### Listener's Score for:

## In the Natural Doorway I Crouch.

Paul Dolden

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# Short program notes to be used for public programs: In the Natural Doorway I Crouch.

In the Natural Doorway I Crouch is inspired by the interaction of two distinct sound worlds: plucked metal strings and wind instruments. The multi-track studio allows for the build-up of these sound worlds to create unique sonic effects without having to resort to electronic effects or processing. The composition is divided into three sections of three, five and seven minutes, each of which explore the relationship between the sound worlds as they are constantly changing. This movement in sound is evoked by the title which suggests the transformations from one state to another as in a doorway which acts as a passageway between areas of sound. In most cases the crouching is only momentary as we spring from one area to another.

The composition was comissioned by Groupe de Musique Experimentale de Bourges, (G.M.E.B.), Bourges France. Research for the composition was completed in the G.M.E.B. studios and at the EMS in Stockholm, Sweden. Production of the composition occurred primarily at the composers' private studio and at the Sonic Research Studio, Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, Canada.

The composer requests that only a digital copy of the digital master be used for public performances or serious audition sessions.

In the Natural Doorway I Crouch was premiered in Mexico City, Mexico on Jan. 31 1988 at the Festival: In Torno a Los Sonidos Electronicos.

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### Long Program Notes

### In The Natural Doorway I Crouch.

# A

#### Paul Dolden 1986-87.

For a number of years I have been fascinated with two sound types: plucked metal strings and wind instrument multiphonics. Both sounds are related in that there is a disturbance or distortion of the harmonic series. In the case of the multiphonics the multiple frequencies contained within each sound creates different types of fused inharmonic timbres. The inharmonicity of metal strings is more subtle but still occurs particularly in lower pitched tightly stretched strings. The harmonics of these tones are in fact stretched so that often by the tenth harmonic a sharpening of fourty cents has occurred. Hence the sound, in the right musical context, can appear like an inharmonic metal-type sound. In order to emphasize this effect all the plucked string work in the composition are low pitched strings on piano or guitar played back at twice and sometimes quadruple tape speed.

The first section (2'50") can be understood as "a small sound contained with in a large sound." The large sound of Section one are chords created through the extensive multitracking of a single recorder and oboe multiphonic and their closest normal pitched note. The chords crossfade between the normal tone and inharmonic multiphonic. The chords are tuned to various Just tunings in which the higher numbered harmonics are systematically brought down to lower octaves in order to create different types of fused and unfused timbres. or in other words, different types of spaced chords. Even when most of the tracks are articulating the inharmonic multiphonics, the integer related Just tuning tends to give an inner logic to the sound so that the composer is in fact controlling the type and degree of perceived noise in the sound. This method of tuning inharmonic sounds to Just tuning was suggested by recent research which porposes that the harmonic series acts like a template in our perception with which we measure different gradations of sound/timbre.

The "small sound" of section one is plucked guitar in which the stereo space is divided into two channels. On each channel fifteen note chords tuned to the harmonic series are pitted against each other in long polyrhythmic figures (i.e. 22 against 15, 13 against 8, etc.). The multitracking of thirty plucked strings in this section, and in particular the next section creates an acoustic situation first exploited extensively in Veils. This effect is that the more subtle aspects of the sound become reinforced through multitracking so that they become a more pronounced sound. For example the sound of the pick becomes a continuous stream of sound seemingly detached from the pitched part of the sound.

In section two (2'50"-8'00") the "small sound" of plucked strings becomes the large or dominant sound. This is accomplished by switching from the three foot string length and resonating box of guitar to the nine foot grand piano. The piano tracks continue the type of polyrhythmic figures established in section one. Pitted against these piano rhythms are various wind instrument multiphonics and their most closely related normal tone. These smaller sized chords usually begin on notes in the piano chords and slowly crossfade to the inharmonic multiphonic. During the last part of section two the two sound worlds of metal strings and wind multiphonics change proportions in relation to each other. As the metal strings become "smaller" (through the increasing use of the higher range of the piano) the wind instruments become large or dominant again (through extensive multitracking to create large chords).

In Section three (8'00"-15'00") the double bass, at twice its normal speed, acts as a timbral intermediary between plucked strings and wind instruments. (The double bass has aspects of both sound types.) The double bass continues the polyrhythmic figures as the relationships between the three sound types changes fairly quickly. The last three and one-half minutes is based on the idea of Shepard tones: that is a sound which seems to be both moving up and down simultaneously. This effect is accomplished here by having the sound move down in pitch while moving up in timbral space i.e. for the strings from normal to ponticello. For the winds a crossfade from recorders to oboes to oboe multiphonics, each of which have a "brighter" sound, or more energy in the higher partials. The reverse direction is also possible: to have sounds move up in pitch while down in timbral space. For example, ponticello to normal on the strings and multiphonics to oboes to recorders in the winds. Both types of Shepard tones are used at the same time to produce a dynamic effect. The final ending is based on a thining out of the materials until the rhythmic and melodic seed of the composition is exposed.

All pitchs are written at sounding pitch in the score. Both the strings and winds are playing the notes of a chord which is referred to as Chord 1, Chord 2, Chord 3, etc. The layer number refers to individual notes of each chord. The chords are written out in a horizontal rather than vertical fashion in order to indicate the distance in cents from our equal tempered tones (i.e. +4, -14, +39, etc.). The chords are based on the harmonic series and the reharmonization of higher numbered harmonics into lower octaves. The three basic chords are given below based on a low C. Each chord gives a different degree of fusion and timbral colouring because of the intervallic spacing of the chord. The harmonic movement of the composition is between these three chords and movement to other fundamentals (i.e. F harmonic series, A harmonic series, etc.). For each chord the harmonic number is given below each note:



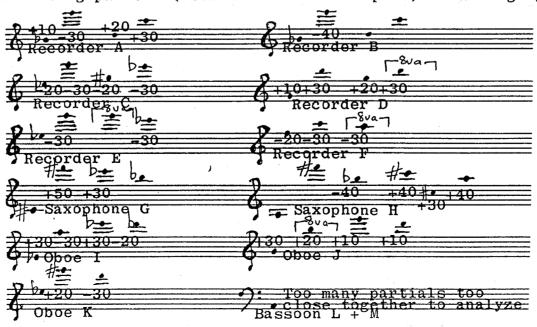
The general dynamic markings are marked below each system just above the time scale. Other dynamic markings apply only to individual parts.

### Strings.

Guitar 2X or Piano 2X means guitar or piano played back at twice the speed they were recorded at. Guitar 4X or Piano 4X means guitar or piano played back at four times the speed they were recorded at. In both cases the tempo markings indicated are the final sounding tempos.

### Woodwinds

All the woodwind work is based on the crossfading between a woodwind multiphonic and its closest normal or pure (i.e. harmonic series) note. In the score multi, refers to the multiphonic tone and norm, to the normal tone. Below is given the thirteen multiphonics used and their names that are referred to in the score. The spectrum of each multiphonic is written out horizontally with the loudest partials starting on the left. In each case the first partial was also the pitch used as a fundamental for the normal tones. Analysis of the multiphonics was done using six filters: 2 bandpass filters, 2 graphic equalizers, and 2 parametric equalizers, connected in a series to focus on each part of the spectrum. Not all partials of each multiphonic are notated. In addition, when two partials created a beating pattern (less than 15 Hertz apart) an averaging was taken of the two tones.



### Production Notes

All sounds were recorded using a Sony PCM 601 or Sony PCM Fl digital recorder with two AKG C414 B-ULS microphones. The woodwind sounds were multitracked with themselves four times in the digital domain. They were then transferred to analog tape (1/2 track stereo-30 ips or 78 cm/sec.), and then speed up or down to the desired pitch. The chords for the string work were built up in the digital domain, one layer or note at a time. This technique of digital multi-tracking using one PCM recorder and two video machines is an unknown recording technique at the time of this writing. Once the chords had been built up they were transferred to analog tape to be played back at the desired speed, either 2X or 4X normal speed.

All the string work was performed by myself. Clemens Rettich performed the recorder multiphonics and normal tones. Ken Newby performed the Oboe, soprano saxophone and Bassoon multiphonics and normal tones.

Research and composition of the piece occurred between June and December 1986 at my private studio, the G.M.E.B. (Groupe de Musique Experimentale de Bourges) in Bourges France, and at the EMS Stockholm Sweden. I would like to gratefully acknowledge the people of these centers who provided great patience and help with what I was trying to do. Production of the composition toke 775 man hours and occurred between February and July 1987 at my private studio and the Sonic Research Studio, Simon Fraser University Vancouver, Canada. The score and final master were done in August 1987.

I request that only a digital copy of the digital master of the composition be used for public performances or serious audition sessions.

The composition was comissioned by G.M.E.B. in Bourges, France.

Recording History of Work.

Paul Dolden August 1987

This work was originally produced during the 1980s and/or 90s on the audio gear detailed in the score introduction. The work was first published on the Tronia label disc called: "The Threshold of Deafening Silence." In 1990, or on the double CD: "L'ivresse de la vitesse" published on empreintes DIGITALes in 1994 (IMED 9417-18) and re-released in 1999 (IMED 9917-18). All my works were remixed using the original recordings, processed, and mastered in the period 2000-2002. This work remastered appears on one of the following three CDs, all of which are on empreintes DIGITALes:

- 1)Seuil de silences. (IMED 0369)
- 2)L'ivresse de la vitesse 1. (IMED 0317)
- 3)L'ivresse de la vitesse 2. (IMED 0318)

It is very important to be listening to the remastered version because of their increased clarity and depth of sound. During the 1980s and 90s I had to use gear that was insufficient audio quality for mixing several hundred tracks of audio together. With the new masters I was able to achieve the balance between voices that I had so carefully notated in the original scores. I invite you to discover many new levels of meaning and clarity in the new masters, which are much closer to my original artistic, thought.

For the tape part of a mixed work (mixed work works for live instrument(s) and tape), you can obtain a copy of the tape portion, (the 2000-2002) remastered tape parts, from:

- 1) The Canadian Music Center In Toronto. (20 St Joseph St.,)
- From me: you can obtain my email address at the web site for empreintes DIGITALes. I love to hear from people who are playing my music.
- 3) I have left copies of the tape part with my publisher, empreintes DIGITALes. You should only be using a digital copy of the digital master.



Paul Dolden Born 1956, Ottawa, Canada

Paul Dolden begins his career at age 16 as a professional electric guitarist, violinist and cellist. Excited by the possibilities offered by recording technologies, Paul Dolden turns to contemporary modes of production and dissemination in the creation of his music. At age 29, he wins the first of a string of European awards that establish him as a composer. Now the winner of over twenty international awards, Paul Dolden's music is performed in Europe and North America to wildly enthusiastic audiences.

In a career spanning over twenty five years, Paul Dolden has perfected his unique approach to audio technology, using it as a platform from which to launch or capture otherwise impossible musical performances. In this way, he makes his computer behave like a new, virtual orchestra and manipulates it with as much sensitivity as he would a traditional one. His compositions are characterised by a maximalist aesthetic in which hundreds of digitally recorded instrumental and vocal performances are combined in multiple layers.

Paul Dolden's music has been described as the "missing link" between jazz and rock and the high-brow concert tradition. Critics have called it "music for the information age, enlisting noise, complexity and beauty in its quest for excess," and characterised it as "apocalyptic hyper-modernism."

The early works employ a unified approach to timbral and harmonic variation. Under the influence of post-modernism, Paul Dolden's concerns have shifted to include the juxtaposition and superimposition of disparate musical styles evident throughout the *Resonance Cycle* of works (1992–96). Always working to surpass himself, with the *Twilight Cycle* of recent years Paul Dolden boldly investigates the forbidden fruit of contemporary new music—melody and dance rhythms.

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Four tracks of double bass played back at half speed.

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Double bass, 1/2 speed.

ff 1'05"

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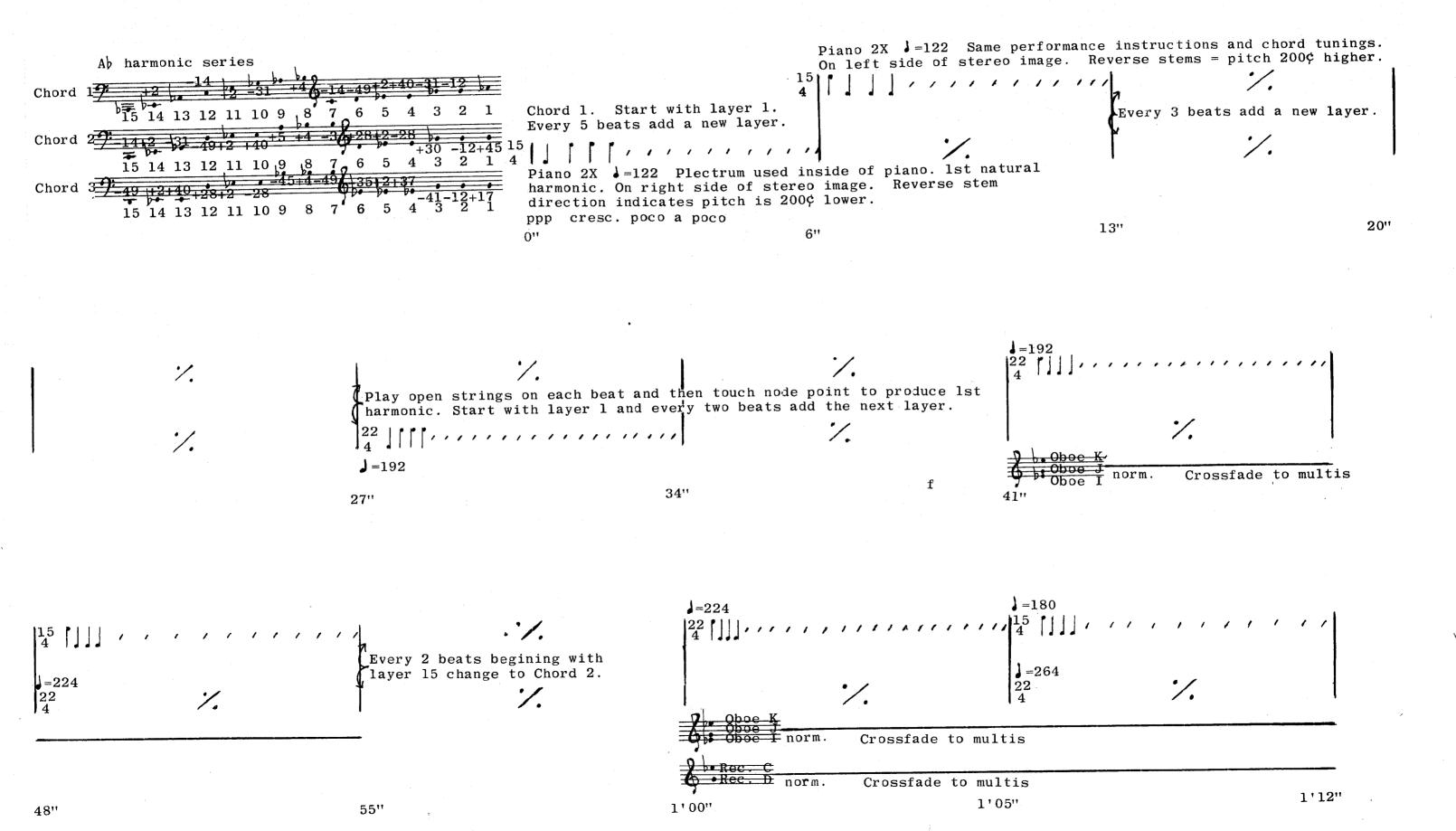
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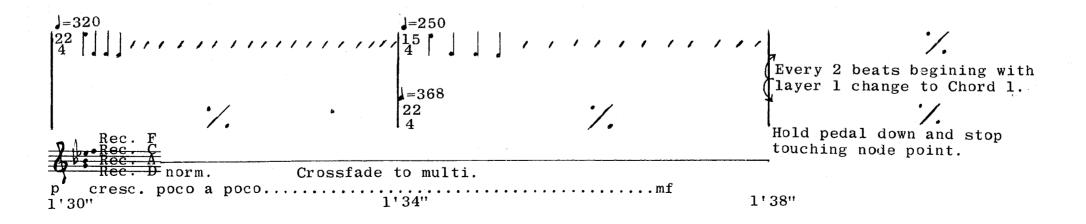
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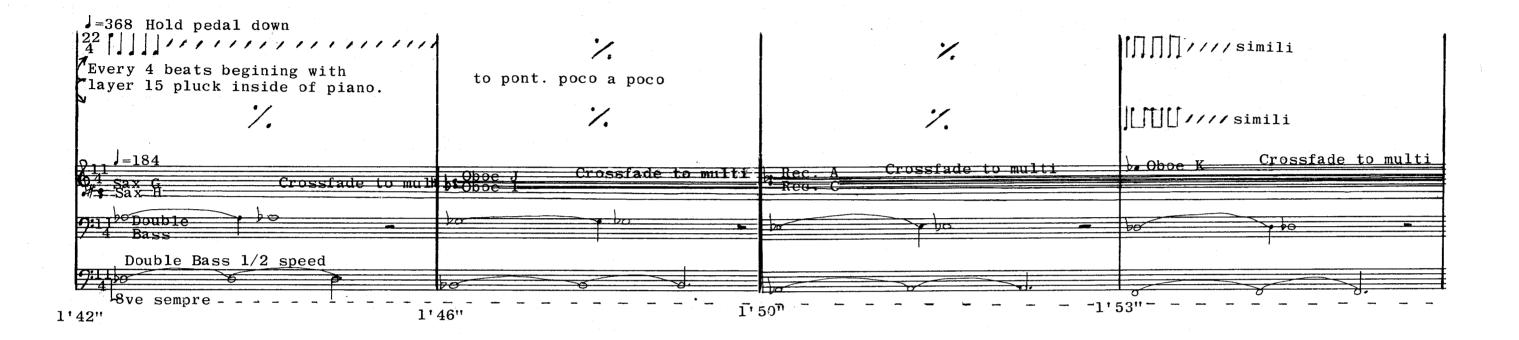
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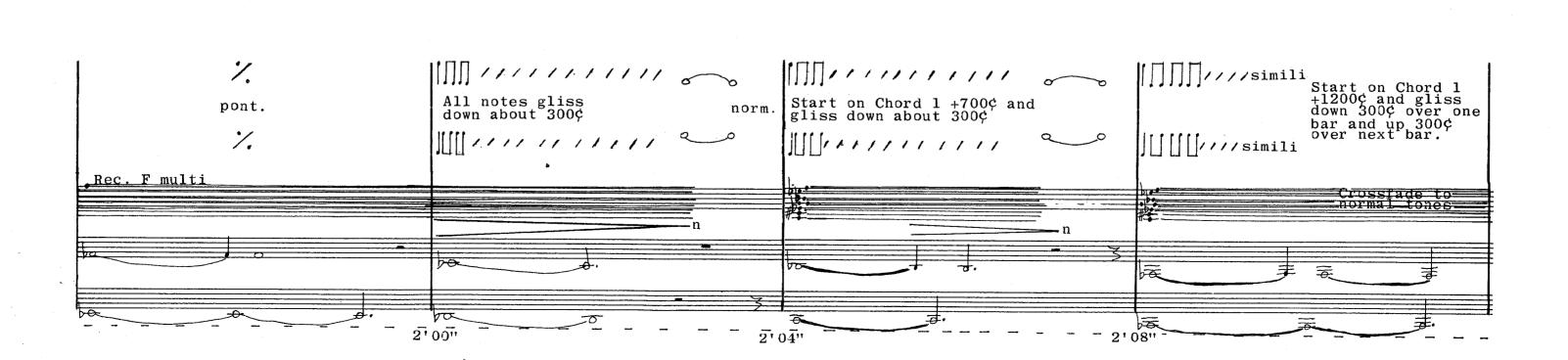
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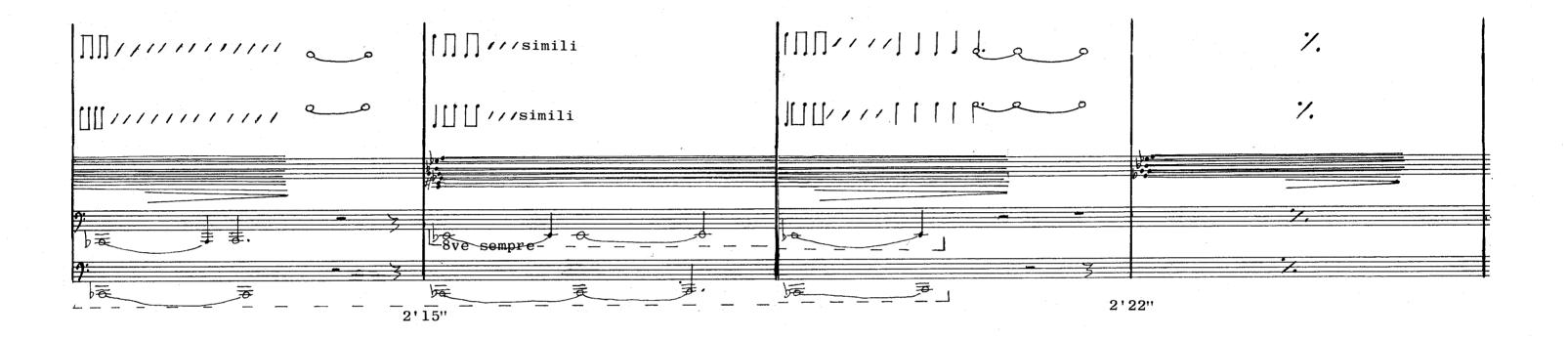


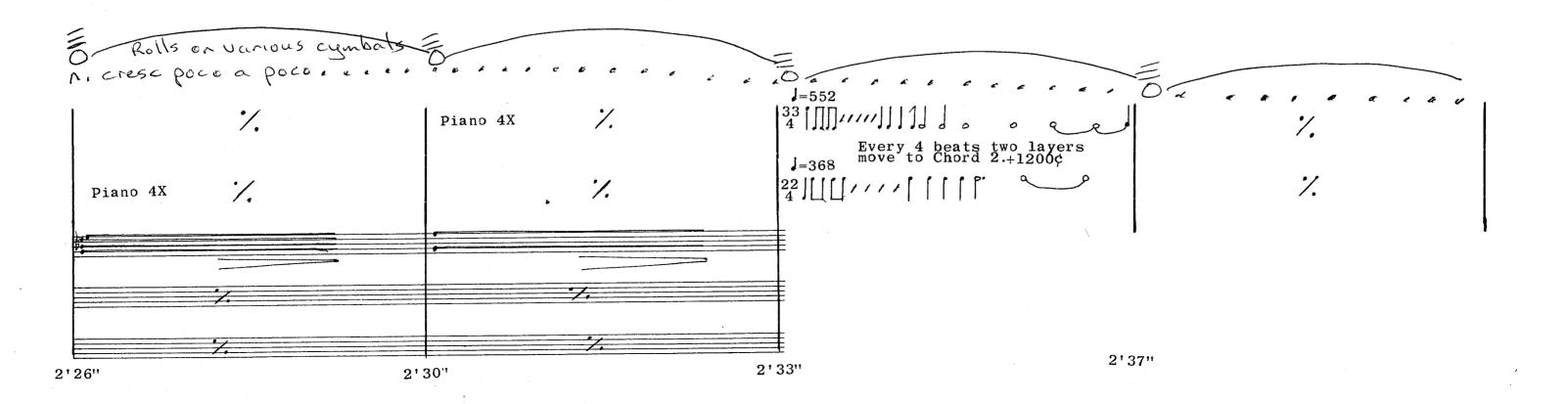
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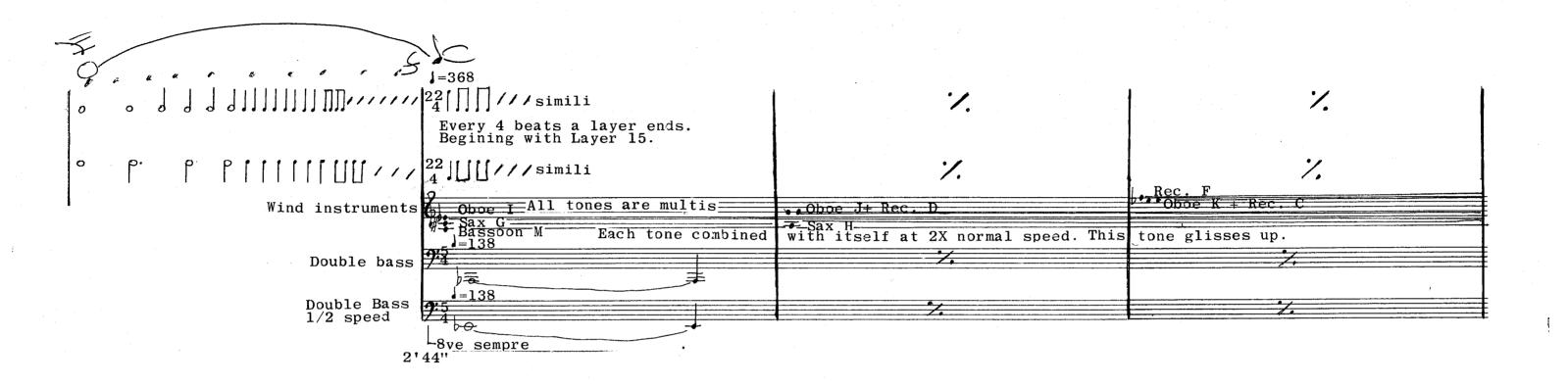


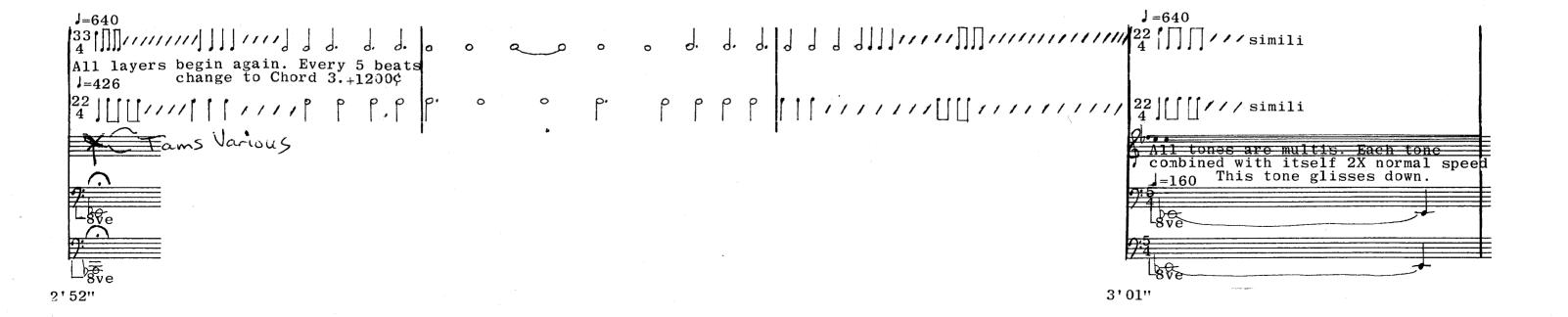


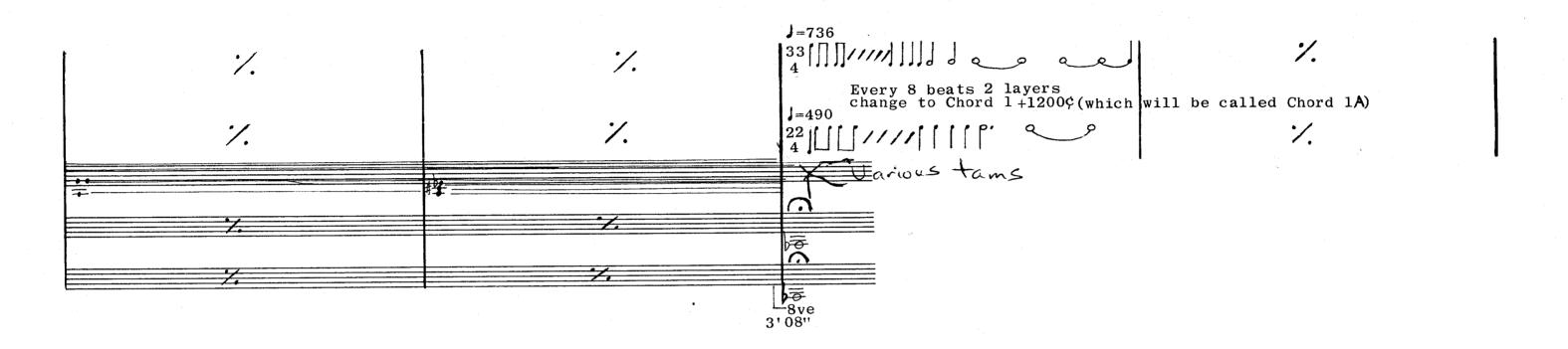


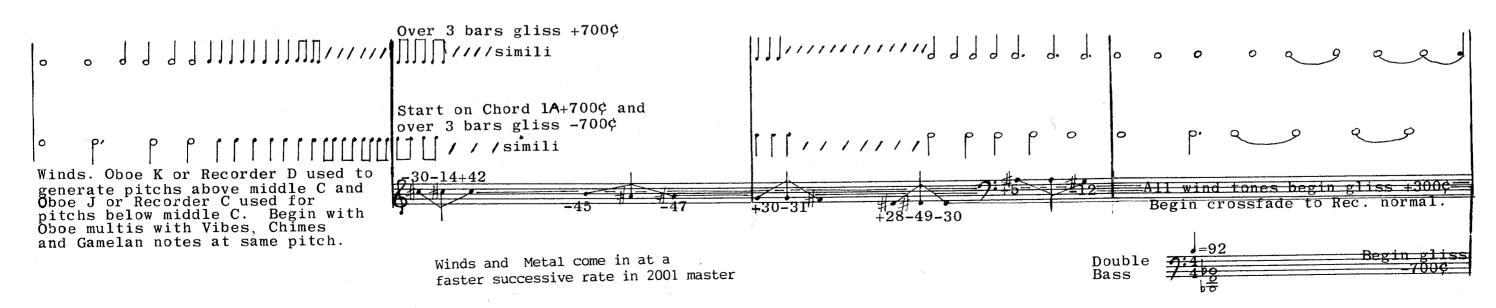


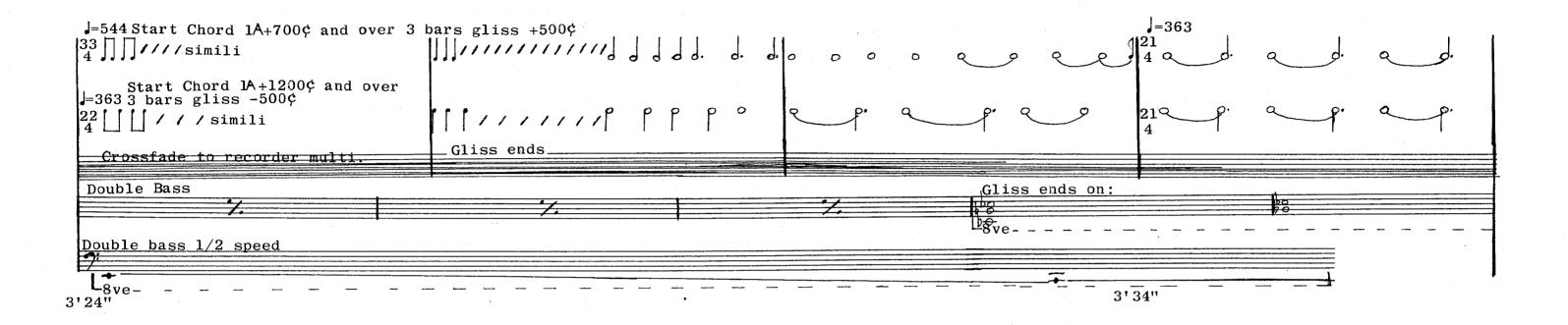


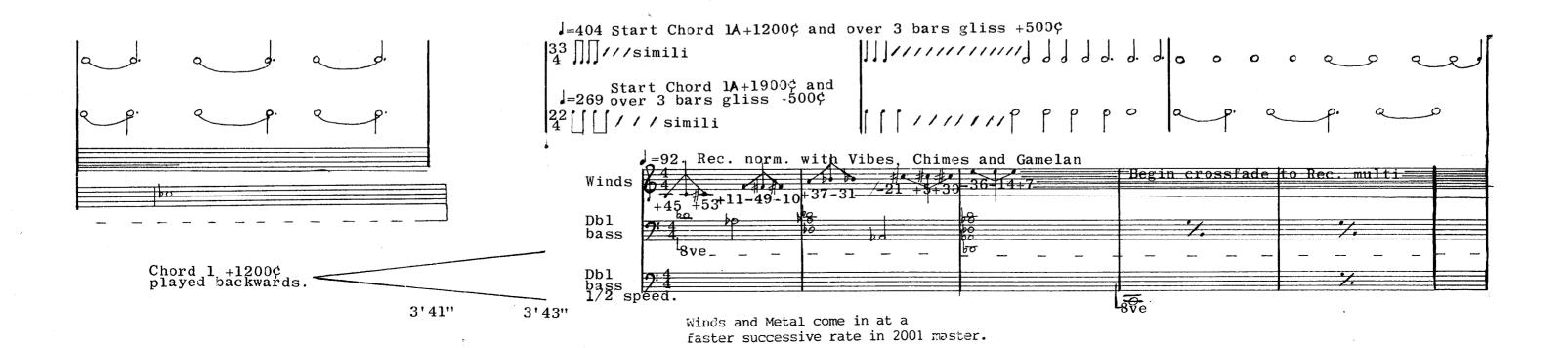




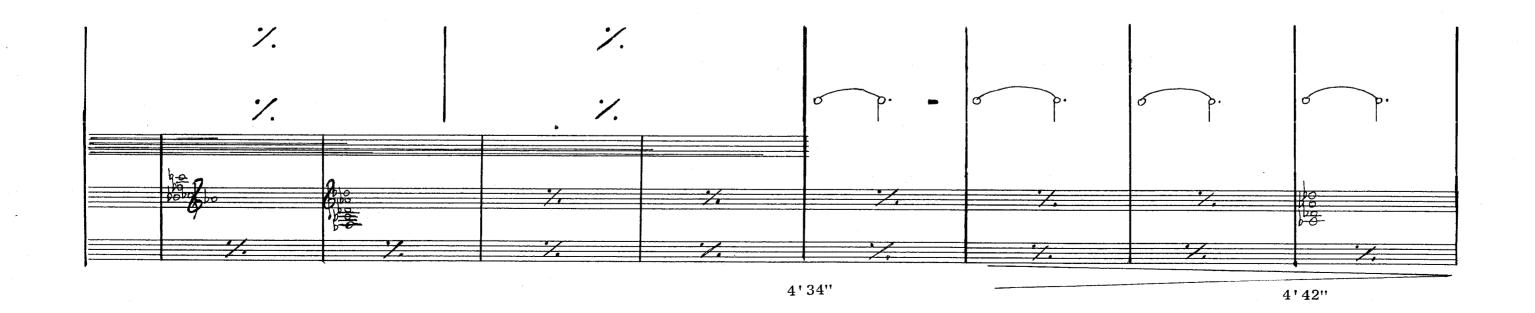


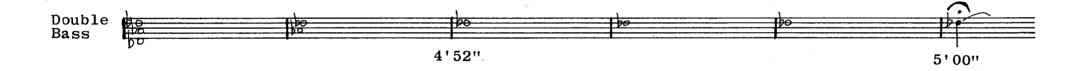


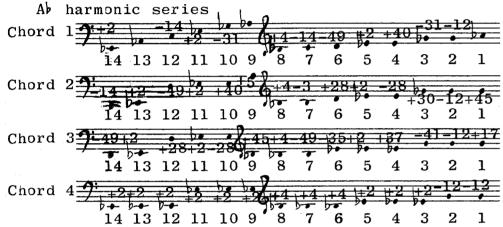


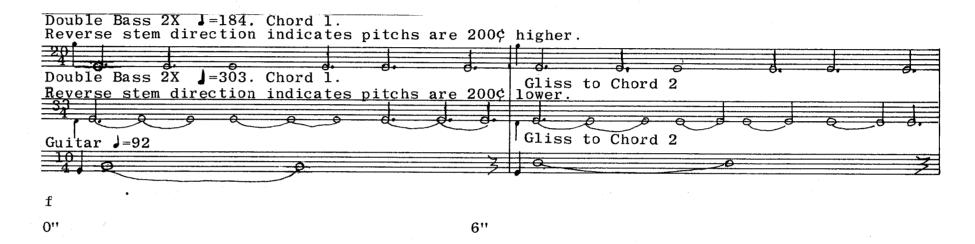












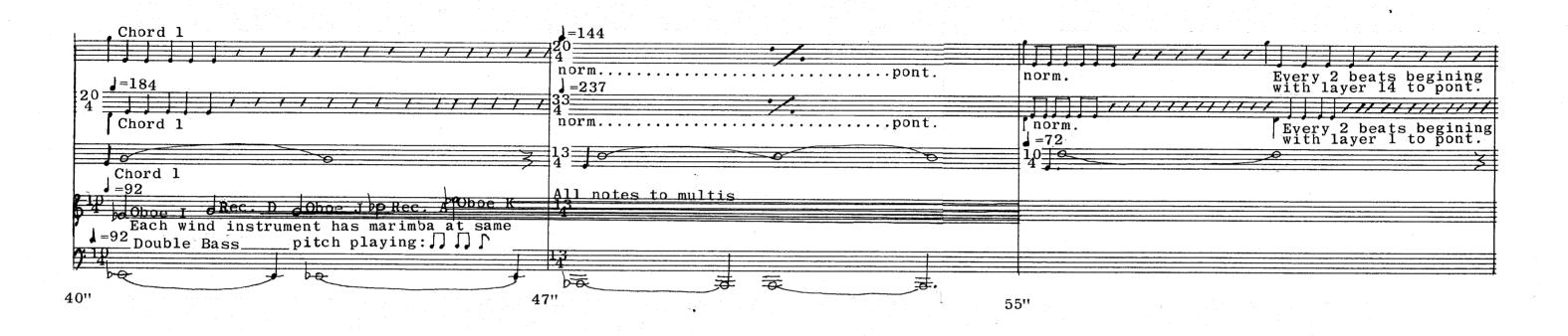


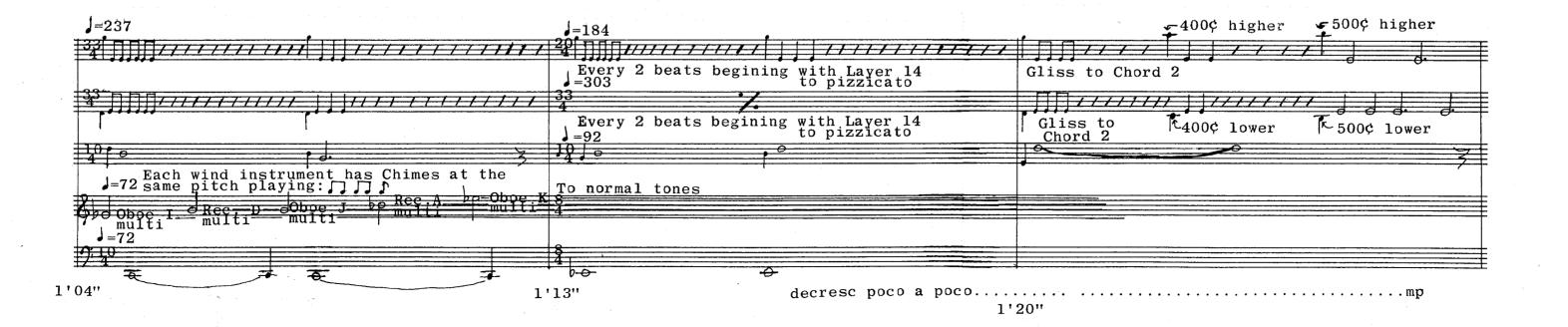
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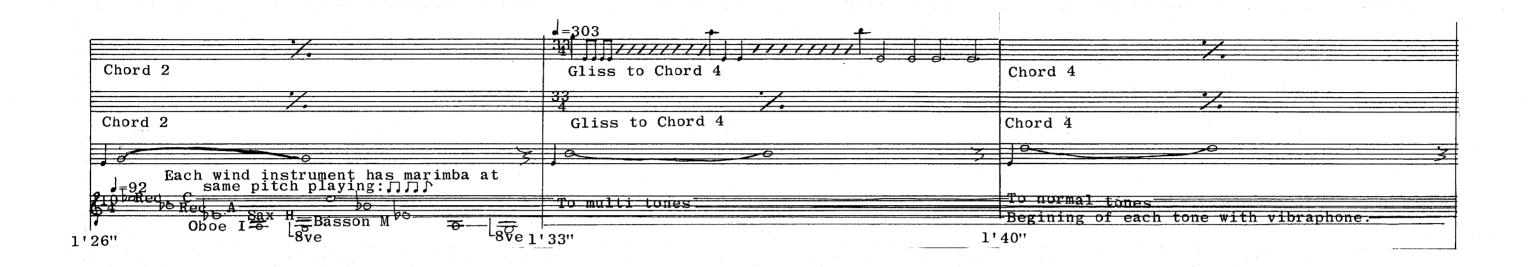
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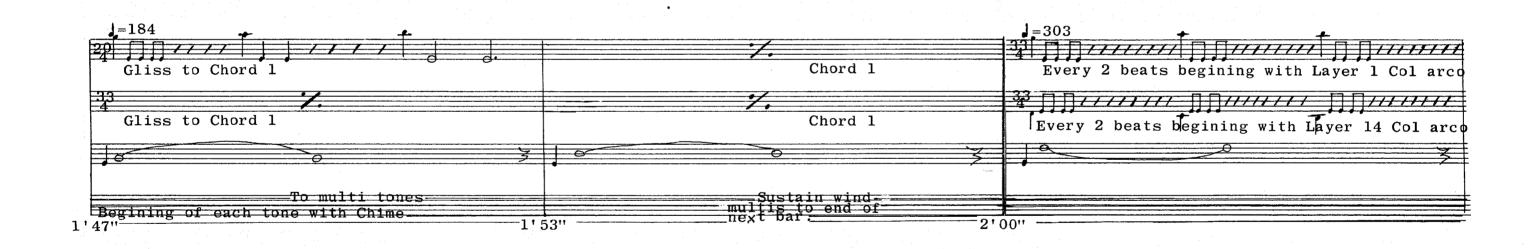
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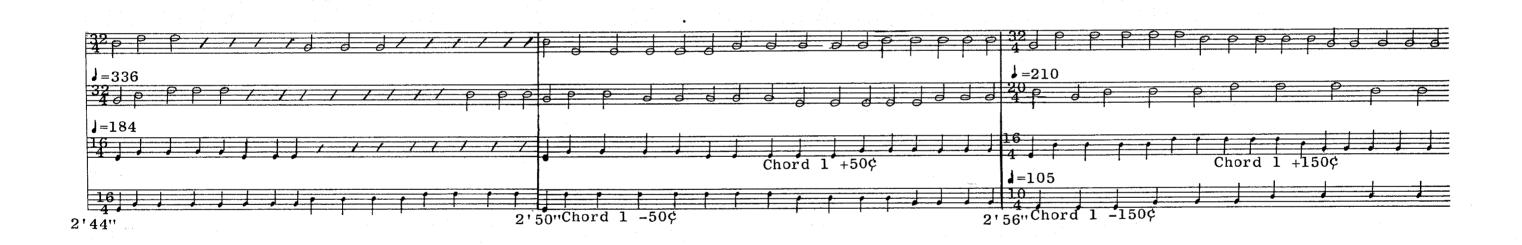


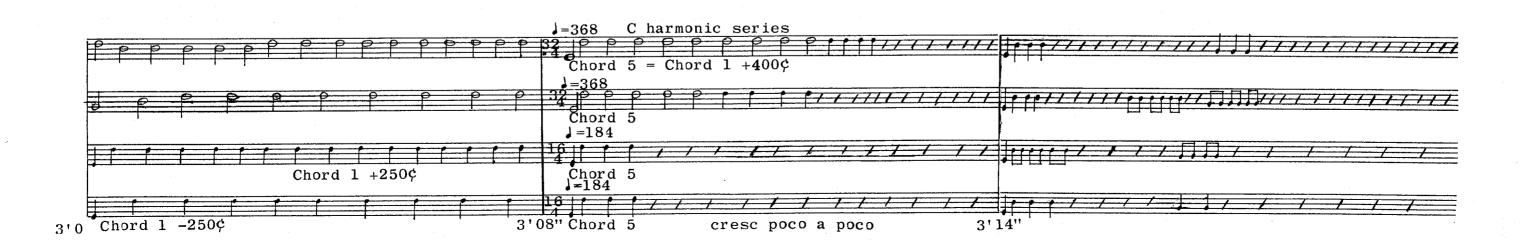


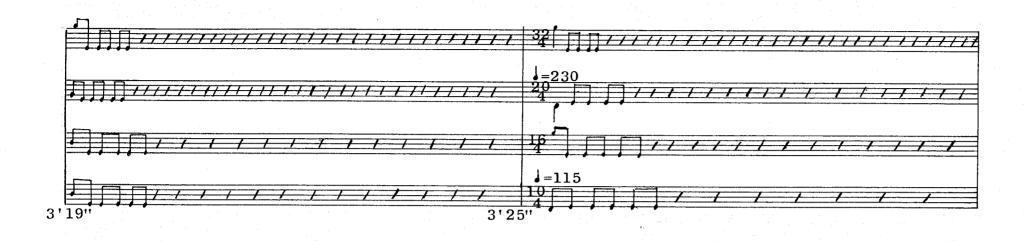


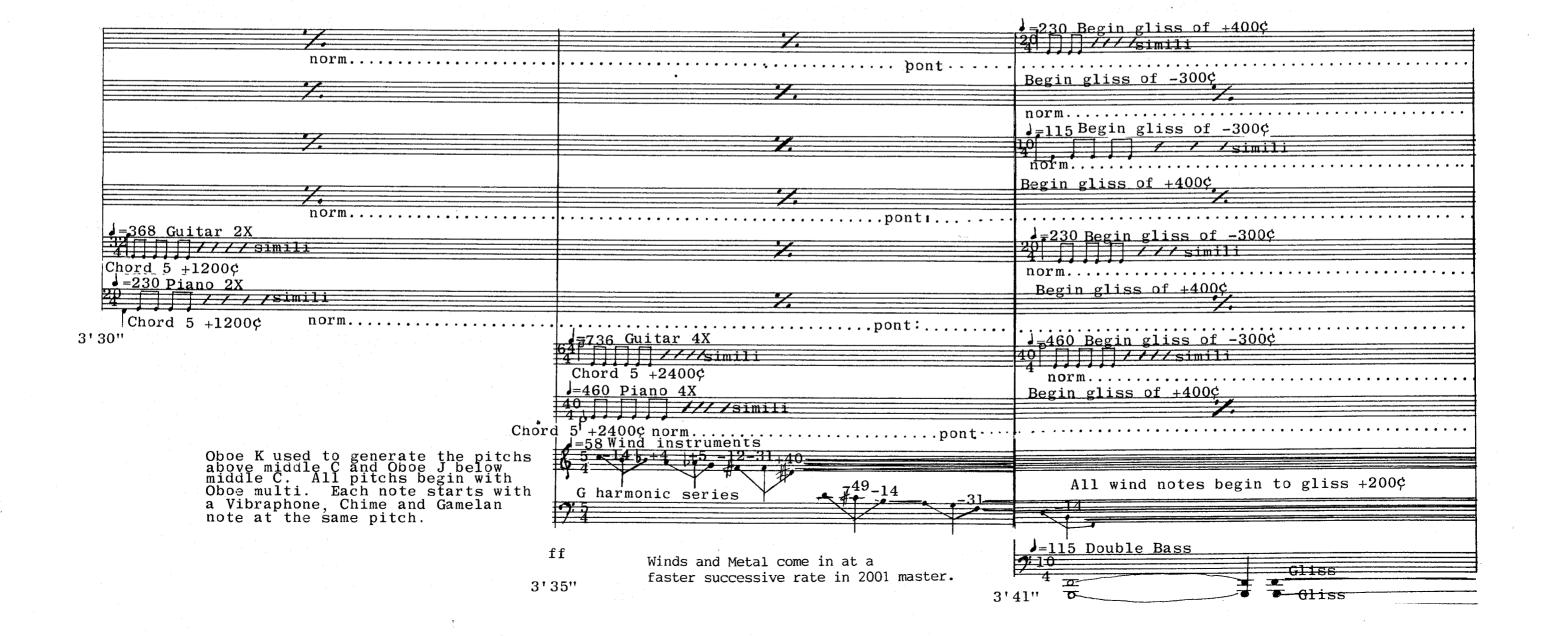




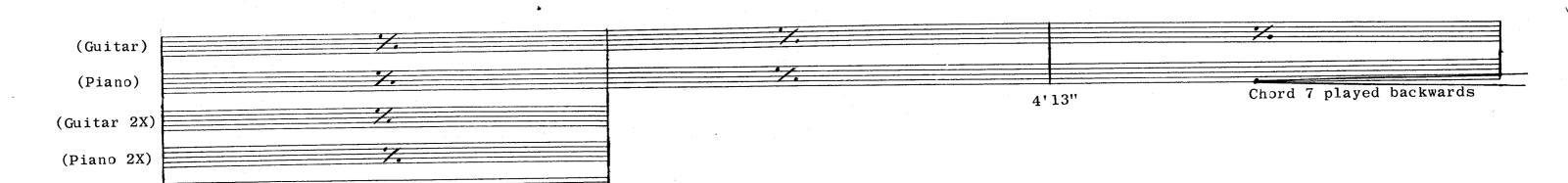




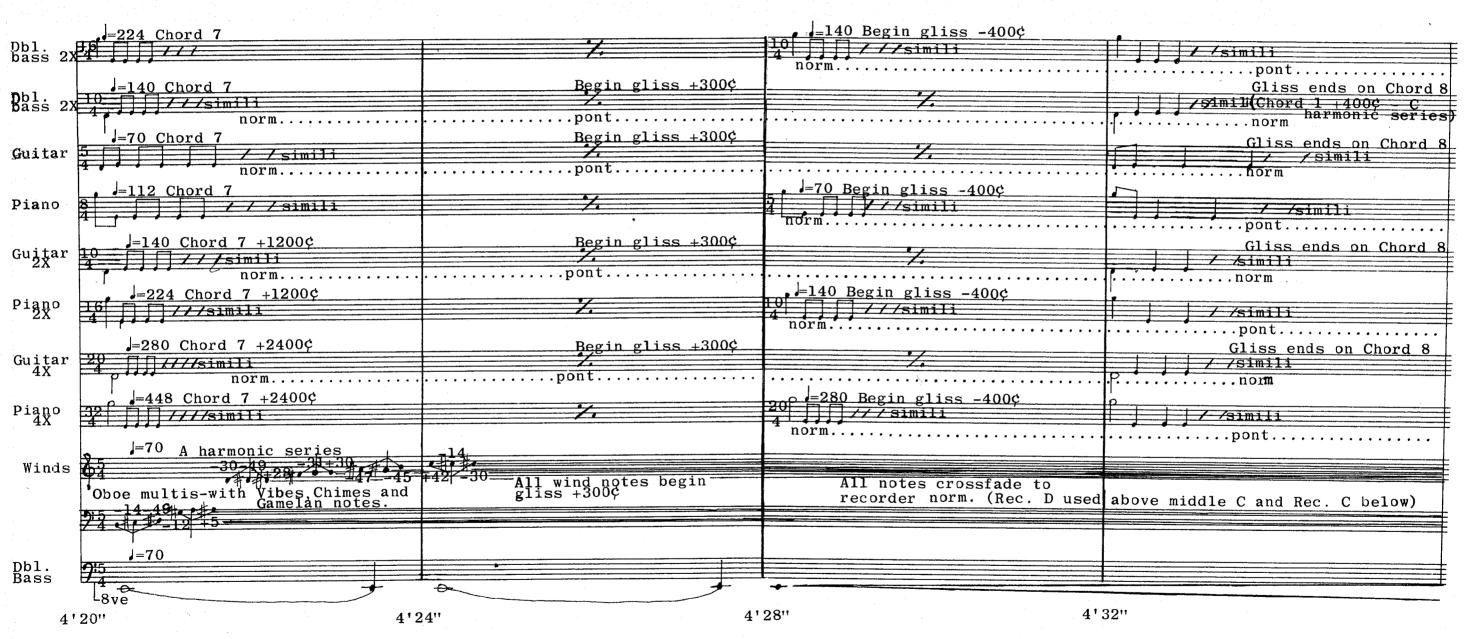








(Winds)



Winds and Metal come in at a faster successive rate in 2001 master.

