

6 NOCTURNES / FOR JOHN

& Erik Satie

The music, along with Material, was written as my part of For John, a collaborative piece made with David Behrman, John King and Takehisa Kosugi, in honor of John Cage.

Each page is one nocturne. The fifth is for David Behrman, for his 70th birthday, the sixth for Bénédicte Pesle, on her being honored for her long association with the Merce Cunningham Dance Company.

The material on each page may be played freely and variously. The order of playing of parts (phrases, parts of phrases) may be shifted within a page or between pages. Any such parts may be repeated, though not usually in immediate succession.

Pitches may be read in either treble or bass clef and in any octave, freely shifting at any point (only the last system on page 4 should be played as written). Any number of readings of a note may be made at the same time. So, for example:

The image shows a sequence of musical notations illustrating different ways to read a set of notes. It starts with a single staff in bass clef with notes G, A, B, C. This is followed by several 'or:' options:

- or: Treble clef, notes G, A, B, C.
- or: Bass clef, notes G, A, B, C.
- or: Treble clef, notes G, A, B, C (with a sharp sign above the staff).
- or: Bass clef, notes G, A, B, C (with a sharp sign below the staff).
- or: Treble clef, notes G, A, B, C (with a sharp sign above the staff).
- or: Bass clef, notes G, A, B, C (with a sharp sign below the staff).
- or: Treble clef, notes G, A, B, C (with a sharp sign above the staff).
- or: Bass clef, notes G, A, B, C (with a sharp sign below the staff).

etc.

^ = a pause of widely variable duration.

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Handwritten musical score for the first system. The top staff is a treble clef with a melodic line. Below it are two staves for piano accompaniment. The notation includes various notes, rests, and dynamic markings.

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Handwritten musical score for the second system. The top staff is a treble clef with a melodic line. Below it are two staves for piano accompaniment. The notation includes various notes, rests, and dynamic markings.

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