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# SHRINE OF THE FALLEN

(KIEV, 2014)

Brian Balmages

## Instrumentation

1 - Conductor's Full Score  
1 - Piccolo  
4 - Flute 1  
4 - Flute 2  
1 - Oboe 1  
1 - Oboe 2  
1 - Bassoon 1  
1 - Bassoon 2  
4 - B♭ Clarinet 1  
4 - B♭ Clarinet 2  
4 - B♭ Clarinet 3  
2 - B♭ Bass Clarinet  
1 - E♭ Contra Alto Clarinet  
1 - B♭ Contrabass Clarinet  
2 - E♭ Alto Saxophone 1  
2 - E♭ Alto Saxophone 2  
2 - B♭ Tenor Saxophone  
2 - E♭ Baritone Saxophone

3 - B♭ Trumpet 1  
3 - B♭ Trumpet 2  
3 - B♭ Trumpet 3  
1 - F Horn 1  
1 - F Horn 2  
1 - F Horn 3  
1 - F Horn 4  
2 - Trombone 1  
2 - Trombone 2  
2 - Trombone 3  
2 - Baritone /  
Euphonium  
2 - Baritone T.C.  
4 - Tuba  
1 - String Bass  
1 - Timpani

2 - Percussion 1  
Bells  
Chimes  
Vibraphone  
4 - Percussion 2  
Marimba  
Chimes  
Xylophone  
Floor Tom  
Vibraphone  
4 - Percussion 3  
Snare Drum  
2 Tom-toms  
Bass Drum  
Chimes  
Small Gong  
Large Tam-tam  
4 - Percussion 4  
Crash Cymbals  
Suspended Cymbal  
Tambourine  
Triangle  
4 - SATB (reproducible)

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## The Composer



Brian Balmages (b. 1975) is an award-winning composer, conductor, producer, and performer. He holds a bachelor's degree in music from James Madison University and a master's degree from the University of Miami in Florida. His compositions have been performed worldwide at the state, national and international level. His active schedule of commissions and premieres has incorporated groups ranging from elementary schools to professional ensembles, including the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, Miami Symphony Orchestra, University of Miami Wind Ensemble, Boston Brass, and the Dominion Brass Ensemble. In 2012, Mr. Balmages received the prestigious Albert Austin Harding Award from the American School Band Directors Association. He is also a 2010 winner of the Harvey G. Phillips Award for Compositional Excellence, presented by the International Tuba-Euphonium Association.

As a conductor, Mr. Balmages enjoys engagements with numerous all-state and regional honor bands and orchestras along with university and professional groups. Notable guest conducting appearances have included the Midwest Clinic, Western International Band Clinic, National Association for Music Educators, American School Band Directors Association, CBDNA, the Kennedy Center, and Meyerhoff Symphony Hall. He has also served as an Adjunct Professor of Instrumental Conducting and Acting Symphonic Band Director at Towson University in Maryland.

Currently, Mr. Balmages is the Director of Instrumental Publications for The FJH Music Company Inc. in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. He resides in Baltimore with his wife Lisa and their two sons.

## About the Music

In February 2014, a series of events led to a sustained clash between government protestors and police, resulting in the death of over 80 people in the Ukrainian city of Kiev. The conflict arose over the actions of President Yanukovych, who went against public opinion and signed a treaty with a massive loan from Russia instead of signing a free trade agreement with the European Union. Yanukovych eventually fled to Russia and the Ukrainian Parliament voted unanimously (328-0) to impeach him and schedule new presidential elections.

During this entire crisis, an old Ukrainian folk song, *Plyve Kacha*, became an “anthem” for many protestors as a symbol of national pride while also mourning the fallen. The “Shrine of the Fallen” (also known as “Shrine to the Fallen”) became an area in Kiev’s Independence Square that honored the “Heavenly Hundred,” a name given to the many protestors who were killed during the prolonged unrest.

The song itself refers to a young soldier who is going off to battle. At one point in the song, he asks his mother what will happen if he dies in a foreign land. His mother replies that he will be buried by someone else. It is a very tragic part of the folk song.

The opening of the piece is extremely solemn and reflective. It features a great deal of solo and chamber work in between building choruses that begin to take on an orchestration mimicking a pipe organ. The music eventually springs to life and begins to carry feelings of nationalism, pride, and spirit. Many variations of the folk song occur in different forms while the music continues to develop and drive forward. A brief countermelody quotes the first 8 measures of the Ukrainian National Anthem (measure 165) to show the steadfast support and belief in the emergence of a great country. As tensions continue to flare, the music becomes increasingly turbulent, yet always retains an air of conviction and purpose. Ultimately, the piece erupts in a powerful harmonized verse of *Plyve Kacha* (measure 221) and spirals into a series of fugal ostinatos that serve as the backdrop to the climax of the entire piece (measure 245).

Heartbreak ensues and, without warning, the music becomes soft and mournful. The instrumentalists are asked to sing in 4-part harmony. The words come from the chorus after the third verse of the song. The text roughly translates to “Who will bury me?” As the vocalists fade to a soft humming sound, a final, reflective melodic statement is made in the keyboard percussion. Intentionally, it never resolves.

*Shrine of the Fallen* was commissioned by the Dauphin Community Band (Dauphin, Manitoba; Canada); Taylor Schmidt, conductor. Dauphin is an area with a large population of Ukrainians and is also home to Canada’s National Ukrainian Festival.

# SHRINE OF THE FALLEN

(Kiev, 2014)

BRIAN BALMAGES  
(ASCAP)Reflectively ( $\text{J} = 52$ )

Musical score page 1 showing staves for Piccolo, Flutes, Oboes, Bassoons, B-flat Clarinets, B-flat Bass Clarinet, B-flat Contrabass Clarinet, E-flat Alto Saxophones, B-flat Tenor Saxophone, and E-flat Baritone Saxophone. The music is Reflectively ( $\text{J} = 52$ ). The score includes dynamic markings like  $p$  and  $f$ , and performance instructions like "Solo". A large red watermark "Preview Requires Purchase Only" is diagonally across the page.

Reflectively ( $\text{J} = 52$ )

Musical score page 2 showing staves for B-flat Trumpets, F Horns, Trombones, Baritone / Euphonium, Tuba String Bass, Timpani, Percussion 1 (Bells, Chimes, Vibraphone), Percussion 2 (Marimba, Chimes, Xylophone, Floor Tom, Vibraphone), Percussion 3 (Snare Drum, 2 Tom-toms, Bass Drum, Chimes, Small Gong, Large Tam-tam), and Percussion 4 (Crash Cymbals, Suspended Cymbal, Tambourine, Triangle). The music is Reflectively ( $\text{J} = 52$ ). The score includes dynamic markings like  $p$  and  $p$  pedal, and performance instructions like "Vibra - motor off" and "Small Gong w/ stick". A large red watermark "Preview Requires Purchase Only" is diagonally across the page.

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Picc.

Fls. 1 2

Obs. 1 2

Bsns. 1 2

div.

Solo

p

a2

tutti

p

Cls. 1 2 3

B. Cl.

C.B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Solo

p

Tpts. 1 2 3

Hns. 1 2 3 4

Tbns. 1 2 3

Bar. / Euph.

Tuba St. Bs.

Tuba solo

p

st. mute

p

st. mute

Tim.

Perc. 1

Chimes

Perc. 2

p

Perc. 3

Perc. 4

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14

Picc.

Fls. 1  
2

Obs. 1  
2

Bsns. 1  
2

*molto rubato*

Solo

p

tutti

3 4

Cl. 1  
2  
3

B. Cl.

C.B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1  
2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

14

Solo (st. mute)

Bsn. solo

p

p play

3 4

Tpts. 1  
2  
3

Hns. 1  
2  
3  
4

Tbns. 1  
2  
3

Bar. / Euph.

Tuba St. Bs.

Timp.

Perc. 1

p

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Perc. 4

14 15 16 17 18 19





37

Picc.

Fls. 1 2

Obs. 1 2

Bsns. 1 2

1 2

3

B. Cl.

C.B. Cl.

A. Sax. 1 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

1 2

3

Hns. 1 2

3

4

Tbns. 1 2

3

Bar./Euph.

Tuba St. Bs.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Perc. 4

Chimes

Cr. Cym. f

mfp

mp

muffle

rit.

accel.

34 mp ————— 35 mf

36

37

38

39

Picc.

Fls. 1 2

Obs. 1 2

Bsns. 1 2

*deliberately*

Cls. 1 2 3

B. Cl.

C.B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1 2 3

Hns. 1 2 3 4

Tbns. 1 2 3

Bar. / Euph.

Tuba St. Bs.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Perc. 4

40 41 42 43 44 45



## [52] Vivo (♩ = 144)

Picc.

Fls. 1 2

Obs. 1 2

Bsns. 1 2

Cls. 1 2 3

B. Cl.

C.B. Cl.

A. Saxs. 1 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

## [52] Vivo (♩ = 144)

Tpts. 1 2 3

Hns. 1 2 3 4

Tbns. 1 2 3

Bar. / Euph.

Tuba St. Bs.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Perc. 4

Tom-toms

hard beater (crisp attack)

muffle

52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59

Picc.

Fls. 1  
2

Obs. 1  
2

Bsns. 1  
2

Cl. 2  
3

B. Cl.

C.B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1  
2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpt. 1  
2  
3

Hns. 1  
2

3  
4

Tbn. 1  
2  
3

Bar./  
Euph.

Tuba  
St. Bs.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Perc. 4

60 61 62 63 64 *mp* 65 66 67

69

Picc.

Fls. 1  
2

Obs. 1  
2

Bsns. 1  
2

Cl. 1  
2  
3

B. Cl.

C.B. Cl.

A. Sax. 1  
2

T. Sax.

B. Sax. 1  
2

Tpts. 1  
2  
3

Hns. 1  
2  
3  
4

Tbns. 1  
2  
3

Bar. / Euph.

Tuba  
St. Bs.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Perc. 4

68 ————— 69 70 71 72 73 mp 74 75

78

Picc.

Fls. 1  
2

Obs. 1  
2

Bsns. 1  
2

Cl. 2

3

B. Cl.

C. B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1  
2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

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78

Tpts. 1  
2

Hns. 1  
2

Tbsns. 1  
2

Bar. /  
Euph.

Tuba  
St. Bs.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Perc. 4

76            77            78            79            80            81            82            83

Picc.

Fls. 1 2

Obs. 1 2

Bsns. 1 2

Cl. 1 2 3

B. Cl.

C.B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1 2 3

Hns. 1 2 3 4

Tbns. 1 2 3

Bar. / Euph.

Tuba St. Bs.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Perc. 4

84 85 86 87 88 89 90



Picc.

Fls. 1  
2

Obs. 1  
2

Bsns. 1  
2

Cl. 1  
2  
3

B. Cl.

C.B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1  
2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1  
2  
3

Hns. 1  
2  
3  
4

Tbns. 1  
2

Bar. / Euph.

Tuba  
St. Bs.

Timpani

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Perc. 4

103

98

99

100

101

102

103

104

Tri. ff

Picc.

Fls. 1 2

Obs. 1 2

Bsns. 1 2

Cl. 1 2 3

B. Cl.

C.B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1 2 3

Hns. 1 2 3 4

Tbns. 1 2 3

Bar. / Euph.

Tuba St. Bs.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Perc. 4

Picc.

Fls. 1  
2

Obs. 1  
2

Bsns. 1  
2

mf

1  
2

Cl.  
3

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

mf

B. Cl.

C.B. Cl.

A. Saxos 1  
2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Solo

mf

Tpts. 1  
2  
3

Hns. 1  
2  
3  
4

Tbns. 1  
2  
3

Bar./  
Euph.

Tuba  
St. Bs.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Perc. 4

mp

S.D.

mp

119

Picc.

Fls. 1  
2

Obs. 1  
2

Bsns. 1  
2

Cls. 2  
3

B. Cl.  
*mp*

C.B. Cl.  
*mp*

A. Saxs. 1  
2  
Hn. 1-2  
*mp*  
Hn. 3

T. Sax.  
*mp*

B. Sax.

119

Tpts. 1  
2  
3

Hns. 1  
2  
3  
4  
tutti  
*mp*

Tbns. 1  
2  
3

Bar. /  
Euph.  
*mp*

Tuba  
St. Bs.  
*mp*

Bass - pizz.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Perc. 4

Picc.

Fls. 1  
2

Obs. 1  
2

Bsns. 1  
2

1  
2  
3  
3

Cl. 2  
3  
3

B. Cl.  
C.B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1  
2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1  
2  
3

Hns. 1  
2  
3  
4

Tbns. 1  
2  
3

Bar. /  
Euph.

Tuba  
St. Bs.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Perc. 4



141

Picc.

Solo

Fls. 1  
2 mp

Obs. 1  
2

Bsns. 1  
2

Solo

mp

Cl. 1  
2 Solo  
mp

B. Cl.

C. B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1  
2 p

T. Sax. p

B. Sax.

141

Tpts. 1  
2  
3 Solo  
mp

Hns. 1  
2

3  
4

Tbns. 1  
2

3

Bar. / Euph.

Tuba St. Bs.

Timp.

Perc. 1 p

Perc. 2 mp

Perc. 3

Perc. 4 Tri.

141 mp 142 143 144 145 146 147 148

Picc.

Fls. 1 2

Obs. 1 2

Bsns. 1 2

Cl. 1 2 3

B. Cl.

C.B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1 2 3

Hns. 1 2 3 4

Tbns. 1 2 3

Bar. / Euph.

Tuba  
St. Bs.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Perc. 4

149 150 151 152 153 154 155 156

161

Picc.

Fls. 1  
2

Obs. 1  
2

Bsns. 1  
2

cls. 1  
2  
3

B. Cl.

C.B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1  
2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1  
2  
3

Hns. 1  
2  
3  
4

Tbns. 1  
2  
3

Bar./  
Euph.

Tuba  
St. Bs.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Perc. 4

157

158

159

160

161

162

163

164

Picc.

Fls. 1  
2

Obs. 1  
2

Bsns. 1  
2

Cl. 1  
2  
3

B. Cl.

C.B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1  
2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1  
2  
3

Hns. 1  
2  
3  
4

Tbns. 1  
2  
3

Bar./Euph.

Tuba  
St. Bs.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Perc. 4

165      166      167      168      169      170      171      *f*

Picc.

Fls. 1  
2

Obs. 1  
2

Bsns. 1  
2

Cl. 1  
2  
3

B. Cl.

C. B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1  
2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1  
2  
3

Hns. 1  
2  
3  
4

Tbns. 1  
2  
3

Bar./Euph.

Tuba  
St. Bs.

Timpani

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Perc. 4

181

Picc.

Fls. 1  
2

Obs. 1  
2

Bsns. 1  
2

1  
2

Clz. 2  
3

B. Cl.

C.B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1  
2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

1  
2

Tpts. 1  
2  
3

Hns. 1  
2  
3  
4

1  
2

Tbns. 1  
2  
3

Bar. /  
Euph.

Tuba  
St. Bs.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Perc. 4

181

*Bass - arco*

*Cr. Cym.*

*f*

179      180      181      182      183      184

Picc.

Fls. 1 2

Obs. 1 2

Bsns. 1 2

Cl. 1 2

Cl. 3

B. Cl.

C.B. Cl.

A. Sax. 1 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1 2 3

Hns. 1 2

Hns. 3 4

Tbns. 1 2

Tbns. 3

Bar. / Euph.

Tuba

St. Bs.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Perc. 4

197

192            193            194            195            Sus. Cym. 196 mp            197 ff            198

205

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199 200 201 202 203 204 205

Picc.

Fls. 1  
2

Obs. 1  
2

Bsns. 1  
2

(8va) -

Cls. 1  
2  
3

B. Cl.

C.B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1  
2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1  
2  
3

Hns. 1  
2  
3  
4

Tbns. 1  
2  
3

Bar. / Euph.

Tuba St. Bs.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Perc. 4

206      207      208      209      210      211      212

Picc.

Fls. 1 2

Obs. 1 2

Bsns. 1 2

(8va) -

Cls. 1 2 3

B. Cl.

C.B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1 2 3

Hns. 1 2 3 4

Tbns. 1 2 3

Bar./Euph.

Tuba St. Bs.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Perc. 4

213 214 215 216 217 218 219

221

(8<sup>vo</sup>) -

*soar over the ensemble!*

221

220 221 222 223 224 225 226

Picc.

Fls. 1 2

Obs. 1 2

Bsns. 1 2

(8th) -

1

Cls. 2

3

B. Cl.

C.B. Cl.

A. Saxos 1 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1

2

3

Hns. 1 2

3

4

Tbns. 1 2

3

Bar./Euph.

Tuba St. Bs.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Perc. 4

237

Picc.

Fls. 1 2

Obs. 1 2

Bsns. 1 2

(8va) -

Cl. 2

3

B. Cl.

C. B. Cl.

A. Sax. 1 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1 2

3

Hns. 1 2

3 4

Tbsns. 1 2

3

Bar./Euph.

Tuba

St. Bs.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Perc. 4

234 235 236 237 238 239

Picc.

Fls. 1  
2

Obs. 1  
2

Bsns. 1  
2

Cl. 1  
2  
3

B. Cl.

C.B. Cl.

A. Saxes 1  
2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1  
2  
3

Hns. 1  
2  
3  
4

Tbns. 1  
2  
3

Bar. / Euph.

Tuba St. Bs.

Tim. Solo

Perc. 1 Bells ff

Perc. 2 Xylo. ff

Perc. 3 Tam. mp ff

Perc. 4 Sus. Cym. ff

240 241 242 243 mp 244 245 ff 246

Picc.

Fls. 1 2

Obs. 1 2

Bsns. 1 2

Cls. 1 2 3

B. Cl.

C.B. Cl.

A. Saxos 1 2

T. Sax.

B. Sax.

Tpts. 1 2 3

Hns. 1 2 3 4

Tbns. 1 2 3

Bar. / Euph.

Tuba St. Bs.

Timp.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Perc. 4

247      248      249      250      251 *mf*      252 *ff*      253



261 Suddenly slower, mournful ( $\text{J} = 44$ )

This musical score page shows the first half of system 261. It includes parts for Picc., Fls. 1 & 2, Obs. 1 & 2, Bsns. 1 & 2, Cls. 2 & 3, Bassoon (labeled 'Bass'), B. Cl., C.B. Cl., A. Saxes 1 & 2, T. Sax., B. Sax., and Hn. 1-2, Hn. 3., and Hn. 4. The music is in common time, key signature of one sharp. Measure 261 consists of three measures of rests followed by a measure of eighth-note patterns. Measures 262 and 263 show sustained notes. Measure 264 begins with a bassoon entry. Measures 265 and 266 continue with sustained notes. Measure 267 concludes with a dynamic  $p$ .

261 Suddenly slower, mournful ( $\text{J} = 44$ )

This musical score page shows the second half of system 261. It includes parts for Tpts. 1 & 2, Hns. 1 & 2, Tbps. 1 & 2, Bar. / Euph., Bass (labeled 'Bass only (cued in Tuba) Low D (C extension) preferred'), Tuba, St. Bs., Timp., Perc. 1, Perc. 2, Perc. 3, and Perc. 4. The music continues in common time, key signature of one sharp. Measures 261-264 show sustained notes. Measures 265-267 feature rhythmic patterns. Measure 268 concludes with a dynamic  $p$ .

[270]

**Picc.**

**Fls. 1 2**

**Obs. 1 2**

**Bsns. 1 2**

**S** *p* Kh-tozh my bu de bra ty ya mu? Kh-tozh my bu de

**A** *p* Kh-tozh my bu de bra ty ya mu? Kh-tozh my bu de

**T** *p* Kh-tozh my bu de bra ty ya mu? Kh-tozh my bu de

**B** *p* Kh-tozh my bu de bra ty ya mu? Kh-tozh my bu de

**1**

**Cls. 2 3**

**B. Cl.**

**C.B. Cl.**

**A. Saxes 1 2**

**T. Sax.**

**B. Sax.**

**Tpts. 1 2 3**

**Hns. 1 2 3 4**

**Tbns. 1 2 3**

**Bar./Euph.**

**Tuba St. Bs.**

**Timp.**

**Perc. 1**

**Perc. 2**

**Perc. 3**

**Perc. 4**

[270]

To be sung by all instrumentalists. All parts are in concert pitch (non-transposed). All instrumentalists should have the full SATB voicing (separate reproducible sheet) and sing the part appropriate for their voices. No notes should be sung in a different octave than written.

This text comes from the end of the third verse of the folk song *Plyve Kacha*. In the song, a soldier asks his mother what will happen to him if he dies in a foreign land. The text above loosely translates into "Who will bury me?" Her response (not in the text above) is that he will be buried by other people.

Pronunciation guide (special thanks to Stephen Jaddock for his expertise):

- The "Kh" is a clipped sound with no pitch that occurs before the remainder of the word (like "ch" in Scottish Loch Ness).
- "tozh" is pronounced like "toe" plus a "ge" on the end as in beige. The "zh" adds emphasis to the previous word - "Who, exactly?"
- "y" is pronounced like the "i" in hit (short vowel).
- "u" is pronounced like "oo" in moo.
- "e" is pronounced like "e" in get (short vowel).
- "a" is pronounced like "a" in father (short vowel).
- The Ukrainian "r" is always rolled.

*bra ty ya mu?*

*pp*

*morendo*

*n*

*bra ty ya mu?*

*(mmm)*

*pp*

*bra ty ya mu?*

*(mmm)*

*pp*

*bra ty ya mu?*

*(mmm)*

*pp*

*Solo*

*play*

*p*

*morendo*

*+ Tuba*

*p*

*play*

*p*

*Vibra.*

*p*