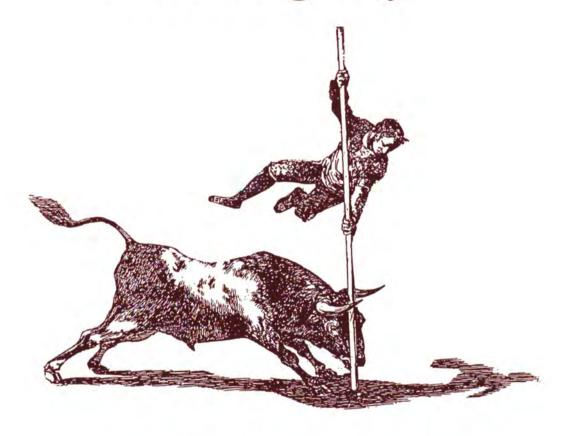
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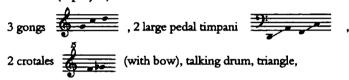
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INSTRUMENTATION

flute = piccolo oboe = cor anglais + sopranino recorder clarinet in Bb = Eb clarinet + bass clarinet bassoon = contrabassoon

horn = whip trumpet in B = piccolo trumpet in B trombone

percussion (1 player)



2 suspended cymbals: small and very small, suspended sheet of paper (A3 to A4, struck centrally with side drum beater*), 2 cowbells: medium high and very high, 2 temple blocks: medium and high, guero, castanets, piccolo snare drum, field drum (deep, with snares), kit bass drum, vibraslap.

* Paper must be fastened securely and be tough enough to withstand repeated strokes. Ossiæ pile of newspaper crudely folded and placed flat on a hard chair.

piano

2 violins
viola
violoncello
double bass (with C extension)**

** Ossias are written for double bass without 5 strings

Score in C

Instrumental parts available on hire from the publishers



PERFORMANCE NOTES

The horn has a number of soli requiring certain partials flatter or sharper than the equivalent pitches on the keyboard. In these instances the score indicates the fundamental pitch (by letter name) from which these notes are to be obtained.

The 'talking trumpet' technique is notated using symbols from the International Phonetic Alphabet:

Vowels: i = ee as in seed

r = i as in slid

 $a = \underline{a}$ as in \underline{palm}

 $\Lambda = \underline{u}$ as in mud

 $\varepsilon = \underline{e}$ as in sled

Diphthongs: at $= \underline{i}$ as in \underline{pile}

 $e_I = \underline{ai}$ as in pail

av = ou as in out

Consonants: d = d as in do

1 = 1 as in love

 $t = \underline{t} \text{ as in } \underline{t}o$

j = y as in you

Mutes: When 'felt hat', 'hand', or 'harmon mute' are indicated for trumpet and trombone, the symbol + denotes 'cover bell with hat/hand', or with harmon mute 'cover end of mute with hand'; the symbol o denotes the opposite.

Trombone: a cross through the stem of the note denotes a smacking sound (for example, blow 'ft' into mouthpiece).

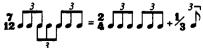
Clarinet and bassoon: a cross through the stem of the note denotes a smacking sound (smack lips against reed).

Double bass and cello: a slur over pizzicato notes means only the first note should be plucked. Glissando between the notes where marked. Finger each note separately where 'non glissando' is indicated. A cross through the stem of the note at the end of a pizzicato slur indicates a left hand slap.

CONDUCTOR'S NOTES:

The first movement is 'in one'; square-bracketed arabic numerals indicate suggested subdivisions where ensemble might require them.

Time signatures with 6 or 42 denote quantities of single triplet subdivisions of the beat, e.g. b.330





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When they asked him what he wanted to be, the boy did not name any of the men's occupations, as they had all hoped he would, but replied: 'I am going to be a hero, and dance with angels and bulls, and fight with bulls and soldiers, and die a hero in a distant place, and be buried a hero.' Hearing this child's words, the men felt small, understanding that they were not heroes, and that their lives were less substantial than the dreams which surrounded him like toys.

- from the Spanish.

































































































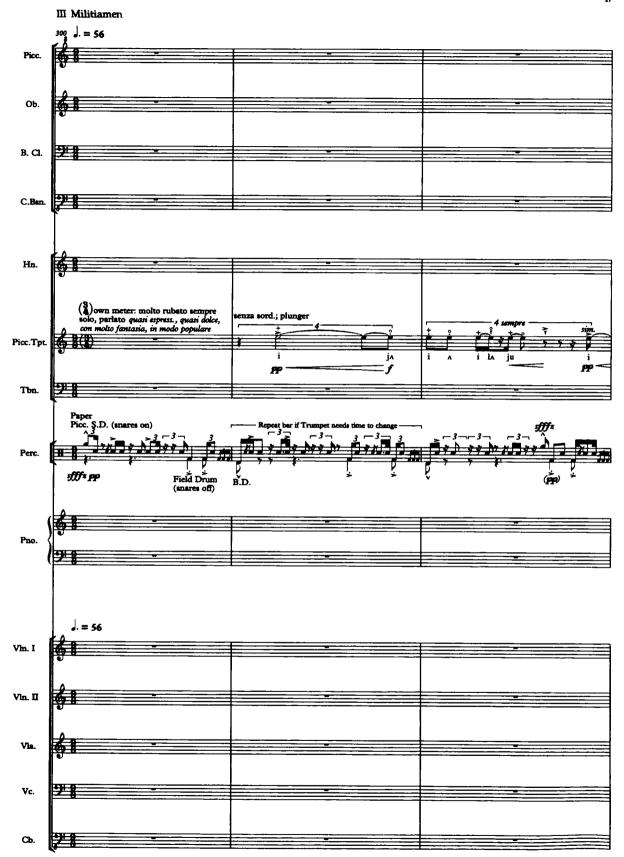














^{*} B. Cl. note: this note is on the instrument. No alternative pitch should be played. If the note is too unreliable it is better to omit it.

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IV H.A.L.'s Death

= 50 Tutti molto dolce sempre (tutte le note); sostenutissimo



^{*} FERMATA: ad lib. (only if trumpet and bassoon need time to change instruments



















































































mp sempre legatiss.

Cb.

















