

Yōkai is the broad term for the various spirits, ghosts and fantastical beings that populate the legends, folktales and ghost stories of Japan. The word is made from two kanji: 妖(yō) – meaning attractive, bewitching, calamity, and 怪 (kai) meaning mystery, wonder. The piece is an attempt to capture the spirit of this beguiling word, for which there is no direct English translation.

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The duration of the piece is approximately 4 minutes and 30 seconds.



Lyrical ♩ = c.60

27 *mf* cold and strange *ff* *mf* *pp*

rall. bisbigliando

32 *f* *mf* *ff*

A tempo ♩ = 60

34 *mp* *ff*

39 *fp* *fp* *fp* *f*

begin trem. quickly and slow down

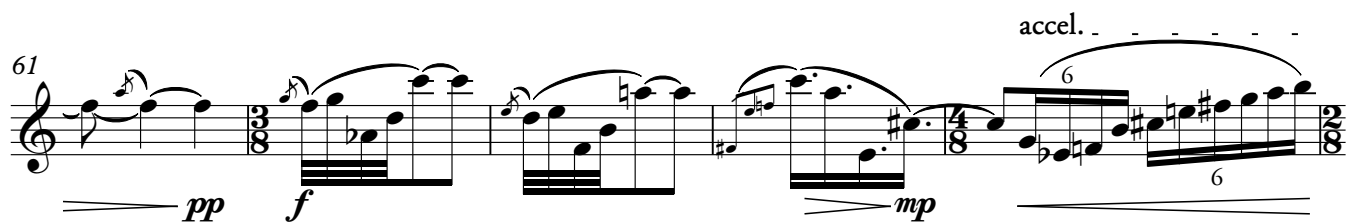
41 *ff* *mf* *ffp*

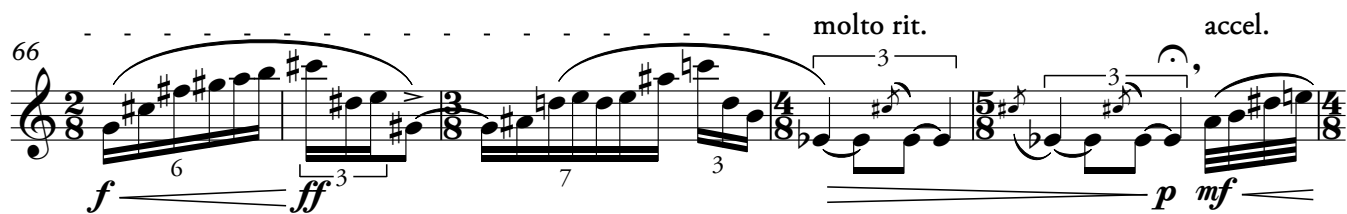
Lyrical, subdued ♩ = c.60

46 *ff* *mp* *f* *mf*

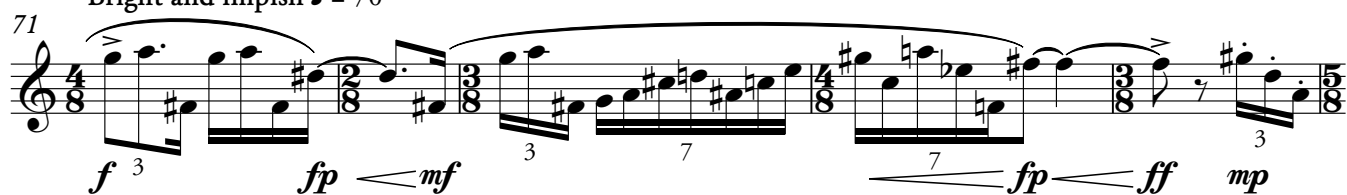
51 *f* *p* *f*

56 *>mp* *f* *mf*

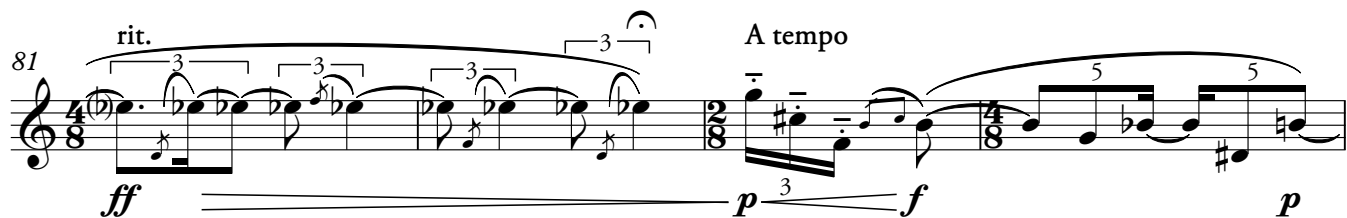
61 *pp* *f* *mp* accel. 

66 *f* *ff* *p* *mf* *molto rit.* *accel.* 

Bright and impish ♩ = 70

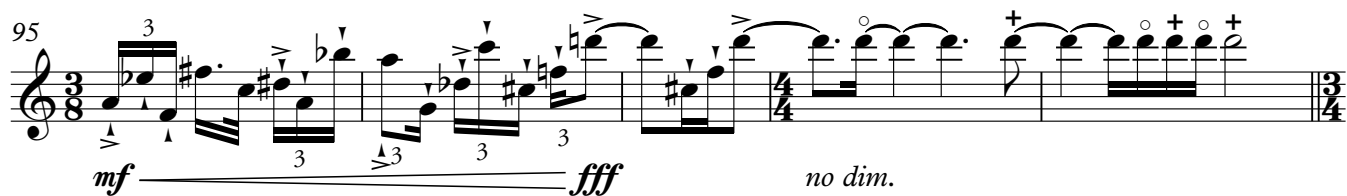
71 *f* *fp* *mf* *fp* *ff* *mp* 

76 *mf* *f* *p* 

81 *ff* *p* *f* *p* *rit.* *A tempo* 

85 *fp* *f* *tr* 

90 *ff* 

95 *mf* *fff* *no dim.* 

100 Cold and intense ♩ = c.60

*p* *f*

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

107 *mp* *f* *p* *mp* *mf*

112 *p* *mf* *p*