Pno.:** Rapid sixteenth-note runs in the right hand, starting in measure 52 and continuing through measure 54. Dynamics: *p* (piano) in measure 54.
- Perc. I:** Sustained notes with long slurs, starting in measure 52 and continuing through measure 54. Dynamics: *p* (piano) in measure 54. Marked "with bow" in measure 54.
- Perc. II:** Rapid sixteenth-note runs in the right hand, starting in measure 52 and continuing through measure 54.

Score for Percussion, page 15, measures 55-58. The score includes parts for Violins I, II, III, IV; Violas I, II; Cellos; Piano; and Percussion I and II. The key signature is two sharps (F# and C#), and the time signature is 3/4. The Percussion I part is marked "with mallets". Dynamics include *mp*, *mf*, *p*, and *div.* (divisi). A large red watermark "Perusal Score - Not for Performance" is overlaid diagonally across the page.

molto rall.

Full c. ♩ = 60

Score for Percussion and Strings, measures 64 to 67. The score includes parts for Violins I, II, III, IV; Violas I, II; Cellos; Double Bass; Piano; Percussion I; and Percussion II. The key signature is two sharps (F# and C#), and the time signature is 2/4. The tempo is marked *molto rall.* and the tempo indicator is Full c. ♩ = 60. The score features various dynamics including *f* (forte), *mp* (mezzo-piano), and *div.* (divisi). Percussion II includes a section labeled "Crotale- bowed".

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Vln. I

Vln. II

Vln. III

Vln. IV

Vla. I

Vla. II

Vc. I

Vc. II

Cb.

Pno.

Perc. I

Perc. II

poco rit. **75** *a tempo*

Vln. I *ff*

Vln. II *ff*

Vln. III *ff*

Vln. IV *ff*

Vla. I *ff*

Vla. II *ff*

Vc. I *f* *ff*

Vc. II *f* *ff*

Cb. *p* *ff*

Pno. *f*

Perc. I *ff*

Perc. II *f* **Marimba**

72

73

74

75

76

Vln. I *gliss. fff* *div.*
 Vln. II *mp* *fff poco staccato*
 Vln. III *fff*
 Vln. IV *fff*
 Vla. I *fff*
 Vla. II *fff*
 Vc. I *fff*
 Vc. II *fff*
 Cb. *div. 3* *fff*
 Pno. *mp* *fff* *pedal sparingly*
 Perc. I *mp* *ped. sparingly* *fff*
 Perc. II *ff* *pp* *ff*

musical score for orchestra and piano, featuring staves for Violins I, II, III, IV, Violas I, II, Cellos, Double Basses, Piano, Percussion I, and Percussion II. The score is marked with a large red diagonal watermark reading "Perusal Score - Not for Performance".

The score is divided into three measures, each with a 2/4 time signature. The key signature is three sharps (F#, C#, G#).

Violins I (Vln. I) and Violins II (Vln. II) are marked *unis.* (unison). Violins III (Vln. III) and Violins IV (Vln. IV) are marked *(legato)*. Violas I (Vla. I) and Violas II (Vla. II) are marked *(legato)*. Cellos (Vc. I) and Double Basses (Vc. II) are marked *unis.* (unison). The Piano (Pno.) and Percussion I (Perc. I) are marked *(8)*. Percussion II (Perc. II) is marked *fff* (fortissimo).

The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, slurs, and dynamic markings. The Percussion II part features a prominent *fff* marking in the second measure.

Violin I

Violin II

Violin III

Violin IV

Vla. I

Vla. II

Vc. I

Vc. II

Cb.

Pno.

Perc. I

Perc. II

solo

pp

pp

f

86 87 88 89 90 91

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Vln. I

Vln. II

Vln. III

Vln. IV

Vla. I

Vla. II

Vc. I

Vc. II

Cb.

Pno.

Perc. I

Perc. II

with bow

ppp

p

pp

p

92

93

94

95

96

97

Score for page 99, featuring various instruments and dynamic markings.

Instruments: Vln. I, Vln. II, Vln. III, Vln. IV, Vla. I, Vla. II, Vc. I, Vc. II, Cb., Pno., Perc. I, Perc. II.

Dynamic Markings: *pp*, *pizz.*, *tutti pizz.*, *ppp*, *p*, *ppp*, *norm.*, *p*.

Performance Instructions: *pp*, *pizz.*, *tutti pizz.*, *ppp*, *p*, *ppp*, *norm.*, *p*.

Tempo/Style: *pp*, *pizz.*, *tutti pizz.*, *ppp*, *p*, *ppp*, *norm.*, *p*.

Freely, not too slow

le altre

104

rit.

ppp

molto rit.

p solo

div.

ppp

ppp

div.

arco

ppp

arco

ppp

ppp

div.

ppp

div.

ppp

(Vn. I cue)

p

(Vn. I cue)

pp

p

103

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105

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