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# LUX PERPETUA

FOR SOLO SOPRANO SAXOPHONE  
AND ORCHESTRA  
(2011)

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## Program Listing:

Lux Perpetua  
I. Introit  
II. Refractions  
III. Reflections  
IV. Shadows  
V. Glimmers  
VI. Elegy

Kathryn Salfelder (1987- )

## Program Note:

"There, peeping among the cloud-wrack above a dark tor high up in the mountains, Sam saw a white star twinkle for a while. The beauty of it smote his heart, as he looked up out of the forsaken land, and hope returned to him. For like a shaft, clear and cold, the thought pierced him that in the end the Shadow was only a small and passing thing; there was light and high beauty forever beyond its reach." - J.R.R. Tolkien

*Lux Perpetua* explores light's many facets in six continuous movements, performed without pause. The first and final movements offer emotional reflections on hope in a time of sorrow. The inner four movements focus on light's physical properties and how they are perceived by the human eye.

The first movement, *Introit*, (from the Latin *introitus*, or "entrance") references the opening movement of a Requiem Mass. The title of this work, *Lux Perpetua*, is derived from the standard requiem text "...et lux perpetua luceat eis" (...and may perpetual light shine upon them). The subsequent two movements are a musical journey into optics. In *Refractions*, a change in speed constitutes a change in direction, resulting in ascending/descending patterns and abrupt shifts in motivic ideas. In *Reflections*, the 'mirror image' is exemplified through melodic techniques of retrograde and inversion.

The fourth movement, *Shadows*, explores the timbral colors of the saxophone including the use of multiphonics, in which the soloist performs multiple pitches simultaneously. In *Glimmers*, dashes of light, like paintbrush strokes of brilliance, shimmer across the texture in the violins and upper winds. These high voices quote Asola's 16th century motet, *O Vos Omnes*: "O all ye who pass by, attend and see, if there be any sorrow like my sorrow." *Elegy*, the final movement of the work, was actually the beginning of my creative process, and it contains the very first notes I composed after a year hiatus in my writing. Its final bars re-establish the opening cello motive from the *Introit*, but in a new register with a decidedly different aura.

With heartfelt thanks to David Alan Miller, Timothy McAllister and the Albany Symphony, I dedicate this work in memory of my mother, my best friend, Elizabeth J. Salfelder (1948-2011). She is deeply missed, forever loved, and always present in my heart and in my music.

## Instrumentation

2 Flutes  
2 Oboes  
2 Clarinets in A  
2 Bassoons

2 Horns in F  
2 Trumpets in C

Timpani

Solo Soprano Saxophone

Strings

## To the Conductor:

Accidentals remain in effect for the duration of the measure at the octave in which they occur. They are sometimes rewritten within a measure for clarity.

Notes in parentheses ( ) in the solo part may be omitted.

Dotted slurs indicate phrasing

Performance time: c. 14 minutes

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Albany Symphony, David Alan Miller, conductor  
Timothy McAllister, soprano saxophone

Transposed Score

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# LUX PERPETUA

TO MY MOM, ELIZABETH SALFELDER (1948-2011), WITH LOVE AND THANKS

Kathryn Salfelder (b. 1987)

**Grave**  
 $\text{♩} = 52$

**I. INTROIT**

Flute 1  
2

Oboe 1  
2

Clarinet in A 1  
2

Bassoon 1  
2

Horn in F 1  
2

Trumpet in C 1  
2

Timpani

(med-hard mallets)

Solo Soprano  
Saxophone

Violin I

div. a 2

Violin II

div. a 2

Viola

Violoncello

Contrabass

**I. INTROIT**

**Grave**  
 $\text{♩} = 52$

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Musical score for orchestra and piano, page 6, measures 9-10. The score includes parts for Timpani, Soprano Saxophone, Violin I, Violin II, Cello, Bassoon, and Piano. Measure 9 starts with a piano dynamic from the piano part. Measures 9-10 show various melodic lines and dynamics (pp, ppp, p) across the instruments, with some parts divided into sections (div. a 2, div. a 3).



**17**

sim.

Tim. *mp*

Sop. Sax. *mp*

Vln. I unis. sul D *mp* unis. *mf*

Vln. II *mp* *mf* intensely

Vla. *mf* div a 2 intensely

Vcl. *mf* intensely

Vcl. *mf* intensely

Cb. *mf* intensely

Cb. *mf* intensely

**21**

*mf*

**22**

sim. l.v.

Tim. *mf*

Sop. Sax. *mp*

Vln. I div a 2 *ff*

Vln. II *ff*

Vla. unis. *poco a poco cresc.*

Vcl. unis. *poco a poco cresc.*

Cb. *poco a poco cresc.*

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25

Timp.

Sop. Sax. 5 3 3 *poco a poco cresc.*

Vln. I *intensely unis.*

Vln. II *unis.*

Vla. *f*

Vc. *f*

Cb. *f*



27

Timp.

Sop. Sax. 3 3 (ff)

Vln. I *(ff)*

Vln. II *(ff)*

Vla. *(ff)*

Vc. *(ff)*

Cb. *(ff)*

## II. REFRACTIONS

**28**

**H. REFRACTIONS**

**a 2**

**Fls.**  $\text{♩} = 112$

**Obs.**

**Cls.**

**Timp.** *secco*  $\text{ff}$

**Sop. Sax.** **28**  $\text{♩} = 112$  *ff*

**Vln. I**

**Vln. II**

**Vla.**

**Vc.**

**Cb.**



Fls. *mf* < *ff*

Obs. *mf* < *ff*

Cls. *mf* < *ff*

Sop. Sax. *p* < *mf*  
1. *p* < *mf*  
*mf*  
with increasing desperation

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38

40

Fls.  
Obs.  
Clrs.  
Sop. Sax.  
Vln. I  
Vln. II  
Vla.  
Vc.  
Cb.

1. solo  
f 6 6  
1. solo  
f 6 6

*mf*

*f*

*fff*

*f*

42

45

Fls.  
Obs.  
Clrs.  
Sop. Sax.  
Vln. I  
Vln. II  
Vla.  
Vc.  
Cb.

1. solo  
*f*

*f*

*f*

*f*

*f*

a 2

48

a 2

Fls.

Obs.

Clz.

Sop. Sax.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

50

Fls.

Obs.

Clz.

Sop. Sax.

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Fls. **54**

Obs.

Clrs. **55** *intensely*

Bsns. **55** *intensely*

Hns. **55** *intensely*

C Tpts.

Timp. **f**

Sop. Sax. **ff**

Vln. I *intensely*

Vln. II *intensely*

Vla. **ff** *intensely*

Vc. **ff** *intensely*

Cb. **ff**

58

Fls. Obs. Cls. Bsns. Hns. C Tpts. Timp.

Flutes, Oboes, Clarinet, Bassoon, Horn, C Trumpet, Timpani

**61**

Sop. Sax. Vln. I Vln. II Vla. Vc. Cb.

Soprano Saxophone, Violin I, Violin II, Viola, Cello

**61**

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62

a 2

Fls.  $\text{ff}$

Obs.

Cls.  $\text{ff}$

Bsns.

Hns.  $\text{ff}$

C Tpts. 1.  $f$   $\text{ff}$

Tim. (secco)  $f$   $\text{ff}$

Sop. Sax.  $\text{ff}$

Vln. I  $\text{ff}$

Vln. II  $\text{ff}$

Vla.  $\text{ff}$

Vc.  $\text{ff}$

Cb.  $f$   $\text{ff}$

## III. REFLECTIONS

**65** **Tranquilo**  
(♩ = 112)

Fls.

Obs.

Cl.

Bsns.

Hns.

C Tpts.

Timp.

Sop. Sax.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vcl.

Cb.

1.solo  
sotto voce

*mp*

2.legato

*p*

1.legato

*p*

*p*

*p*

*p*

*p*

*sul G*

*legato*

*div a 2*

*sul G*

*legato*

*submp*

*p*

*p*

*div a 2*

*submp*

*p*

*p*

*div a 2*

*sul G*

*p*

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70      a 2

Fls.      **p**

(1.)      **p**      **mp**

Obs.

Clrs.

Bsns.      **p**      **mp**

Hns.      **mp**

C Tpts.      **mp**

Sop. Sax.      **mp**

Vln. I      **p**      **mp**

Vln. II      **mp**      **mp**

sul D  
legato

Vla.      **mp**

Vcl.      **mp**

sul G

Vc.      **p**      **mp**

Cb.      **p**      **mp**

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13

76

15

## LUX PERPETUA

Fls. *mf*

Obs. *mf*

Cl. *mf*

Bsns. *mf*

Hns. *mf*

C Tpts. *p*

**84** solo delicate *mp*

*p*

*sub p*

*p*

*p*

Sop. Sax. *mf*

*mp*

**84** delicate

Vln. I *mf*

Vln. II *mf*

Vla. *mf*

Vc. *mf*

Cb. *mf*

Fls. 86

Obs. ♫ 8 p

Cl. 1. b2. p

Bsns.

Hns.

C Tpts.

Sop. Sax. ♪

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla. ♫

Vc. ♭

Cb. ♭

This musical score page contains ten staves of music. The top staff features Flutes (Fls.) playing sixteenth-note patterns. Below them is an Oboe (Obs.) staff with a dynamic marking 'p' and a crescendo line. A Clarinet (Cl.) staff follows, with a dynamic marking 'p' and a decrescendo line labeled '1.'. Bassoons (Bsns.) provide harmonic support with sustained notes. The fifth staff is for Horns (Hns.). The sixth staff features C Trumpets (C Tpts.) with sustained notes. The seventh staff is for Soprano Saxophone (Sop. Sax.) with a sixteenth-note pattern. The remaining four staves (Violin I, Violin II, Viola, Cello/Bass) each have a single sustained note throughout the measure.

## LUX PERPETUA

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

Hns.

C Tpts.

Sop. Sax.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

**91**

**92**

*delicato*

*mp*

*delicato*

*mp*

*delicato*

*mp*

*delicato*

*mp*

*p*

*delicato*

*mp*

*delicato*

*mp*

*delicato*

*mp*

*delicato*

*mp*

*2. straight mute*

*delicato*

*p*

**92**

*p*

*unis.*

*mp*

*unis.*

*mp*

*unis.*

*mp*

*unis.*

*delicato*

*pizz*

*mp*

Musical score page 95 featuring a grid of 15 staves for various instruments. The instruments include Flute 1, Flute 2, Oboe 1, Oboe 2, Clarinet 1, Clarinet 2, Bassoon 1, Bassoon 2, Horn, C Trumpet, Soprano Saxophone, Violin I, Violin II, Viola, Cello, and Double Bass. The score is divided into measures by vertical bar lines. Dynamic markings such as *mf*, *mp*, and *p* are present. Performance instructions like "1. straight mute delicate" and "div a 2" are also included. Measure 1 shows Flute 1 and Flute 2 playing eighth-note patterns. Measures 2-3 show Oboe 1 and Oboe 2 playing eighth-note patterns. Measures 4-5 show Clarinet 1 and Clarinet 2 playing eighth-note patterns. Measures 6-7 show Bassoon 1 and Bassoon 2 playing eighth-note patterns. Measures 8-9 show Horn and C Trumpet playing eighth-note patterns. Measures 10-11 show Soprano Saxophone playing eighth-note patterns. Measures 12-13 show Violin I and Violin II playing eighth-note patterns. Measures 14-15 show Viola and Cello playing eighth-note patterns. Measures 16-17 show Double Bass playing eighth-note patterns.

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## LUX PERPETUA

109

Fls.

Obs.

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Bsns.

Hns.

C Tpts.

Sop. Sax.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

113

**114**

Fls.

Obs.

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Bsns.

Hns.

C Tpts.

Sop. Sax.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

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**119** Molto rubato  
 $\text{J} = 56 - 62$

Sop. Sax.

## IV. SHADOWS

**129**

Sop. Sax.

**139**

Sop. Sax.

**144**

Sop. Sax.

**148**

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

**153**

Sop. Sax.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

155

Fls.

Obs.

Cls.

Bsns.

Hns.

C Tpts.

Timp.

Sop. Sax.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

allarg.

*poco a poco ord.*

*sim.*

*(ord.)*

*poco a poco ord.*

*(ord.) unis.*

*poco a poco ord.*

*(ord.) unis.*

*poco a poco ord.*

*(ord.)*

*poco a poco ord.*

*(ord.)*

## V. GLIMMERS

**160** $\text{♩} = 138$ 

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Bsns.

Hns.

C Tpts.

Tim.

Sop. Sax.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

**160**  $\text{♩} = 138$

**165**

Fl. 1  
Fl. 2  
Ob. 1  
Ob. 2  
Cl. 1  
Cl. 2  
Bsn. 1  
Bsn. 2  
Hns.  
C Tpts.  
Timpani  
Sop. Sax.  
Vln. I  
Vln. II  
Vla.  
Vc.  
Cb.

**168**

*p* — *mf*  
*p* — *mf*  
*p* — *mf*  
*n*  
*mp*  
*mp* — *f* *mp* — *f*  
*mp* — *f* *mp* — *f*  
*mp*  
*mf*  
*mp*  
1. solo, straight mute  
*f*  
*mf*  
*p* — *mf*  
*f*  
*unis.*  
*f*  
*pizz*  
*mf*  
*f*  
*mf*

LUX PERPETUA

170

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

Hns.

C Tpts.

Tim.

Sop. Sax.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

174  $\sharp$

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob. 1

Ob. 2 *mp*  $\longrightarrow f$

Cl. 1 *mp*  $\longrightarrow f$

Cl. 2

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2 *mp*  $\longrightarrow f$  *mf*

*mf*

Hns.

C Tpts. *f* *2. solo straight mute*

Timp.

176

Sop. Sax. *f*

Vln. I *f* *3*

Vln. II *3*

Vla. *mp*  $\longrightarrow f$  *mf*

Vc. *3* *arco*

Cb. *mf*

## LUX PERPETUA

178

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

Hns.

C Tpts.

Tim.

Sop. Sax.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

183

leggiere

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

leggiere f

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

a 2  
cantabile

Hns.

C Tpts.

Timp.

183

Sop. Sax.

leggiere

Vln. I

Vln. II

pizz

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

Lux Perpetua

187

189

191

Fl. 1  
Fl. 2  
Ob. 1  
Ob. 2 *p*  
Cl. 1  
Cl. 2  
Bsn. 1 *pp*  
Bsn. 2  
Hns.  
C Tpts. *p* straight mutes  
Timp.  
Sop. Sax. *sub pp*  
Vln. I *pp*  
Vln. II *pp*  
Vla. arco  
Vc. *pizz*  
Cb.

193

Fl. 1  
Fl. 2  
Ob. 1  
Ob. 2 *p*  
Cl. 1  
Cl. 2 *p*  
Bsn. 1  
Bsn. 2  
Hns.  
C Tpts.  
Timp.  
Sop. Sax. *p* half  
Vln. I *p* half  
Vln. II *p* half  
Vla. *p*  
Vc. *pp*  
Cb.

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195 (b) 2 4 4

**197**

Fl. 1      *mp*      *mf*

Fl. 2      *mp*      *mf*

Ob. 1      *mp*      *(mf)*      *mf*

Ob. 2      *mp*      *mf*

Cl. 1      *mp*      *mf*

Cl. 2      *mp*      *mf*

Bsns.      -      2 4 4  
-      3 3 3      *mp* 3

Hns.      -      2 4 4  
-      3 3 3      *mf*

C Tpts.      -      2 4 4

Timp.      -      2 4 4  
-      3 3 3      *mp* 3

(with hands, l. v.)

Sop. Sax.      3 3 3 3 3 3      *mf* 3

Vln. I      *mp*      *mf* 3

Vln. II      *mp*      *mf* 3

Vla.      *mp*      *tutti* 3 3 3 3 3 3

Vc.      -      2 4 4

Cb.      -      2 4 4

197

Sop. Sax.      3 3 3 3 3 3      *mf* 3

Vln. I      *mp*      *mf* 3

Vln. II      *mp*      *mf* 3

Vla.      *mp*      *tutti* 3 3 3 3 3 3

Vc.      -      2 4 4

Cb.      -      2 4 4

203

200

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Bsns.

Hns.

C Tpts.

Tim.

Sop. Sax.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

## LUX PERPETUA

204

Fls.

Obs.

Cls.

Bsns.

Hns.

C Tpts.

Tim. (mallets, l.v.) *mf*

Sop. Sax.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

poco accel.

Detailed description: The musical score consists of ten staves of music. From top to bottom, the instruments are: Flutes, Oboes, Clarinets, Bassoons, Horns, C Trumpets, Timpani (mallets, dynamic *mf*), Soprano Saxophone, Violin I, Violin II, Viola, Cello, and Bass. Measure 204 begins with sustained notes from Flutes, Oboes, Clarinets, and Bassoons. The bassoon part has a unique rhythmic pattern of eighth and sixteenth notes. The next section features sustained notes from all instruments except the brass. The brass then enters with a rhythmic pattern of eighth and sixteenth notes. The timpani part is prominent, using mallets. The soprano saxophone has a sixteenth-note figure. The strings provide harmonic support with sustained notes. The bassoon continues its rhythmic pattern. The final section of the measure features sustained notes from the brass and woodwind instruments. The overall style is harmonic and rhythmic complexity.

210

208 -

*J* = 168 (*d.* = 56)

Fls.

Obs.

Clrs.

Bsns.

Hns.

C Tpts.

Tim.

210

*J* = 168 (*d.* = 56)

Sop. Sax.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vcl.

Cb.

LUX PERPETUA

213

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

Hns.

C Tpts.

Timp.

Sop. Sax.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

*cuvre a 2*

Fl. 1 217

Fl. 2

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

Hns. (a 2)

(ord)

C Tpt. 1

C Tpt. 2

Timp.

Sop. Sax.

f

ff

ff

ff

ff

f

f

4

5

f

220

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

Lux Perpetua

225  $d = 56$

## VI. ELEGY

Fls.  $\frac{6}{2}$

Obs.  $\frac{6}{2}$

Cl.  $\frac{6}{2}$

Bsns.  $\frac{6}{2}$

Hns.  $\frac{6}{2}$

C Tpts.  $\frac{6}{2}$

Timp.  $\frac{6}{2}$

**225**  $\text{♩} = 56$

Sop. Sax.  $\frac{6}{2}$

Vln. I  $\frac{6}{2}$

Vln. II  $\frac{6}{2}$

Vla.  $\frac{6}{2}$

Vc.  $\frac{6}{2}$

Cb.  $\frac{6}{2}$

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Sop. Sax. *mf* *mp* *p*

A musical score for soprano saxophone. The measure starts with a dynamic *mf*. There are two groups of sixteenth-note patterns separated by a fermata. The first group has a grace note over the first note and a 5th finger marking under the 5th note. The second group has a grace note over the first note and a 3rd finger marking under the 3rd note. The dynamic changes to *mp* for the second group. The measure ends with a dynamic *p*.



230

Fls. *4*  
Obs. *4*  
Cl. *4*  
Bsns. *4*  
Hns. *4*  
C Tpts. *4*

230

Sop. Sax. *pp* *p* *espress.* *subpp*

Vln. I *div. a 2 dolce* *p* *sim.*  
Vln. II *div. a 2 dolce* *p* *sim.*  
Vla. *div. a 2 dolce* *p* *dolce* *sim.*  
Vc. *p*  
Cb.

A musical score for woodwind section (Flutes, Oboe, Clarinet, Bassoon, Horn) and strings (Violin I, Violin II, Viola, Cello). The woodwinds play sustained notes. The strings play eighth-note patterns. Measure 230 starts with a dynamic *pp* for Soprano Saxophone, followed by *p*, *espress.*, and *subpp*. The strings play eighth-note patterns with dynamics *p*, *dolce*, and *sim.*

**Fls.** 233

**Obs.**

**Cls.**

**Bsns.**

**Hns.** 237

**C Tpts.**

**Timp.**

**Sop. Sax.** 233

**Vln. I**

**Vln. II**

**Vla.**

**Vc.**

**Cb.**

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**242**

Fls.

Obs.

(1.)

Clss.

*f*

*p*

Bsns.

*f*

*p*

Hns.

solo

C Tpts.

Timp.

**242**

Sop. Sax.

*f*

*mf*

*mp*

*mf*

Vln. I

*f*

*p*

*f*

*p*

unis.

*f*

*p*

*mf*

*p*

Vln. II

*f*

*mf*

Vla.

*f*

unis

div a 2

## LUX PERPETUA

246

**248**

Fls.

Obs.

Cls.

Bsns.

Hns.

C Tpts.

Timp.

Sop. Sax.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

253

251 (1.)

Fls. *p*

Obs. (1.)

Cl. (1.)

Bsns. 2. *p*

Hns. 1.

C Tpts.

Tim. 6 2 4 2

Sop. Sax. 6 2 4 2 8va (pp) sotto voce, ethereal pp

Vln. I 6 2 4 2 *p* espress. 8va div. a 2 pp

Vln. II 6 2 4 2 *p* espress. pp

Vla. 6 2 4 2 *p* pp

Vc. tutti 6 2 4 2 *p* subpp ppp

Cb. 6 2 4 2

## LUX PERPETUA

257 freely, ad lib if desired

Sop. Sax.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

=

**260**

Sop. Sax.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.