

loss puzzles #3

prayers and LISTS

for piano trio



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i. prayer

now on that smile there are teardrops /
ocean their cries / i leak out through a
hole in the discourse / from this frugal
itchy room the wind sounds like long
vowels / change is a foot / dale la limona
a papá legbá / when you cross your
fingers be gentle /
el monte / born on the vantage point of
evidence / uña de gato / air shadow / uña
de perico / airhorn orchestra / la culebra
tiene ojos de vidrio / mystic dialtone /
invented god in 1980 /
en los guandules te espero / la tambora
guarda un secreto enorme / impossible
colors or forbidden colors / dewclaw /
punta firma / a painted howl scrapes the
cloud /
with center everywhere and
circumference nowhere / we find proof
of your broken promise /
what does it mean for a prophecy to
come true in reverse / the weeping
archive empties out the holy / we are
stronger than paradise /
like perfect lovers the clocks always
unsync / within us the endless dead are
waking a likeness /

ii. WHAT COMES AFTER HOPE

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from his doctor. Jonathan Franzen age 7,
eating Swedish meatballs or something.
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Narnia books every month. Jonathan
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erection. Jonathan Franzen as a tween
getting his first pair of glasses. Jonathan
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touch him. Jonathan Franzen age 15,
getting the mail for his mom. Jonathan
Franzen age 17, wondering if he could pull
off a peacoat. Jonathan Franzen age 18,
encouraging people to call him 'the Franz.'
Jonathan Franzen age 19, losing his
virginity and crying. Jonathan Franzen age
20, meeting Michael Martone. Jonathan
Franzen in his 20's, getting lost in Munich.
Jonathan Franzen in his 20's, aware of his
chronic low-grade depression. Jonathan
Franzen age 23, getting married in rueful
sunset. Jonathan Franzen age 25,
pretending to have read Moby-Dick in
conversation. Jonathan Franzen age 32, re
reading The Great Gatsby for the 6th time.
Jonathan Franzen age 35, buying Irish
Spring soap at CVS. Jonathan Franzen age
40, subsisting almost entirely on sadness.
Jonathan Franzen age 40 on 81st and
Madison debating smoking a cigarette.
Jonathan Franzen age 51, saying "you have
to love before you can be relentless."
Jonathan Franzen age 51, getting his
glasses stolen and ransomed for \$100,000.

iii. HOW TO START BELIEVING

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not mean Manhattan was not a Native
Algonquin name.

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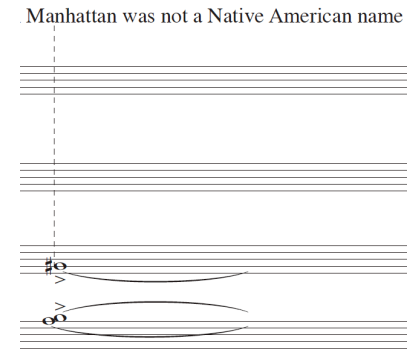
-manuel arturo abreu
(ed. J.A. W-H)

Notes for performers:

Text:

Each movement of this piece is accompanied by a voice. In movements one and three, the text recited by this voice is found over the instrument staves, and in the middle movement the voice's text is positioned between instrumental phrases. If the author is not available to perform with the trio, then a recording of his voice will be played at the correct times. The composer or designated technician can play the voice, or a midi-trigger can be set up for one of the performers.

Usually, the positioning of the text is approximate according to the notes being played. The notes should only be played exactly with the text if there is a vertical line connecting them



Pauses:

In movements one and three there are commas between notes with approximate durations given. This marks the amount of time between notes. In passages where multiple musicians are playing simultaneously, one musician should lead, and it is normal that in these passages, the rhythms become more "regular". Given that the space between the notes is determined by these commas, note values, such as whole, quarter, eighth have only "relative" meaning— long, short, shorter.



The second movement:

In the second movement, the rhythms are "in time" according to the tempo notated before each measure.

The music is frequently interrupted by the voice, and resumes **just before the voice is finished reading the text shown**. Music and text should constantly interrupt each other.

Technical notes for violin and cello:

In the first movement of the piece there are a number of triple stops.

These should be played with all three notes sounding simultaneously. This is possible if one plays ultra-sul-tasto. There is a point where — the middle string being held down — there is an even plane across all three strings. This point is where the bow should be positioned.

Throughout the movement, both instruments should play ultra-tasto for all sustained pitches, except when there is an indication that the triple stop should be arpeggiated. When chords are arpeggiated, the top two notes should both still be sustained. Non-sustained notes are not to be played sul-tasto.

The strings each note should be played on were not indicated because generally there is only one possible fingering for each chord. String numbers can be supplied if the notation is confusing.

For the notation of the chords, instead of diamond note-heads, I opted to mark harmonics by placing a circle above note that should be a harmonic, even if the sounding pitch is not necessarily the pitch written.

Diamond note heads are used to mark “release to harmonics”. This means that the performer should release the stopped notes from the fingerboard, but leave their fingers on the strings for a moment such that the harmonics sound. Fingers can then be removed such that the string resonates freely at the pitch of the harmonic. These are double stops unless notated with a black notehead on the lower pitch.

There are only 2 artificial harmonics written in this piece (both in the violin at the end of the first system on page 6.)

Best wishes,
John Andrew

Violin and Cello staves showing triple stops. The Violin staff (Vln.) has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The Cello staff (Vc.) has a bass clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). Both staves show a triple stop chord with three notes (G4, B4, D5) sustained. The Cello staff has a string number '8' written below the first note. The dynamic marking *mp* is present. Below the staves, the text 'like perfect lovers' is written.

Violin staff showing a double stop chord (G4, B4) with diamond note heads. Above the notes are the Roman numerals I and II. To the right, the text 'Release to flageolet (let ring, lifting bow from string)' is written, followed by a diamond note head and the interval '[1,5''-2'']'.

Violin and Cello staves showing artificial harmonics. The Violin staff (Vln.) has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The Cello staff (Vc.) has a bass clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). Both staves show a double stop chord (G4, B4) with diamond note heads. Above the notes are the Roman numerals I and II. To the right, the text 'Artificial harmonics' is written, followed by a diamond note head and the interval '[2''-2,5'']'. The dynamic marking *f* is present. Below the staves, the text '(cello continues to play double stops)' is written.

i. prayers

prayers

Violin

Cello

Piano

All sustained chords played ultra-sul-tasto, except when arpeggiated.
change bow when piano plays (to hide bow shift)

now on that smile there are teardrops / ocean their cries /

all diminuendos *al niente*

First chord (only): notes held down without making sound

always sustaining the first chord until a rest is shown

Sustained notes held with S.P.

Sustained notes (only) *una corda*

pppp

mp

f

ff

mp

mp

mf

mf

[4''-4.5'']

[3.5''-4'']

[3.5''-4'']

[3.5''-4'']

[3.5''-4'']

[4''-4.5'']

[2.5''-3'']

[2.5''-3'']

[3''-3.5'']

[2''-2.5'']

12

Vln.

Vc.

Pno.

i leak out through a hole in the discourse / from this frugal itchy room the wind sounds like long vowels / change is a foot /

non-sustained notes are not played sul-tasto

p

mp

p

mf

mp

mf

p

[3.5''-4'']

[1.5''-2'']

[2.5''-3'']

[2''-2.5'']

[2.5''-3'']

[2''-2.5'']

p

mf

mp

mf

p

dale la limona a papá legbá / when you cross your fingers be gentle /

non-sustained notes are not played sul-tasto

22

Vln. *p* *mp* *mf* Release to flageolet (let ring, lifting bow from string)

Vc. *p* *mp*

Pno. *p* *mp* *mf*

[2,5''-3''] [3''-3,5''] [3''-3,5''] [2''-2,5'']

el monte / born on the vantage point of evidence / uña de gato / air shadow / uña de perico /

Release to flageolet (let ring, lifting bow from string)

Vln. *p* *pp* *mf* *mf* *f*

Vc. *p* *pp* *mf* *mf* *f*

Pno. *p* *mf* *mp* *mf* *f*

[2''-2,5''] [1,5''-2''] [2''-2,5''] [2,5''-3''] [1''-1,5'']

NB: unless marked otherwise, harmonics are double-stops, not artificial harmonics

airhorn orchestra / la culebra tiene ojos de vidrio / mystic dialtone /

Vln. *[ca. 0,5'']* *[ca. 1'']*
mf *(poco) dim.* *f* *mp*

Vc. *[1''-1,5'']*
mp *(poco) dim.* *f* *mp*

Pno. *[1''-1,5'']* *[2''-2,5'']* *[2,5''-3'']* *[2''-2,5'']* *[2''-2,5'']* *[2''-2,5'']* *[1''-1,5'']* *[1,5''-2'']* *[1,5''-2'']*
p *f* *mf* *mp* *p* *mp* *mf*

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

Vln. 58 *[1''-1,5'']* *[1''-1,5'']* *[1''-1,5'']* *[1''-1,5'']* *[1''-1,5'']*
p *mf*

Vc. *[1''-1,5'']* *[1''-1,5'']* *[1''-1,5'']* *[1''-1,5'']* *[1''-1,5'']* *[1''-1,5'']* *[1''-1,5'']*
p *f*

Pno. *[1''-1,5'']* *[1''-1,5'']* *[1''-1,5'']* *[1''-1,5'']* *[1''-1,5'']* *[1''-1,5'']* *[1''-1,5'']*
mp *mp* *f*

mp *f*

reagan invented god in 1980 / reagan invented god in 1980 / en los guandules te espero / la tambora guarda un secreto enorme /

Vln. *mp* *p* *mp*

Vc. *mp* *mp* *p* *mf* *mp*

Pno. *mp* *pp* *mp* *p* *mp* *mf* *mp*

pp *mp* *p* *mf* *mp*

[1,5''-2''] [1,5''-2''] [1,5''-2''] [1,5''-2''] [1,5''-2''] [1,5''-2''] [1,5''-2''] [1,5''-2''] [1,5''-2'']

[2''-2,5''] [2''-2,5''] [2''-2,5''] [2''-2,5''] [1''-1,5''] [1''-1,5''] [1,5''-2''] [1,5''-2''] [1,5''-2'']

impossible colors or forbidden colors / dewclaw / punta firma / a painted howl scrapes the cloud /

Vln. *mp* *p*

Vc. *mp* *mf* *mp*

Pno. *mp* *mf* *mp*

mp *mf* *mp*

[4''-4,5''] [4''-4,5''] [2,5''-3''] [2,5''-3''] [2,5''-3'']

with center everywhere and circumference nowhere / we find proof of your broken promise /

Vln. arco *pp*

Vc. arco *pp* *mf* *mp*

Pno. *pp* *p* *mp* *mf* *mp*

[2''-2,5''] [1,5''-2''] [1''-1,5''] [1''-1,5''] [1''-1,5''] [1''-1,5''] [2''-2,5''] [1,5''-2'']

in time very briefly (♩ = 120)

what does it mean for a prophecy to come true in reverse /

Vln. *mf* *mp* *pp* *mp*

Vc. *mf* *mp* *pp* *mf* [1''-1,5'']

Pno. *mf* *p* *mp* *pp* *mp* *mf* *mp*

[ca. 1''] [1''-1,5''] [2''-2,5''] [1,5''-2''] [1''-1,5'']

what does it mean for a prophecy to come true in reverse /

Artificial harmonics

Vln. *p* *pp* *f* *mp*

Vc. *p* *pp* *f* *mp*
(cello continues to play double stops)

Pno. *p* *pp* *p* *f* *mp*

[2''-2,5''] [2''-2,5''] [1,5''-2''] [1,5''-2''] [2''-2,5''] [1,5''-2''] [2''-2,5''] [1,5''-2''] [2''-2,5''] [1,5''-2''] [2''-2,5''] [1,5''-2'']

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p *pp* *p* *f* *mp*

the weeping archive empties out the holy / we are stronger than paradise /

105

Vln. *mp* *p* *mp*

Vc. *mp* *p* *mp*
arco

Pno. *mp* *p* *p* *p* *mp*

[2,5''-3''] [3''-3,5''] [2,5''-3''] [1,5''-2''] [2,5''-3''] [2''-2,5'']

mp *p* *p* *p* *mp*

double stops [2''-2,5''] [2''-2,5''] [2''-2,5'']

116 like perfect lovers the clocks always unsync /

Vln. *mf* *mf* [3,5''-4'']

Vc. *mf* [2,5''-3''] [2,5''-3''] [3,5''-4'']

Pno. *mf* *mp* *mf* *mf*

Vln. *mp* *mf* *mp* [2''-2,5''] [3''-3,5'']

Vc. *mp* *mf* *mf* [2''-2,5''] [2''-2,5''] [2''-2,5''] [3''-3,5'']

Pno. *mp* *p* *mf* *mf* *mp* [3''-3,5''] [3''-3,5''] [2''-2,5''] [2''-2,5''] [3''-3,5'']

within us the endless dead are waking a likeness /

Vln. *mp* *ff*

Vc. *mp* *ff*

Pno. *mp* *mf*

[3''-3,5''] [3''-3,5''] [3,5''-4''] [3,5''-4''] [4''-4,5''] [5''-7'']

Vln. *pppp*

Vc. *pppp*

Pno. *f* *ff* *f*

[3,5''-4''] [3,5''-4''] [3,5''-4''] [3,5''-4''] [4''-4,5''] [5''-7'']

ii. WHAT COMES AFTER HOPE

♩=116 bpm

all performers

Violin

Cello

Piano

f *mp* *f* *mp*

[tape interruption]-----

mp Jo - na - than Fran - zen

age 7, getting a lollipop from his doctor.



156 bpm

NB: each phrase begins *when* the tape is finishing the last word, not after.

[tape begins]

5

Jo - na - than Fran - zen

age 7, eating Swedish meatballs or something.

Vln.

Vc.

Pno.

f *f* *f*

72 bpm

[tape begins, etc.]

p Jo - na - than Fran - zen

age 10, re-reading the Narnia books every month.



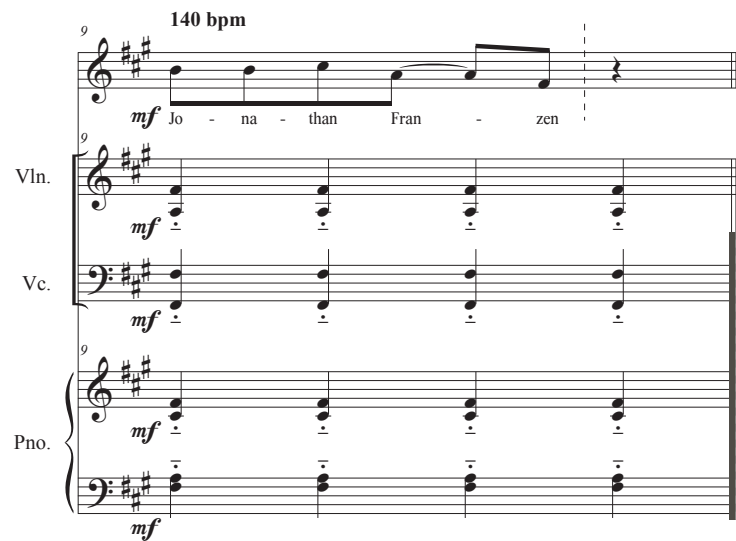
140 bpm

mf Jo - na - than Fran - zen

Vln. *mf*

Vc. *mf*

Pno. *mf*



as a tween
afraid of his
first
erection.



172 bpm

f Jo - na - than Fran - zen

f

f

f

f



as a tween
getting his
first pair
of glasses.



84 bpm

pp Jo - na - than Fran - zen

Vln. *pp*

Vc. *pp*

Pno. *pp*



age 15,
popping
pimples in a
mirror for 2
hours.



126 bpm

f Jo - na - than Fran - zen

f

f

f

f



age 15,
wondering if
anyone will
ever want to
touch him.



156 bpm

mp Jo - na - than Fran - zen

Vln. *mp*

Vc. *mp*

Pno. *mp*

age 15,
getting the
mail for his
mom.



116 bpm

pp Jo - na - than Fran - zen

pp

pp

pp

pp

pp

age 17,
wondering if
he could pull
off a peacoat.



172 bpm

f Jo - na - than Fran - zen

Vln. *f*

Vc. *f*

Pno. *f*

age 18,
encouraging people
to call him 'the Franz.'



80 bpm

mf Jo - na - than Fran - zen

mf

mf

mf

mf

mf

age 19,
losing his virginity
and crying.



4

144 bpm

25

p Jo - na - than Fran - zen

Vln. *p*

Vc. *p*

Pno. *p*

age 20,
meeting Michael
Martone.



172 bpm

pp Jo - na - than Fran - zen

pp

pp

pp

pp

in his 20's,
getting lost
in Munich.



108 bpm

29

mf Jo - na - than Fran - zen

Vln. *mf*

Vc. *mf*

Pno. *mf*

in his 20's,
aware of his chronic
low-grade depression.



76 bpm

f Jo - na - than Fran - zen

f

f

f

f

age 23,
getting married
in rueful sunset.



156 bpm

33

Jo - na - than Fran - zen

ff

Vln.

Vc.

Pno.

ff

ff

age 25,
pretending to have
read Moby-Dick
in conversation.



180 bpm

p Jo - na - than Fran - zen

p

p

p

p

age 32,
re-reading The
Great Gatsby
for the 6th time.



84 bpm

37

mf Jo - na - than Fran - zen

mf

Vln.

Vc.

Pno.

mf

mf

age 35,
buying Irish
Spring soap
at CVS.



156 bpm

pp Jo - na - than Fran - zen

pp

pp

pp

pp

age 40,
subsisting almost
entirely on sadness.



76 bpm

140 bpm

age 40
on 81st and Madison
debating smoking
a cigarette.

age 51,
saying "you have
to love before you
can be relentless."

ff Jo - na - than Fran - zen

mp Jo - na - than Fran - zen

Vln.

Vc.

Pno.

126 bpm

156 bpm

age 51, getting his
glasses stolen and
ransomed for \$100,000.

f Jo - na - than Fran - zen

p Jo - na - than Fran - zen

Vln.

Vc.

Pno.

iii. HOW TO START BELIEVING

beliefs

Violin

Cello

Piano

Sustained notes use S.P.

Non-sustained chords played *una corda*

Violin: *ff*, *mp*, *ff*, *mp*

Cello: *ff*, *mp*, *ff*, *mp*

Piano: *mp*, *mp*, *mp*, *mp*

Violin: [ca.5''], [ca.1''], [ca.2''], [ca.0,5''], [ca.2,5''], [ca.1''], [ca.2'']

Cello: [ca.1''], [ca.2'']

Piano: [ca.1''], [ca.2'']

Violin: *mf*, *mp*, *ff*, *mp*, *ff*, *mp*

Cello: *mf*, *mp*, *ff*, *mp*, *ff*, *mp*

Piano: *mp*, *mp*, *mp*, *mp*, *mp*, *mp*

Violin: [ca.1''], [ca.3''], [ca.3''], [ca.1,5''], [ca.4''], [ca.4''], [ca.5''], [ca.1''], [ca.2'']

Cello: [ca.1''], [ca.2'']

Piano: [ca.1''], [ca.2'']

35

If The City did not mean New York did not mean Manhattan

[ca.0,5''] [ca.1.5'' (after the text is finished)] [ca.2'']

Vln.

Vc.

Pno.

ff *mp* *mp* *mp*

44

If The City did not mean New York did not mean Manhattan was not a Native American name

[ca.1''] [ca.1''] [ca.2'']

Vln.

Vc.

Pno.

ff *mp* *mp* *mp*

51

Vln. *ff* [ca.1''] [ca.2.5''] *mp* [ca.1''] [ca.2'']

Vc. *ff* *mp* [ca.1''] [ca.2'']

Pno. *mp* [ca.1''] [ca.2'']

Detailed description: This system contains measures 51 through 56. Measure 51 features a violin entry with a half note G#4 (marked *ff*) and a piano accompaniment of a half note G#3 (marked *mp*). The piano part has a slur over measures 51-54. Measures 52-54 are mostly rests for the strings, with the piano accompaniment continuing. Measure 55 has a violin half note A#4 (marked *mp*) and a piano accompaniment of a half note A#3 (marked *mp*). Measure 56 has a violin half note B4 (marked *mp*) and a piano accompaniment of a half note B3 (marked *mp*). The piano part has a slur over measures 55-56. The system ends with a double bar line.

If un-sending email was the same as sending it backwards

57

Vln. *mf* [ca.0,5''] [ca.3''] *mp*

Vc. *mf* *mp*

Pno. *mp* *mp*

Detailed description: This system contains measures 57 through 60. Measure 57 features a violin entry with a half note A#4 (marked *mf*) and a piano accompaniment of a half note A#3 (marked *mp*). The piano part has a slur over measures 57-60. Measures 58-60 are mostly rests for the strings, with the piano accompaniment continuing. Measure 59 has a violin half note B4 (marked *mp*) and a piano accompaniment of a half note B3 (marked *mp*). Measure 60 has a violin half note C5 (marked *mp*) and a piano accompaniment of a half note C4 (marked *mp*). The system ends with a double bar line.

65

If an object is separate from the perception of its attributes

Vln. *ff* *mp* *ff* *mp* *p*

Vc. *ff* *mp* *ff* *mp* *p*

Pno. *mp* *mp* *mp* *p* *p*

[ca.1.5''] [ca.0,5''] [ca.4''] [ca.2''] [ca.1''] [2''-2,5''] [ca.4'']

75

If the circumference of my world would never, ever be bigger than that of my own wrist

Vln. *ff* *mp*

Vc. *ff* *mp*

Pno. *mp*

[ca.0,5''] [ca.0,5''] [ca.1'']

79

Vln. [ca. 1''] [ca. 4''] [ca. 1''] [ca. 1.5''] [ca. 1''] [ca. 0.5''] [ca. 2.5''] [ca. 1''] [ca. 3'']

Vc. [ca. 1''] [ca. 4''] [ca. 1''] [ca. 1.5''] [ca. 1''] [ca. 0.5''] [ca. 2.5''] [ca. 1''] [ca. 3'']

Pno. [ca. 1''] [ca. 4''] [ca. 1''] [ca. 1.5''] [ca. 1''] [ca. 0.5''] [ca. 2.5''] [ca. 1''] [ca. 3'']

ff *mp* *ff* *mp*

88

Vln. [ca. 1.5''] [ca. 2''] [ca. 1''] [ca. 2'']

Vc. [ca. 1.5''] [ca. 2''] [ca. 1''] [ca. 2'']

Pno. [ca. 1.5''] [ca. 2''] [ca. 1''] [ca. 2'']

ff *mp* *mp*

If Wittgenstein explained himself

exception: this "E" is not *una corda*

95

Vln.

Vc.

Pno.

ff

mp

ff

mp

mp

mp

[ca.1'']

[ca.3'']

[ca.4'']

106

Vln.

Vc.

Pno.

ff

mp

ff

mp

mp

mp

If talking is always exactly the same as being on television,

[ca.1'']

[ca.2'']

113

Vln. [ca.1''] [ca.3''] [ca.1.5''] [ca.2''] [ca.0.5'']

Vc. [ca.1''] [ca.3''] [ca.1.5''] [ca.2''] [ca.0.5'']

Pno. [ca.1''] [ca.3''] [ca.1.5''] [ca.2''] [ca.0.5'']

ff *mp* *p* *ff* *mp* *p* *mp* *p*

118

Vln. [ca.1''] [ca.1''] [ca.1.5''] [ca.4'']

Vc. [ca.1''] [ca.1''] [ca.1.5''] [ca.4'']

Pno. [ca.1''] [ca.1''] [ca.1.5''] [ca.4'']

ff *mp* *mp* *mp*

If language was a revolutionary act of nonsense

122

Vln. *mf* [ca.4''] *p* [ca.3'']

Vc. *mf* *p*

Pno. *mp* *p*

This musical score page, numbered 122, features three staves: Violin (Vln.), Viola (Vc.), and Piano (Pno.). The Violin and Viola parts begin with a half note in the key of D major (F# and C# respectively) at a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic. At approximately 4 minutes, both parts change to a half note in the key of D minor (F and C) at a piano (*p*) dynamic. The Piano accompaniment starts with a whole note chord in the key of D major (F# and C#) at a mezzo-piano (*mp*) dynamic. At approximately 4 minutes, it changes to a whole note chord in the key of D minor (F and C) at a piano (*p*) dynamic. A large, thin, upward-curving line connects the initial notes of the Violin, Viola, and Piano parts, indicating a sustained harmonic relationship or a specific performance technique. The score includes time markings [ca.4''] and [ca.3''] above the Violin staff.