

## Crossing the river Vjosa

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**Blending Melodies**  
Bridging Cultural Identities



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After working with the musician Enxhi Kllogjri who originates from Albania, I ended up writing a piece which blends three melodies that are inspired from Albanian and Greek cultures. The title of the piece "Crossing the river Vjosa" comes from "Vjosa" (Albanian) or "Aaos" (Greek) river which is one of Europe's last living wild rivers. The river arises in the Pindus mountains of Epirus, Greece, flows northwest entering Albania and empties into the Adriatic Sea. The piece describes the course of this wild and unpolluted river which unites two nations and passes through beautiful landscapes, high mountains, forested hills, culture monuments and villages.

[Composition]

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## Instrumentation

2 flutes  
2 oboes (II= cor anglais)  
2 clarinets in Bb (II= bass clarinet)  
2 bassoons  
alto saxophone  
4 horns in F  
2 trumpets in C  
2 trombones  
bass trombone  
ephonium  
tuba  
timpani (1 player)  
percussion (3 players)  
strings

# Percussion requirements

Percussion

Bass drum	Quiro	Wind chimes	Triangle
			

Susp. Cymbals:  
5 medium large crash

Ocean drum	Tambourine	Woodblocks
		

Player 1

Bass drum  
Wind chimes (mark tree)  
Quiro

Player 2

Ocean drum  
Medium susp. cymbal  
Tambourine

Player 3

Marimba  
Woodblocks  
Triangle  
Large susp. cymbal  
Crash Cymbal

## Score in C (Advanced level)

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## for orchestra

(dur. ca 8')

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*poco rit.* - - - - - \*Andante ( $\text{♩} = 90$ )  
Poco misterioso

Fl. 1  
Fl. 2  
Ob.  
E. Hn.  
B♭ Cl. 1  
B♭ Cl. 2  
Bsn. 1  
Bsn. 2  
A. Sx.  
Hn. 1.3  
Hn. 2.4  
C Tpt. 1  
C Tpt. 2  
Tbn. 1  
Tbn. 2  
Euph.  
Tuba  
Timp.  
Perc. 1  
Perc. 2  
Perc. 3  
Vln. I  
Vln. II  
Vla.  
Vc.  
Cb.

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**C** Andante ( $\text{♩} = 80$ )  
Con fuoco

Fl. 1 air sound with flz.  
*p* — *f* — *mp*

Fl. 2 *p* — *mf* *mp*

Ob. *mp* *mf* *mp*

E. Hn. *mp* *mf* *mp*

B♭ Cl. 1 *p* — *mf* *mp* *mp*

B♭ Cl. 2 *g* *mp* *mp*

Bsn. 1 *p* — *mf* *mp*

Bsn. 2 *p* *g* *mp*

A. Sx. *g* *mp*

Hn. 1<sup>3</sup> *mp* *mf* *p* *mp*

Hn. 2<sup>4</sup> *g* *mf* *p* *mp*

C Tpt. 1 *mp* *mf* *p* *mp*

C Tpt. 2 *g* *mf* *p* *mp*

Tbn. 1 *mf* — *p* air sound *g* *mp*

Tbn. 2 *p* — *f* — *g* *mp*

Euph. *p* *mp* *mf* *p* *mp*

Tuba *g* *mp*

Tim. *p* *f* *mf* *mp*

Perc. 1 Bass drum *p* *f* *mp* *l.v.* *mp* *p* *f*

Perc. 2 *mp* *f* Crash Cymbal *mf* *p* *f*

Perc. 3 *p* *mp* *mf* *mp*

**C** Andante ( $\text{♩} = 80$ )  
arco  
*g* *f* *mp* *mf* *mp*

Vln. I arco *f* *mp* *mf* *mp*

Vln. II arco *f* *mp* *mf* *mp*

Vla. arco *f* *espresso* *f*

Vc. pizz. *mf* *f* *espresso* *f*

Cb. arco *f* *mp* *f* *mp* *sf* *mp*

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A page from a musical score featuring a grid of 12 staves, each with a different instrument. The instruments are: Flute 1, Flute 2, Oboe, English Horn, Bassoon 1, Bassoon 2, Alto Saxophone, Horn 1, Horn 2, C Tuba 1, C Tuba 2, Trombone 1, Trombone 2, Euphonium, Tuba, Timpani, Percussion 1, Percussion 2, Percussion 3, Violin 1, Violin 2, Viola, Cello, and Double Bass. The score includes dynamic markings such as *mf*, *mp*, *p*, *f*, and *espressivo*. Measures 1 through 4 are shown, with measure 5 indicated by a vertical bar line.

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*Subito misterioso*

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob.

E. Hn.

B. Cl. 1

B. Cl. 2

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

A. Sx.

Hn. 1.3

Hn. 2.4

C Tpt. 1

C Tpt. 2

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Euph.

Tuba

Tim.

Bass drum

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

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Fl. 1 : *f* — *p*

Fl. 2 : *f* — *p*

Ob. : *f* — *mp*

E. Hn. : *mf* — *p*

B♭ Cl. 1 : *mf* — *p*

B♭ Cl. 2 : *p*

Bsn. 1 : *p* — *mf*

Bsn. 2 : *mf* — *pp*

A. Sx. : *p*

Hn. 1.3

Hn. 2.4

C Tpt. 1 : senza sord.

C Tpt. 2 : senza sord.

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Euph.

Tuba

Tim. : *pp*

Perc. 1 : *mp*

Perc. 2 : *mf* — *p*

Perc. 3 : *pp* — *mp*

Medium Suspended Cymbal

scrape with triangle beater

Vln. I : tutti *p* — *pp*

Vln. II : tutti *p* — *pp*

Vla. : tutti *mf* — *pp*

Vc. : tutti *mf* — *p*

Cb. : tutti *p* — *pp*

*poco rit.*

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**E** *A tempo* ( $\text{♩} = 105$ )  
Tranquillo e delicato

Fl. 1      *ord.*      *mp*

Fl. 2      *f*      *p*

Ob.      *ord.*

E. Hn.      *pp*

B♭ Cl. 1      *Bb clarinet*

B♭ Cl. 2

Bsn. 1      *mp* *espress.*

Bsn. 2      *mp* *espressivo*

A. Sx.

Hn. 3<sup>1</sup>

Hn. 2

C Tpt. 1

C Tpt. 2

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Perc. 1

(hit)

Perc. 2      *mf*

Perc. 3      *Triangle*

**E** *A tempo* ( $\text{♩} = 105$ )

Vln. I      *unison*

Vln. II      *unison*

Vla.      *pizz.*

Vc.      *pizz.*

Cb.      *pizz.*

**P**

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*poco rit.*

**F** ( $\downarrow = 105$ )  
Affettuoso, espressivo

Fl. 1  
Fl. 2  
Ob.  
E. Hn.  
B♭ Cl. 1  
B♭ Cl. 2  
Bsn. 1  
Bsn. 2  
A. Sx.  
Hn. 1, 3  
Hn. 2, 4  
C Tpt. 1  
C Tpt. 2  
Tbn. 1  
Tbn. 2  
Euph.  
Tuba  
Timp.  
Perc. 1  
Perc. 2  
Perc. 3  
Solo Vln.  
Vln. I  
Vln. II  
Vla.  
Vc.  
Cb.

*f*      *pp*  
*f*      *pp*  
*f*      *pp*  
*f*      *pp*  
*f*      *pp*  
*mp*      *pp*  
air sound      *f* — *p*  
air sound      *f* — *p*  
Mark tree (wind chimes)      gliss  
Medium Suspended Cymbal      *p* — *mf* — *lv.*  
Marimba      *p* — *mf* — *p*  
*poco rit.*

**F** ( $\downarrow = 105$ )

*p* — *mf* solo espressivo  
*pp*  
*p*  
*mf*  
*arco*  
*mp*  
*arco*  
*mp*  
*mp*

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Fl. 1      *mp* — *mf* — *p*  
 Fl. 2  
 Ob.  
 E. Hn.  
 B♭ Cl. 1      *mp* — *mf* — *p*  
 B♭ Cl. 2  
 Bsn. 1      *mp* — *p*  
 Bsn. 2  
 A. Sx.

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Hn. 1.3  
 Hn. 2.4  
 C Tpt. 1  
 C Tpt. 2  
 Tbn. 1  
 Tbn. 2  
 Euph.  
 Tuba  
 126  
 Timp.      *pp* — *mp*

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Perc. 1  
 Medium Suspended Cymbal (with brashes)  
 Perc. 2      *p* — *mf*  
 Perc. 3      *mp* — *mp*

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Vln.  
 Vln. I      *p* — *mf* — *p*  
 Vln. II      *mf* *espresso*  
 Vla.  
 Vc.  
 Cb.

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**G** Andante ( $\text{♩} = 80$ )  
Con fuoco

Fl. 1  
Fl. 2  
Ob.  
E. Hn.  
B♭ Cl. 1  
B♭ Cl. 2  
Bsn. 1  
Bsn. 2  
A. Sx.  
Hn. 1<sup>3</sup>  
Hn. 2<sup>4</sup>  
C Tpt. 1  
C Tpt. 2  
Tbn. 1  
Tbn. 2  
Euph.  
Tuba  
Timp.  
Perc. 1  
Perc. 2  
Perc. 3  
Vln. I  
Vln. II  
Vla.  
Vc.  
Cb.

The musical score consists of ten staves of music for various instruments. The top section includes Flutes 1 and 2, Oboe, English Horn, Bassoon 1, Bassoon 2, Alto Saxophone, and Horns 1 and 2. The middle section includes Trombones 1 and 2, Euphonium, Tuba, Timpani, and three Percussionists (Percussion 1, Percussion 2, and Percussion 3). The bottom section includes Violin 1, Violin 2, Viola, Cello, and Double Bass. The score is in G major, with a tempo of Andante ( $\text{♩} = 80$ ). The instrumentation is described as "Con fuoco". The score includes dynamic markings such as  $p$ ,  $f$ ,  $mf$ , and  $mp$ . The woodblock section (Percussion 3) is indicated with the instruction "Woodblocks". The score is numbered 141 throughout.

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Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob.

E. Hn.

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

A. Sx.

Hn. 1<sup>3</sup>

Hn. 2<sup>4</sup>

C Tpt. 1

C Tpt. 2

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

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**H** Allegro ( $\text{♩} = \text{ca. } 160$ )  
Vivo y poco agresivo

Fl. 1  
Fl. 2  
Ob.  
E. Hn.  
B. Cl. 1  
B. Cl. 2  
Bsn. 1  
Bsn. 2  
A. Sx.  
Hn. 1.4  
Hn. 2.4  
C Tpt. 1  
C Tpt. 2  
Tbn. 1  
Tbn. 2  
Euph.  
Tuba  
Timp.  
Perc. 1  
Perc. 2  
Perc. 3  
Vln. I  
Vln. II  
Vla.  
Vc.  
Cb.

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**H** Allegro ( $\text{♩} = \text{ca. } 160$ )

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Fl. 1  
Fl. 2  
Ob.  
E. Hn.  
B♭ Cl. 1  
B♭ Cl. 2  
Bsn. 1  
Bsn. 2  
A. Sx.

Hn. 1  
Hn. 2  
C Tpt. 1  
C Tpt. 2  
Tbn. 1  
Tbn. 2  
Euph.  
Tuba

Timp.  
Perc. 1  
Perc. 2  
Perc. 3

Vln. I  
Vln. II  
Vla.  
Vc.  
Cb.

Guiro

Woodblocks

*p* — *f*

*p* — *f*

*p* — *f*

*p*

*f*

*p* — *sff*

*p* — *sff*

*f*

*p* — *sff*

*p* — *sff*

*p*

*sub p*

*sub p*

*sub p*

*pp*

*mp*

*pp*

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**I** *Misterioso e lontano*

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob.

E. Hn.

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

A. Sx.

Hn. 1.3

Hn. 2.4

C Tpt. 1

C Tpt. 2

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

poco a poco rall.

*f*

poco a poco rall.

*fp*

*fp*

*fp*

*fp*

gliss.

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**Andante ( $\text{♩} = 80$ )**

Fl. 1      Fl. 2      Ob.      E. Hn.      B. Cl. 1      B. Cl. 2      Bsn. 1      Bsn. 2      A. Sx.

Hn. 1. 3      Hn. 2. 4      C Tpt. 1      C Tpt. 2      Tbn. 1      Tbn. 2      Euph.      Tuba      Timp.

Perc. 1      Perc. 2      Perc. 3      Vln. I      Vln. II      Vla.      Vc.      Cb.

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217 **J** Andante ( $\text{♩} = 75$ ) Affettuoso, espressivo poco a poco accel. Andante ( $\text{♩} = 80$ )

Fl. 1  
Fl. 2  
Ob.  
E. Hn.  
B♭ Cl. 1  
B♭ Cl. 2  
Bsn. 1  
Bsn. 2  
A. Sx.

217 ord. pp  
*p* *p*

Hn. 1  
Hn. 2  
C Tpt. 1  
C Tpt. 2  
Tbn. 1  
Tbn. 2  
Euph.  
Tuba

*p* *mp* *air sound* *f* *p* *ord.*  
*f* *p* *air sound* *f* *p* *ord.*  
*p* *air sound* *mf* *p* *ord.*  
*f* *p* *mf* *p* *ord.*  
*f* *p* *mf* *p* *ord.*  
*f* *p* *mf* *p* *ord.*

217 Timp.

217 Perc. 1  
Perc. 2  
Perc. 3

Medium Suspended Cymbal  
scrape with triangle beater  
*p* *mf*  
Ocean drum  
*p* *mp* *pp*

Mark tree (wind chimes) gliss  
*p* *f*  
*p* *mf*  
Triangle

217 **J** Andante ( $\text{♩} = 70$ ) poco a poco accel. *mf* espressivo Andante ( $\text{♩} = 80$ )

Solo Vln.  
Vln. I  
Vln. II  
Vla.  
Solo Vc.  
Vc.  
Cb.

*p* *mp* *p* *p* *mf* espressivo *p* *tutti* *mf* espressivo *mp* *p* *tutti* *mf* *mp* *p* *mf* *mp*

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**K** Andante ( $\text{♩} = 85$ ) Piu moso  
Con fuoco

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob.

E. Hn.

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

A. Sx.

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

C Tpt. 1

C Tpt. 2

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Perc. 1

Medium Suspended Cymbal

Perc. 2

Crash Cymbal

Perc. 3

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

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Fl. 1  
Fl. 2  
Ob.  
E. Hn.  
B♭ Cl. 1  
B♭ Cl. 2  
Bsn. 1  
Bsn. 2  
A. Sx.

Hn. 1  
Hn. 2  
C Tpt. 1  
C Tpt. 2  
Tbn. 1  
Tbn. 2  
Euph.  
Tuba

Timp.

Perc. 1  
Perc. 2  
Perc. 3

Vln. I  
Vln. II  
Vla.  
Vc.  
Cb.

*poco a poco cresc.*

*f*