

SYMPHONY IIII

LIGHTFALL

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- I. Before the Stars 8:21
- II. The Book of Lasts 8:41
- III. The Gift of This Day 7:50

This Band of the 3rd Millennium™ Version is Commissioned by

Das Musikkorps der Bundeswehr

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in Dedication to:

Those who forever choose to look up and embrace
the wonder-filled Universe and the Joy of Life.

Technical Directions Movement 1: Before the Stars

Although, Bb Trumpets have been provided as a fail-safe, the 1st movement is meant to be played on C Trumpets. For those interested in such matters, this is the opposite of what happens in **Symphony 3: Wait of the World**, where C Trumpets play only in the final movement. With connection back to "Wait of the World," **Symphony IIII** bursts forth from the same simple 2-note, minor-2nd interval used in **Symphony 2: At Life's Edge**. Though it might be confusing to label it such, this work is actually conceived as a **Symphony "in G#/G."**

At **measure 3**, there is an aleatoric section. A PDF of these directions is included with the Parts. You can also simply explain the following to the Musicians:

A. No Time. Play any of the given notes in any rhythm, in any order, as fast as possible.

Respond to conducted "Sweeps" with extreme dynamic swells.

As Conductor gets closer to you, Crescendo. As Conductor moves away, Decrescendo

B. Groups respond to conducted dynamics with these codes:

1: Piccolo, Flute, Oboe, Bassoon, Eb Clarinet

2. Clarinets, Bass Clarinet

3. Saxophones

4. Horns

5. Trumpets, Fist. Low Brass

II. The Book of Lasts

Adagio, Agrodolce

Movement II, Symphony IIII on 11/11
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You will recall your own “*book of firsts*,” kept by your parents. Or perhaps you kept a “*book of firsts*” for your children. A first step, fastidiously followed by a date and a time... a *first* tooth, a *first* word, the *first* impossible to imagine utterance of, “*I love you...*”

Whether we actually record and keep it or not, there must always and also be a “*book of lasts*.” The *last* embrace, the *last* slap in the face, the *final* parting kiss, the *last* fall, the *last* act of Kindness and hurt, the *last-offered* prayer, the one *final* touch, the *last* wish and *ending* dream... and yes, the finishing *breath*. For *everything*, there is a *Last*.

Knowing this gives us the strength to face each and every possible gesture as the *last-of-its-kind*, making it an action of Giving and eternal Heroism.

With this Purpose, and to such a “book,” be it written or contemplated, to a book of *Life* and the final thought in this world... this movement is humbly offered.

Godspeed! Stephen Melillo

III. The Gift of This Day

a Prayer in Parting, Allegro con Gioia senza Briglia

Movement III, Symphony IIII on 25 December 2014
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Movement I takes place “*before*” the Big Bang. It represents the *dialogue* between what would become the opposing forces of Yin & Yang, God & Lucifer, Good & Evil. In Movement III, the *Dance* between these forces ensues on the precipice of our own Death and Life. It is **our** turn to see beyond the curtain and experience the Infinite Play.

Finally, the Brotherhood of Man, and the Brotherhood of Man & God has been resolved.

All has become One.

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Movement I: Before the Stars

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Tempo determined by m23 (mm@144)

No Time. See Score. Conducted Effects

1 2 3 4

Piccolo/Fl 1

Flute 2

Flute 3 (Eb Clar)

Oboe 1

Oboe 2

Bassoon 1

Bassoon 2

Clarinet 1

Clarinet 2

Clarinet 3

Bass Clarinet in B \flat

Alto Sax 1

Alto Sax 2

Tenor Sax

Bari Sax

Horn 1

Horn 2

Horn 3

Horn 4

Trumpet in C 1-2

Trumpet in C 3-4

Trumpet in C 5-6

Euphonium 1

Euphonium 2

Euphonium 3

Trombone 1 w/div.

Trombone 2

Bass Trombone

Tuba

PAD Bass

Harp

Piano

Bass Drum Timpani

Glock Xylophone Marimba

Roto Toms Steel Plates Chimes

Snare Drum 1

Sus & Cr Cymb Large Gong Chimes

Snare Drum 2

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Bass Drums

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5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22

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Flute 3 (Eb Clar)

Oboe 1

Oboe 2

Bassoon 1

Bassoon 2

Clarinet 1

Clarinet 2

Clarinet 3

Bass Clarinet in B \flat

Alto Sax 1

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Tenor Sax

Bari Sax

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Horn 4

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Trombone 2

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Tuba

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Harp

Piano

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Chimes

Gong

23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30

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Flute 3 (Eb Clar)
Oboe 1
Oboe 2
Bassoon 1
Bassoon 2
Clarinet 1
Clarinet 2
Clarinet 3
Bass Clarinet in B_b
Alto Sax 1
Alto Sax 2
Tenor Sax
Bari Sax
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Chimes

f Bamboo sticks on random Xylophone, edge of bars, highest pitches.

fz

f 3 3 3

fz

fz