

Hell's Handbasket

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Duration: ca. 10 minutes
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Instrumentation

Flute (doubles Piccolo)
Oboe (doubles English Horn)
 B^{\flat} Clarinet*
 E^{\flat} Alto Saxophone
Bassoon

Trumpet in C (doubles Flugelhorn in B^{\flat})
Horn in F*
Trombone
Tuba

Percussion (one player):
Ride Cymbal, Splash Cymbal, Hi-hat Cymbal,
Small Tamtam, Vibraphone, Small Shaker
Pedal Bass Drum, 4 Tomtoms, 2 Bongos

Piano

2 Violins
Viola
Cello
Contrabass

*Score is in C. All instruments sound as written;
the clef for the piccolo indicates sounding an octave higher;
the clef for the contrabass indicates sounding an octave lower.

*Although the generous use of courtesy accidentals may seem to imply otherwise,
accidentals carry through the measure, and apply **only** to the octave in which they appear.*

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Program notes from the composer

If you haven't heard the old expression "We're all going to hell in a handbasket," well, now you have. Sometimes I find it difficult to disagree with the curmudgeon who can feel us all sliding down the slippery slope into a future where music with sensitivity, creativity, intelligence and taste remains only as a relic of a forgotten, irrelevant antiquity. But in this piece, anyway, I'm taking sides with the happy handbasketeer who says "Chill out, dude, and enjoy the ride." I'm not sure whether the handbasket is the funk band riff that opens the piece and grows to an apocalyptic catharsis, or the silly little hook of a tune that is rediscovered in the aftermath.

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C Score

$\text{♩} = 76$

Flute
doubles Piccolo

Oboe
doubles English Horn

B♭ Clarinet
Score is in C

E♭ Alto Saxophone
Score is in C

Bassoon

C Trumpet
doubles Flugelhorn

Horn
(score is in C)

Trombone

Tuba

Cymbals
(on the rim)
Bongos
4 Tomtoms
Pedal Bass Drum

Piano

Violin 1

Violin 2

Viola

Cello

Contrabass

1 2 3 4 5 6

7

5

12

Fl. *legato* $f \longrightarrow ff$

Ob. *legato* $f \longrightarrow ff$

B♭ Cl. *legato* $f \longrightarrow ff$

A. Sx. *legato* $f \longrightarrow ff$

Bn. f $f \quad p$

Tp. *legato* $mf \longrightarrow ff$ $f \quad p$

Hn. *legato* $mf \longrightarrow ff$ f

Tn. mf $ff \quad p$

Tba. f $ff \quad p$

Perc. *(on the rim)* $p \quad p \quad mf \quad p \quad f \quad p \quad mp \quad mf$

on the dome

Pno.

Vn 1 $p \longrightarrow f > p$ $f \longrightarrow ff$ $pp \quad mp$

Vn 2 $p \longrightarrow f > p$ $f \longrightarrow ff$ $pp \quad mp$

Va $p \longrightarrow f > p$ *legato* $f \longrightarrow ff$ $pp \quad mp$

Vc *arco* $p \longrightarrow f > p$ *legato* $f \longrightarrow ff$ $pp \quad mp$

Cb *arco*

17

Fl. *ff*
Ob. *ff*
B♭ Cl. *ff*
A. Sx. *ff*
Bn. *ff*

Tp. *ff*
Hn. *mp* *mf* *p*
Tn. *ff* *mf* *mp* *mf* *p*
Tba.

Perc. *ff* *p* *f subito*

Pno. *ff* *ff* *f* *v* *ff* *f* *v*

Vn 1. *f* *p* *f*
Vn 2. *f* *p* *f*
Va. *f* *p* *f*
Vc. *f* *pizz.* *arco* *f*
Cb. *f* *pizz.* *arco*

7

17 18 19 20 21

22

Fl

Ob *legato* *f* *f* *mf* *p* to English Horn

B♭ Cl. *legato* *f*

A. Sx. *legato* *f* *mf* *p*

Bn *legato* *f* *mf*

Tp

Hn *p*

Tn

Tba *f* *mf*

Perc. *p*

Pno.

Vn 1 *legato* *f* *mf* *p* *mp*

Vn 2 *legato* *f* *mf* *p* *mp*

Va *legato* *f* *mf* *mf(solo)*

Vc *legato* *f* *mf* *p*

Cb *f* *mf*

Fl *mp*

E.H. English Horn *ff*

B♭ Cl. *mp* *ff*

A. Sx. *mp* *ff*

Bn *mp* *ff*

Tp *ff*

Hn *ff*

Tn *p* *ff*

Tba *ff*

Perc. Chinese Cymbal *f* — *ff*

Pno. *ff*

Vn 1 *p*

Vn 2 *p*

Va *mp*

Vc *mp*

Cb

10

30

Fl

E.H.

B♭ Cl.

A. Sx.

Bn

legato

p *mf*

legato

p *mf*

to Oboe

legato

p *mf*

ff

36

d = 160

Tp

Hn

Tn

Tba

straight muted

mf

muted

mf

straight muted

mf

muted

ff

Perc.

Ride Cymbal

scrape

ff

mf

Pno.

f

8vb-----

Vn 1

mf

mf

mp

p

mf *p*

Vn 2

mf

mf

mp

p

mf *p*

Va

mf

mf

mp

mf *p*

Vc

mf

mf

mp

mf *p*

Cb

mf

mf

30

31

32

33

34

35

36

37

38

Fl. *mf*

Ob. *mf*

B♭ Cl. *mf*

A. Sx.

Bn. *mf*

Tp.

Hn.

Tn.

Tba.

Perc. **Hi-hat** *p*

Pno.

Vn 1

Vn 2 *mf*

Va. *mf*

Vc. *mf*

Cb. *mf*

38 39 40 41 42

12 43

Fl. 

Ob. 
mf

B♭ Cl.

A. Sx. 
mf

Bn. 
mf

Tp. 
open

Hn.

Tn. 
open

Tba. 
mf

Perc. 
p

Hi-hat

Pno. 
open

Vn 1

Vn 2

Va

Vc. 
f

Cb

44

Fl. -

Ob. -

B♭ Cl. -

A. Sx. -

Bn. -

Tp. 
f p

Hn. -

Tn. 
p

Tba. 
mf

Perc. 
f p

Pno. 
mf

Vn 1 -

Vn 2 -

Va -

Vc. -

Cb -

45

Fl. -

Ob. -

B♭ Cl. -

A. Sx. -

Bn. 
mf

Tp. -

Hn. -

Tn. -

Tba. -

Perc. -

Pno. -

Vn 1 -

Vn 2 -

Va -

Vc. -

Cb -

46

Fl

Ob

B♭ Cl.

A. Sx.

Bn

Tp

Hn

Tn

Tba

Perc.

Pno.

Vn 1

Vn 2

Va

Vc

Cb

Chinese Cymbal

51

14
51

Fl. *f*

Ob. *f*

B♭ Cl. *f*

A. Sx.

Bn. *f*

Tp.

Hn. *f*

Tn. *f*

Tba.

Perc.

f

Pno. *f*

Vn 1 *mf*

Vn 2 *mf*

Va. *mf*

Vc. *mf*

Cb. *mf*

ff

ff

ff

ff

55

Fl
Ob
Bb Cl.
A. Sx.
Bn
Tp
Hn
Tba
Perc.

(8^{me})
Pno.

Vn 1
Vn 2
Va
Vc
Cb

56

57

58

Fl. - *mf* - *f*

Ob. - *mf* - *f* *mf* - *f*

B. Cl. - *f* - *mf* - *f*

A. Sx. - *mf* - *f* *mf* - *f*

Bn. - *mf* - *f* - - -

Tp. - - - -

Hn. - *f* - - - - *f* - - -

Tn. - - - - *f* - - - - *f* - - -

Tba. - *f* - - - - - - - - *f* - - -

Perc. - *p* - - - - *p* - - - - *mf* - - - - *mf*

Pno. - *f* - - - - *f* - - - - *ff* - - -

Vn 1. - *f* - *mf* - - - - *f* - - - - *f* - - -

Vn 2. - *f* - *mf* - - - - *f* - - - - *f* - - -

Va. - *f* - *mf* - - - - *f* - - - - *f* - - -

Vc. - *f* - *mf* - - - - *f* - - - - *f* - - -

Cb. - - - - - - - - - -

62

Fl

Ob

B♭ Cl.

A. Sx.

Bn

Tp

Hn

Tn

Tba

Perc.

Pno.

Vn 1

Vn 2

Va

Vc

Cb

17

20

76

79

Fl

Ob

B. Cl.

A. Sx.

Bn

Tp (str muted)

Hn (muted)

(str muted) Tn 1&2

Tba

Perc.

Pno.

Vn 1

Vn 2

Va

Vc

Cb

Ride Cymbal

76

77

78

79

80

Fl
ff

Ob

B♭ Cl.

A. Sx.

Bn

Tp (str muted)

Hn (muted)

(str muted) Tn 1&2

Tba

Perc.

Pno.

Vn 1

Vn 2

Va

Vc

Cb

This page contains two systems of musical notation. The top system covers measures 80-81 and includes parts for Flute (Fl), Oboe (Ob), Bassoon (Bn), Clarinet (B♭ Cl.), Alto Saxophone (A. Sx.), Trombone (Tp) muted, Horn (Hn) muted, Trombones 1&2 (Tn 1&2), Double Bass (Tba), and Percussion (Perc.). The bottom system continues from measure 81 and includes parts for Piano (Pno.), Violin 1 (Vn 1), Violin 2 (Vn 2), Viola (Va), Cello (Vc), and Double Bass (Cb). Various dynamic markings such as *ff*, *p*, and rhythmic patterns like *3* and *5* are present throughout the score.

22

82

Fl

Ob

B♭ Cl.

A. Sx.

Bn

Tp (str muted)

Hn (muted)

(str muted) Tn 1&2

Tba

Perc.

Pno.

Vn 1

Vn 2

Va

Vc

Cb

Triangle

ff

85

Fl (pitch bending) *p*

Ob

B♭ Cl. *p*

A. Sx.

Bn *slap tongue* *mf*

Tp (str mute)

Hn *open 0 → + -----* *p* *pp* *pp*

(str mute) Tn 1&2 *mf* *pp* *pp*

Tba *muted 5* *staccatissimo* *p* *pp* *Hi-hat closed*

Perc. *mf* *pp* *p*

Pno. *p* *p*

Vn 1 *molto sul pont.* *(no tremolo)* *ppp* *mf* *pp* *no vibrato* *pp* *no vibrato* *arco molto sul pont.*

Vn 2 *col legno battute* *pp* *mp* *col legno battute* *arco molto sul pont.* *pp* *no vibrato*

Va *pp* *mp* *col legno battute* *pp* *no vibrato* *arco molto sul pont.*

Vc *pp* *mp* *pizz.* *pp* *arco molto sul pont.*

Cb *p* *f* *mf*

A little faster ($\text{♩} = 80$)

Fl

Ob

B♭ Cl.

A. Sx.

Bn

Tp (str mute)

Hn

(str mute) Tn 1&2

(muted) Tb

Perc.

Pno.

Vn 1

Vn 2

Va

Vc

Cb

gradually mute drum

Ride Cymbal

molto sul pont.

ord.

molto sul pont.

ord.

molto sul pont.

ord.

ord.

97

Fl

Ob

B♭ Cl.

A. Sx.

Bn

f

Flute to Piccolo

102

Tp (str muted)

Hn

(str muted) Tn 1&2

Tba

Perc.

Pno.

Vn 1

Vn 2

Va

Vc

Cb

open

p

mf

f

p

legato

f

legato

p

legato

p

f

legato

p

f

p

97

98

99

100

101

102

25

26 103

105

Picc. — — — —

Ob. — — — —

B♭ Cl. — — — —

A. Sx. — — — —

Bn. $\begin{array}{c} \text{b} \\ \text{B} \end{array}$ $\begin{array}{c} \text{b} \\ \text{B} \end{array}$ $\begin{array}{c} \text{b} \\ \text{B} \end{array}$ $\begin{array}{c} \text{b} \\ \text{B} \end{array}$

Tp. — — — —

Hn. — — — —

Tn. $\begin{array}{c} \text{b} \\ \text{B} \end{array}$ $\begin{array}{c} \text{b} \\ \text{B} \end{array}$ $\begin{array}{c} \text{b} \\ \text{B} \end{array}$ $\begin{array}{c} \text{b} \\ \text{B} \end{array}$

Tba. $\begin{array}{c} \text{b} \\ \text{B} \end{array}$ $\begin{array}{c} \text{b} \\ \text{B} \end{array}$ $\begin{array}{c} \text{b} \\ \text{B} \end{array}$ $\begin{array}{c} \text{b} \\ \text{B} \end{array}$

Perc. $\begin{array}{c} \text{b} \\ \text{B} \end{array}$ $\begin{array}{c} \text{b} \\ \text{B} \end{array}$ $\begin{array}{c} \text{b} \\ \text{B} \end{array}$ $\begin{array}{c} \text{b} \\ \text{B} \end{array}$

Pno. — — — —

Vn 1 $\begin{array}{c} \text{b} \\ \text{B} \end{array}$ $\begin{array}{c} \text{b} \\ \text{B} \end{array}$ $\begin{array}{c} \text{b} \\ \text{B} \end{array}$ $\begin{array}{c} \text{b} \\ \text{B} \end{array}$

Vn 2 $\begin{array}{c} \text{b} \\ \text{B} \end{array}$ $\begin{array}{c} \text{b} \\ \text{B} \end{array}$ $\begin{array}{c} \text{b} \\ \text{B} \end{array}$ $\begin{array}{c} \text{b} \\ \text{B} \end{array}$

Va. $\begin{array}{c} \text{b} \\ \text{B} \end{array}$ $\begin{array}{c} \text{b} \\ \text{B} \end{array}$ $\begin{array}{c} \text{b} \\ \text{B} \end{array}$ $\begin{array}{c} \text{b} \\ \text{B} \end{array}$

Vc. $\begin{array}{c} \text{b} \\ \text{B} \end{array}$ $\begin{array}{c} \text{b} \\ \text{B} \end{array}$ $\begin{array}{c} \text{b} \\ \text{B} \end{array}$ $\begin{array}{c} \text{b} \\ \text{B} \end{array}$

Cb. $\begin{array}{c} \text{b} \\ \text{B} \end{array}$ $\begin{array}{c} \text{b} \\ \text{B} \end{array}$ $\begin{array}{c} \text{b} \\ \text{B} \end{array}$ $\begin{array}{c} \text{b} \\ \text{B} \end{array}$

103 **104** **105** **106**

107

Picc. *mf*

Ob. *mf*

B♭ Cl.

A. Sx.

Bn. *mf* *p* *f* *mp* *f* *p* *mf* *p*

Tp. *p* *mf* *p* *f* *mp*

Hn. *p* *mf* *p* *f* *mp*

Tn. *p* *f* *mp*

Tba. *mf* *p*

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

Pno.

Vn 1 *mp* *f* *f* *mp* *f*

Vn 2 *mp* *f* *p* *f* *mp* *f*

Va. *mp* *f* *p* *f* *mp* *f* *p*

Vc. *mp* *f* *p* *f* *mp* *f* *p*

Cb.

28

111

112

Picc. *mf* — *f* — *p*

Ob. *mf* — *f* — *p*

B♭ Cl. *mf* — *f* — *p*

A. Sx. *mf* — *f* — *p*

Bn. *mf* — *f* — *p*

Tp. *f* — *mf* — *mp* — *f*

Hn. *f* — *p* — *mp* — *f*

Tn. *f* — *mf* — *mp* — *f*

Tba. *f* — *mf* — *mp* — *f*

Perc. *mf* — *f* — *p* — *mf* — *mf* — *f*

Pno.

Vn 1 *mf* — *mp*

Vn 2

Va. *f* — *p*

Vc. *f* — *p*

Cb.

111

112

113

114

115

116

117

rit. $\text{♩} = 60$

Picc. $4\text{ }f$

Ob. $4\text{ }f$

B♭ Cl. $4\text{ }f$

A. Sx. $4\text{ }f$

Bn. $4\text{ }f$

Tp. $4\text{ }mf$

Hn. $4\text{ }mf$

Tn. $4\text{ }mf$

Tba. $4\text{ }mf$

Perc. f

Pno. $4\text{ }f$

Vn 1 $4\text{ }f$

Vn 2 $4\text{ }f$

Va. $4\text{ }f$

Vc. $4\text{ }f$

Cb. f

Chinese Cymbal

$\text{♩} = 60$

117 118 119 120 121 122

123

127

 $\text{J} = 144$ (heavier than the earlier rendition of this material)

Picc. -

Ob. pp 6 4 Piccolo to Flute 5

B♭ Cl. pp 6 4 5

A. Sx. 6 4 5

Bn. pp 6 4 5

Tp. 6 4 5

Hn. 6 4 5

Tn. 6 4 5

Tba. 6 4 5

Perc. Ride Cymbal *scrape* Triangle 6 4 5

Pno. 6 4 ff 5

Vn 1 pp 6 4 5

Vn 2 pp 6 4 5

Va. pp 6 4 5

Vc. pp 6 4 5

Cb. 6 4 5

131

Fl

Ob

B♭ Cl.

A. Sx.

Bn

Tp

Hn

Tn

Tba

Perc.

Pno.

Vn 1

Vn 2

Va

Vc

Cb

134

31

legato

legato

legato

legato

32

137

139

Fl.

Ob.

B♭ Cl.

A. Sx.

Bn.

Tp.

Hn.

Tn.

Tba.

Perc.

Pno.

Vn 1

Vn 2

Va

Vc

Cb

137

138

139

140

141

142

143

145

Fl

Ob

B♭ Cl.

A. Sx.

Bn

Tp

Hn

Tn

Tba

Perc.

Pno.

Vn 1

Vn 2

Va

Vc

Cb

143

144

145

146

147

148

Fl

Ob

B♭ Cl.

A. Sx.

Bn

Tp

Hn

Tn

Tba

Perc.

Pno.

Vn 1

Vn 2

Va

Vc

Cb

mf

p

p

p

mf

p

p

p

mf

p

p

p

mf

f

mf

f

mf

f

mf

broad

p

p

p

f>

f>

153

Fl

Ob

B♭ Cl.

A. Sx.

Bn

Tp

Hn

Tn

Tba

Perc.

155

Pno.

Vn 1

Vn 2

Va

Vc

Cb

153

154

155

36

156

Fl *p* *f* *b* 3 5 5 5

Ob *p* *f* 3 5 5 5 5

B♭ Cl. *p* *f* 3 5 5 5 5

A. Sx. — *f* 3 5 5 5 5

Bn *p* *f* 3 5 5 5 5

Tp — *f* 3 5 5 5

Hn — *f subito* 3 5 5 5

Tn — *mf* 3 5 5 5

Tba *f subito* 3 5 5 5 5

Perc. — *mf* 3 5 5 5

Pno. — 3 5 5 5 5

Vn 1 *p* 3 5 5 5

Vn 2 *p* 3 5 5 5

Va *p* 3 5 5 5

Vc *p* 3 5 5 5

Cb — — — *f*

156

157

158

159

160

161

162

163

Vn 1

Vn 2

Va

Vc

Cb

sul D

f sul D

f sul C

f sul G

ff

Ride Cymbal

Chinese Cymbal

38

164

Fl

Ob

B♭ Cl.

A. Sx.

Bn

165 ♩ = 88

Tp

Hn

Tn

Tba

Perc.

Pno.

Vn 1

Vn 2

Va

Vc

Cb

169 ♩ = 60

*on the rim
with triangle beaters*

f

ff

pizz. ♫

arco

mf

ff

pizz. ♫

arco

ff

ff

pizz. ♫

ff

pizz. ♫

ff

pizz. ♫

ff

170 171 172 173 174 175

Fl *f* *ff* *ff* *ff* *ff* *ff*

Ob *f* *ff* *ff* *ff* *ff* *ff*

B♭ Cl. *f* *ff* *ff* *ff* *ff* *ff*

A. Sx. *f* *ff* *ff* *ff* *ff* *ff*

Bn *f* *ff* *ff* *ff* *ff* *ff*

Tp *f* *ff* *ff* *ff* *ff* *ff*

Hn *f* *ff* *ff* *ff* *ff* *ff*

Tn *f* *ff* *ff* *ff* *ff* *ff*

Tba *f* *ff* *ff* *ff* *ff* *ff*

Triangle

Perc. *f* *ff* *ff* *ff* *ff* *ff*

Pno. *f* *ff* *ff* *ff* *ff* *ff*

Vn 1 *ff* *ff* *ff* *ff* *ff*

Vn 2 *ff* *ff* *ff* *ff* *ff*

Va *ff* *ff* *ff* *ff* *ff*

Vc *ff* *ff* *ff* *ff* *ff*

Cb *ff* *ff* *ff* *ff* *ff*

arco

Fl

Ob

B♭ Cl.

A. Sx.

Bn

ff

Tp

Hn

Tn

Tba

f

f

ff

ff

ff

ff

f

f

Perc.

Pno.

Vn 1

Vn 2

Va

Vc

Cb

ff

42

191 192 ♩ = 160

Picc.

Ob

B♭ Cl.

A. Sx.

Bn

Tp (str muted)

Hn

Tn

Tba

Perc.

Pno.

Vn 1

Vn 2

Va

Vc

Cb

196

198 $\text{d} = 72$

196

Ob

B. Cl.

A. Sx.

Bn

Tp

Hn

Tn

Tba

Perc.

Pno.

Vn 1

Vn 2

Va

Vc

Cb

197

198

199

44

200

203

Ride Cymbal → *scrape*

ff

204

200

201

202

203

204

46

210

211

Fl

Ob

B♭ Cl.

A. Sx.

Bn

Tp

Hn

Tn

Tba

Flugelhorn

mf, simply

mp

mf

Perc.

Hi-hat

mp > *p*

p

p

Pno.

Vn 1

Vn 2

Va

p

Vc

mf, simply

Cb

mf, simply

210

211

212

213

214

215

47

Fl

Ob *mf*

B♭ Cl.

A. Sx. *mf, simply* *p*

Bn *mf* *p*

Tp

Hn

Tn

Tba

Perc. **Ride Cymbal** *p* **Triangle** *p* *on the rim with triangle beater* *p*

Pno.

Vn 1 *p*

Vn 2 *mf* *pp*

Va *mf* *p* *pp*

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

Cb

215

216

217

218

219