American Dances for String Quartet Violin I



Fourth Edition Bill Robinson

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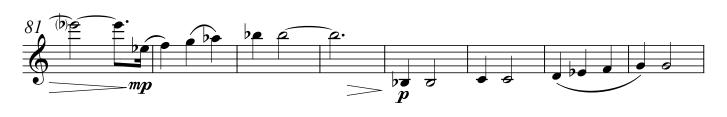






























































































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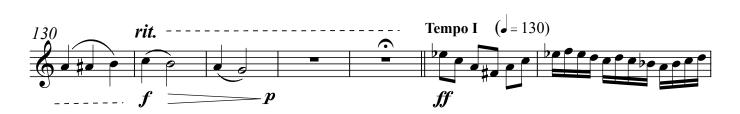
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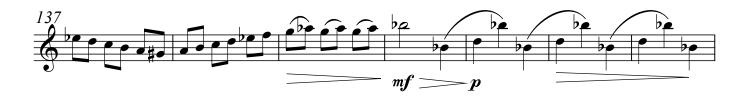
















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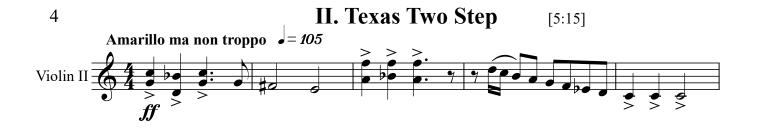












































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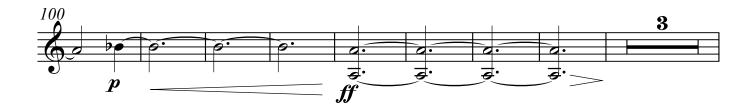






















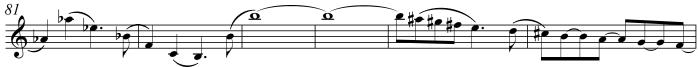




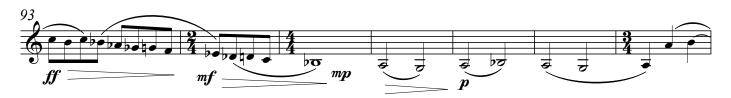


































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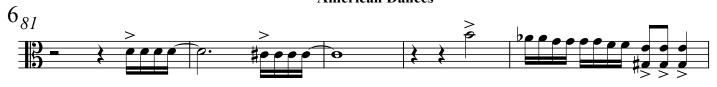






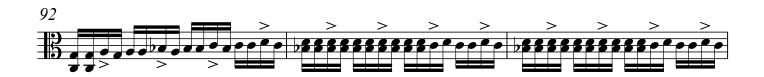


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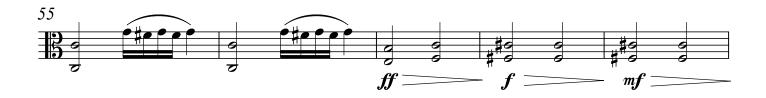




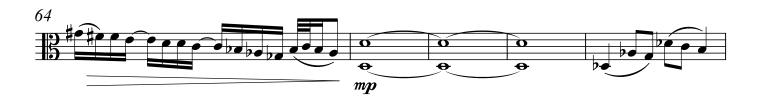














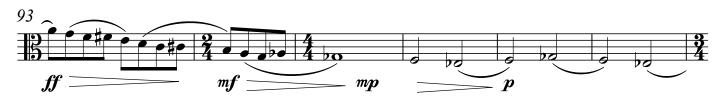








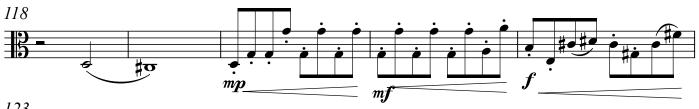














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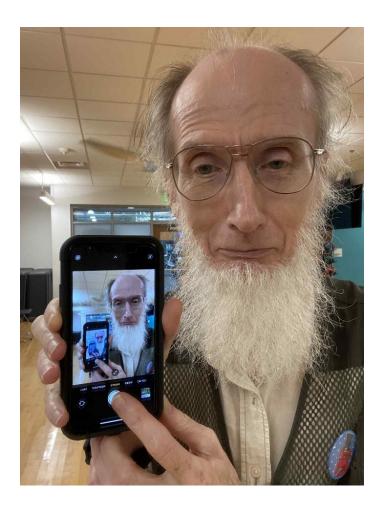








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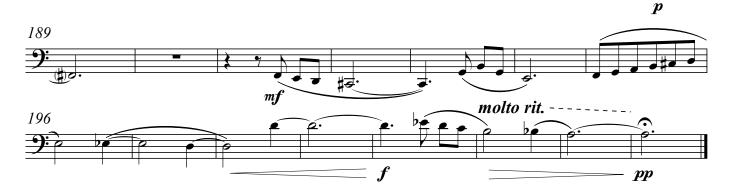


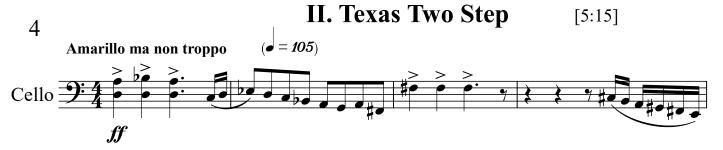
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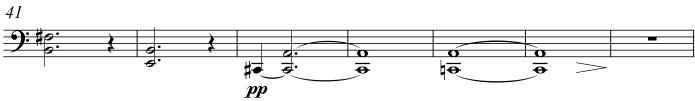




























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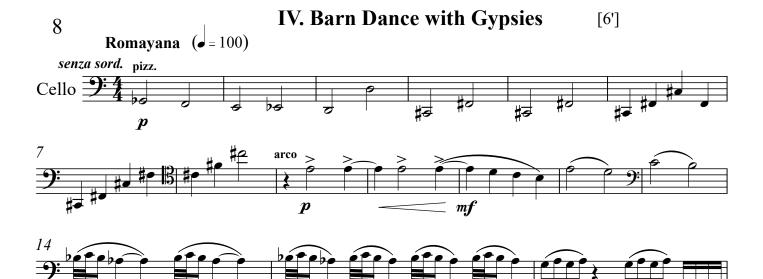














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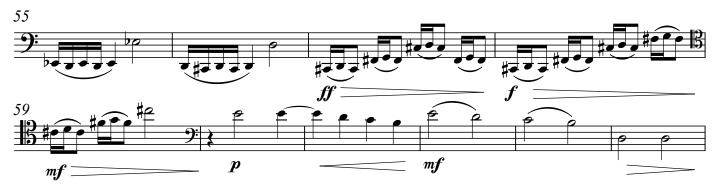
























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