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#### CHAPTER I

#### INTRODUCTION

The Biblical story of Daniel concerns events which occurred during the time the Hebrew people were in Babylonian captivity. Daniel and his three young friends, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, were among the first group taken captive in 605 B. C. They were taken to the court of Nebuchadnezzar, the Babylonian king, where they were educated and trained for royal service. Daniel became a counselor of kings and an interpreter of dreams, and toward the close of his life received Divine revelations as to the future course of human history.

This oratorio is based on events which occurred during the reign of king Nebuchadnezzar, as described in the first three chapters of the Book of Daniel. Since Chapter One is primarily in a narrative form involving plot, setting and characterization, and, consequently, of less dramatic impact than the succeeding chapters, a good portion of it is scored for narrator with orchestral accompaniment. Chapter Two is devoted entirely to the description and interpretation of Nebuchadnezzar's dream, and Chapter Three relates the ordeal of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in the fiery furnace, and their miraculous deliverance.

A setting of Psalm One, which begins, "Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked," is also included in this oratorio. The picture portrayed in the Psalm is of one who is steadfast, of firm convictions, and one whose "delight is in the law of God." Since this element of consistent devotion runs throughout the Book of Daniel, and since the characteristics of "the man" referred to in the Psalm closely resemble those of the young man Daniel, the Psalm becomes an integral part of the work. It takes the position of the opening choral number, and themes from it appear throughout the oratorio as unifying elements. This fact will be explained in detail in Chapter Two.

This project was selected after the realization was made concerning the sparseness of literature in this category suitable for young people. The majority of oratorios are too difficult for most high school performers, and the ones that

do fall within their performance capabilities are usually either too short to stand alone on a concert program, are outmoded musically, or else they are of completely inferior musical quality.

The existence of such a general problem gave rise to this dissertation subject. The specific problems involved in this project included the following: (1) Since this was to be an extended work for high school performers it must be sufficiently challenging to capture their interest, yet not go beyond their grasp musically; (2) Vocal lines should be contrived in such a way as to facilitate their execution rather than continually present unwieldy technical problems; (3) The instrumentation should be such as would be available in high school orchestras, and parts should not tax the limits of the instrumental ranges; (4) It was felt that the major emphasis should be on the chorus and that solos should be kept to a minimum (such a plan not only helps sustain interest for the chorus but also creates less problems in trying to find high school soloists who would be effective vocally and dramatically).

In order to solve these specific problems the following plan was developed. The baritone role of Daniel is the only soloist called for in the oratorio. There is a short, incidental solo for baritone voice appearing in Psalm One which may be sung by Daniel or by the boys in the chorus. The part of king Nebuchadnezzar is taken by the chorus, sometimes in harmony, at other times in unison. The king's wise men and magicians are represented by the boys in the chorus as are the three Hebrew children, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. The part of the herald announcing the king's proclamation is sung by a unison chorus of boys, and the girls of the chorus form a speech chorus which speaks the accusations of the Chaldean gossipers.

A standard instrumentation is called for. With the exception of requiring only one bassoon, the woodwinds are in pairs, as are the trumpets and horns. Two tenor trombones, a bass trombone and tuba, strings and percussion complete the required list of instruments. Percussion instruments include triangle, tam-tam, tambourine, snare drum, cymbals, bass drum, timpani, xylophone, harp and piano.

As an aid to accuracy and facility in sight-reading the vocal lines are generally smooth and directional rather than angular, although they do not always continue around a single key center. Furthermore, many choral phrases begin in unison or on the solidity of chordal structures which are easy to hear. From these secure points of departure the lines spread

out into more complex harmonies, the philosophy behind this being that almost any harmonic dissonance may be accurately achieved if each vocal line has a secure beginning and a logical sequence.

The fact that Daniel and his three friends were probably in their early teens when taken into the court of Nebuchadnezzar could have some significance in the minds of young performers. Interest is further heightened by the inclusion of a children's chorus, or elementary school chorus, to which is given some very important musical passages. For example, after the overture the children introduce Psalm One with Daniel's "Blessed is the man..." theme. They repeat this melody later with the text "he is like a tree planted by streams of water."

Ostinatos in Psalm One and Chapter Two, Daniel's Prayer of Thanksgiving, his interpretation of the dream, and the final chorus of the oratorio all contain significant passages for children's voices. A discussion of these is included in Chapter Two.

Although this work is intended for high school performers, it certainly does not have to be limited to this age group.

The texts from the two Old Testament books are of such a general nature as to involve no theological or denominational

determent to the performance of the oratorio. With this generalization in text and the medium-difficulty of the music the work should have appeal for college and university choral groups and religious musical organizations.

#### CHAPTER II

#### DESCRIPTIVE NOTES ON THE MUSIC

There are certain musical structures, or motives, and certain standard compositional devices employed in this work as unifying elements. The devices which will perhaps be most apparent are the ostinato and the canon. Specific instances of their use will be cited later in this chapter.

The use of themes to portray specific people, places or things is, of course, nothing new in music composition, the most prominent terminology for such practices being, perhaps, Richard Wagner's "leitmotifs" and their forerunner, the "idée fixe" of Berlioz. The music of Johann Sebastian Bach is replete with pictorial themes and symbolic motives, and composers through the centuries have sought to at least fit the music to the mood of the thought being expressed.

The "characteristic motives" in this work, though they appear in multiple varieties, may be summarized into two groups, symbolic of the two extreme qualities "good" and "evil." Further symbolic of the fact that both these qualities are present in the life of every individual, all

the motives are derived from one basic structure—the major second, most frequently appearing as B—C—sharp. This interval is used harmonically and melodically, and is combined with another major second to provide the basis for all the other "characteristic motives." See Example 1, Appendix A.

All the variations shown in Example 2 are related symbolically as well as musically, and wherever one of them occurs there is either a textual reference or an underlying implication of "the wicked," "sinners," or the ubiquitous and persistent nature of evil. Example 2-a is perhaps the most significant of these because it is the opening motive of the oratorio, appearing first in the horns and later the harp and a muted trumpet. It continues to appear throughout the Overture, and is heard again in Psalm One in response to the phrase "nor stands in the way of sinners," (measure 21). See Example 2-a.

After each of its first two statements in the Overture, this "evil" motive is countered by "Daniel's theme," representing "goodness," or steadfast faith. Its first appearance is in an inverted form, and it is carried by the cellos and basses. (Example 3.) Daniel's theme in its normal version is heard for the first time in the opening choral unison of Psalm One, associated with the text "Blessed is the man who

walks not in the counsel of the wicked." (Example 4.) Later on it provides the basis for Daniel's Prayer of Thanksgiving (Score pages 112-119) in slightly altered form. (Example 5.) The similarity between Daniel's theme and the basic motive as shown in Example 1-b is obvious.

Other variations of the "evil" motive are shown in Example 2. Motives "b" and "d" provide the basis for the entire section of Psalm One employing the text "the wicked are not so," (beginning in measure 73). Motive "c" is derived from the last two notes of "b," and is the figure for the children's choir ostinato. Motive "e" is an orchestral bridge figure (measures 129-138). Motive "f" occurs in the Overture as an arpeggiated pattern in the harp sounding in opposition to a variation of Daniel's theme.

So far, the illustrations shown have been melodic derivatives of the major second "germ." Two instances are cited in which it is used harmonically. Beginning in measure 129 of Psalm One it occurs as a repetitive harmonic figure in conjunction with the orchestral bridge theme mentioned earlier (Example 2-e), and, in similar fashion, it provides rhythm underneath the children's choir ostinato (beginning in measure 232).

In addition to the "evil" motive derivatives cited

previously, a second interval representative of the Satanic forces is in evidence in this work--the tritone, or the "diabolus in musica." There are at least three occurrences of it in Psalm One. In measures 20 and 21 the chorus sings the interval G--C-sharp on the words "of sinners;" the outer extremities of the Children's Choir ostinato, beginning in measure 95, (see Example 2-c) outlines the tritone F-sharp to C-natural; and the incidental solo for baritone (measures 160-171) contains three examples of it, D-sharp to A, F to B, and G to C-sharp.

In Chapter Three, the Chaldean gossipers come forward to accuse the three Hebrew young men of not bowing down to the golden image. The text is set for a Speech Chorus of women's voices, and the chords in the piano and xylophone contain tritones coupled with perfect fourths. (Example 6.)

The orchestral ostinato which opens Chapter Three provides a stark and striking use of the tritone. The canonic voice follows the four-note subject at a distance of two beats and the interval of a perfect fifth below. When the canon enters, the first harmonic interval is that of a minor seventh. From this dissonance both voices move inward to the tritone, and, while the canonic voice holds for two beats, the subject voice moves away to a major seventh dissonance.

Bound by its canonic inheritance, the second voice moves downward by a half step, resolving this dissonance to the octave rather than a perhaps expected sixth. Because of the rhythmic and melodic structure of the motive the effect of this canonic pattern seems to be a chain of suspensions with an increase in dissonance.

The ostinato technique is employed at least once in each of the three chapters of Daniel as well as in Psalm One. first occurrence is the duet figure by the children's voices (as shown in Example 2-c) beginning in measure 95 of Psalm One, repeating the words "the wind." The one-measure pattern is executed eight times on the D major tonality and then four times a half step higher in E-flat. After the children establish the pattern for four measures the sopranos and altos of the mixed chorus come in with their own duet pattern. Without considering the text this duet might also be considered a one measure ostinato figure repeated three times in D and three times in E-flat. Of course, since the tonality does change (and since the number of repetitions is so brief) it would be taking some liberty to label this a true ostinato. A look at the text helps us decide that this is a four-measure pattern in D and a four-measure sequence of it in E-flat. The orchestra also has its own ostinato figure with the

pizzicato eighth-notes. These two choral duet figures--"the wind" in the children's voices, and "the chaff..." in the women's voices--soon return again, beginning in measure 115, with "the wicked" theme (first heard in measure 73) juxta-posed against them by the tenors and basses.

All of the above material is heard again beginning with measure 198, and, as a vocal coda, the children close out Psalm One with their same duet ostinato while the mixed chorus in unison reiterates one last time "the wicked are not so."

The ostinato in Chapter One of Daniel is found in the percussion section in measures 24 through 36. The tambourine and snare drum execute a rhythmic ostinato underneath the harp and xylophone, who are repeating, in canon, a melody given out by the piccolo and oboe.

Daniel, Chapter Two, abounds in ostinato figures. The first example occurs in measures 76 through 87, and is a pattern of parallel triads in the violas and cellos, accompanying the chorus of wise men and astrologers. The second is another children's choir figure, this time in unison. They chant on middle C, then in alternation on the octave above, the words "this was the dream," all the while Daniel is singing the interpretation of the king's dream and the

women's voices in unison increase the musical tension with an ascending scale in syncopation. This section begins on measure 261.

In measures 329 through 336 the chorus provides a fourpart choral ostinato first for the baritone soloist and then for the orchestra which imitates the soloist's melody. The words for the chorus are "break in pieces."

In the final chorus of Chapter Two, "Truly Your God," soprano and bass ostinatos occur simultaneously (measures 371-375 and 381-385). The same bass ostinato occurs once again in measures 393 through 396 while the soprano figure is now heard a third higher. As a climax to the chorus, and the chapter, the tempo slows to maestoso, and, while the chorus sings the "Truly Your God" theme in unison, the orchestra reiterates a two-chord ostinato underneath (measures 428-448). As the dynamic level increases, the choral parts divide into harmony for the final eight measures, gradually increasing from two to six parts. The combination of chorus and orchestra here provides one instance of polytonality as the two-chord ostinato--D minor seventh chord to a G major thirteenth chord--is pitted against whole measures of first a D minor, then G major, and finally a D major triad.

An attempt to further unify the work is obvious in the

beginning of Chapter Three as the orchestra builds a canon at the lower fifth, using the "Truly Your God" theme as a basis, into a powerful ostinato. This provides an accompaniment for the narrator, and for the herald as he proclaims the king's order that all must bow down to the golden image. As this figure progresses it expands into fuller sonorities and becomes more distorted harmonically.

This same angular ostinato figure undergirds the majority of the final chorus of the oratorio while the choir is singing a legato, primarily scalewise derivation of it (beginning in measure 274 to the words of king Nebuchadnezzar, "Blessed be the God of Shadrach..."). As this choral melody reappears in the recapitulation of this chorus the orchestra returns, not to the "Truly Your God" ostinato, as before, but to the same two-chord ostinato with which Chapter Two ended. Eventually, all three themes—the two-chord pattern, the "Truly Your God" ostinato, and the "Blessed be the God of Shadrach" diatonic choral melody—are joined together to bring the work to a close.

Mention should be made of one additional ostinato. It is found in measures 105-121, as the piano and xylophone provide accompaniment for the Speech Chorus of women's voices.

The use of canon is less frequent than the ostinato but

examples do occur in Chapters Two and Three. Beginning in measure 101 of Chapter Two the orchestral background to the narration is a four-voice canon between the woodwinds and solo strings.

The final chorus of Chapter Two (beginning measure 368) shows the female and male voices entering in a canon at the octave although the strict rule is not followed throughout.

A second canonic idea occurs between the same voicings beginning in measure 389.

In Chapter Three the boy's chorus, representing Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, sing their defiance to the king's order in a three-voice canon at the unison--"we have no need to answer you."

A previously mentioned example of canon is the opening orchestral ostinato of Chapter Three.

Other devices or techniques have also been employed which it is hoped will heighten and maintain the interest for the performers (as well as the audience). Earlier in Chapter Two of the Commentary reference was made to the use of polytonality. Although a number of single instances exist, the most extensive use of this device occurs in the March and Worship music of Chapter Three. In order to take advantage of a dramatic moment in the story, two sections of instrumental

music are inserted after verse eight of the text. The first section is a Fanfare and March for brass, representing the call to worship the image of gold, the assembling of all the people, and their march around the idol. The second section is to portray a pagan ritual of worship. Both sections are studies in polytonality. The second section involves, in addition to superimposed triads, cross-relation between individual voices. The first section is primarily the superimposing of major triads, B-flat and G-flat, for example.

One other device of interest may be mentioned--that of the "moaning chorus" which occurs during the worship music. The chorus is to imitate the general range of a perfect fifth, and starting in a normal mid-range area for each voice. These sounds should begin very softly, building in intensity as the measures progress but with a slight rise and fall in dynamic level on each moan, corresponding to the rise and fall in pitch. Definite pitches should not be sung, and the voices should not come in all at one time, or on any given beat. The effect should be a spontaneous expression--a wailing or moaning--beginning with a few voices and gradually adding others. Occasionally a few voices, preferably female, might interject a soft, vocalized sigh descending from a high pitch. Although the intensity increases slightly

as the section progresses, suggestive of more people being caught up in the pagan ritual, the entire effect should always be in the background. It should never predominate the orchestral music.

It is hoped that this oratorio is sufficiently challenging, interesting, educational and practical to warrant its inclusion in current choral literature.

APPENDIX A

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Ex. 2.



Ex.3.



## Ex. 4.



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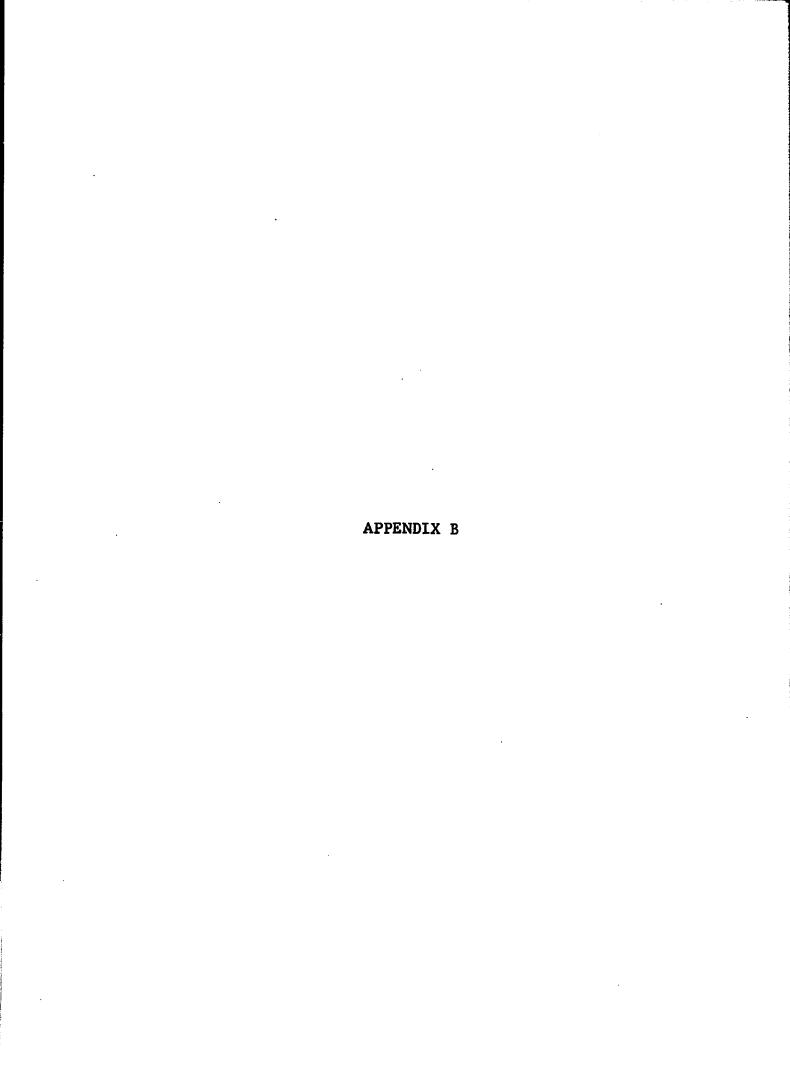
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Bless-ed be the Name of God for ev - er and ev - er.

## Ex. 6.







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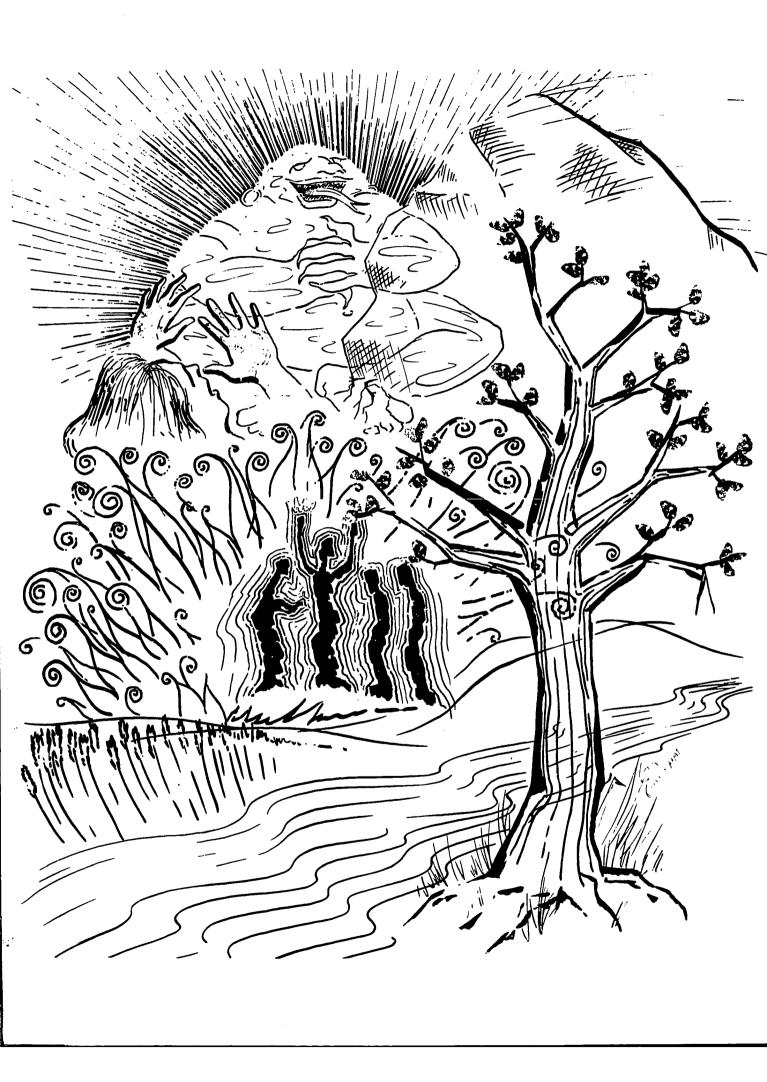
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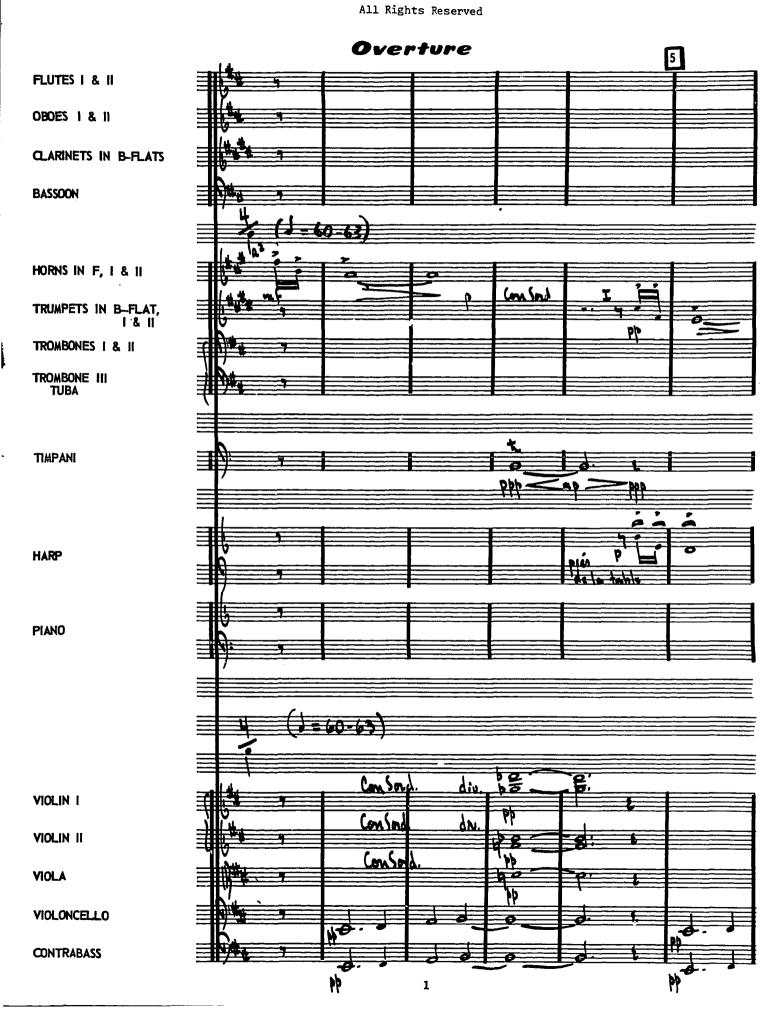
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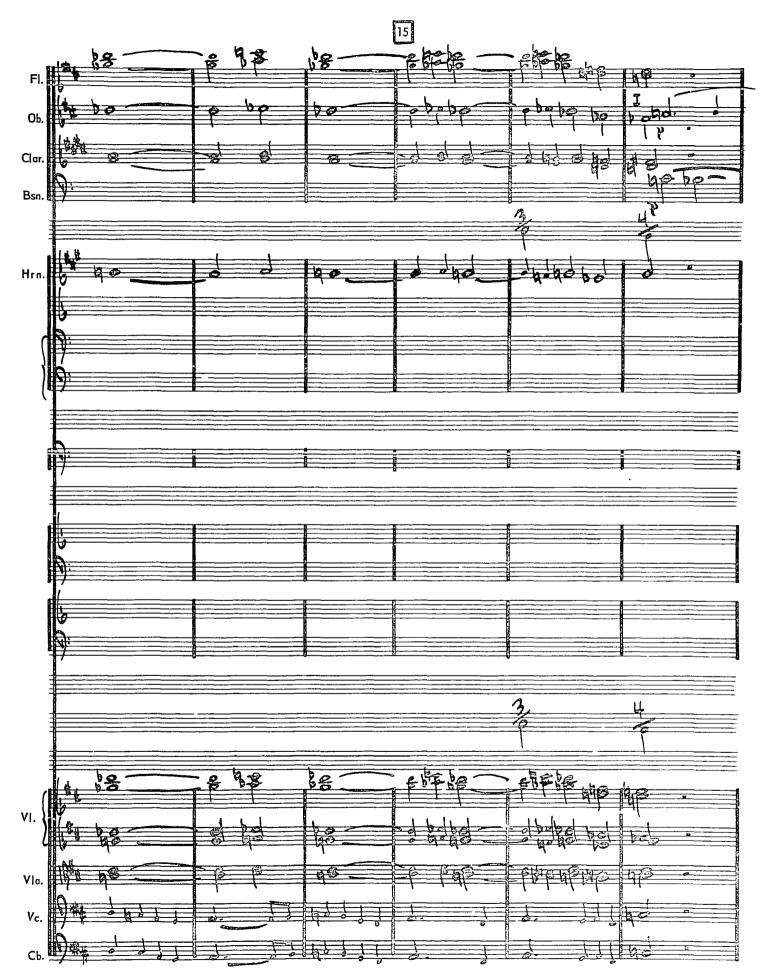
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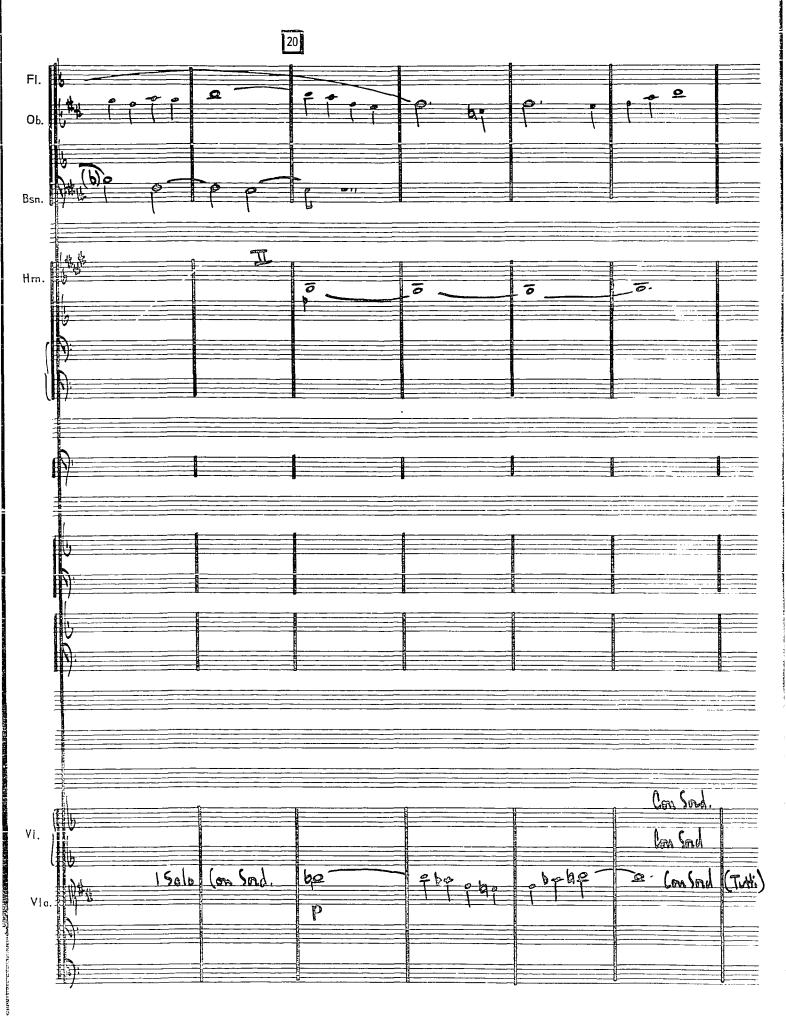




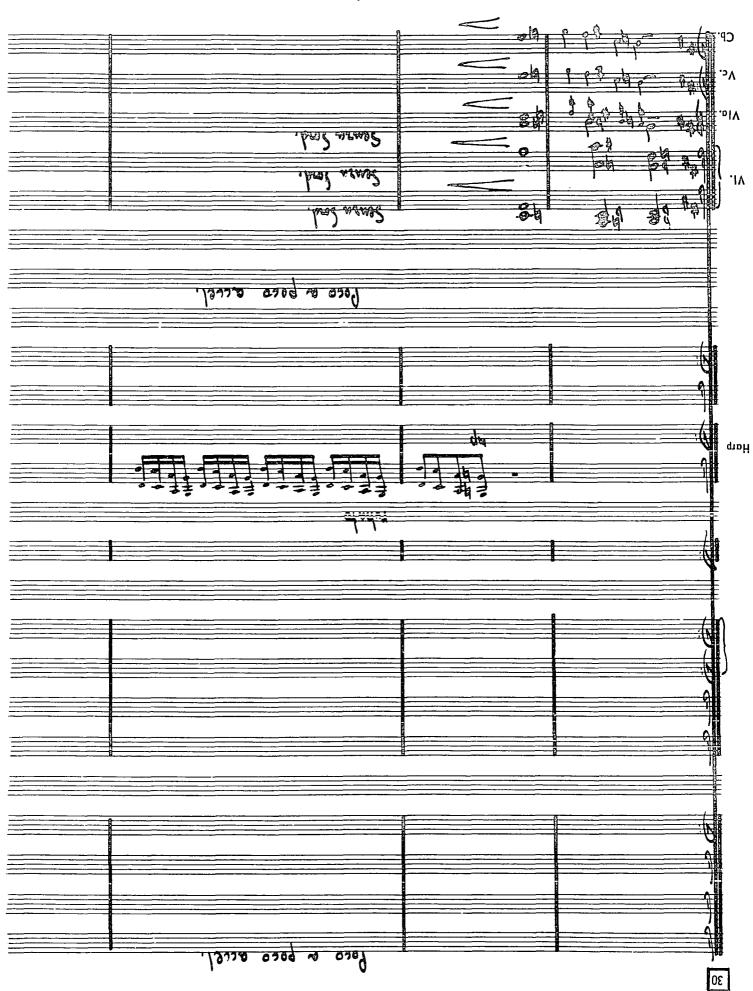






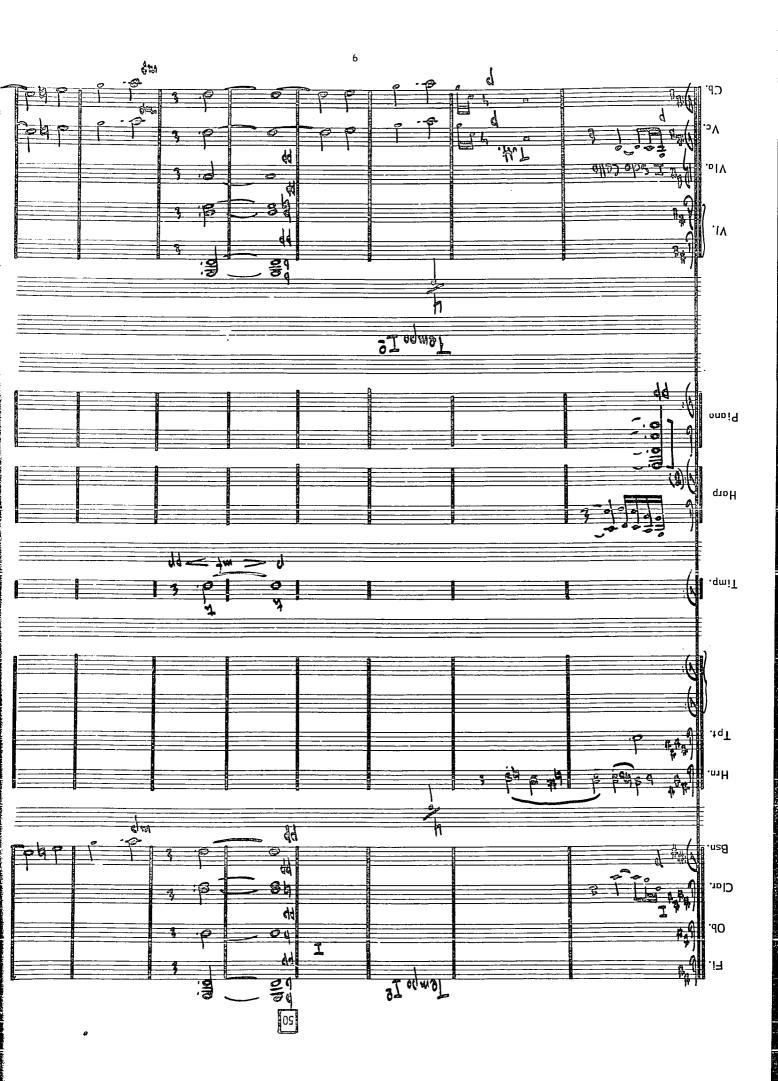


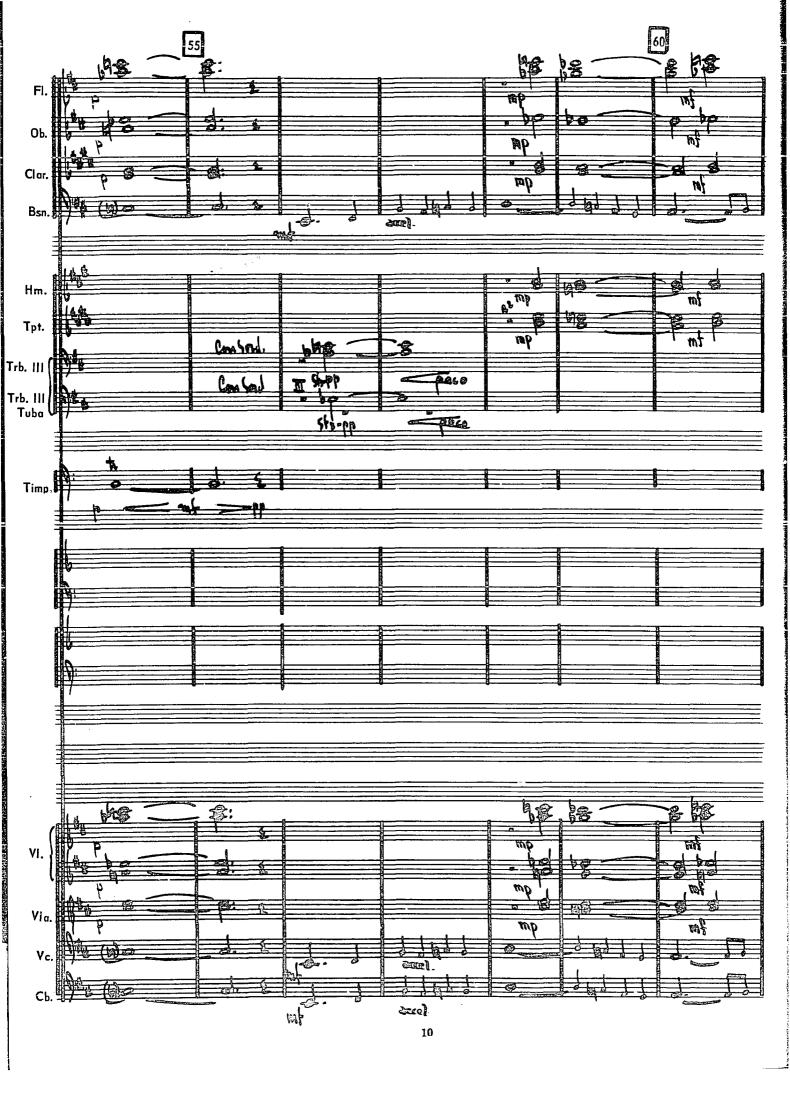




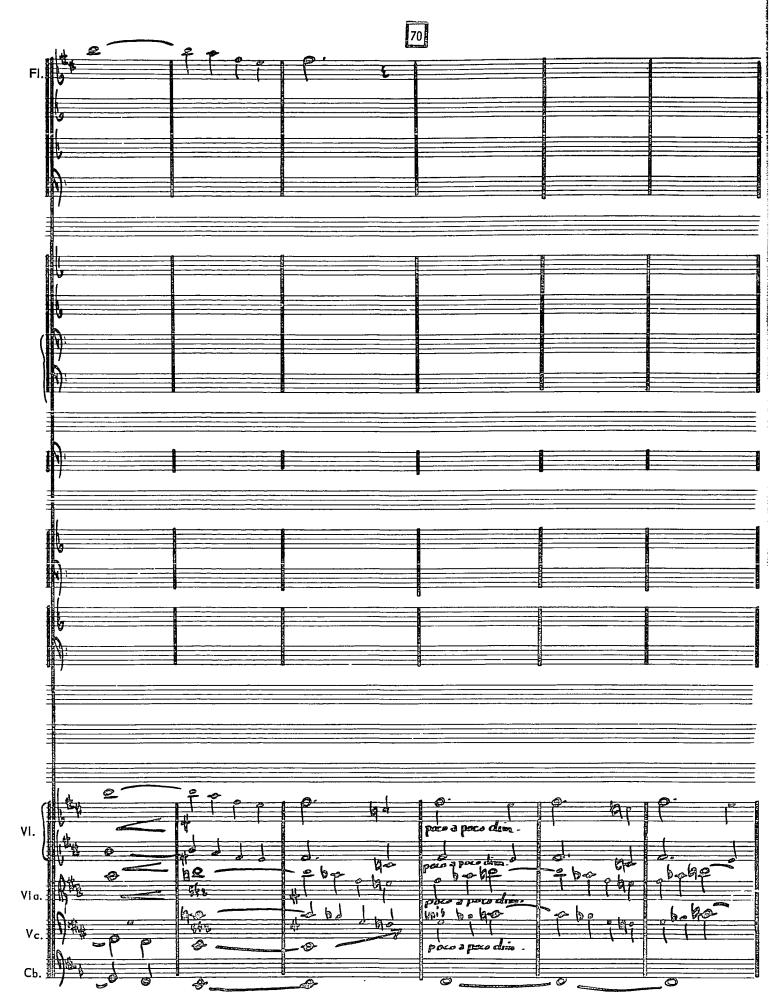


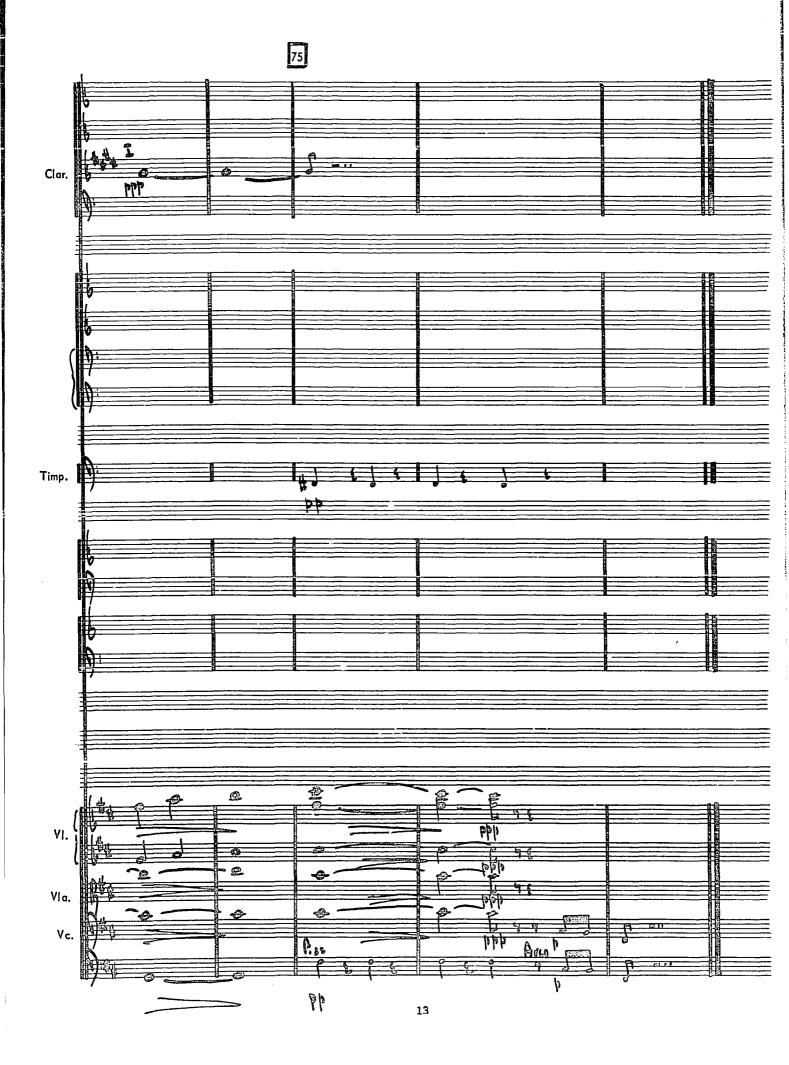


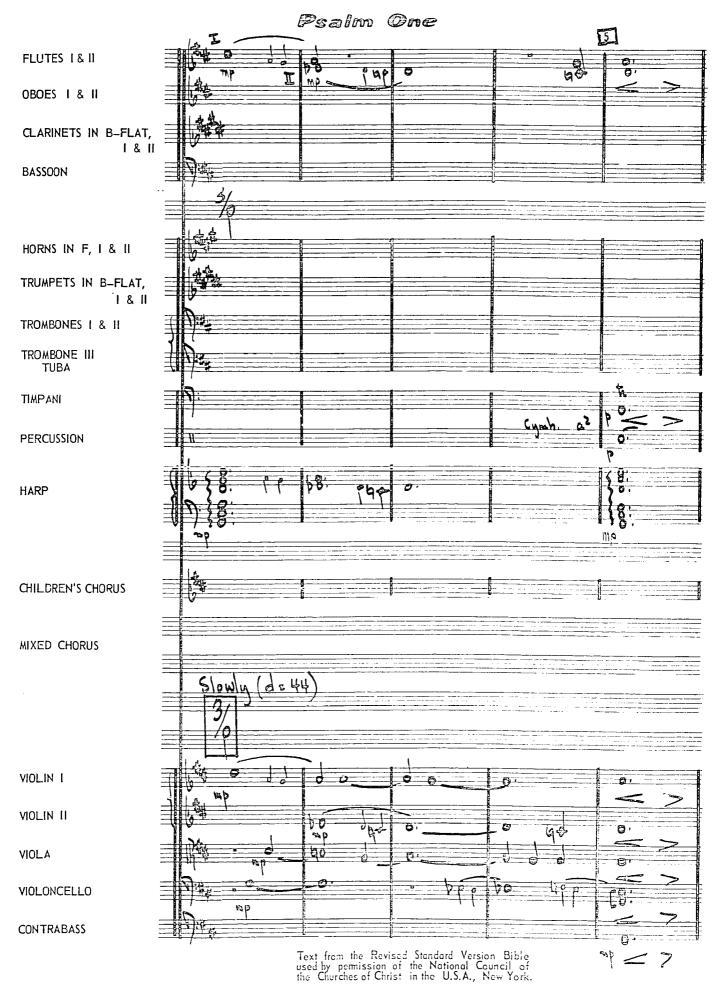




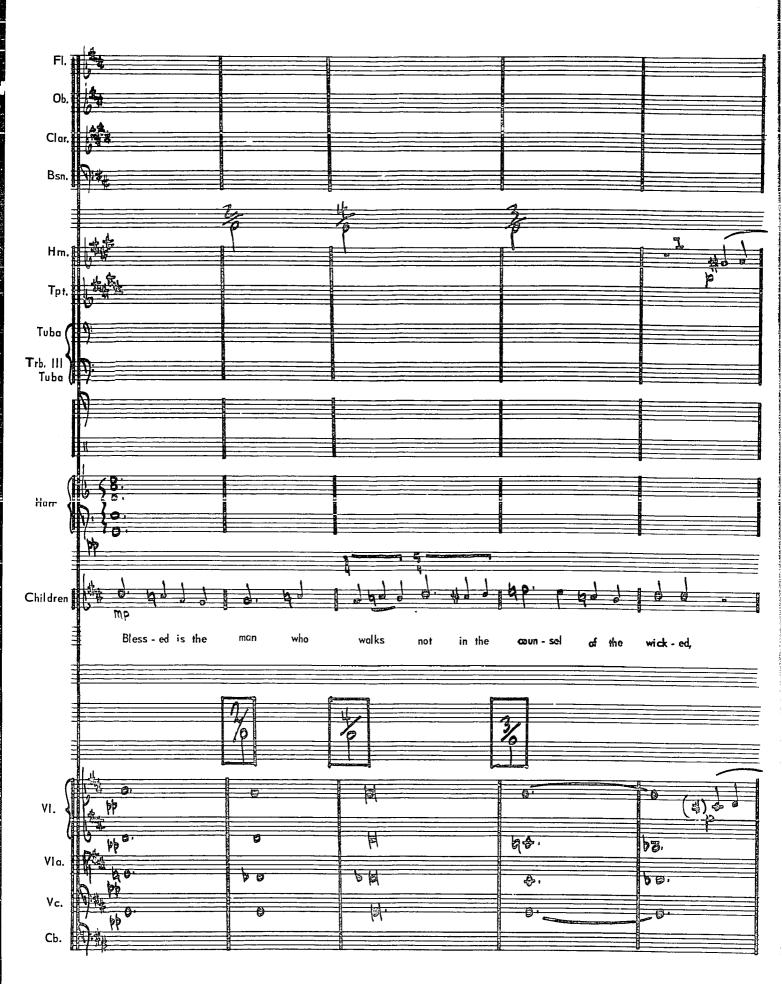








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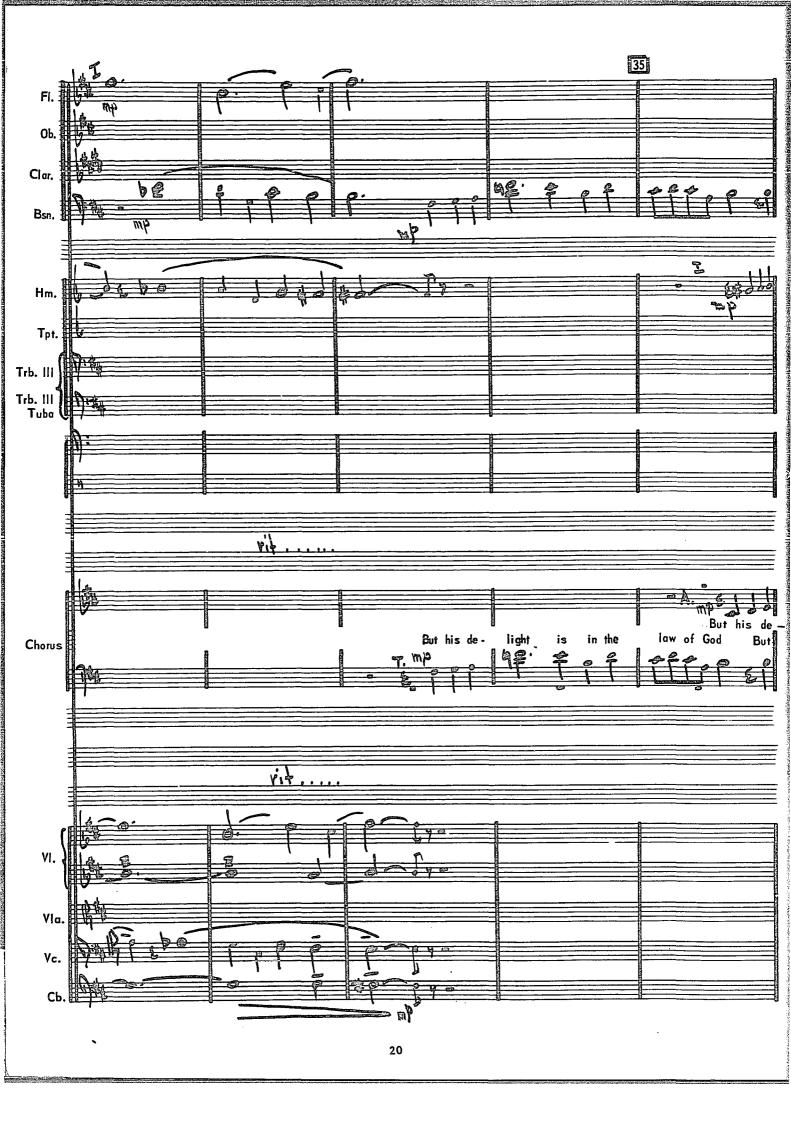


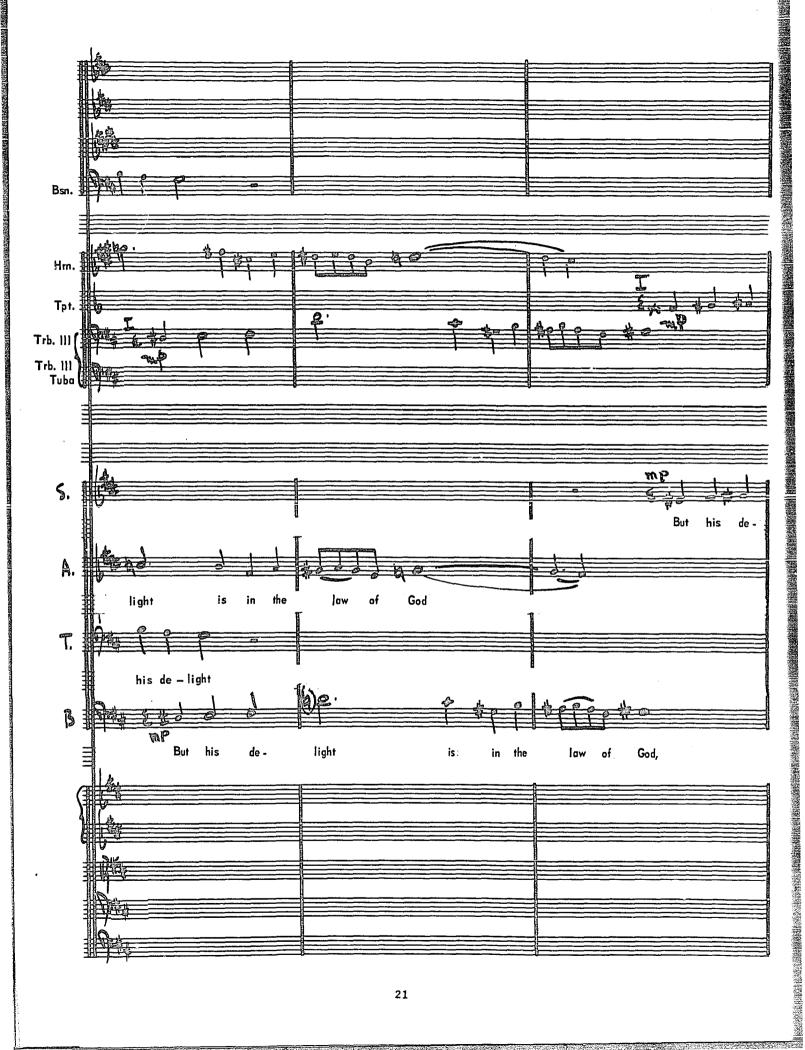






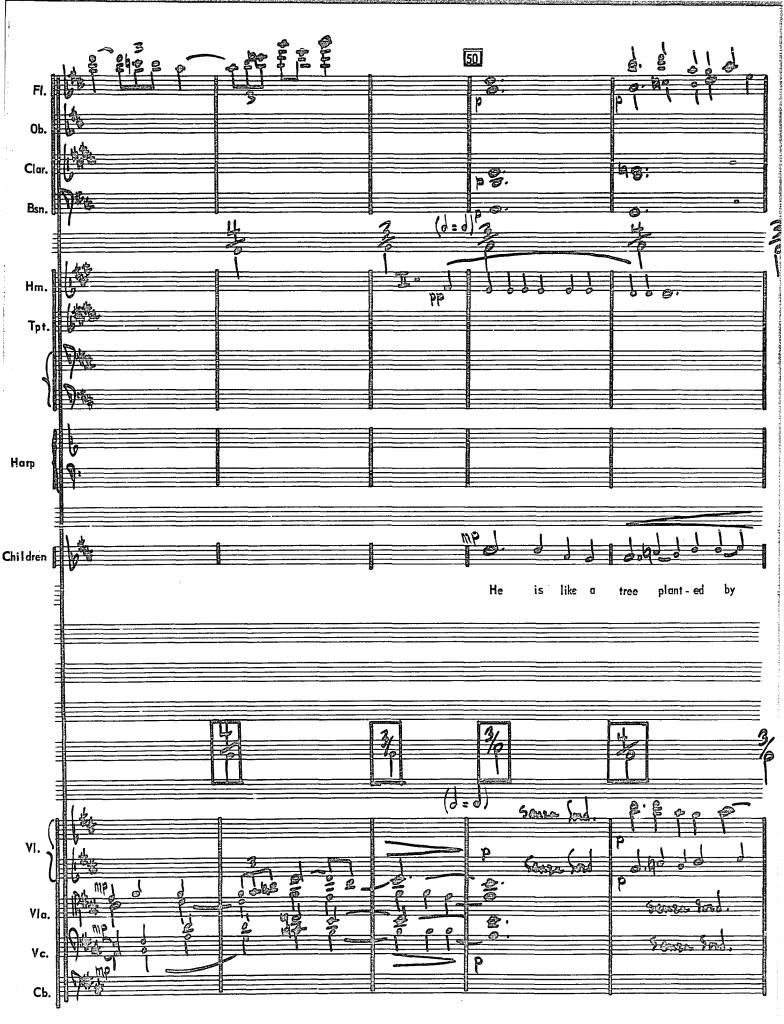


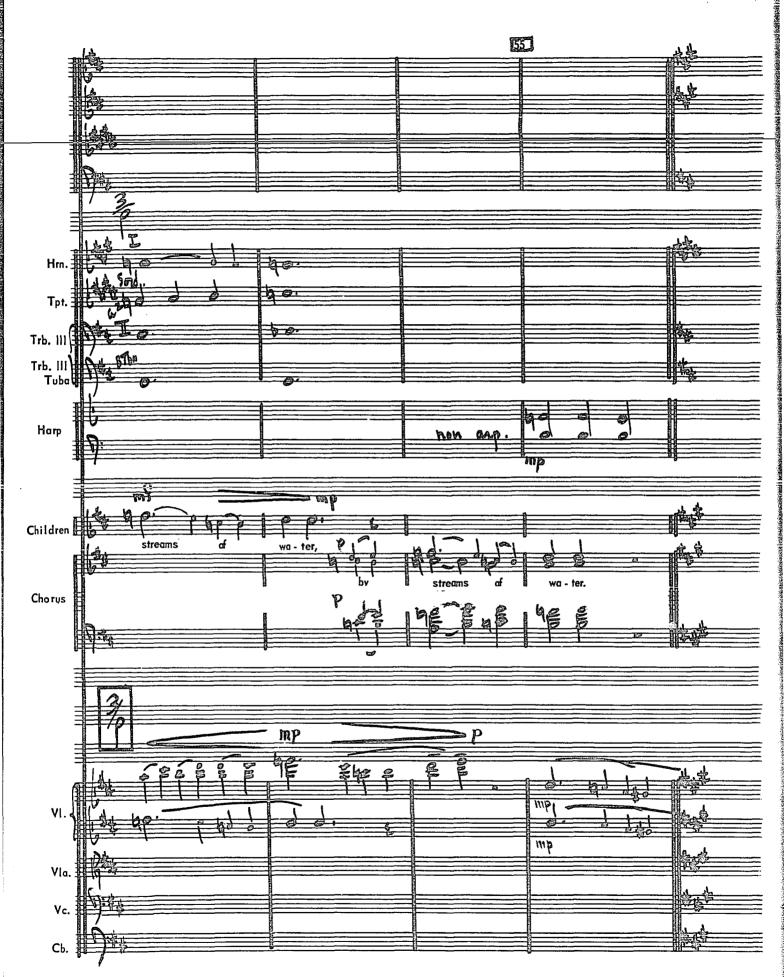






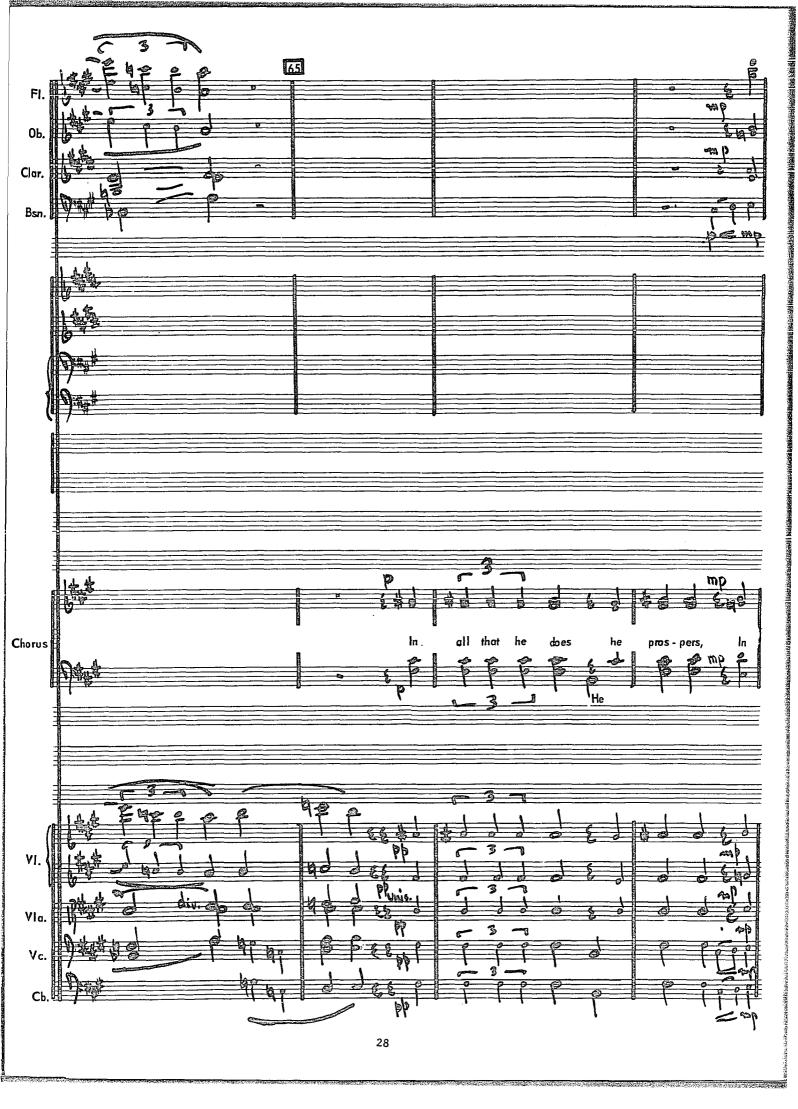










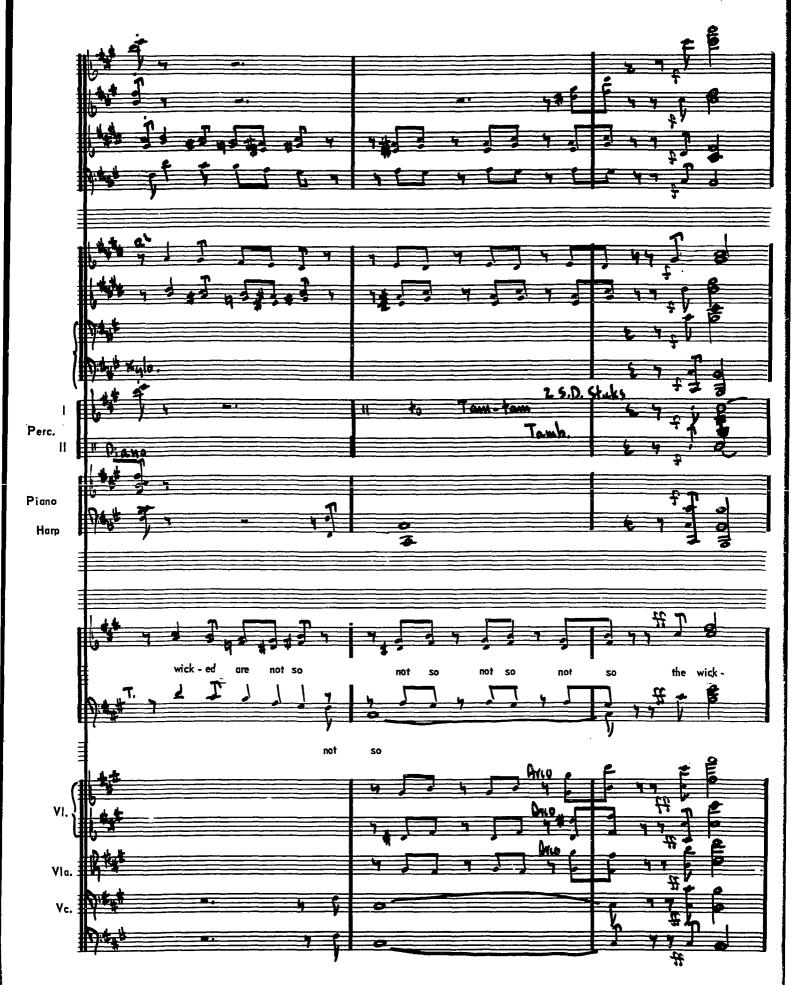








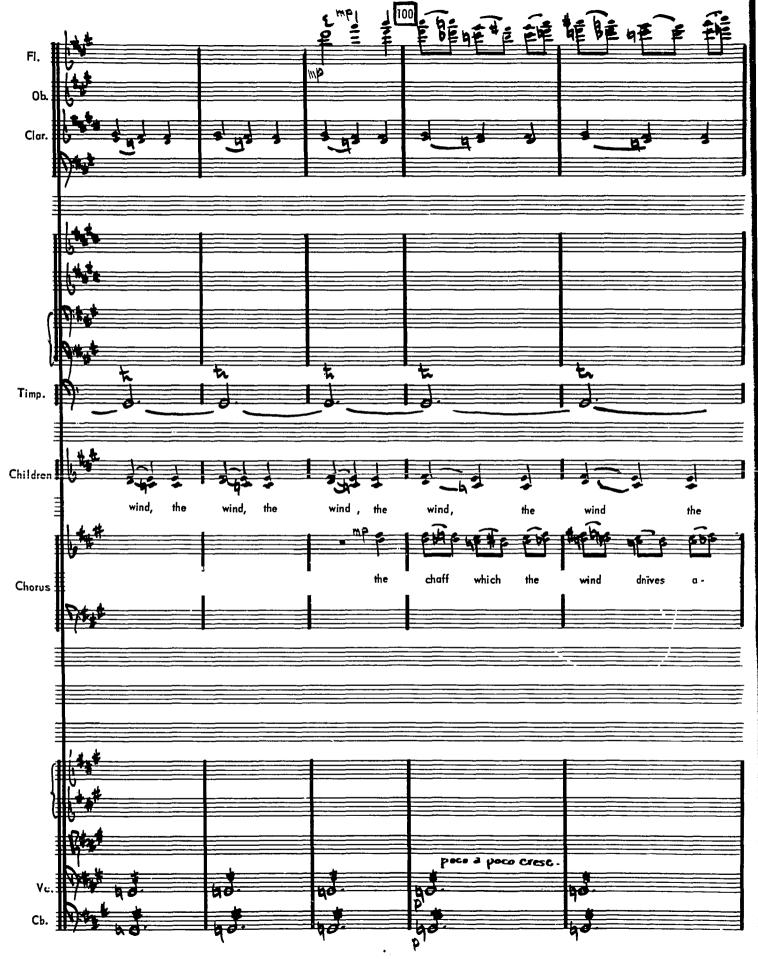


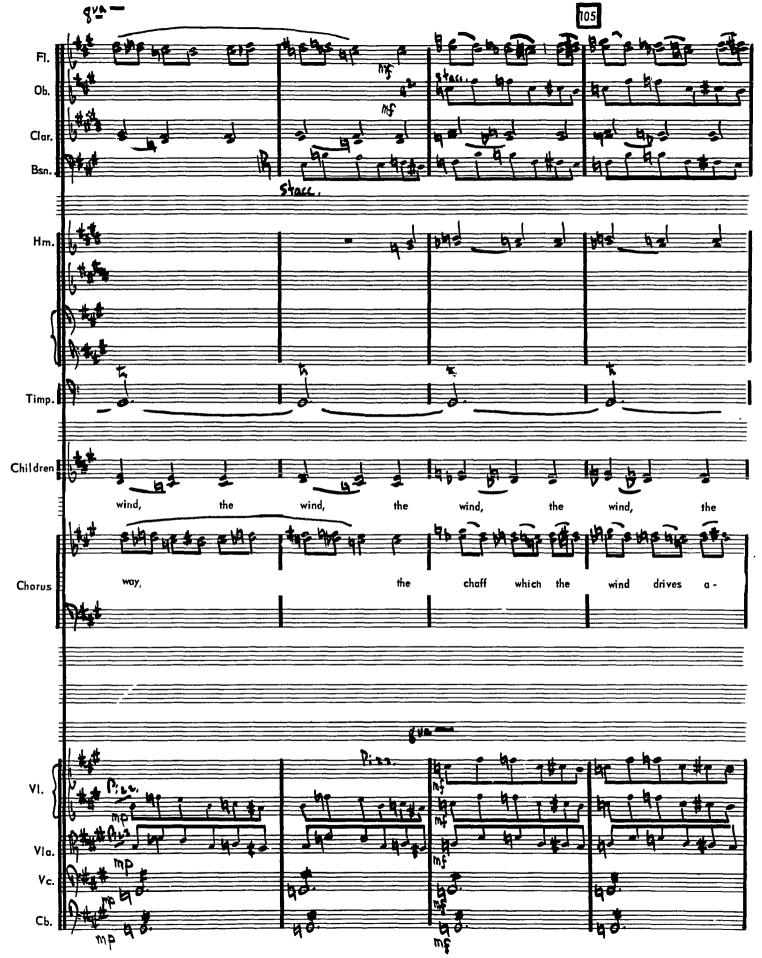


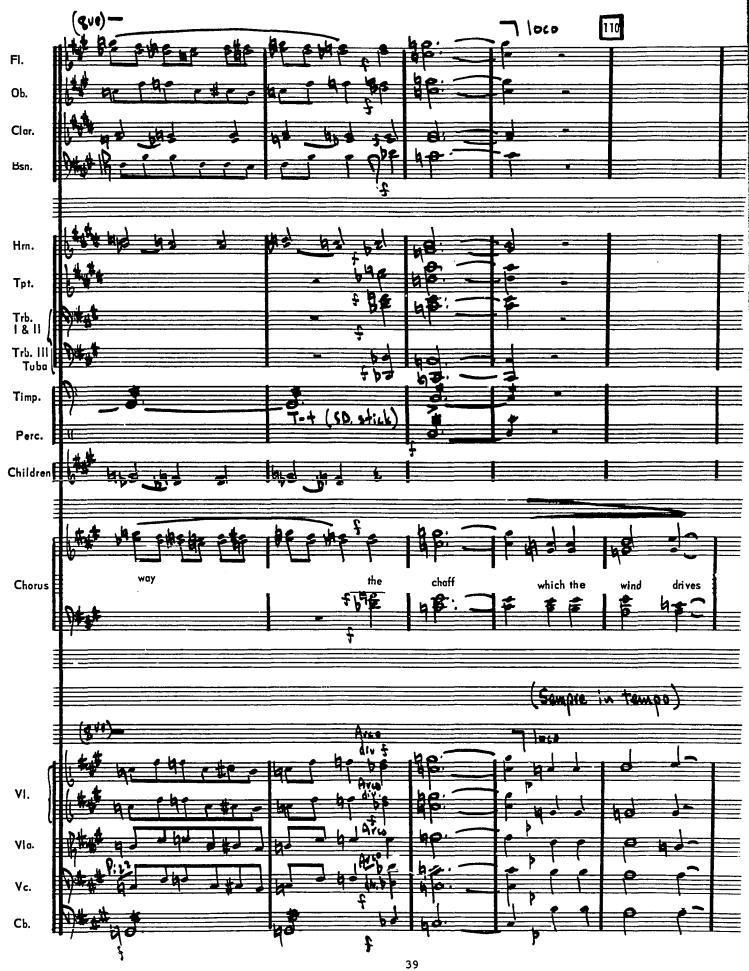




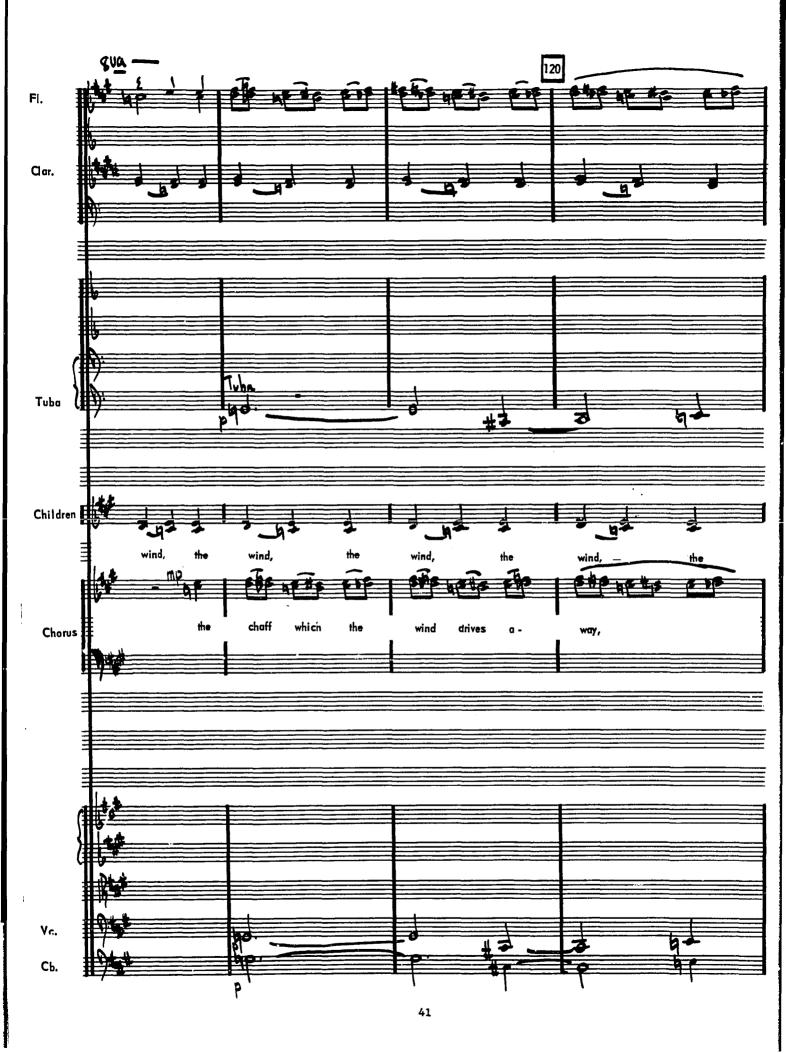




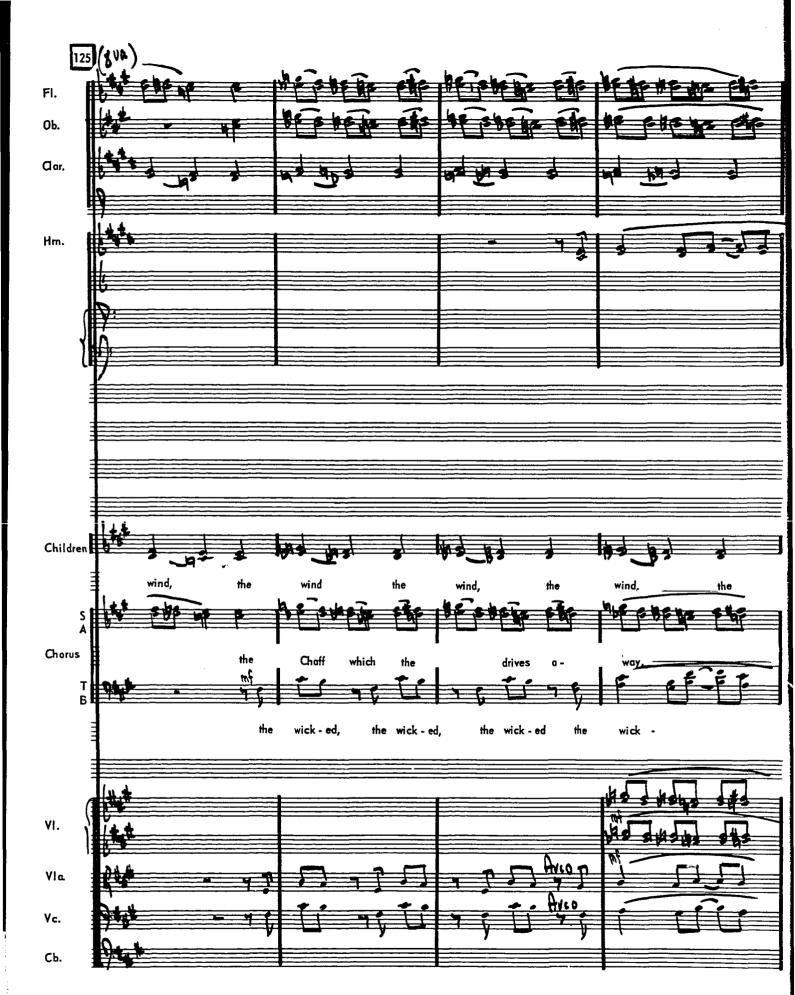


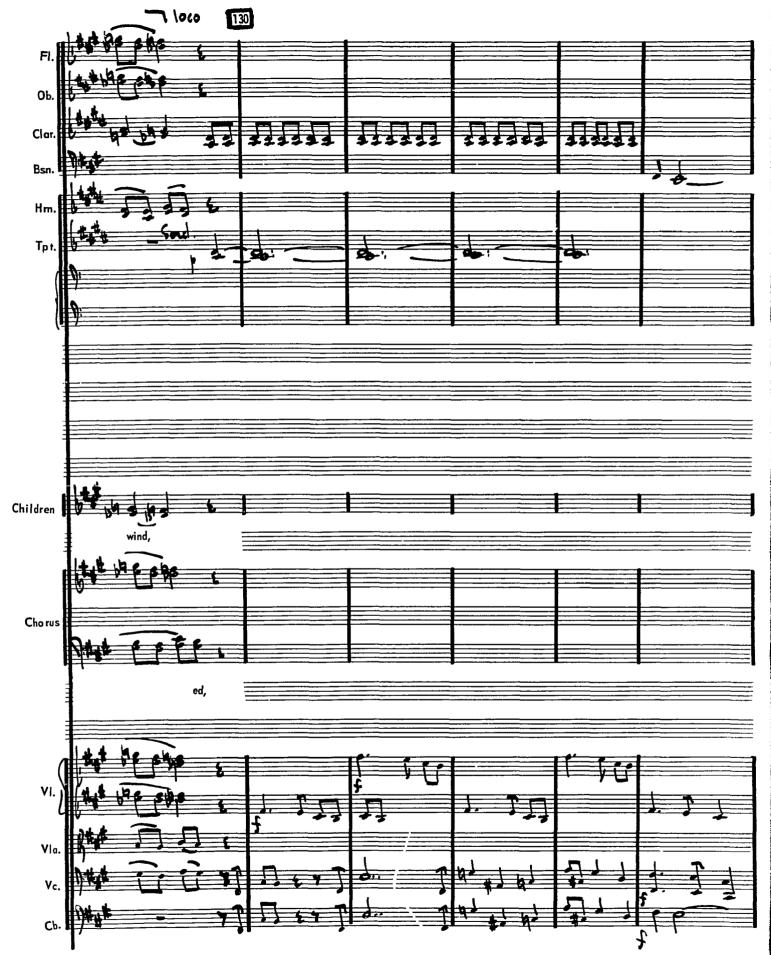


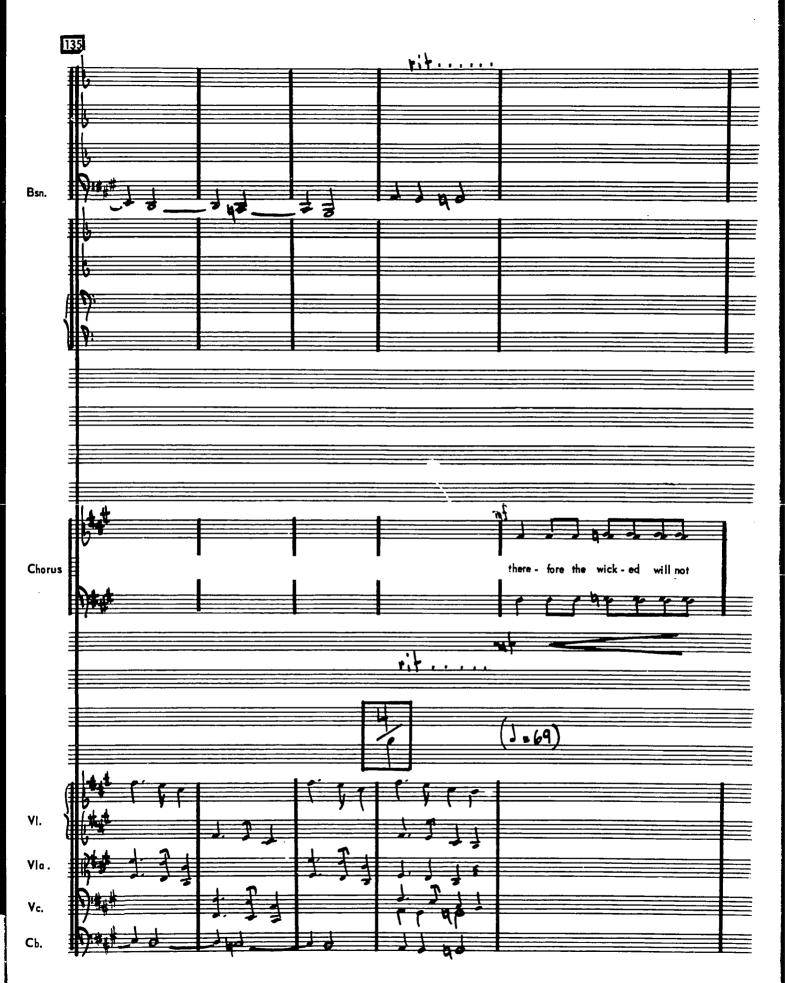


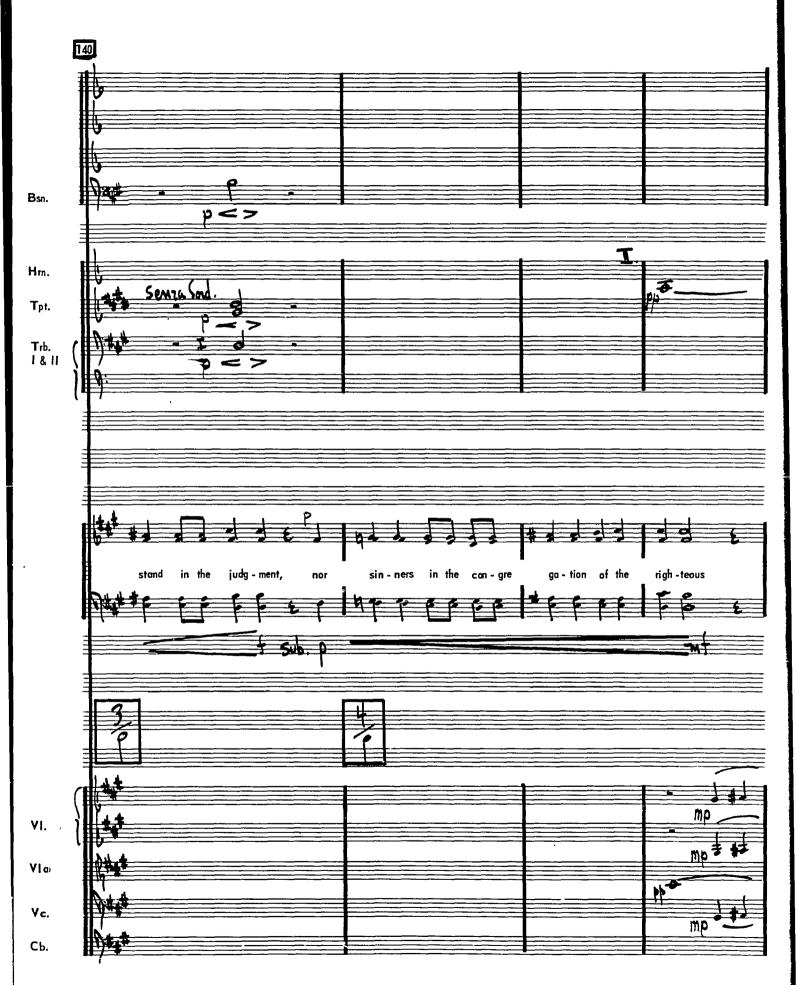


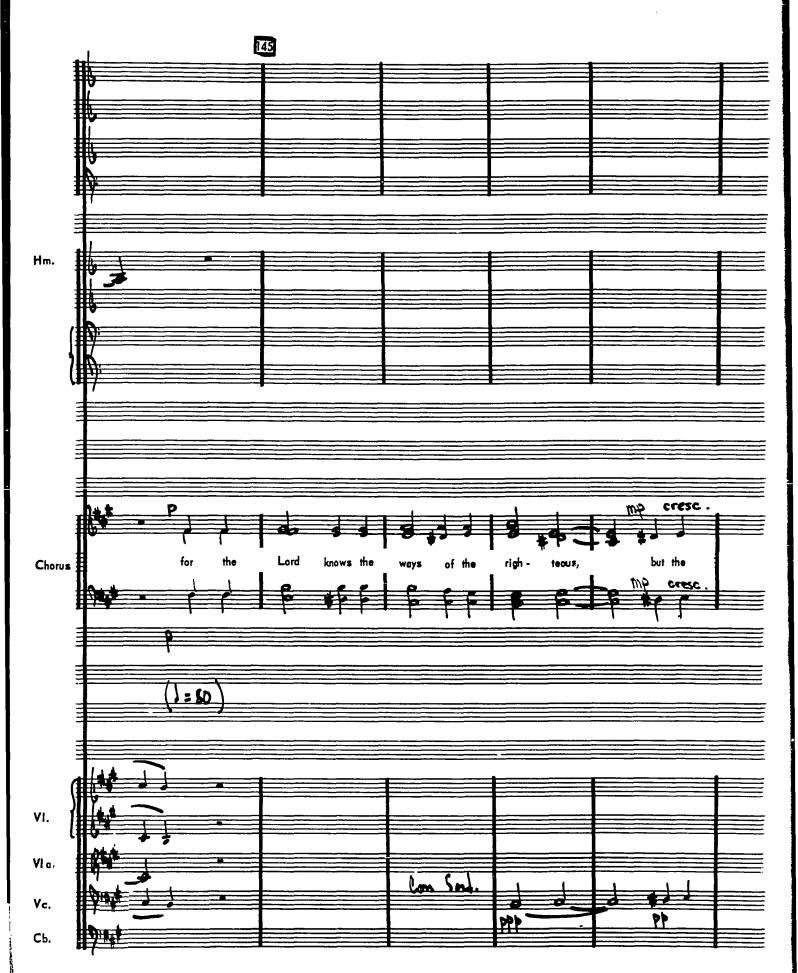




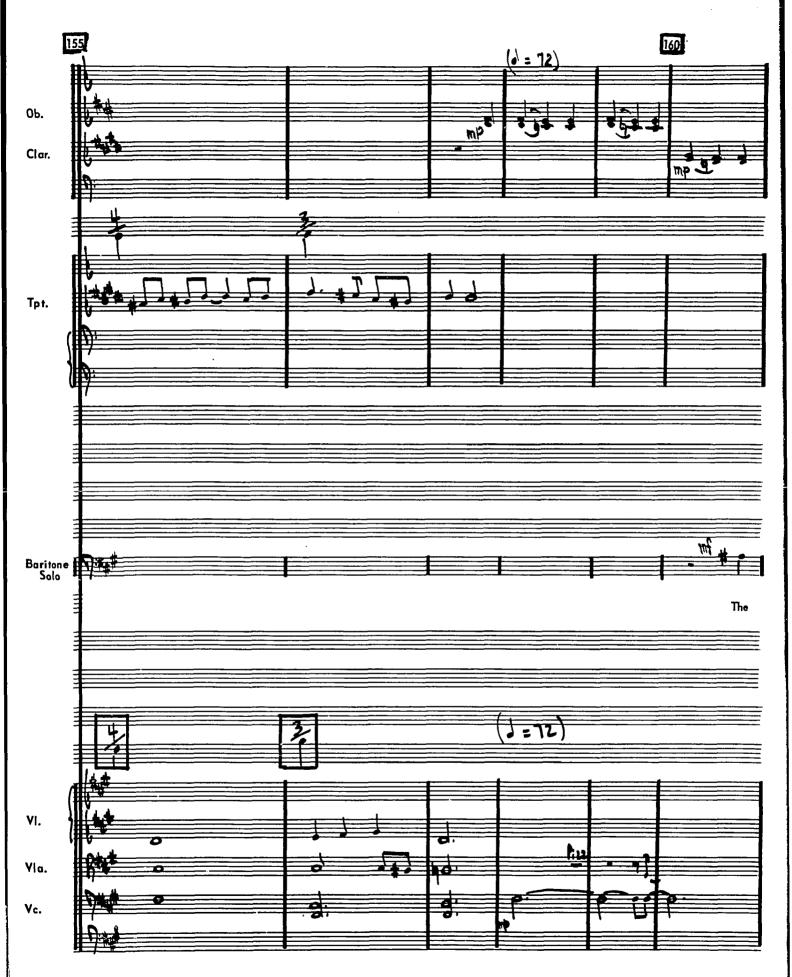


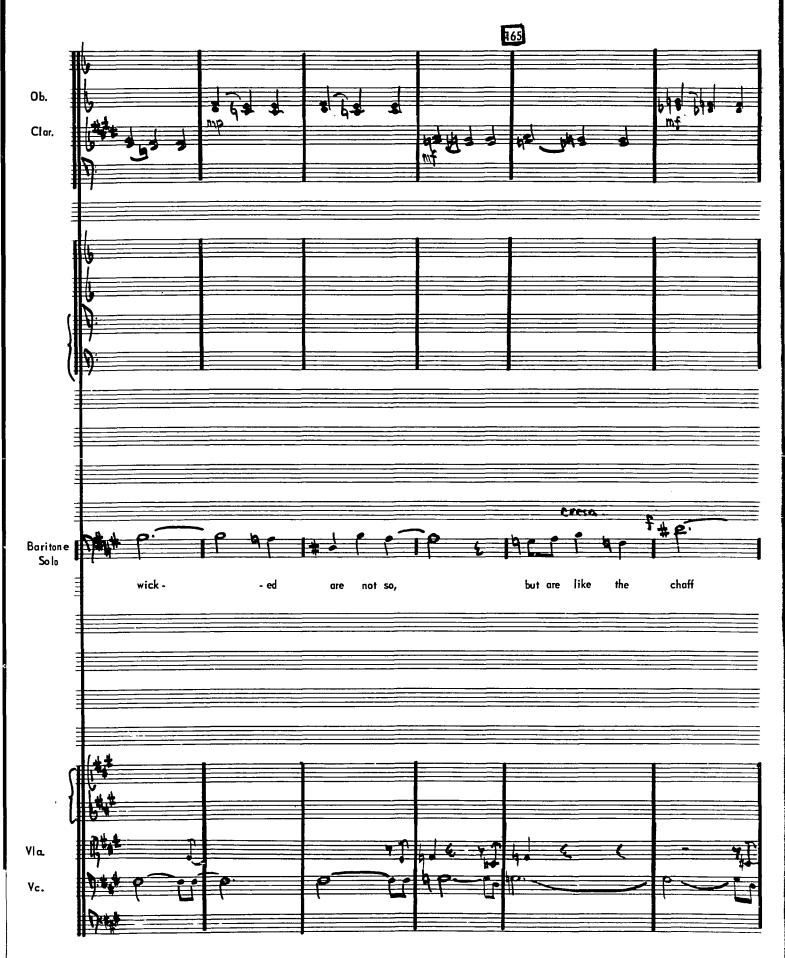


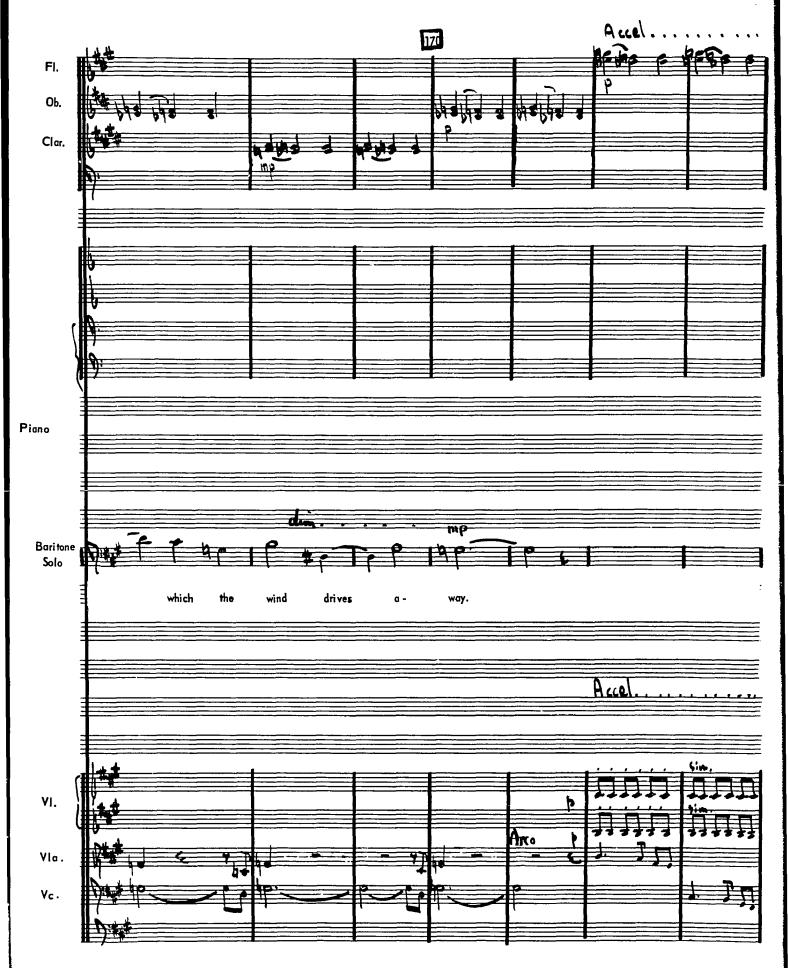


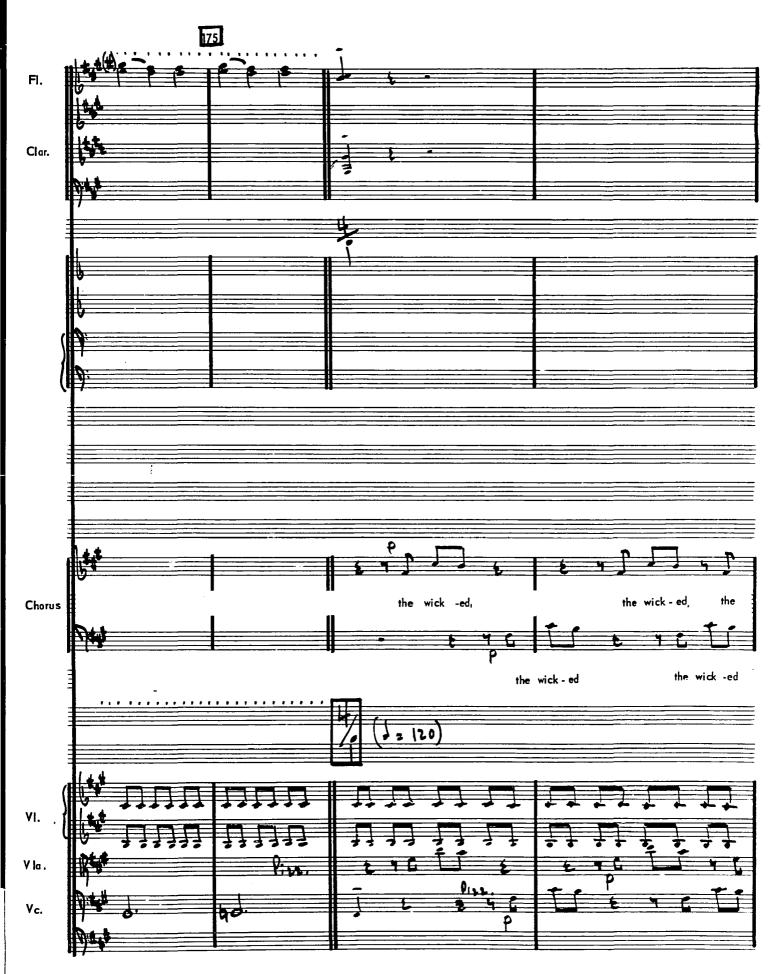


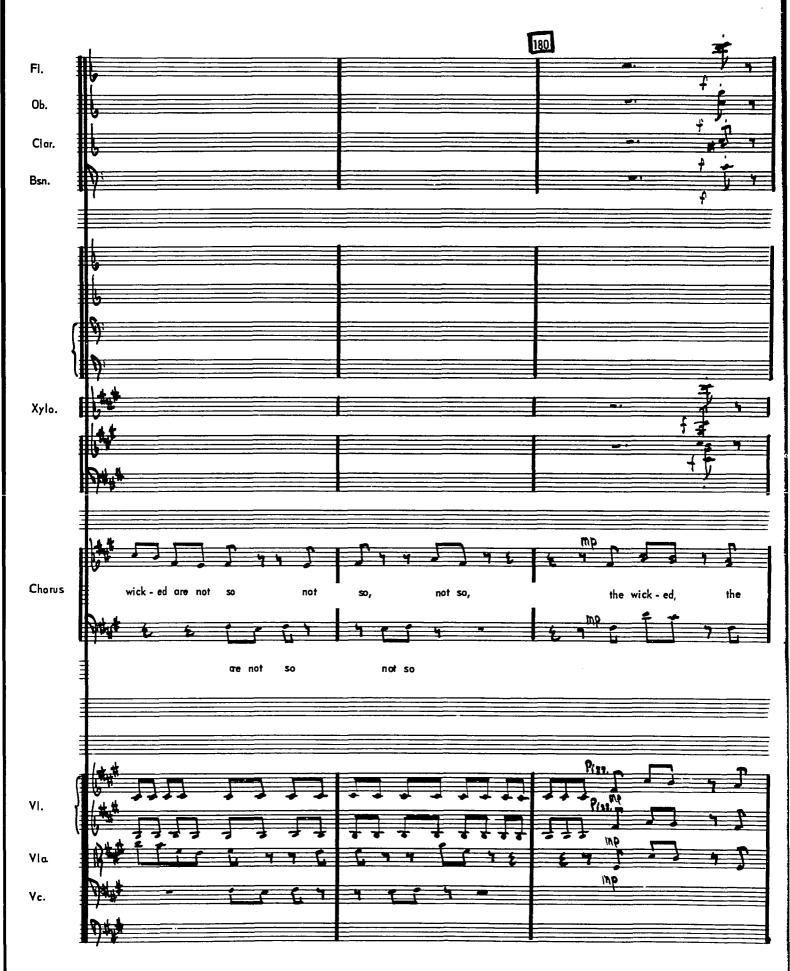


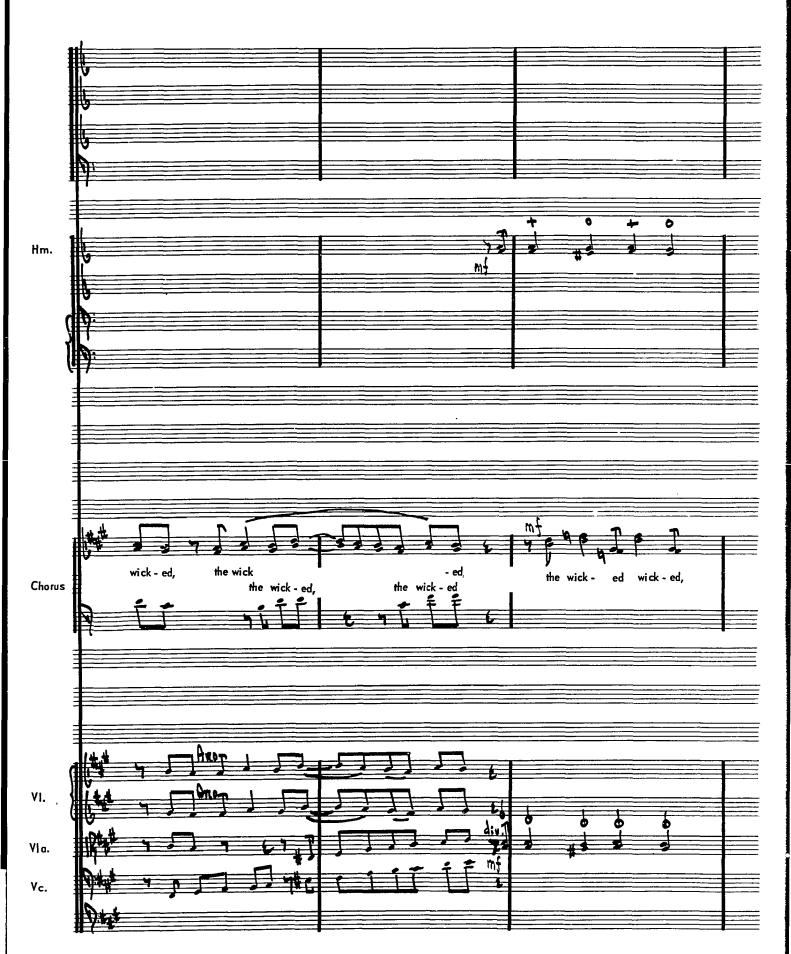












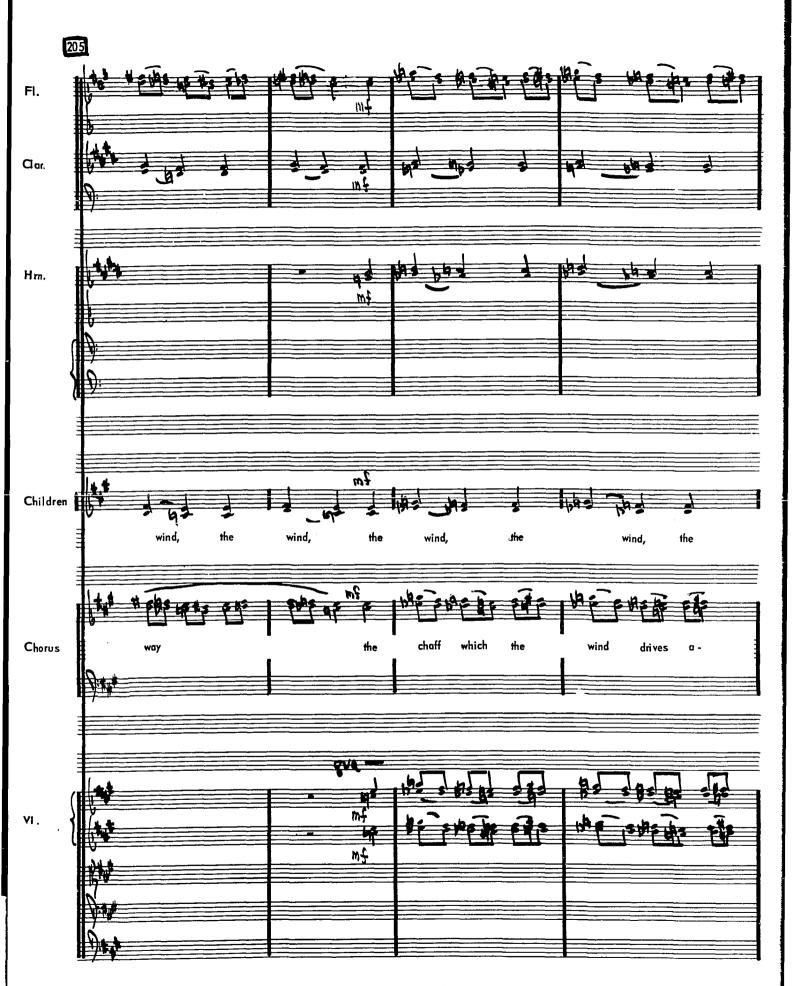


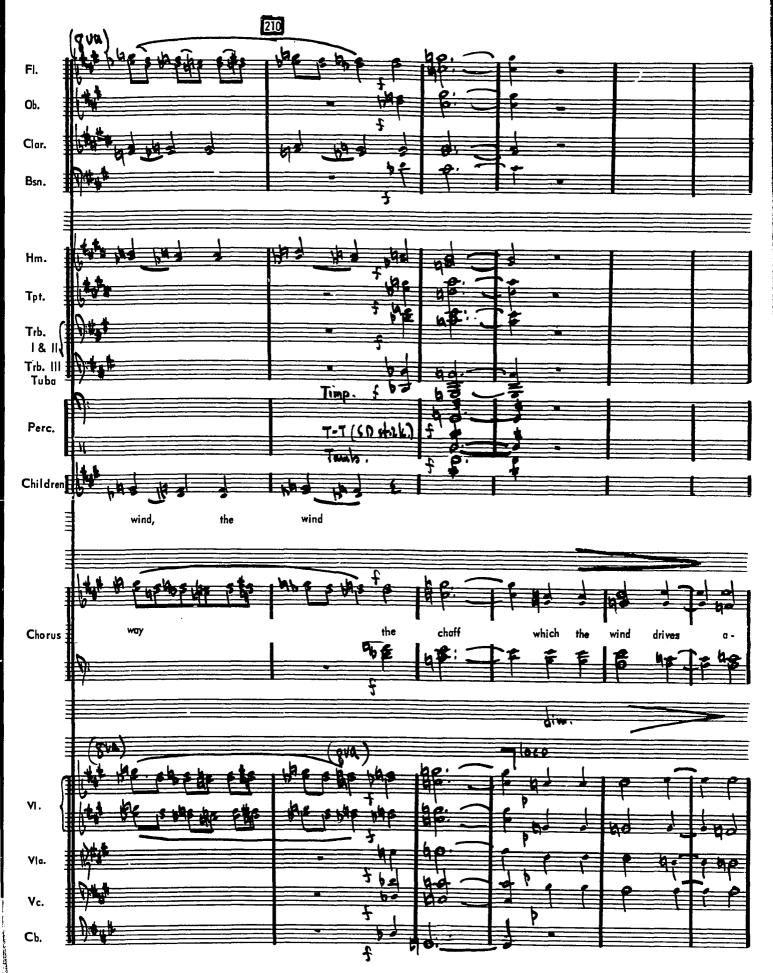




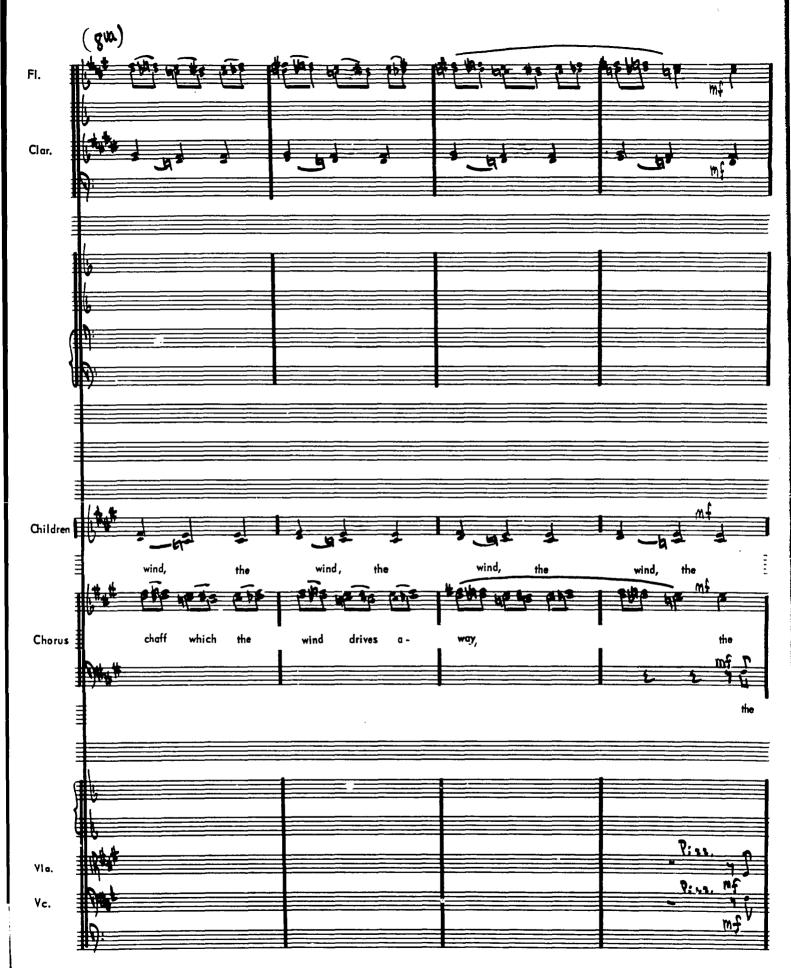




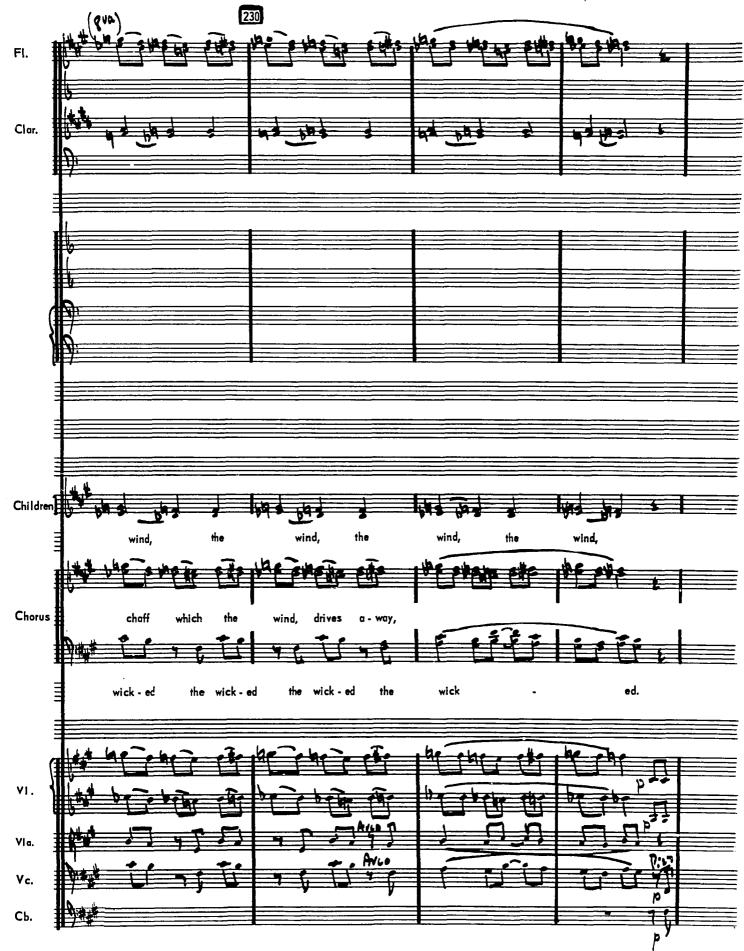














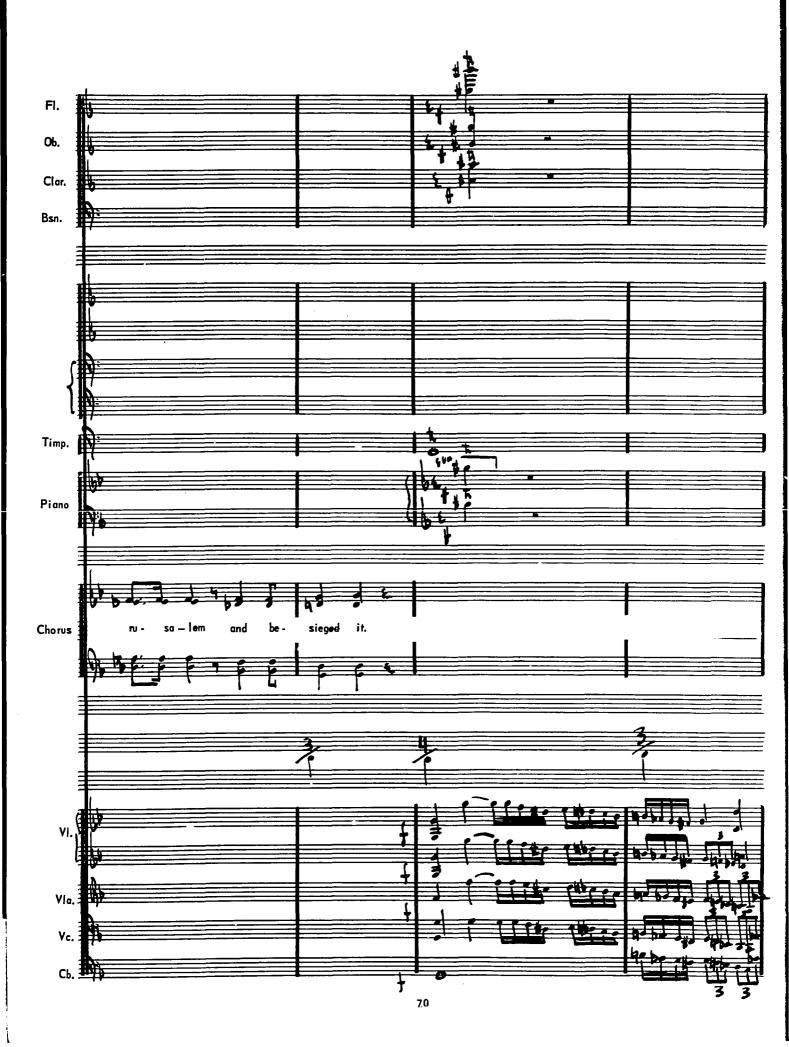




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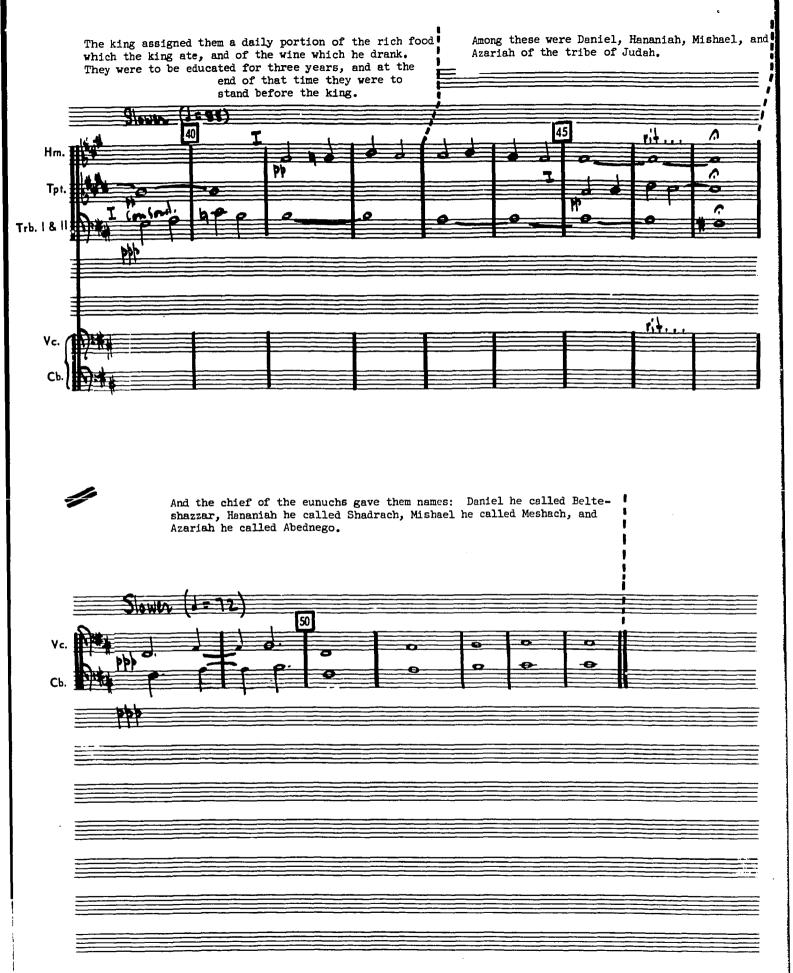


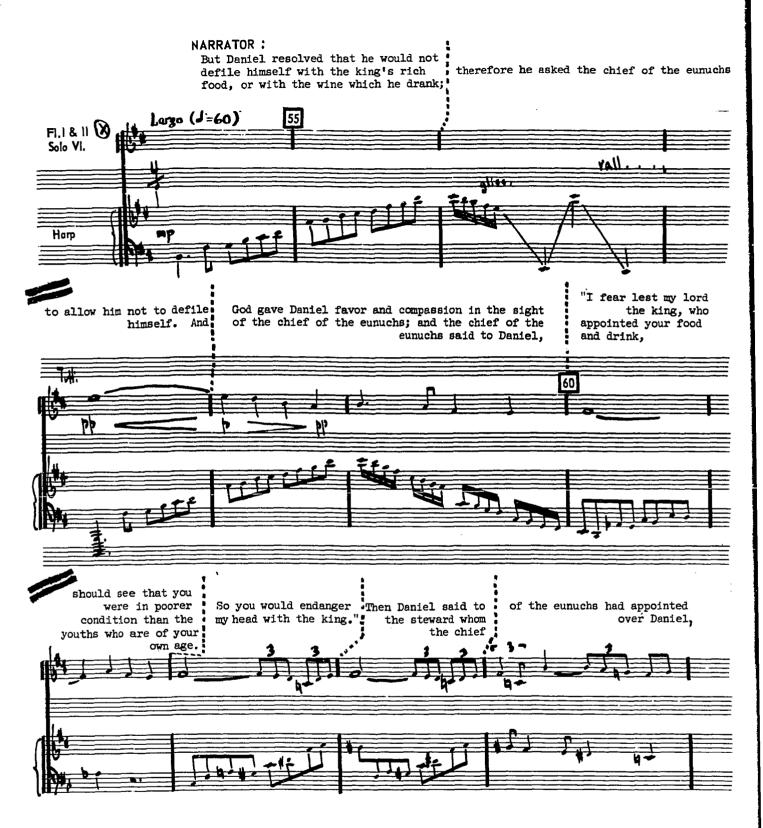




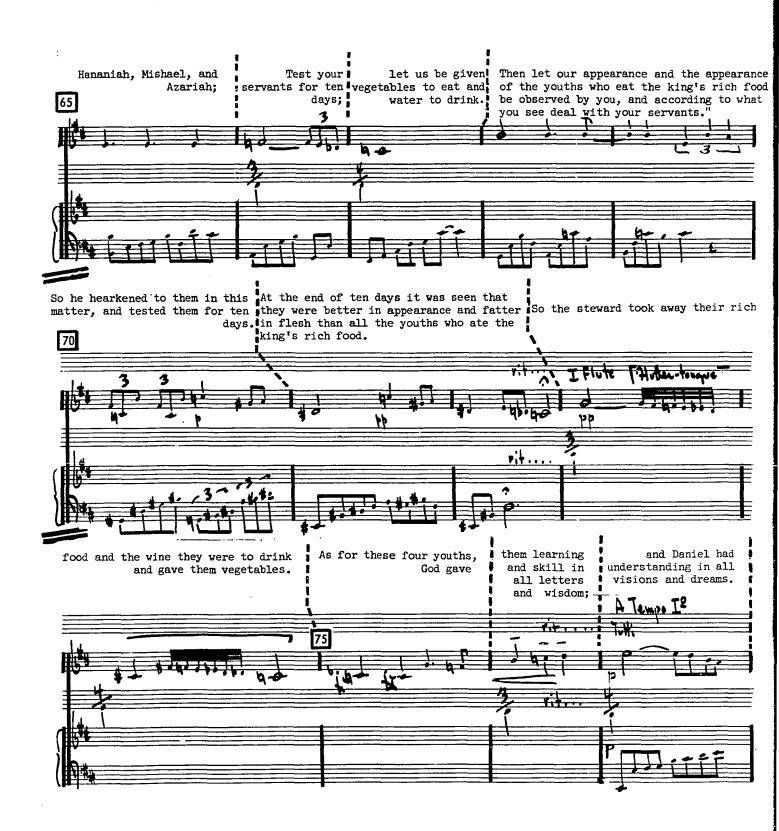


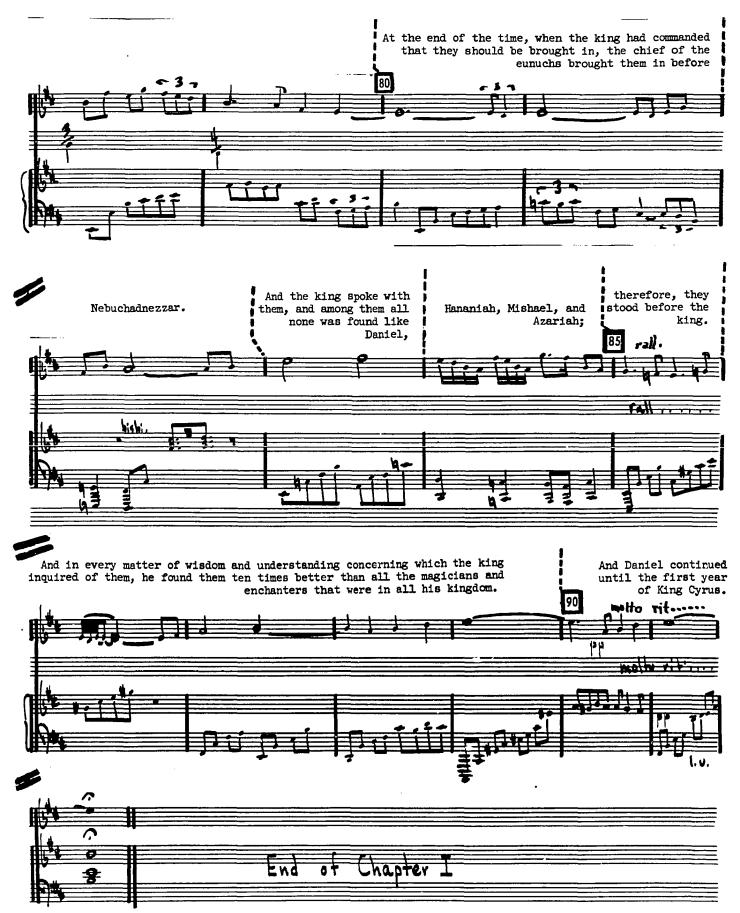






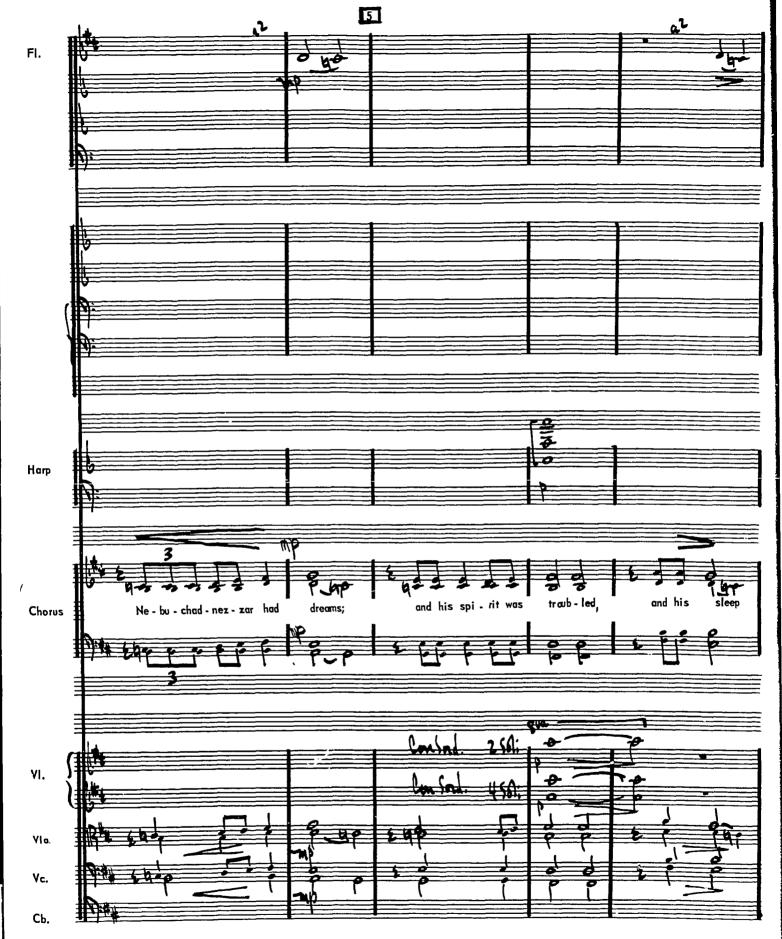
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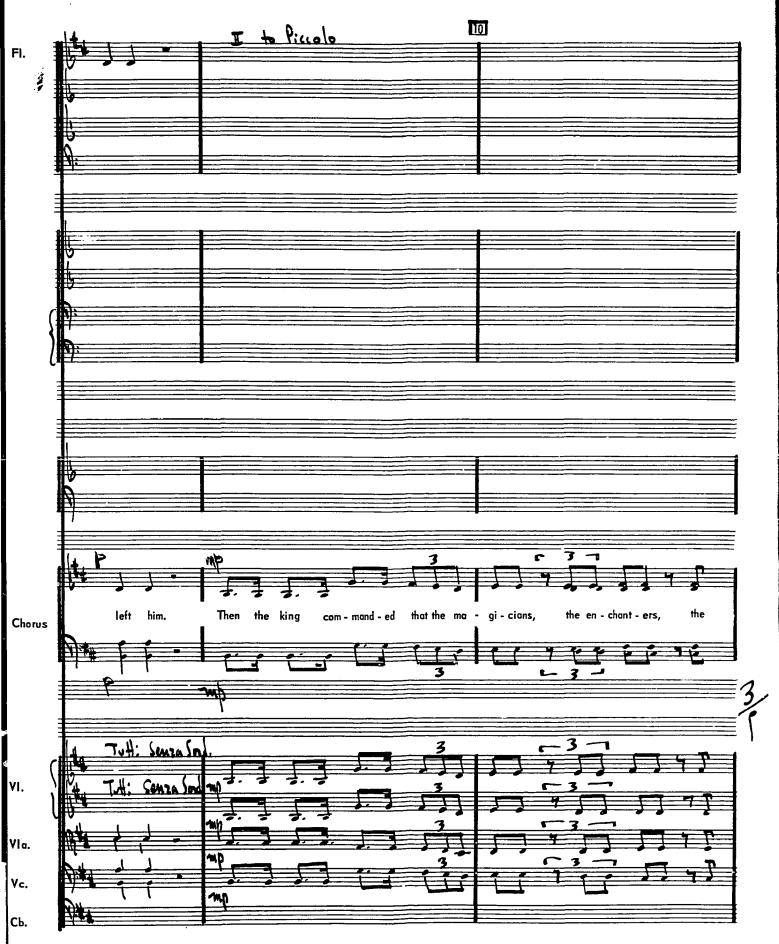


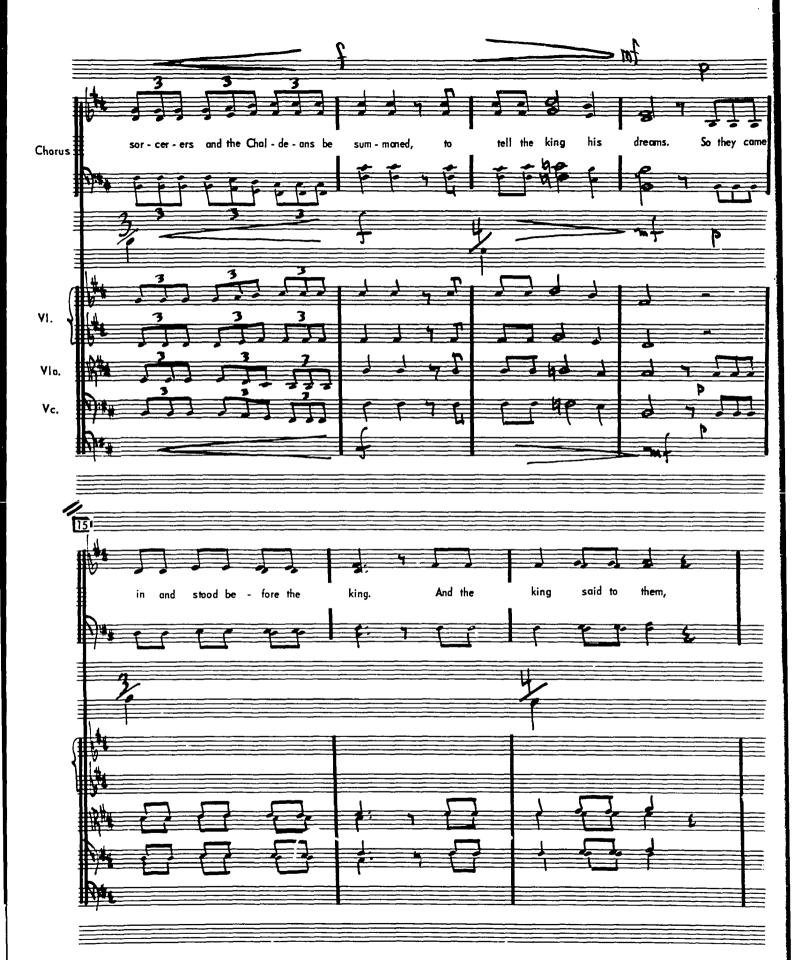


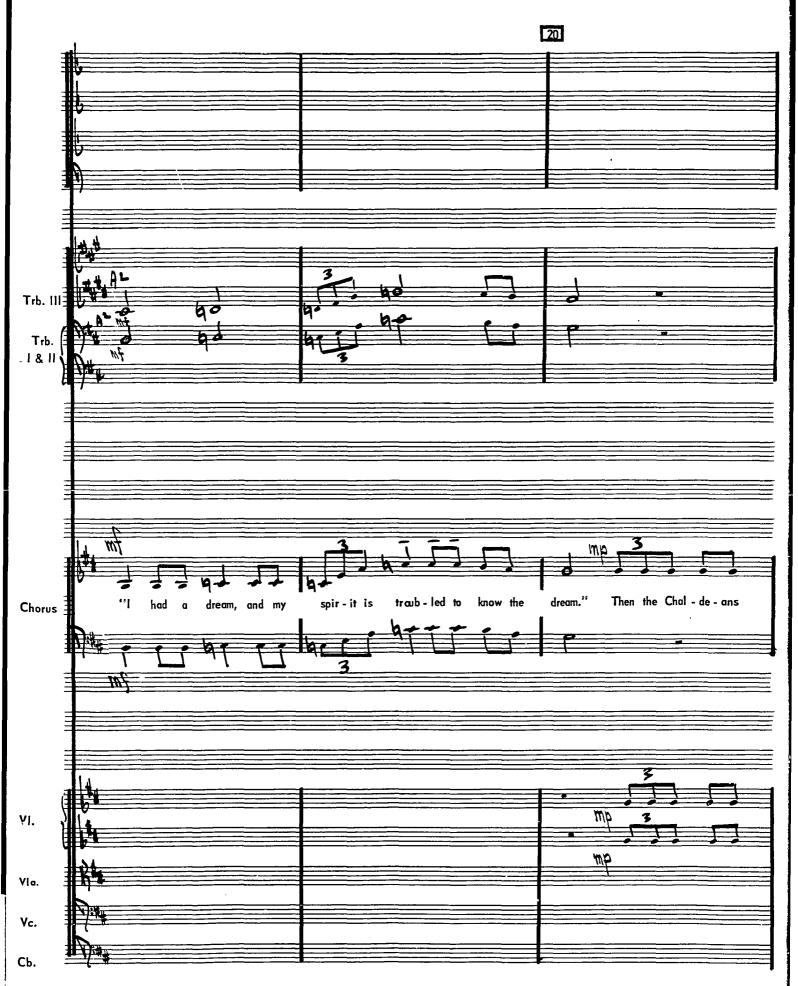
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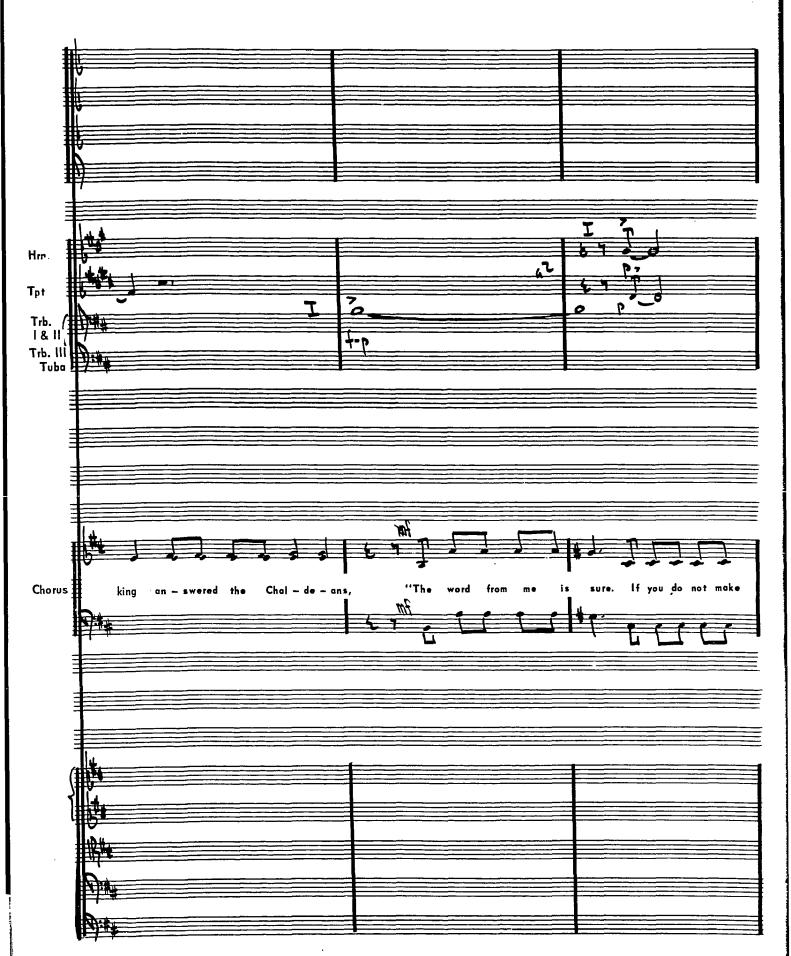






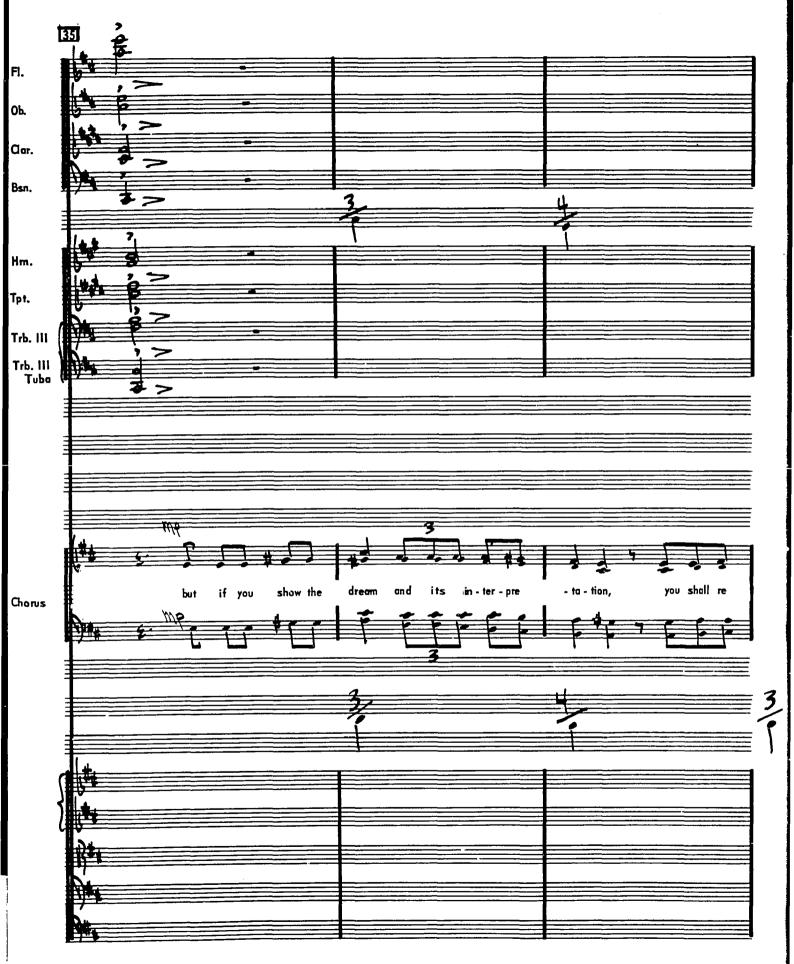


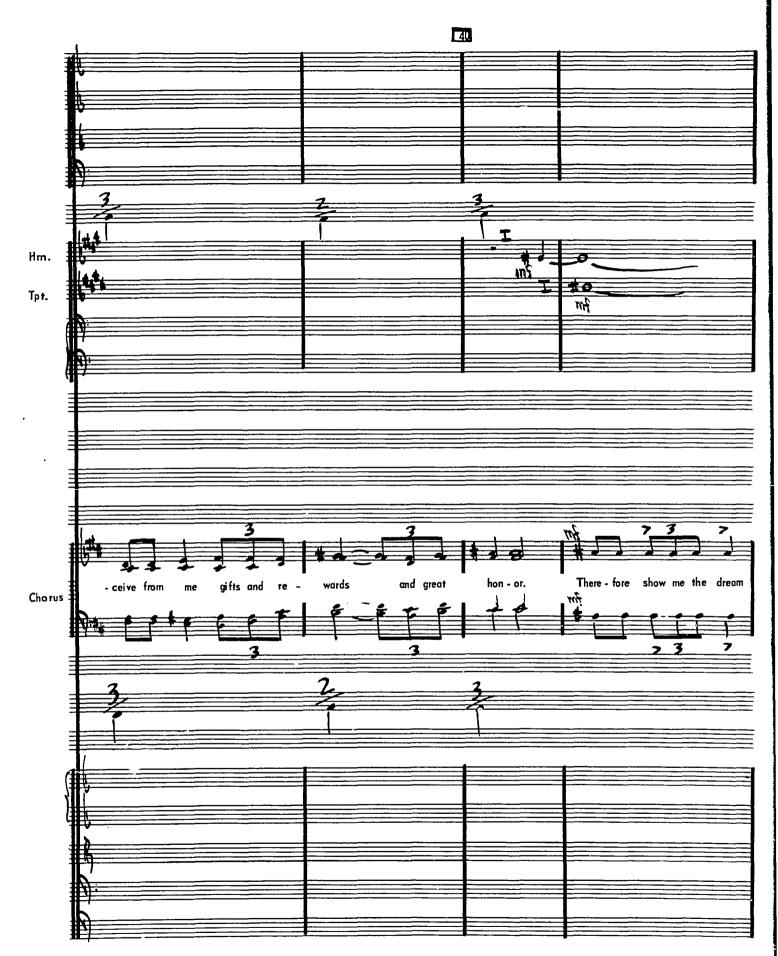


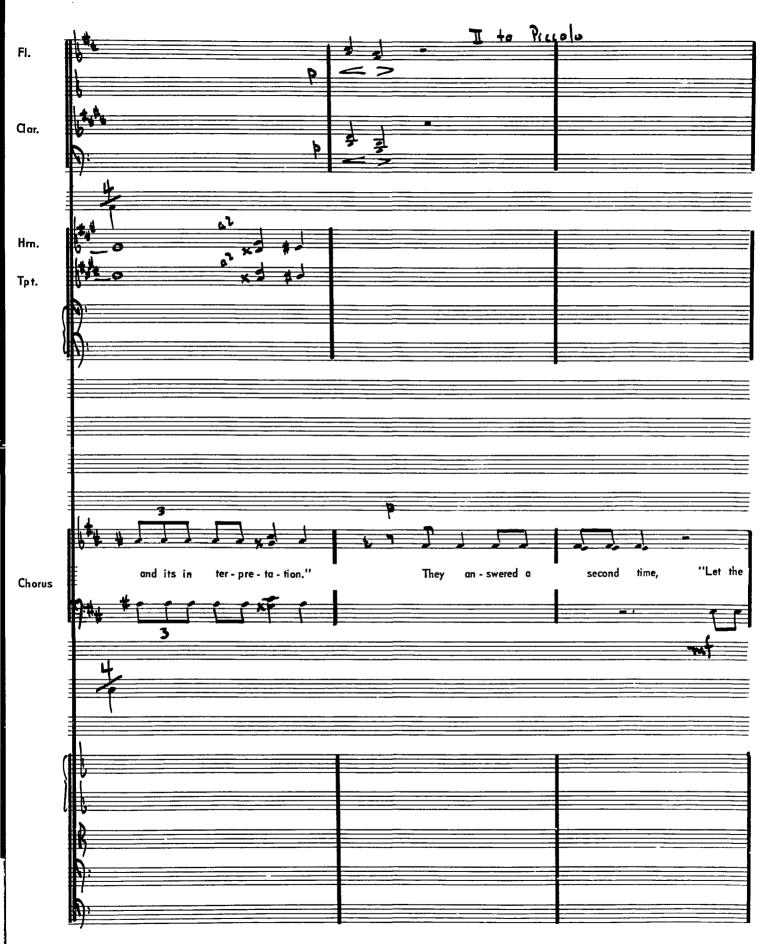




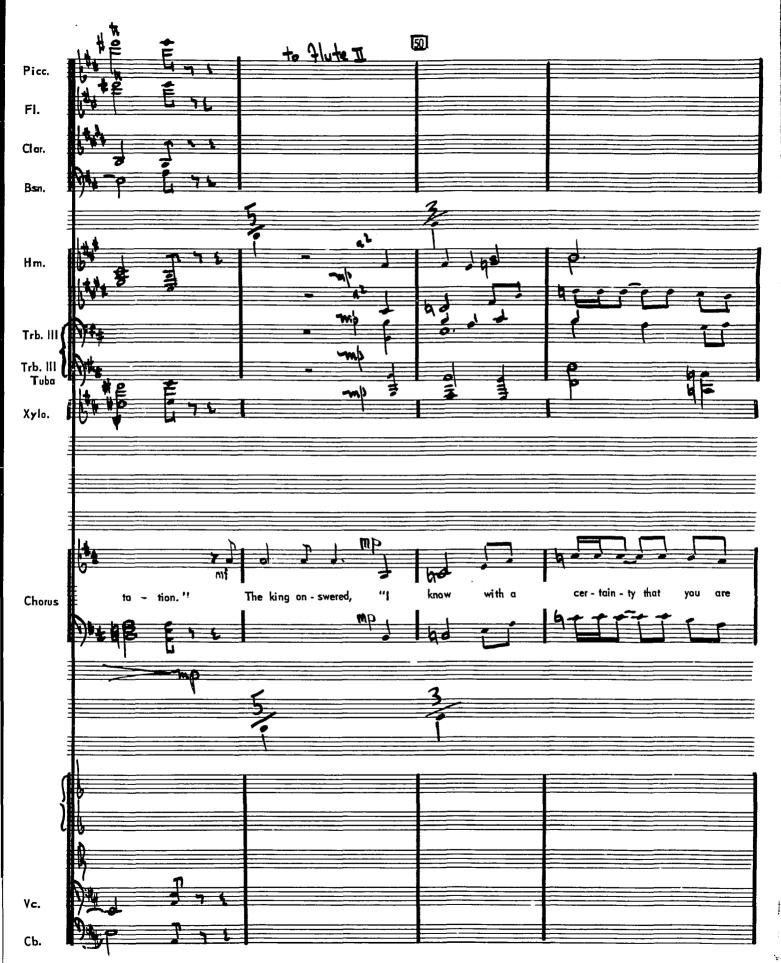


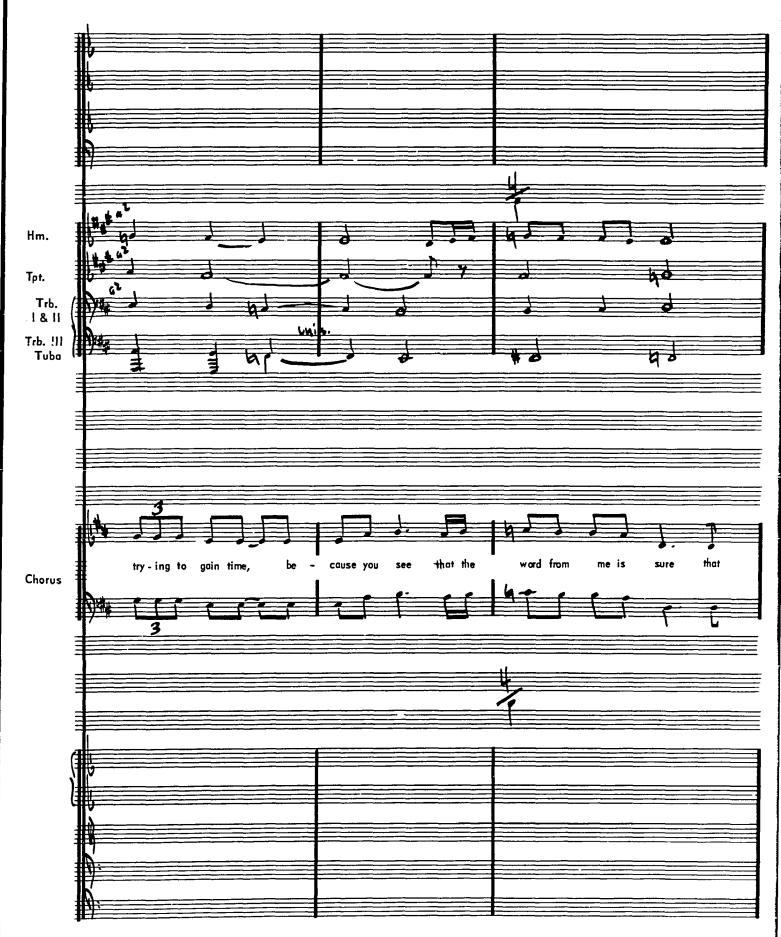


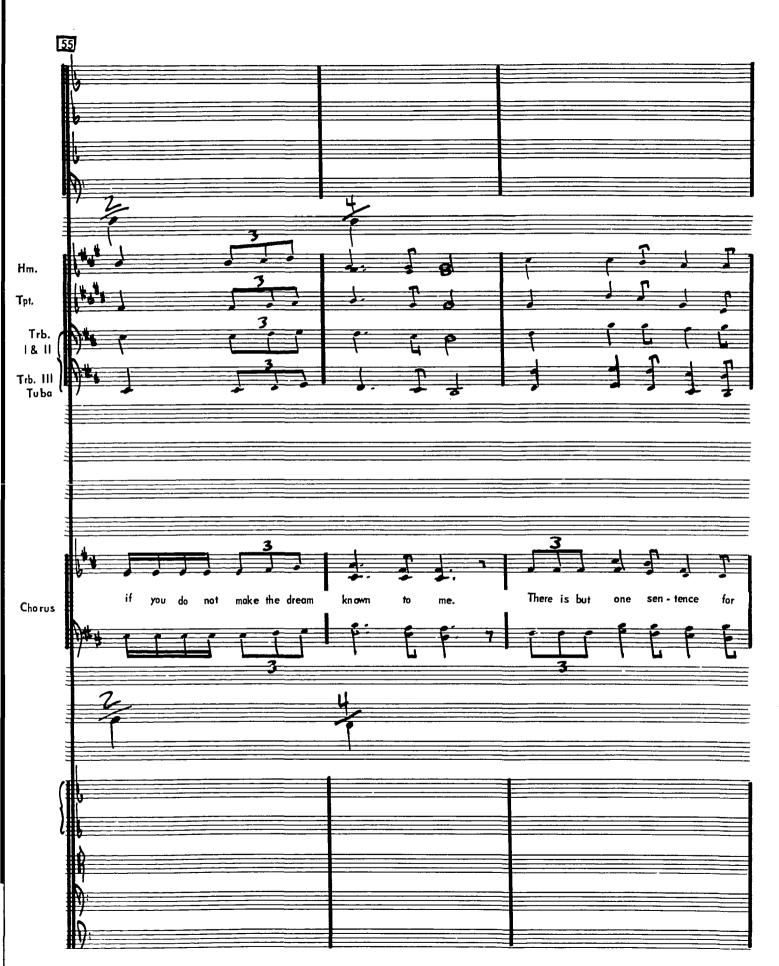


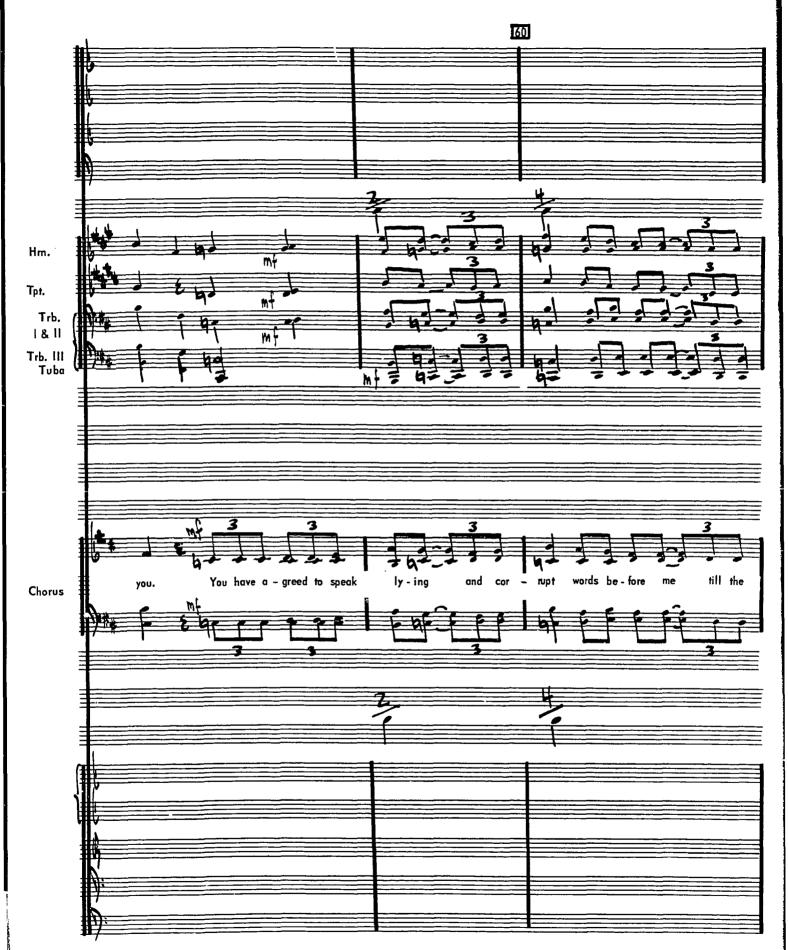


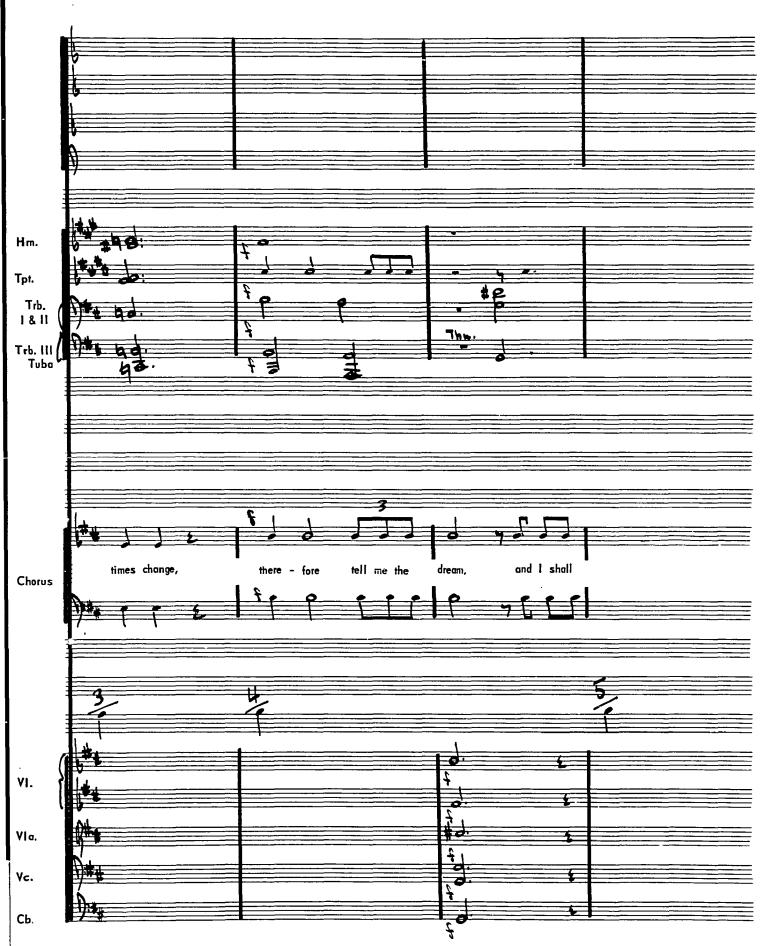


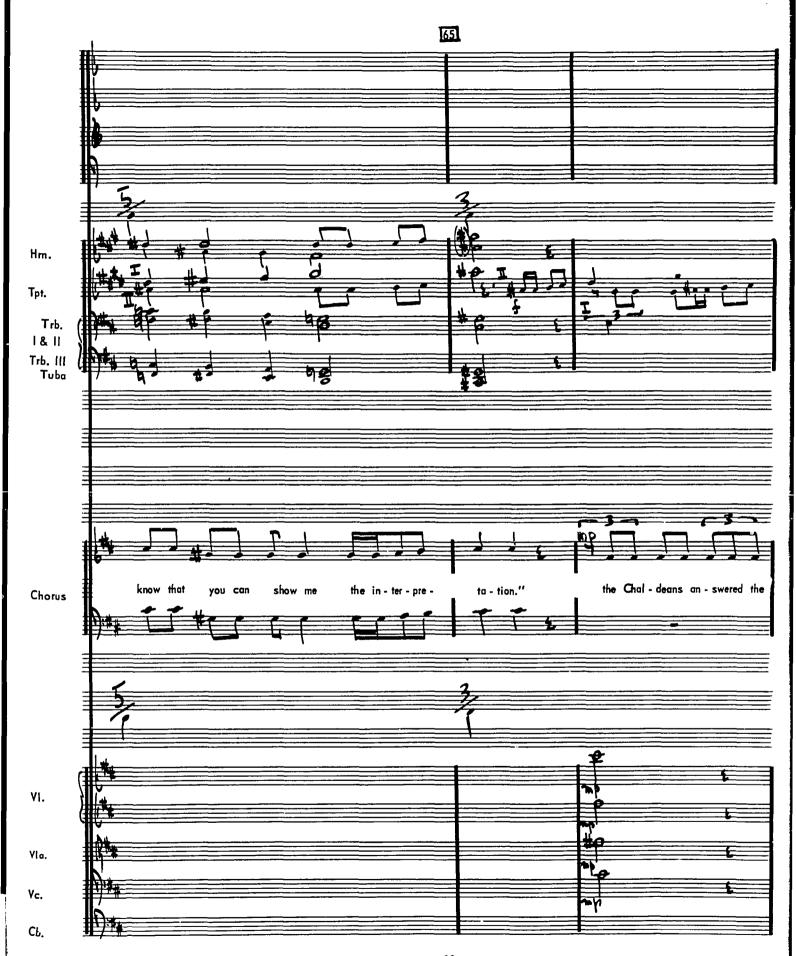




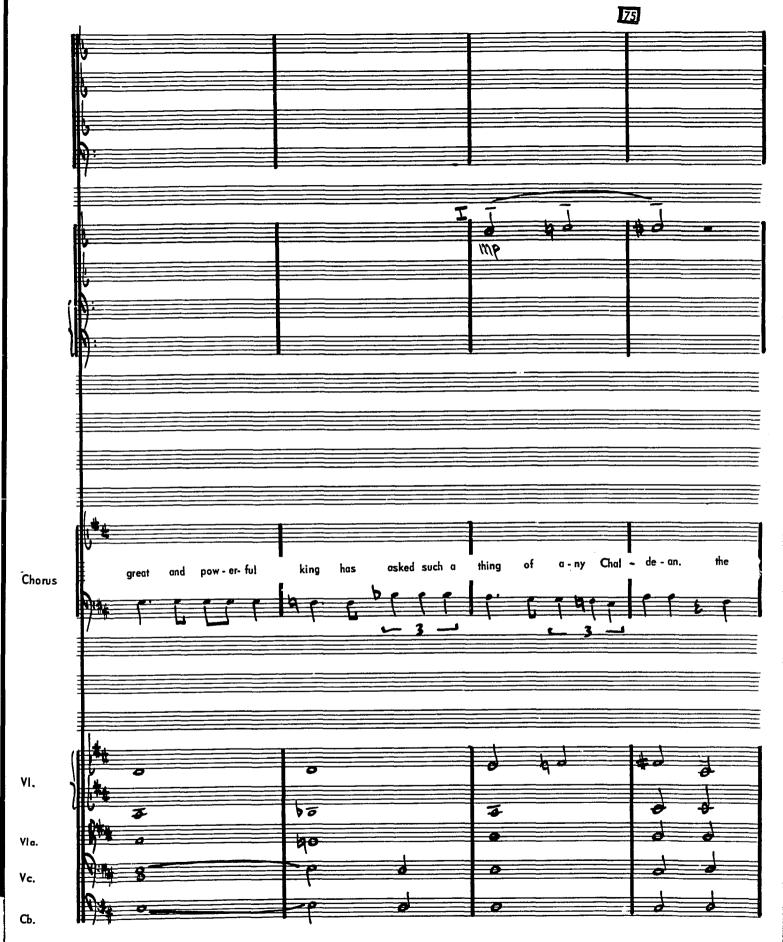


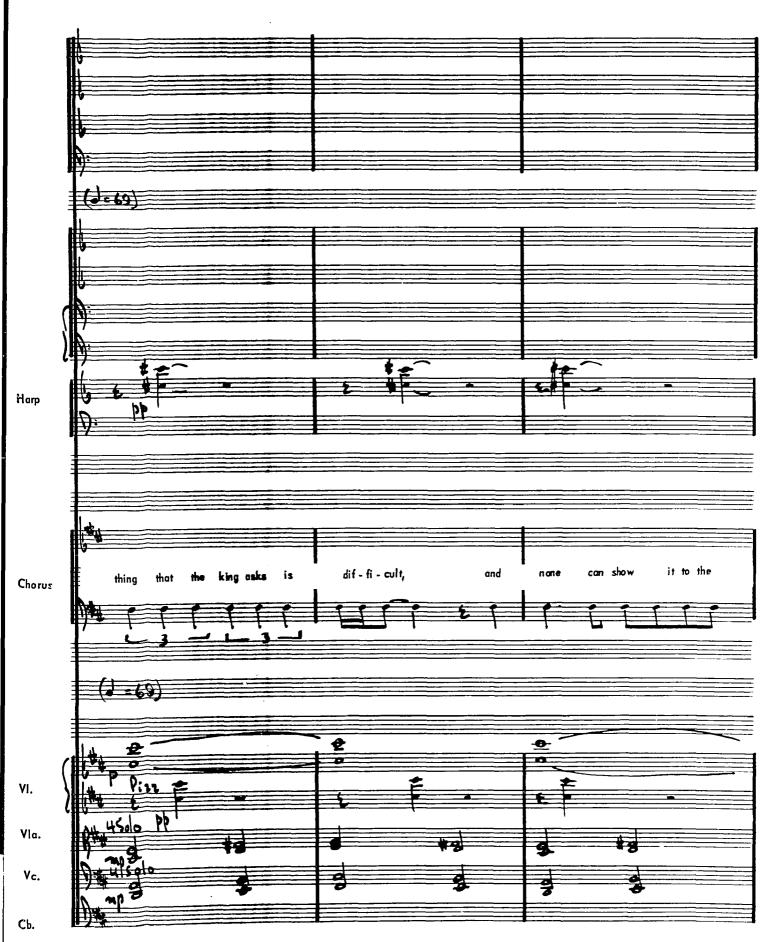








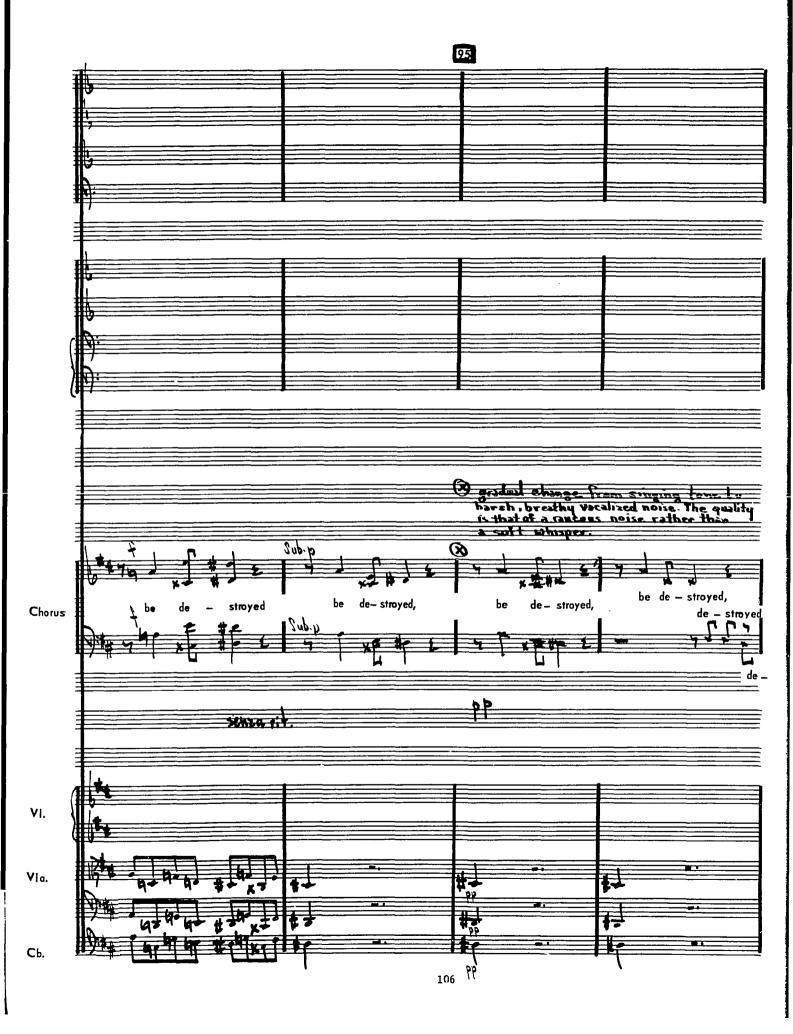




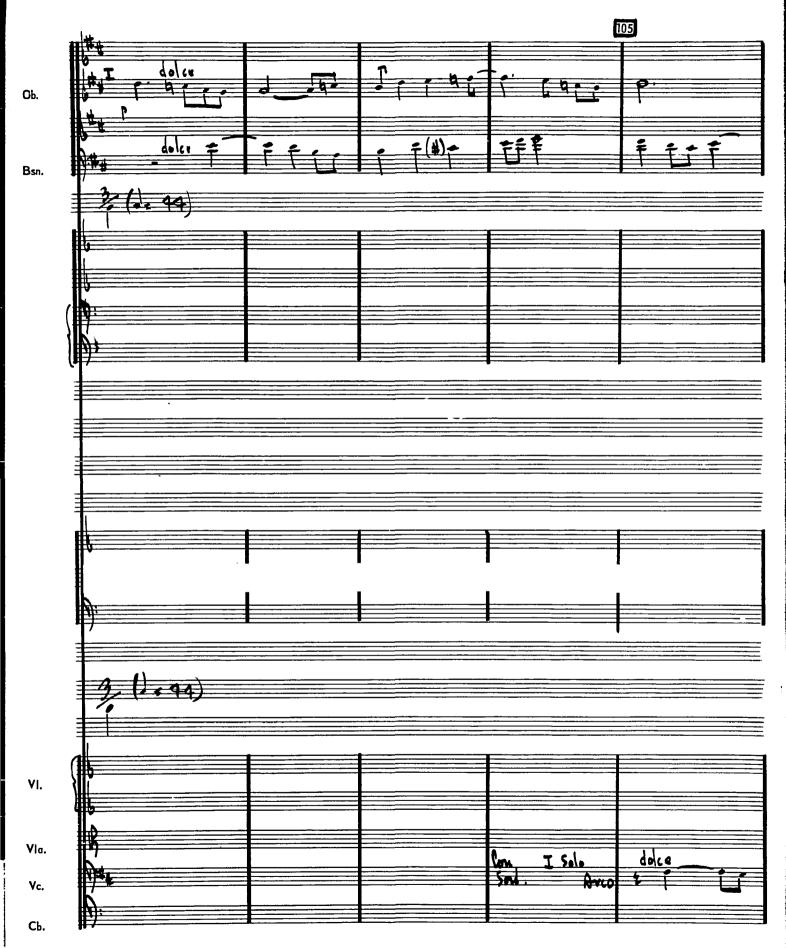






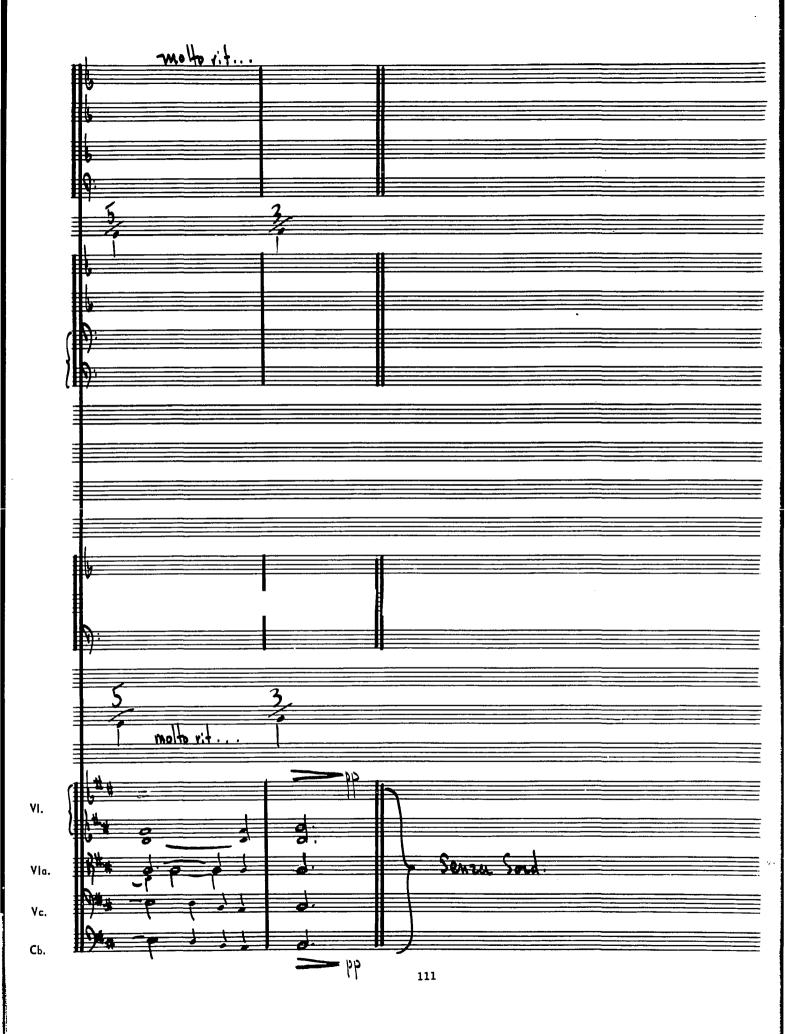
















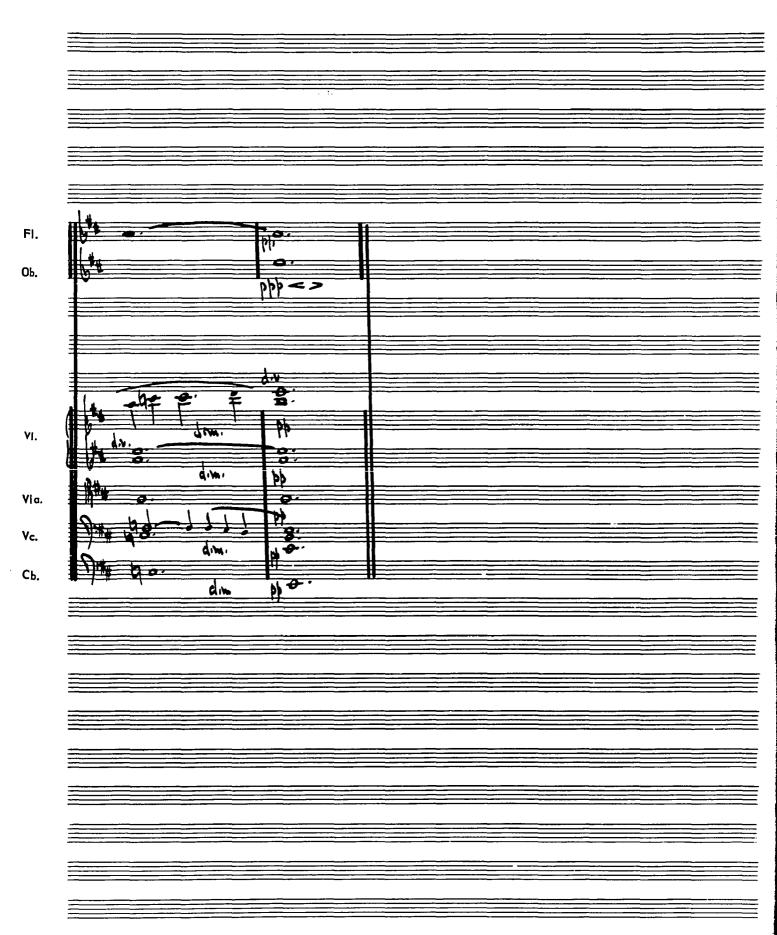




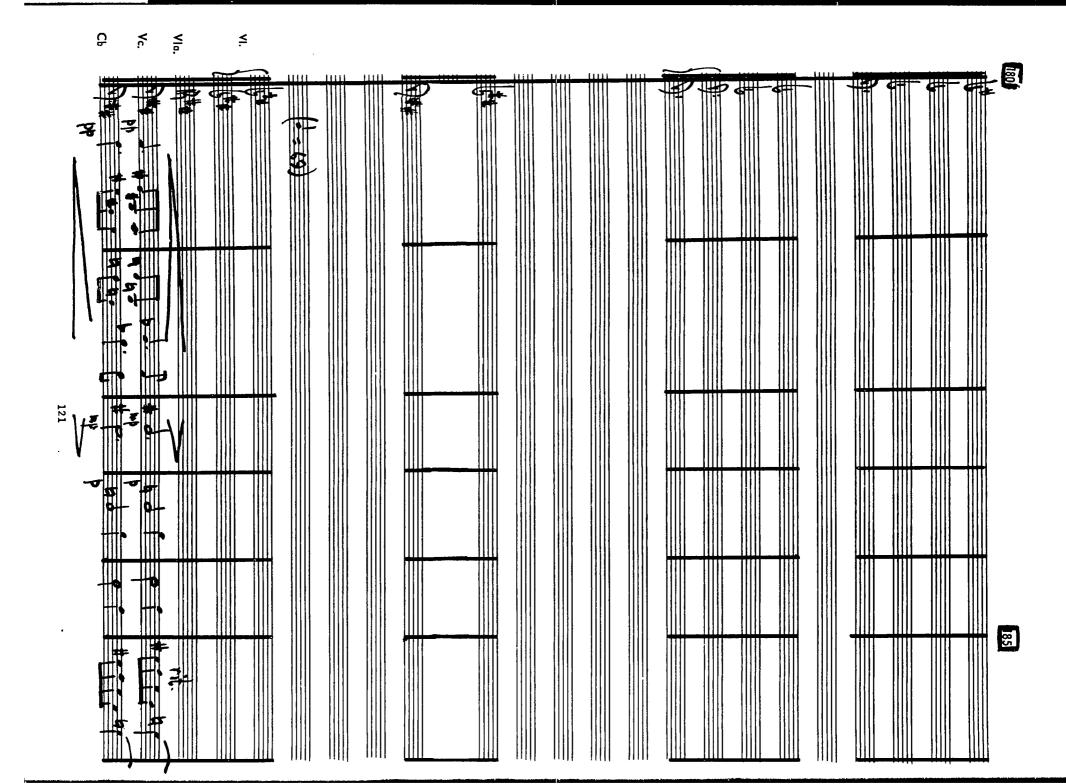




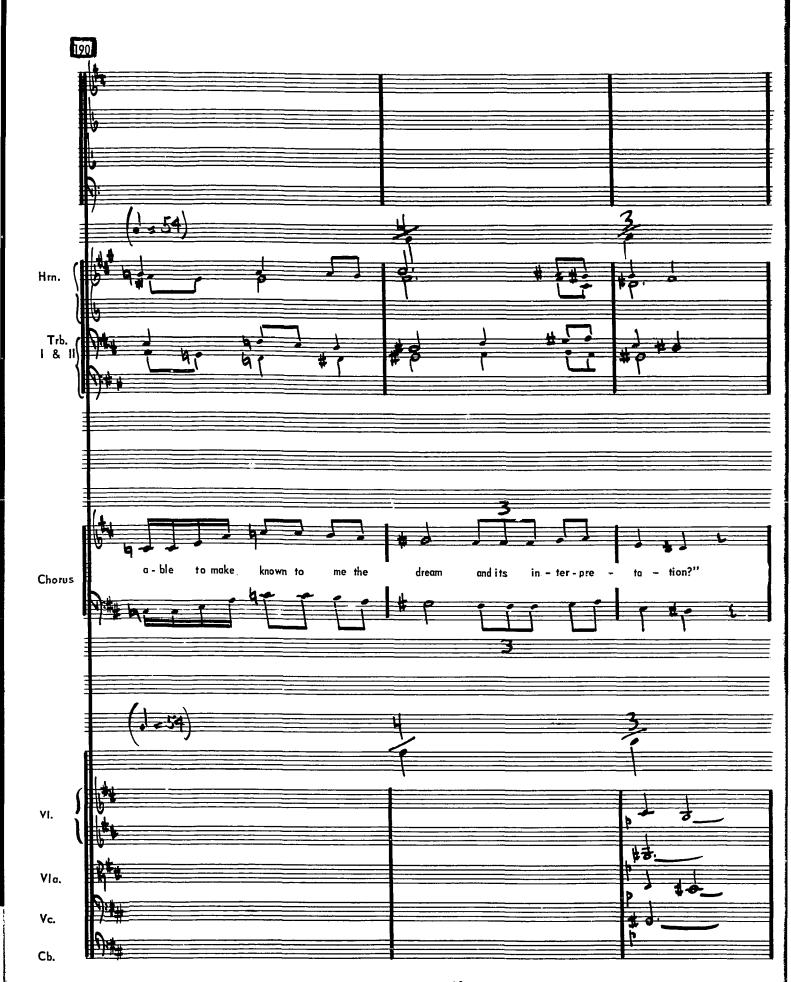






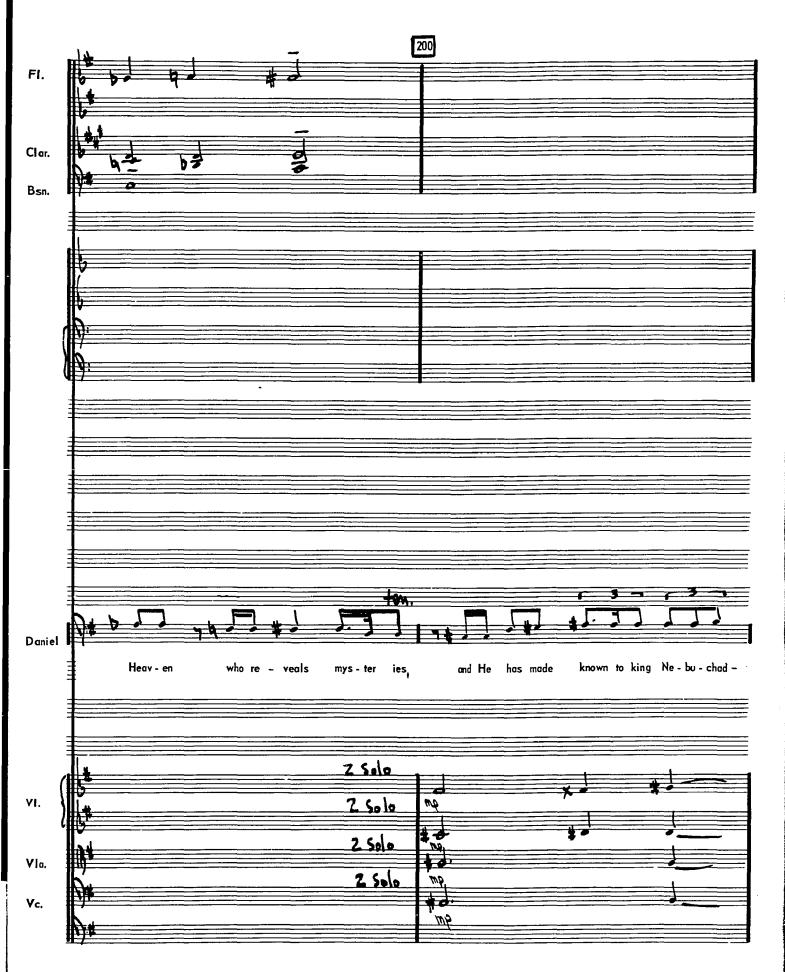


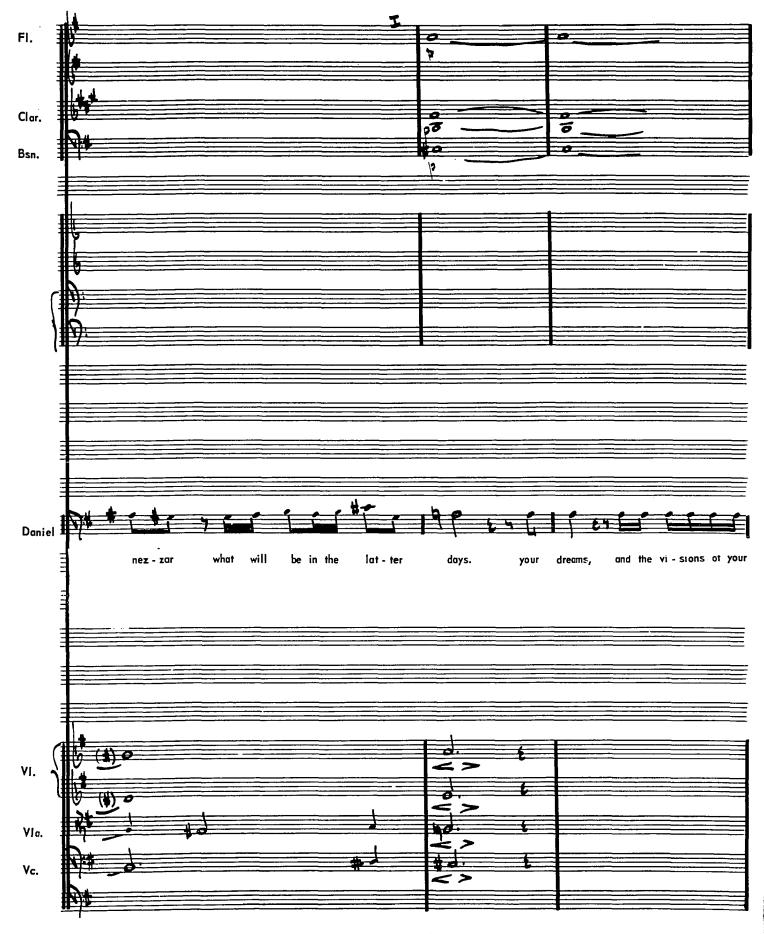


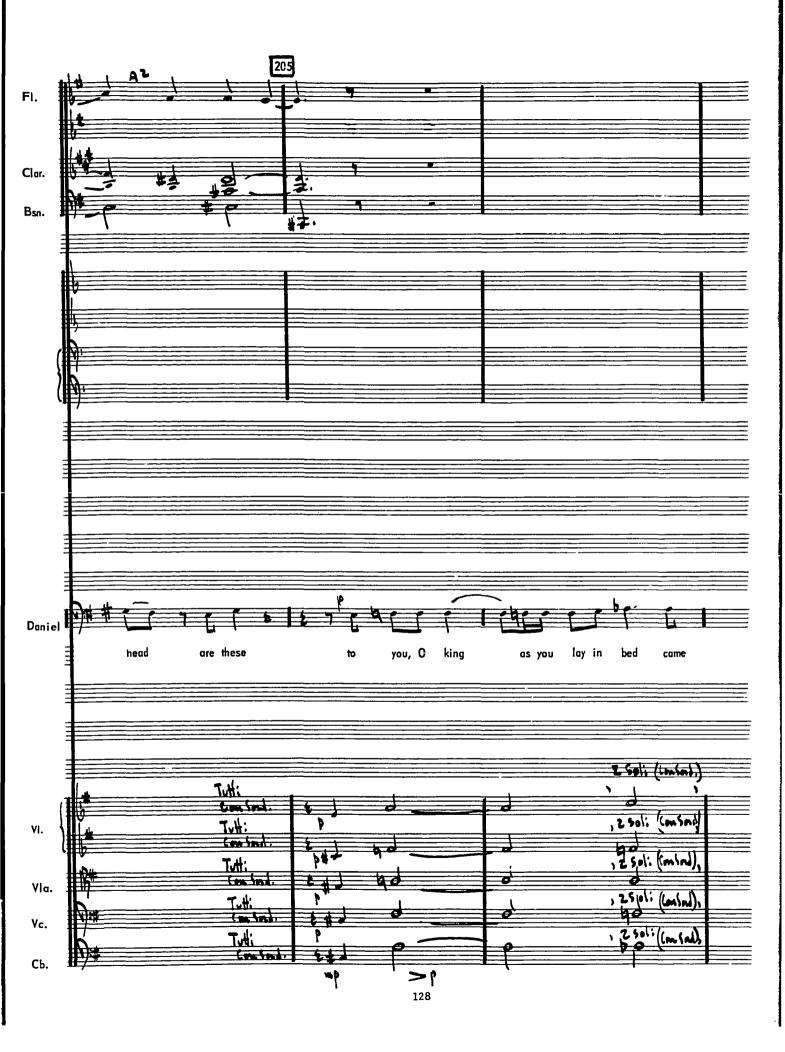


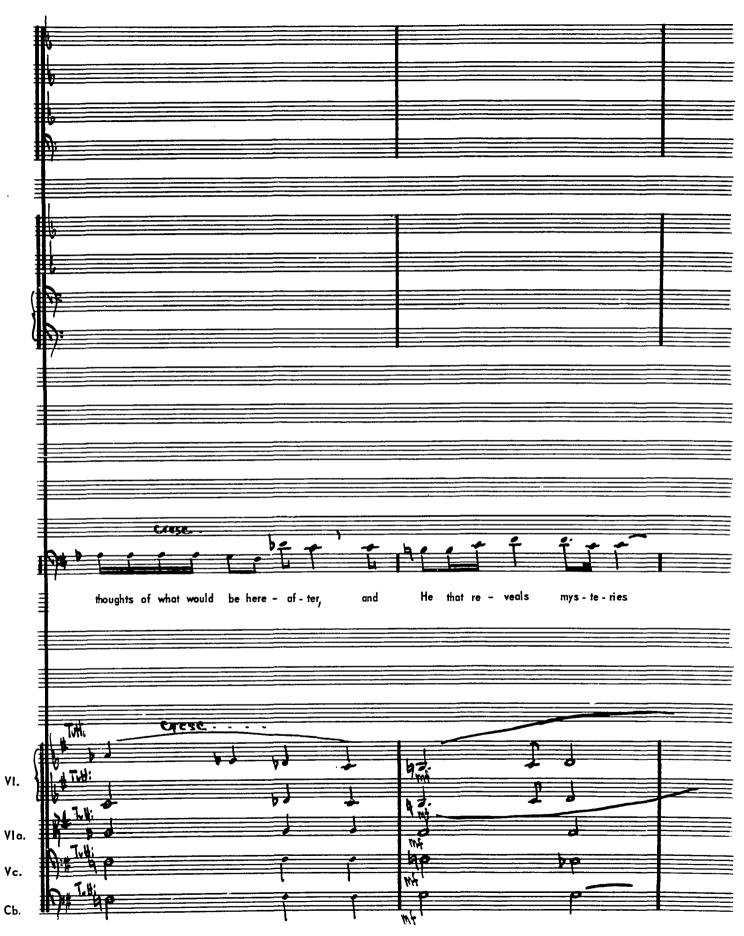


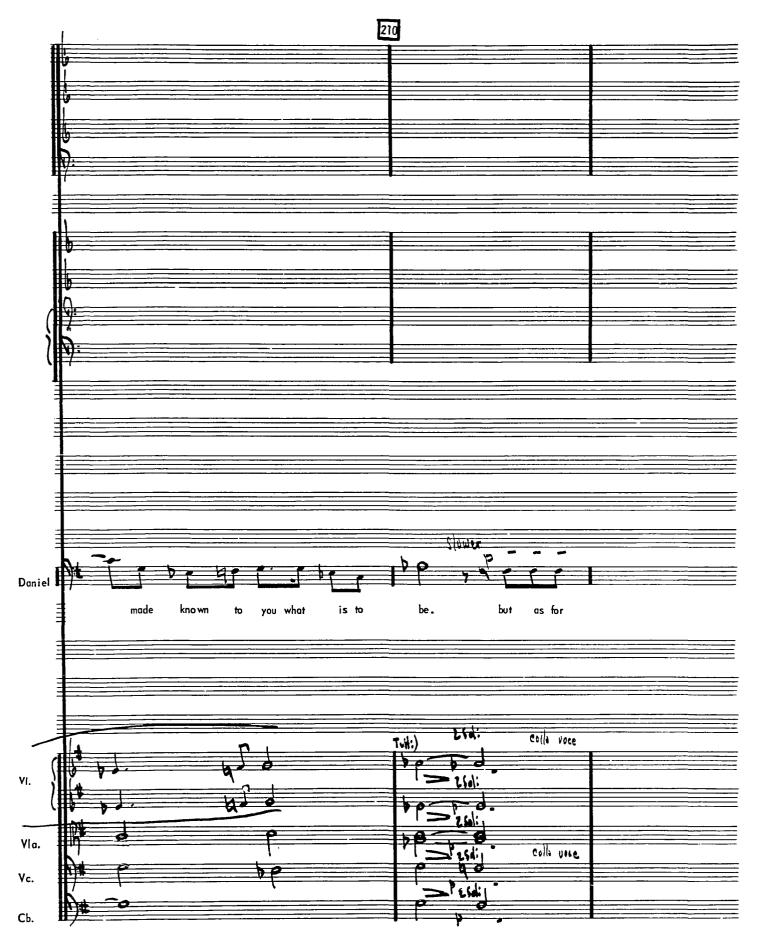


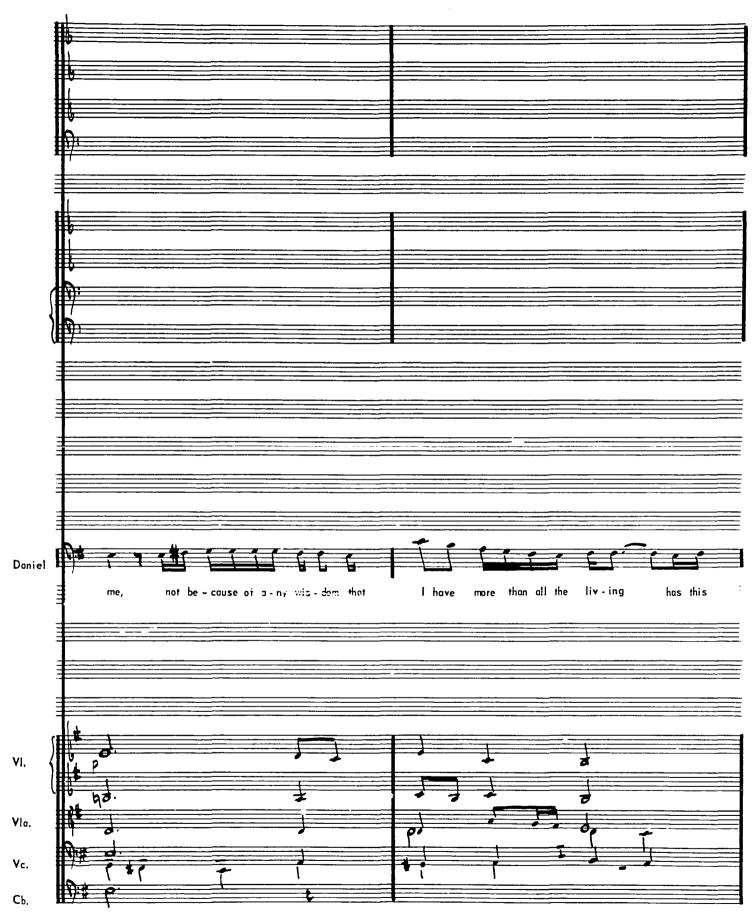


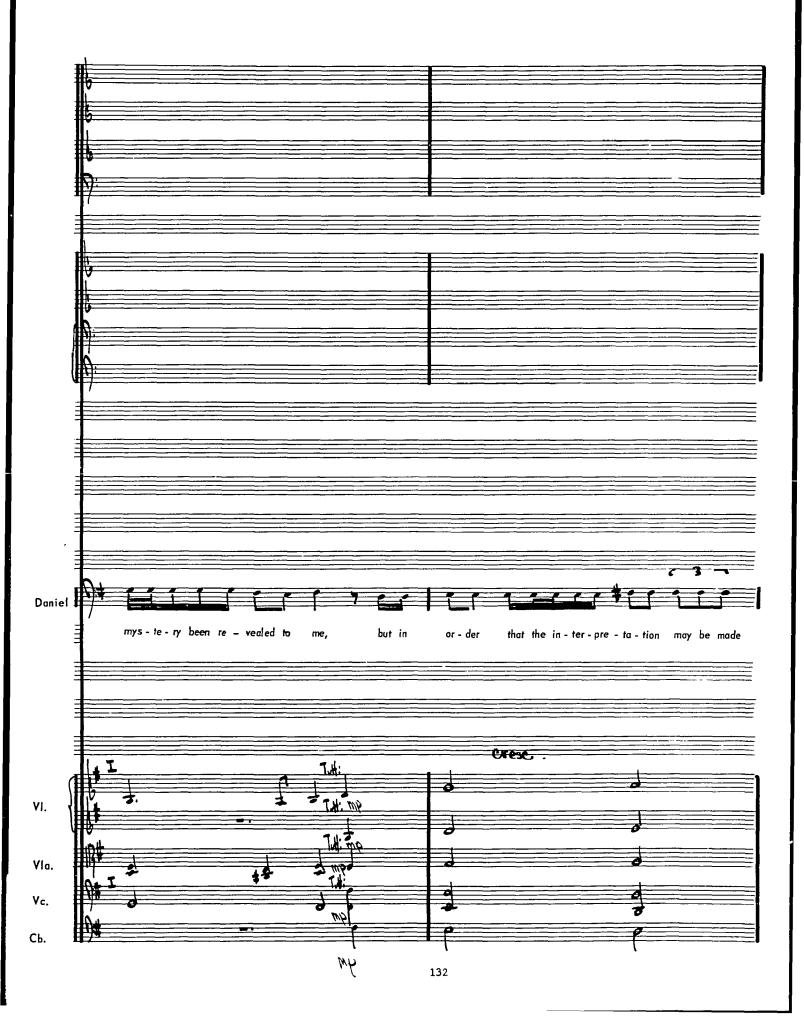


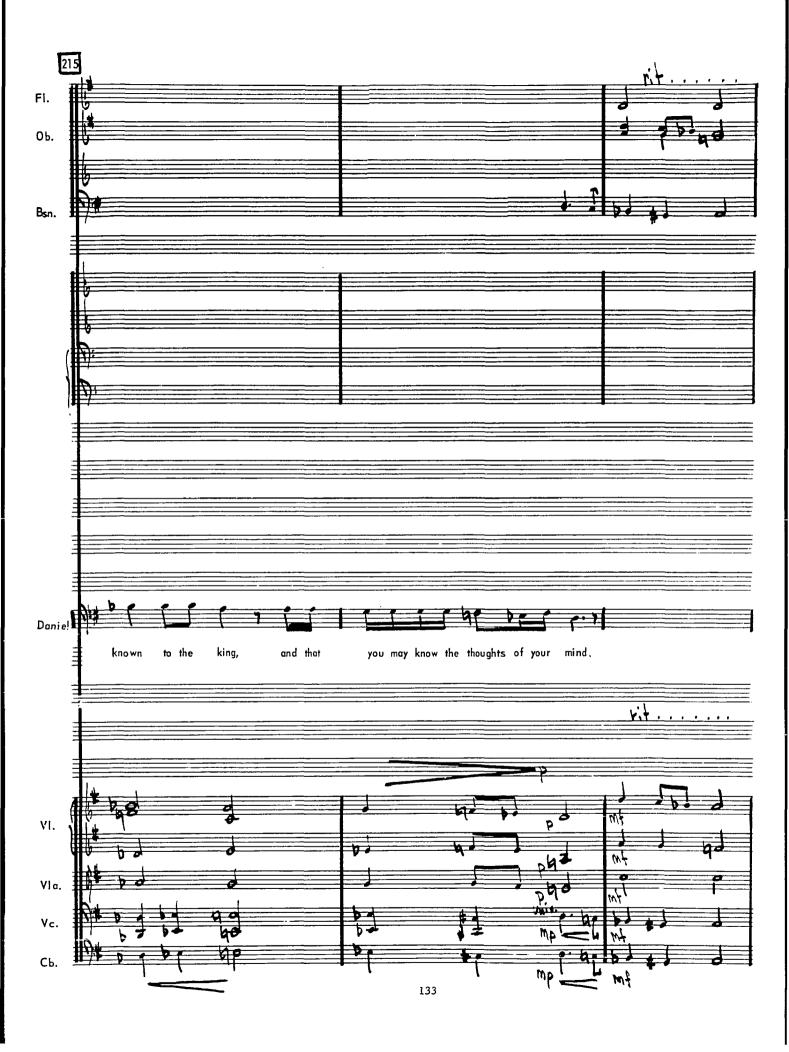


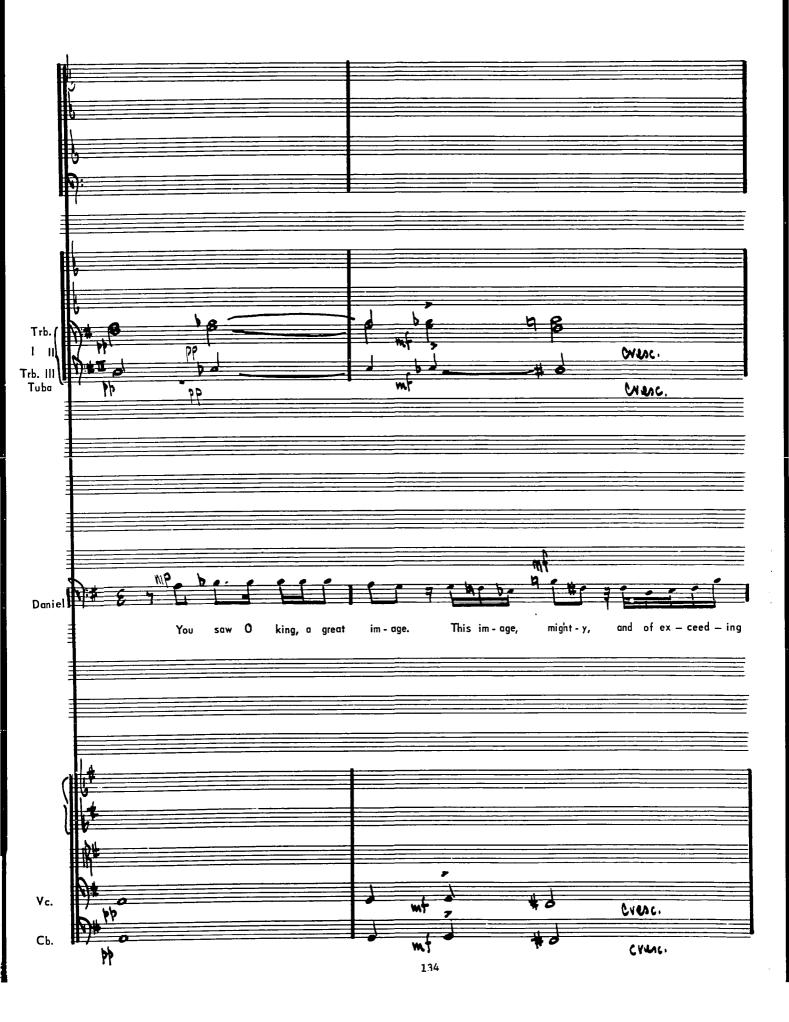




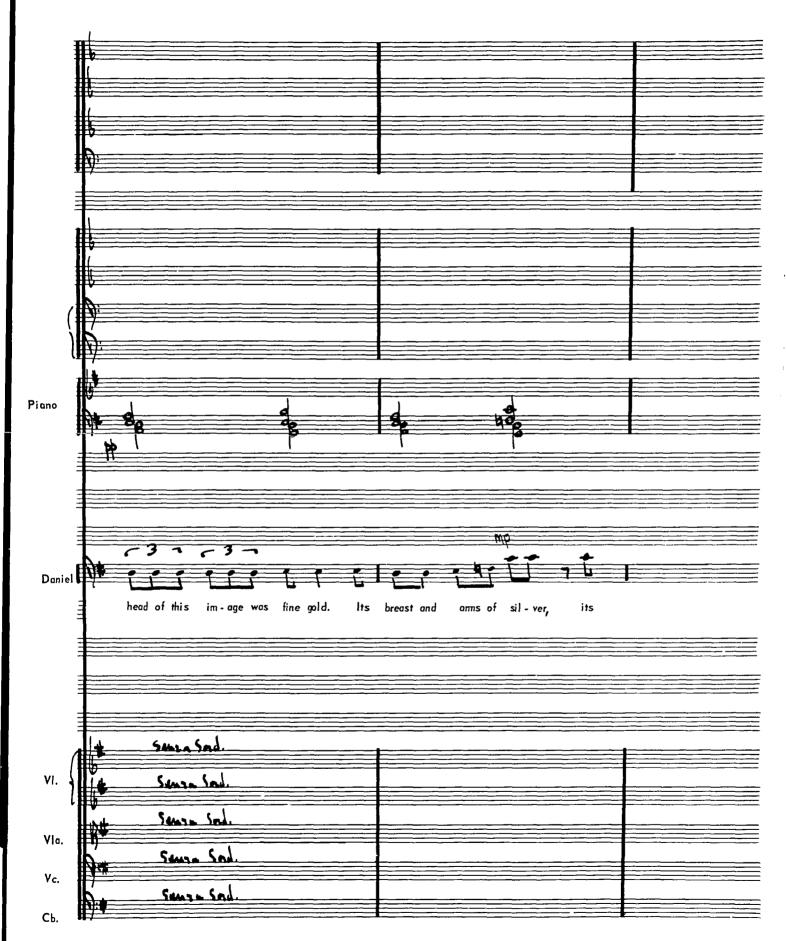


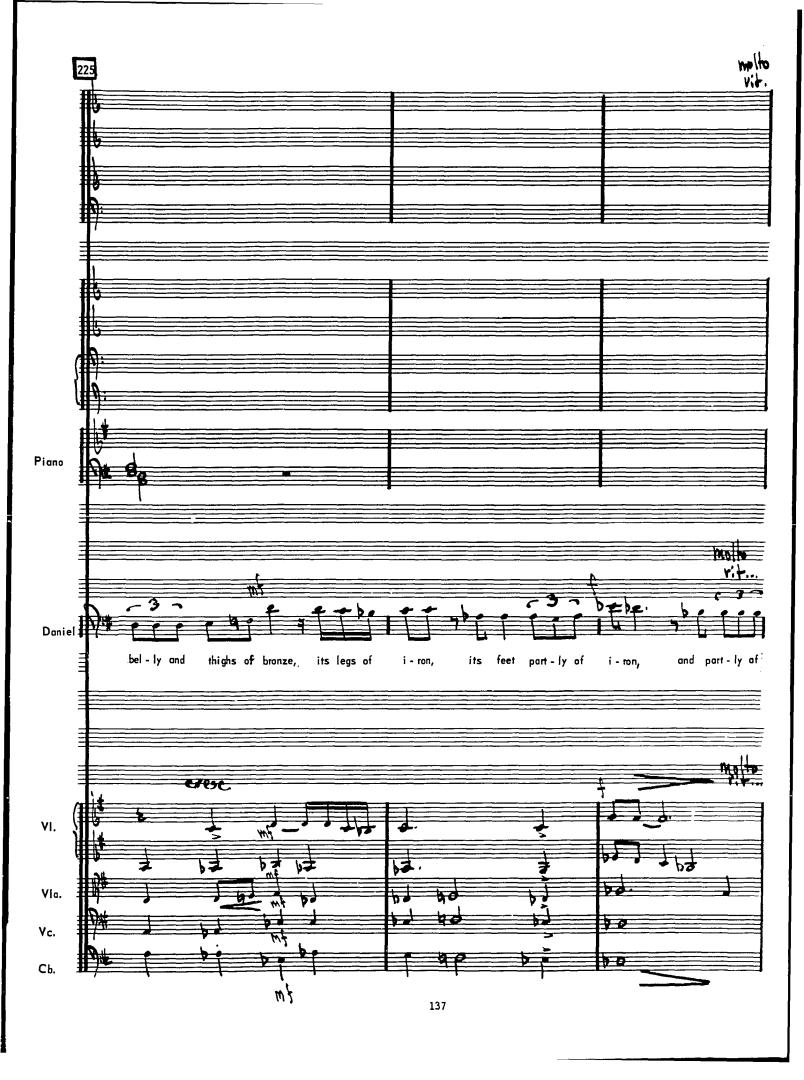


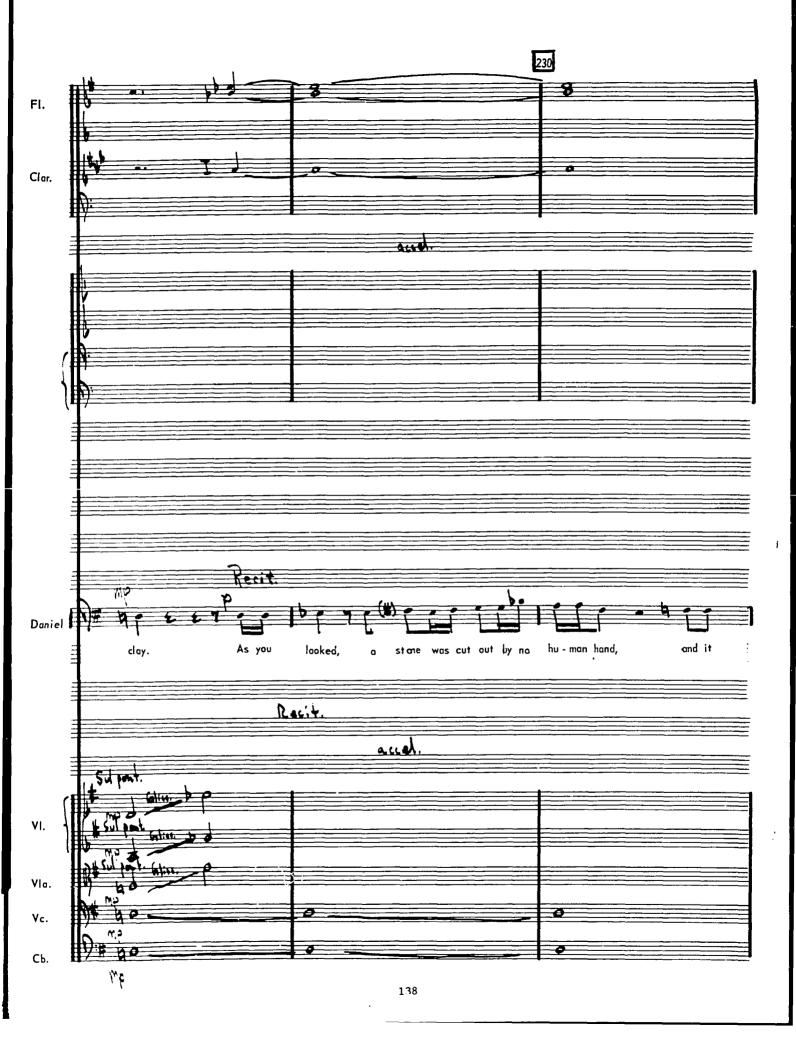


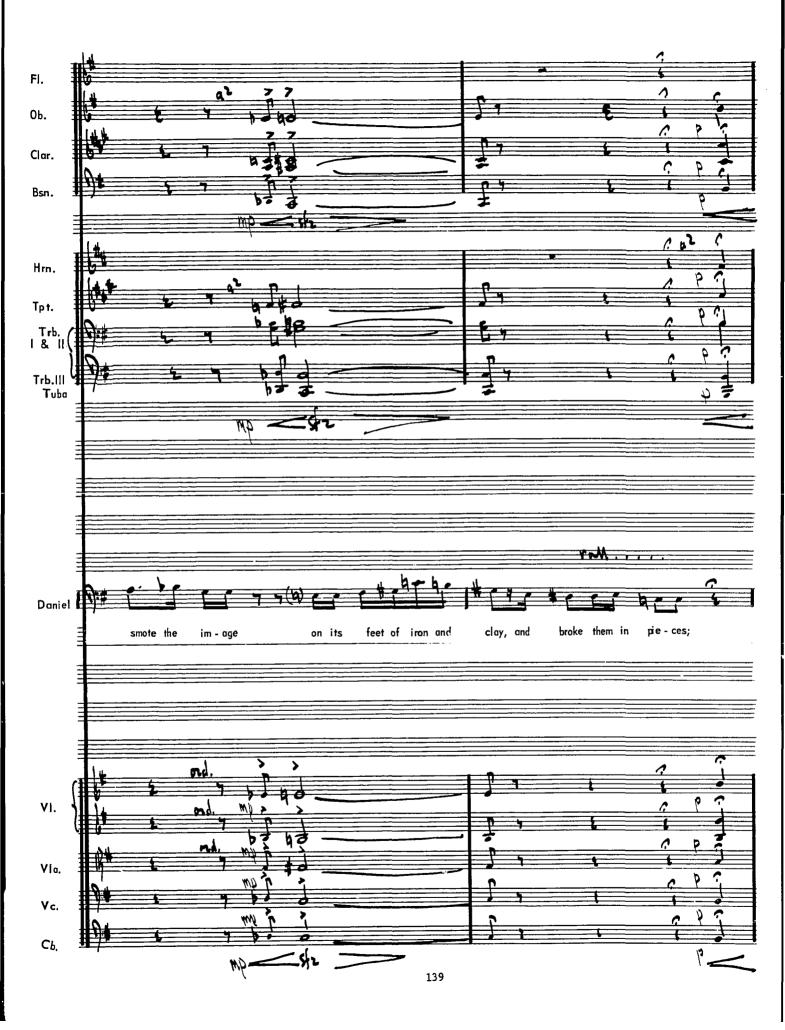


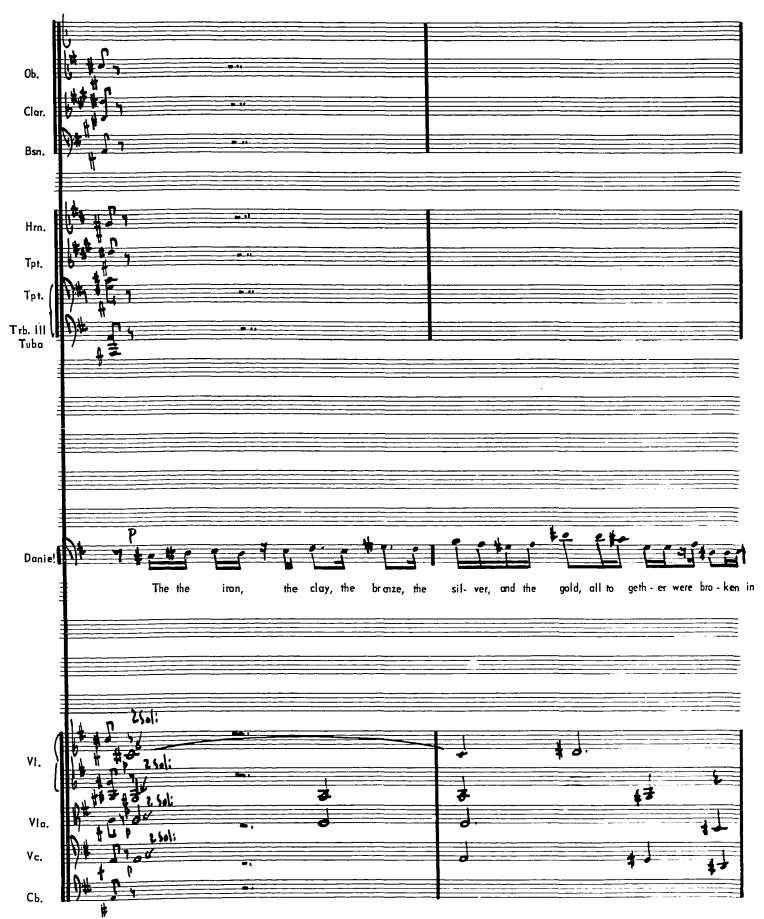


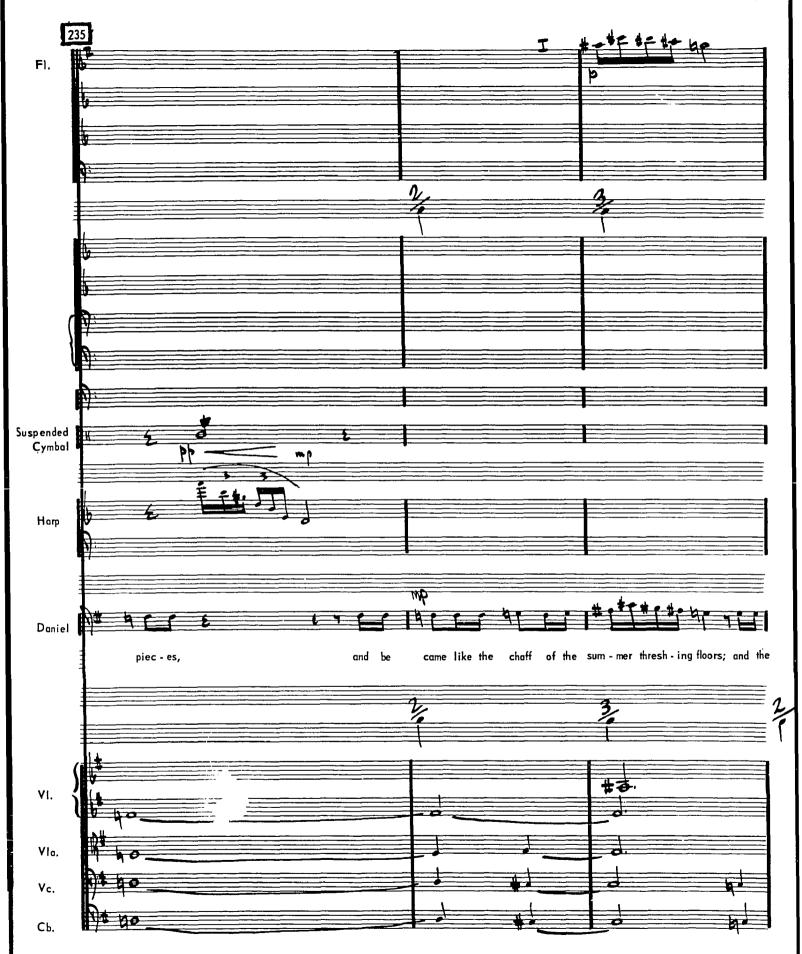


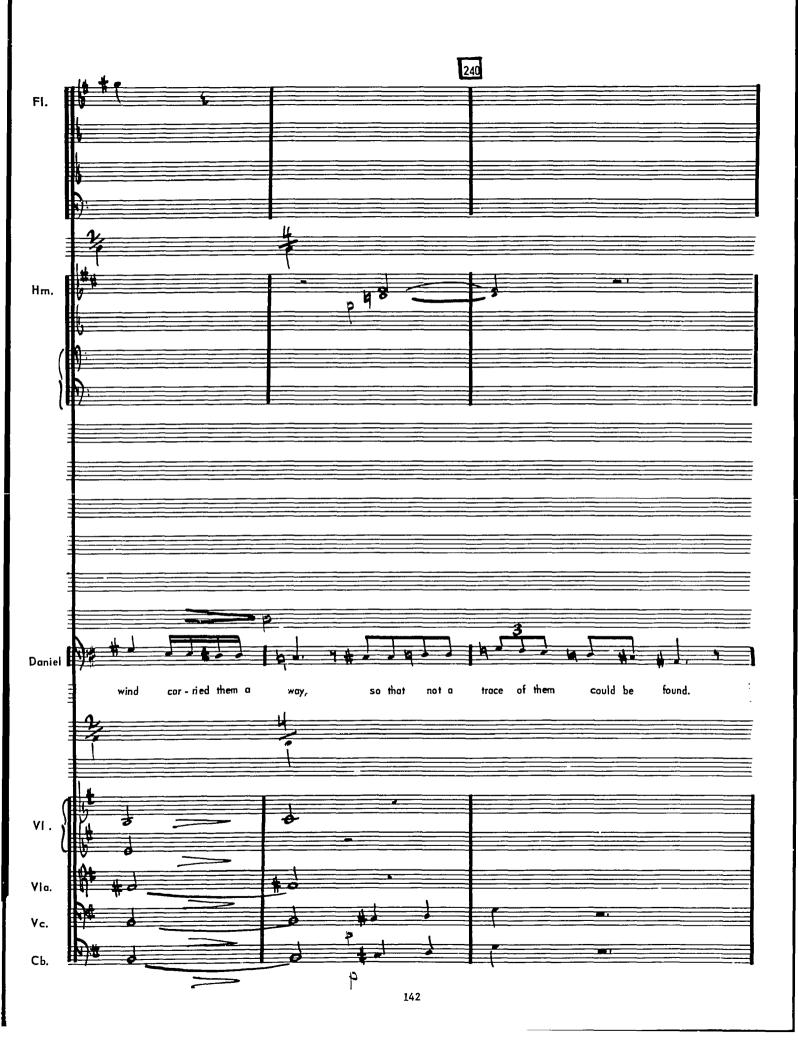


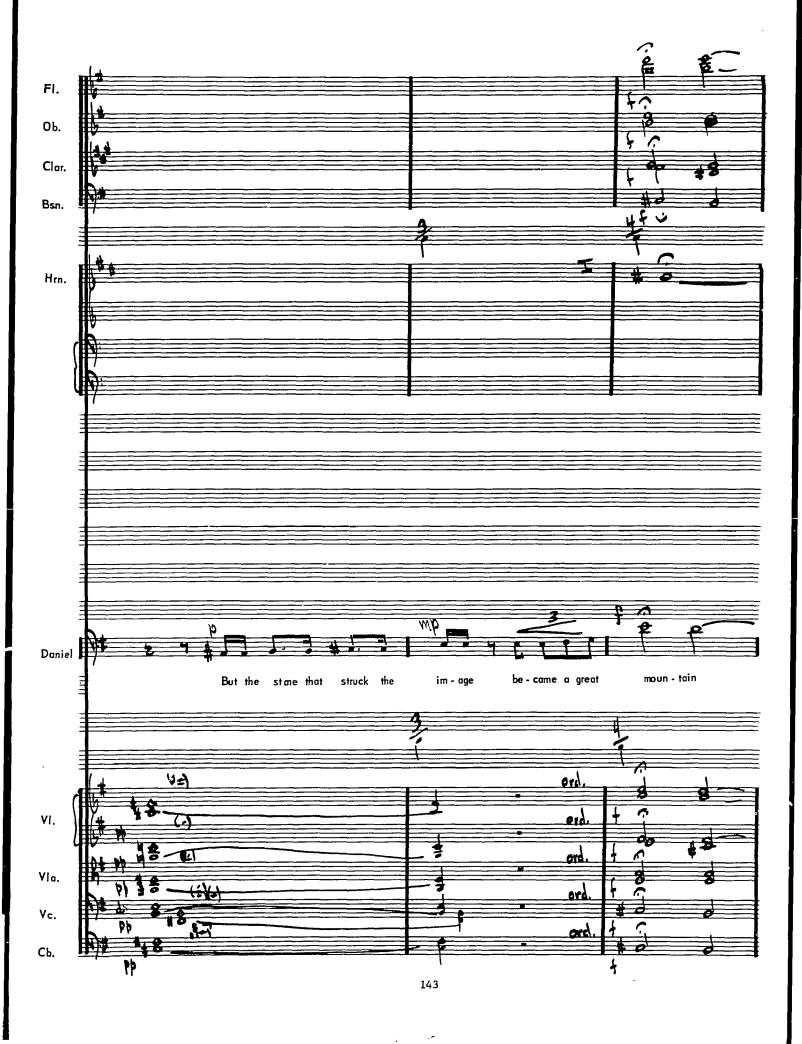


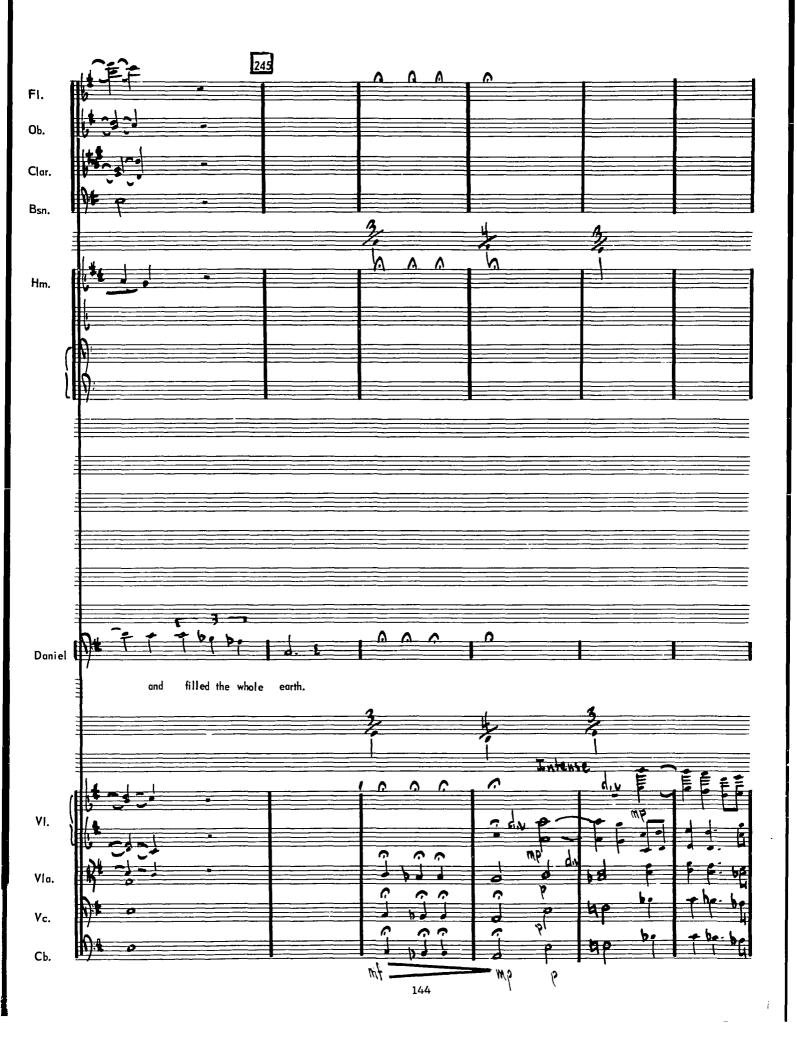




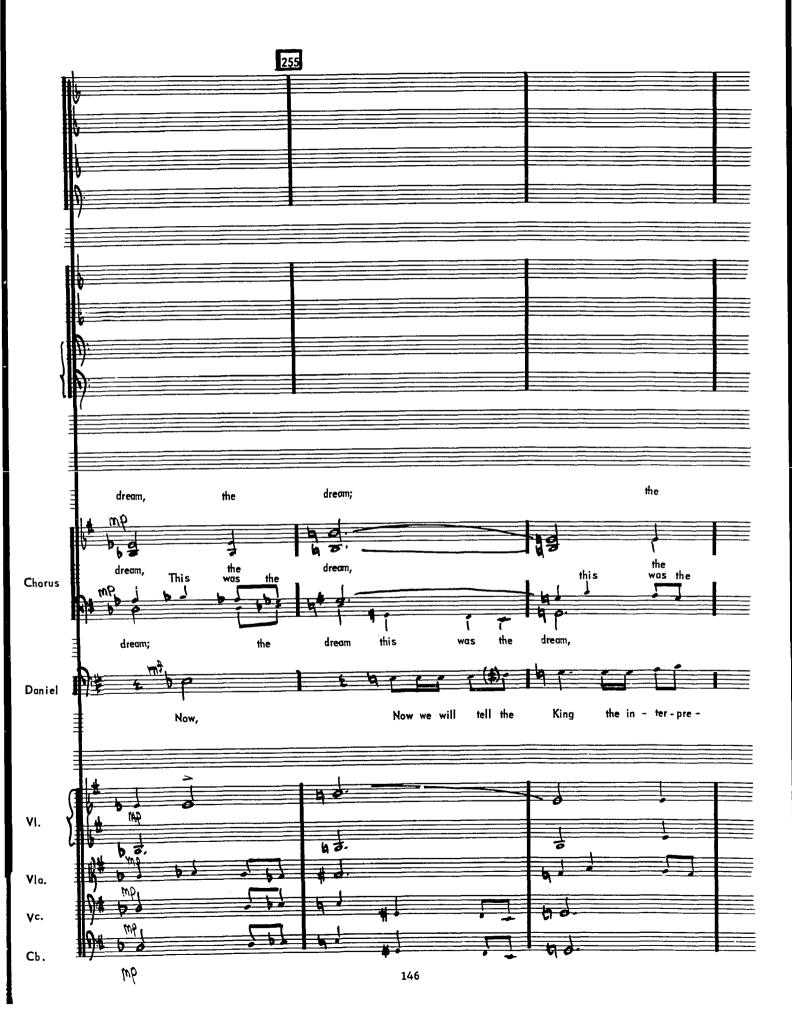












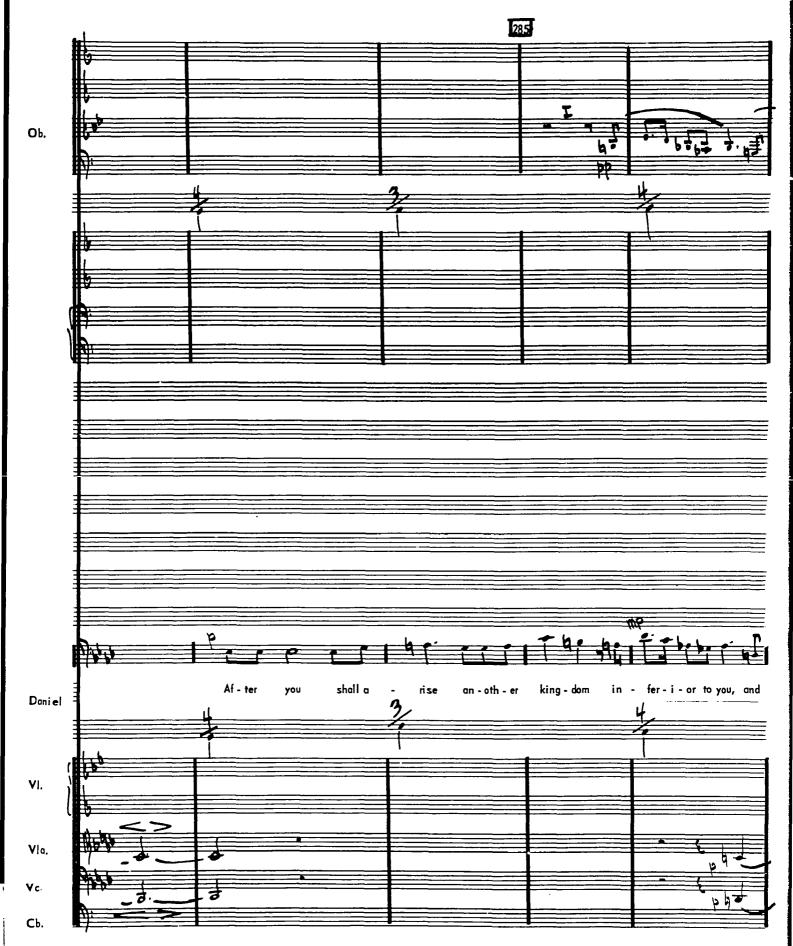




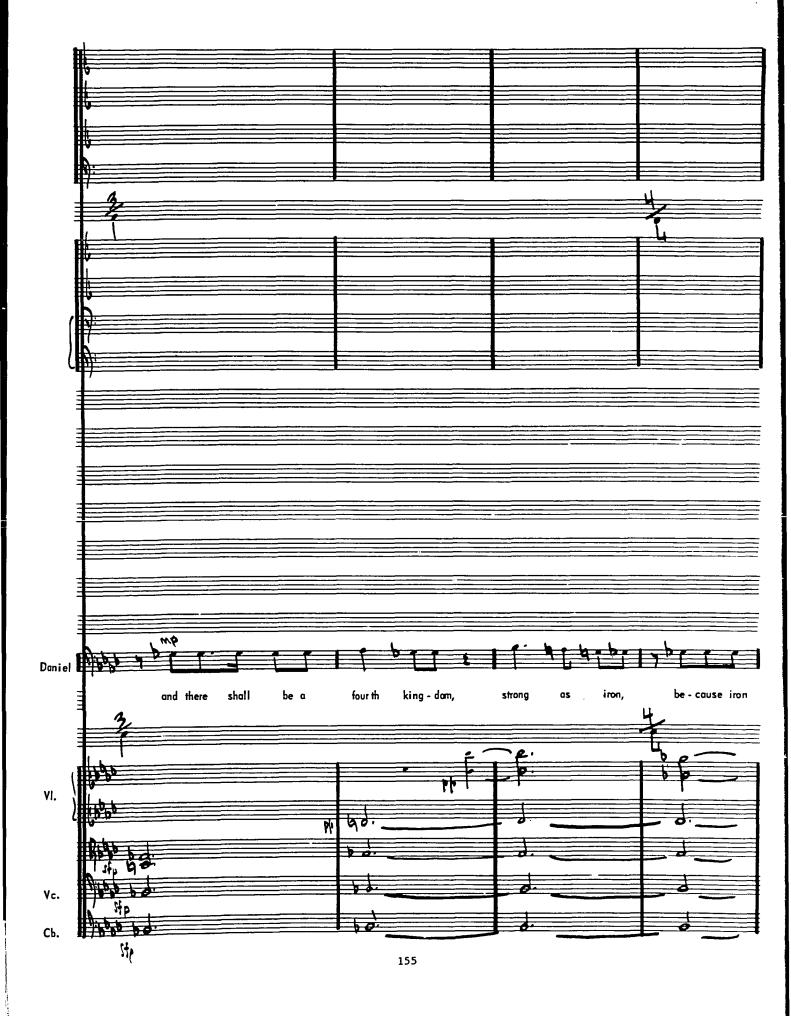




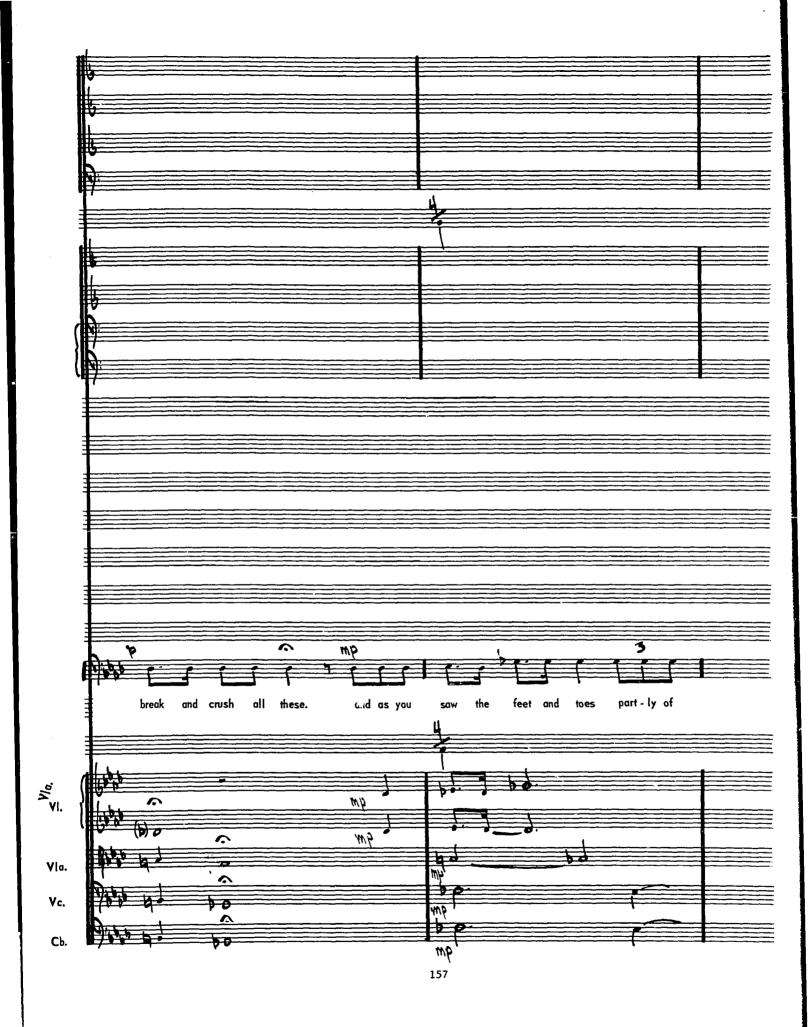


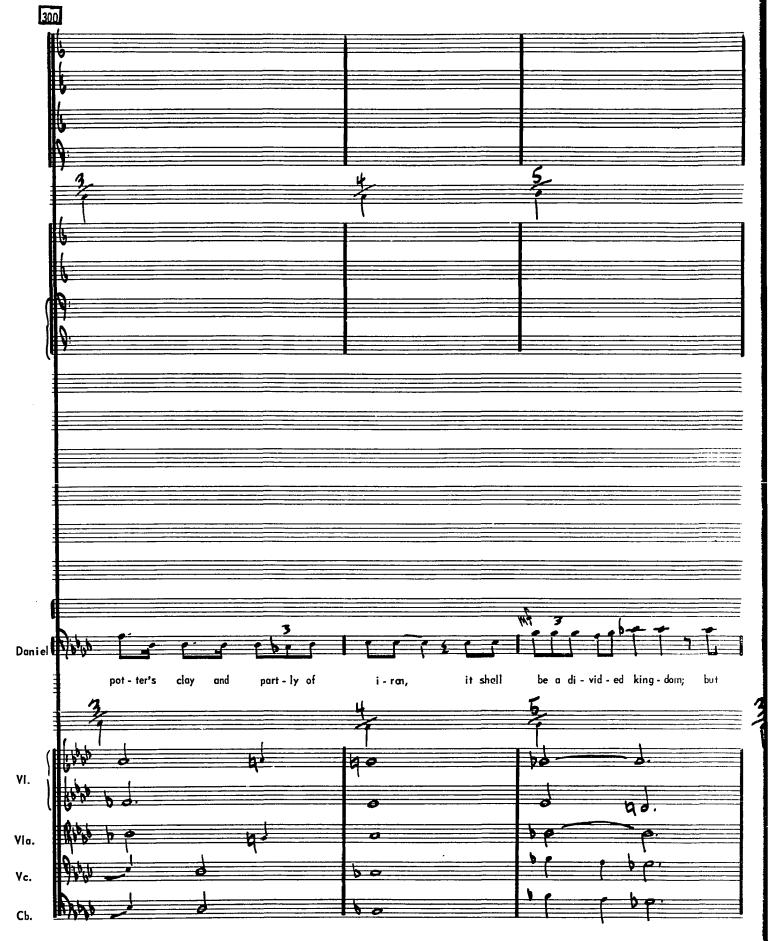


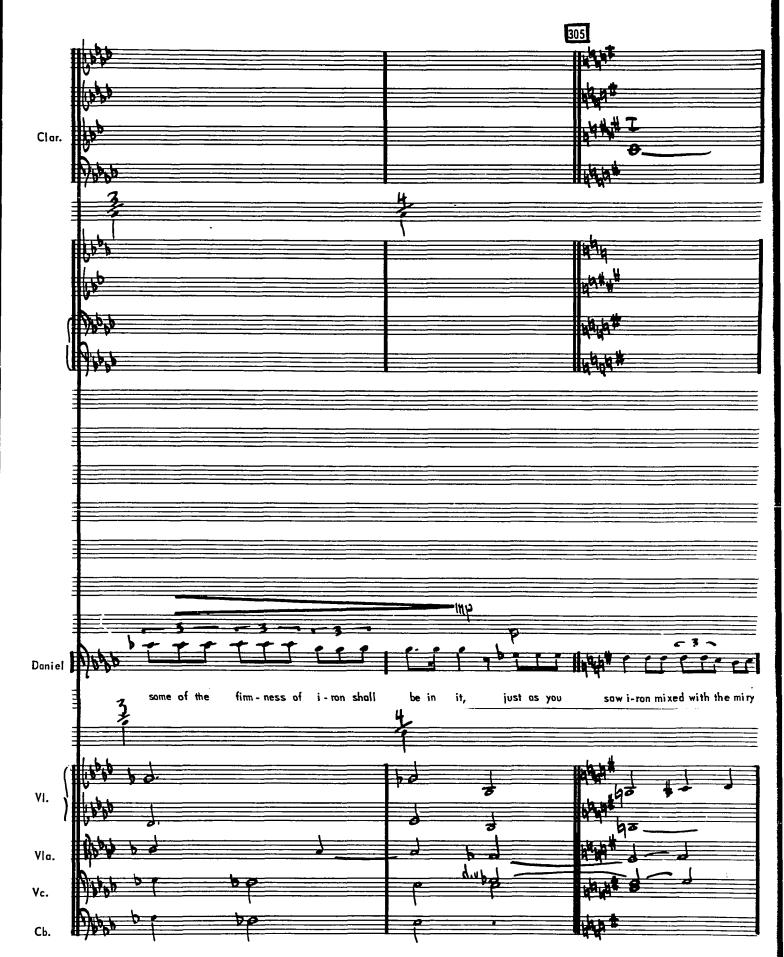


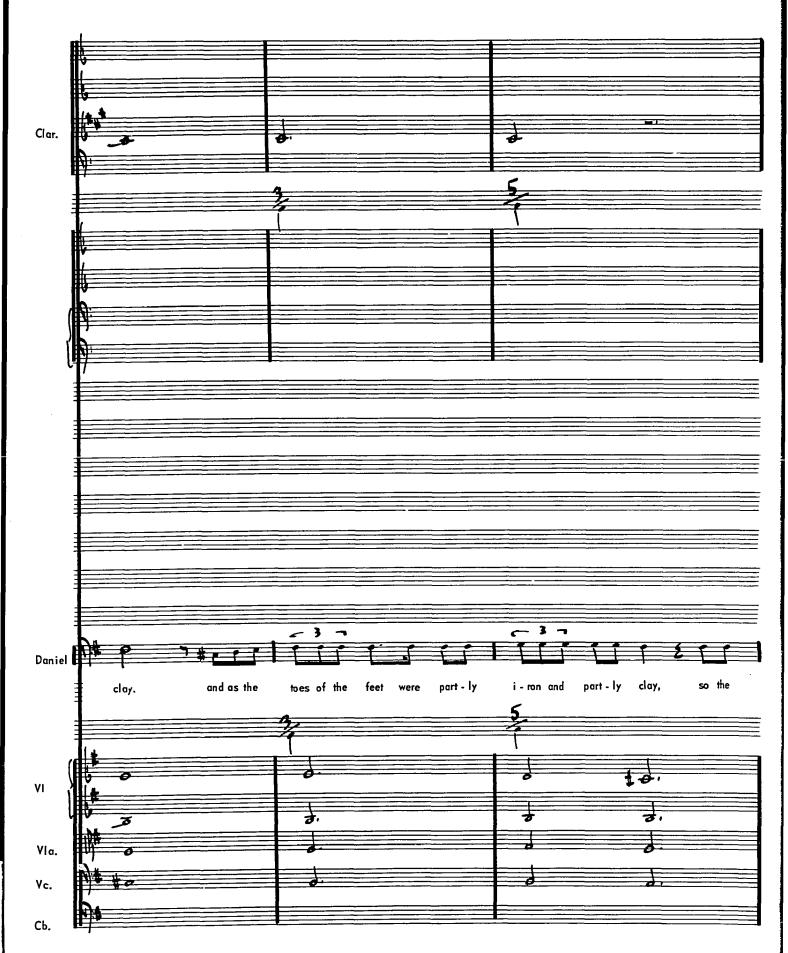


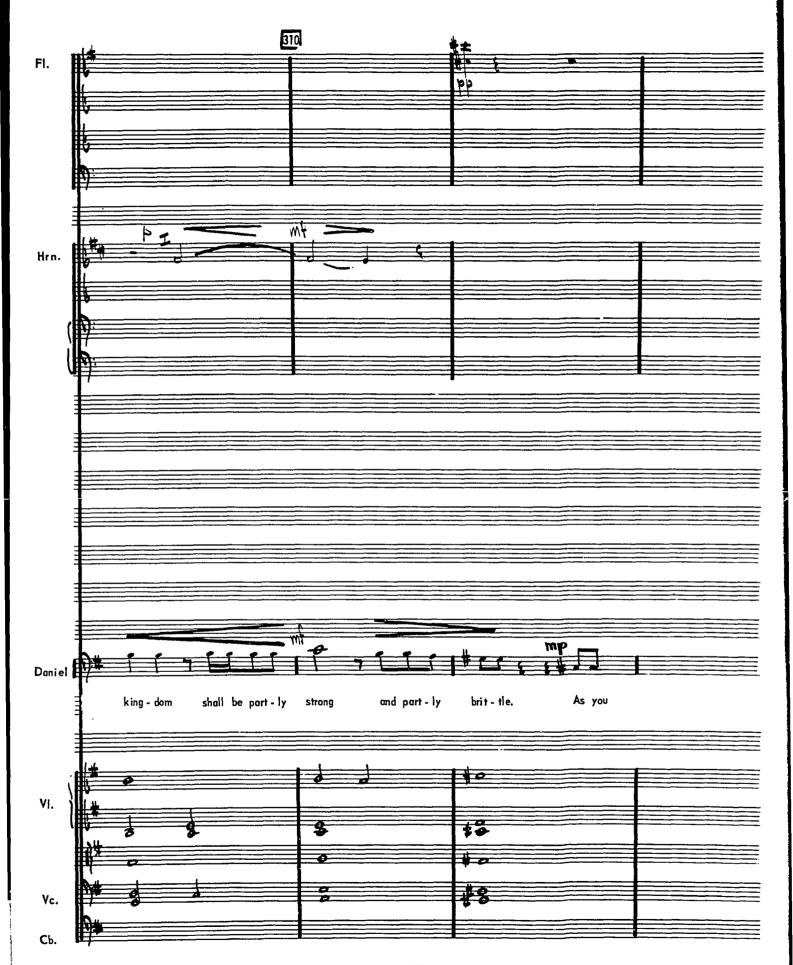
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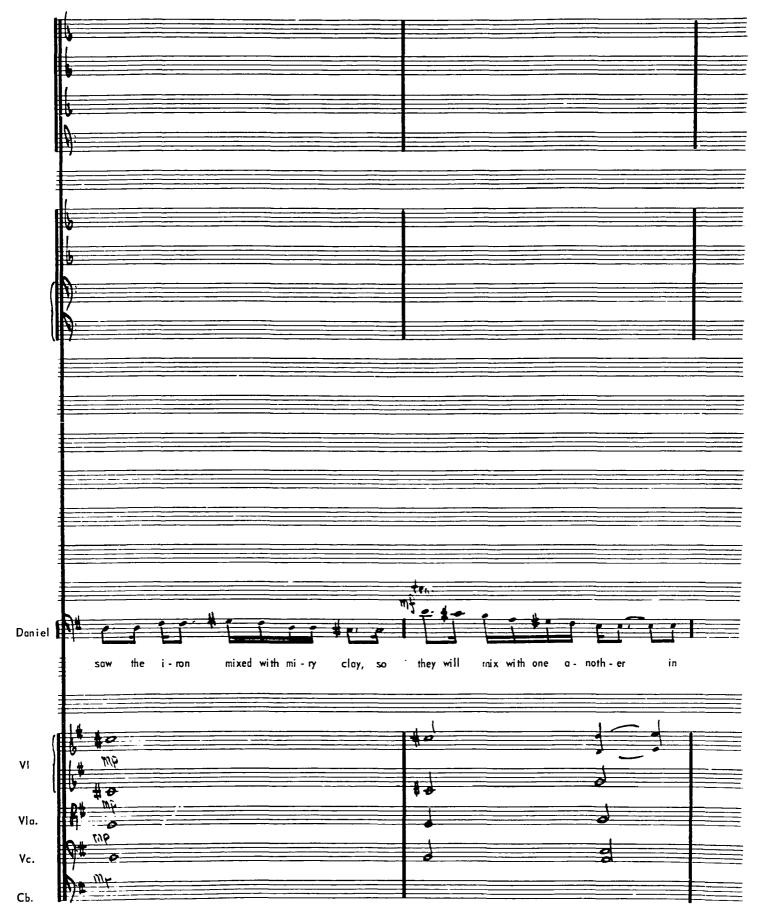


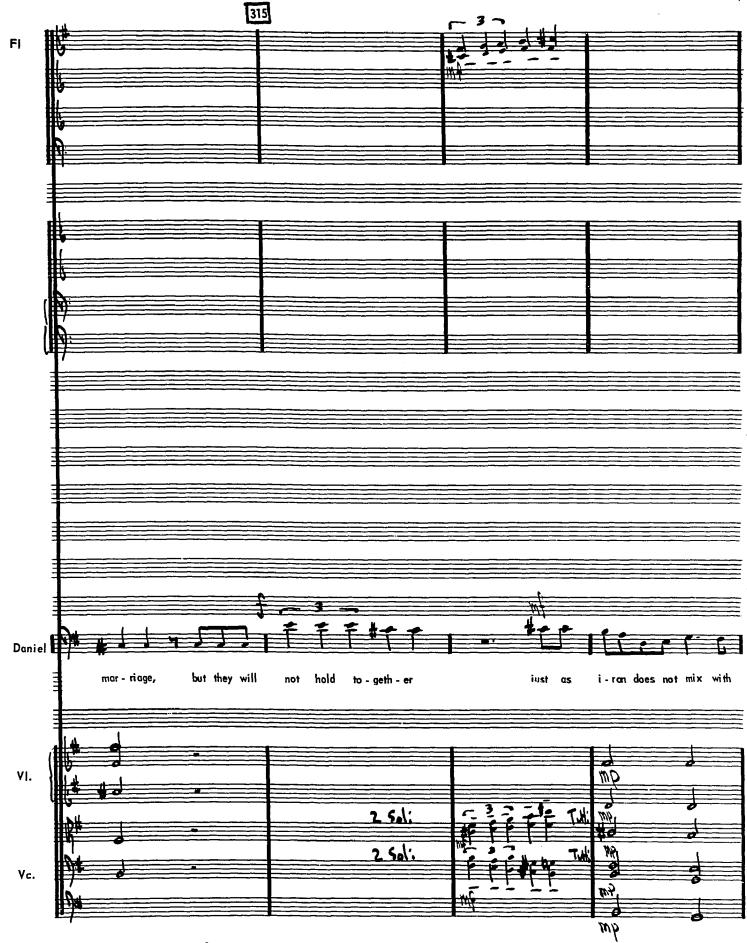






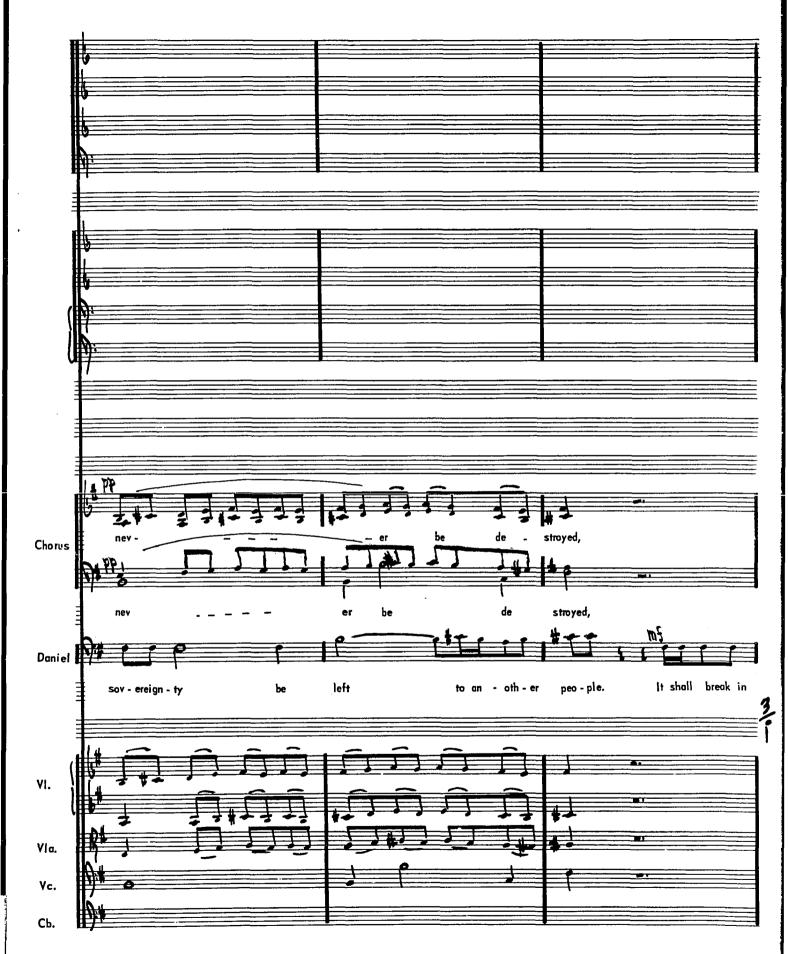








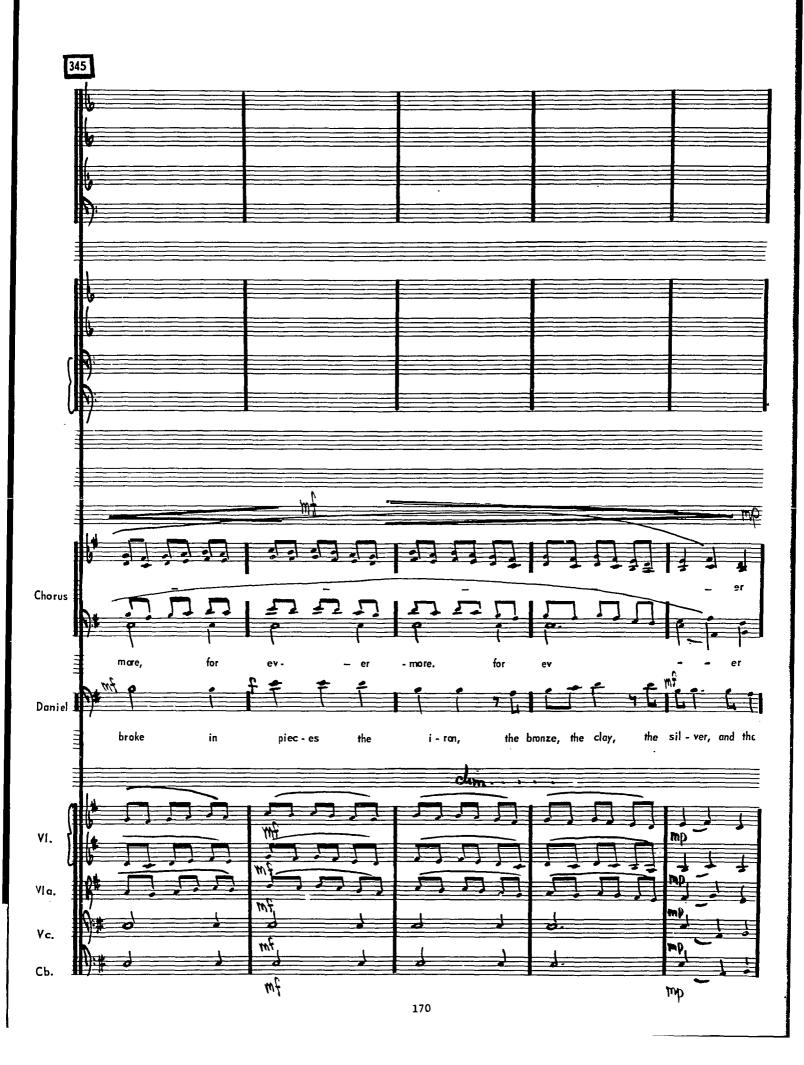


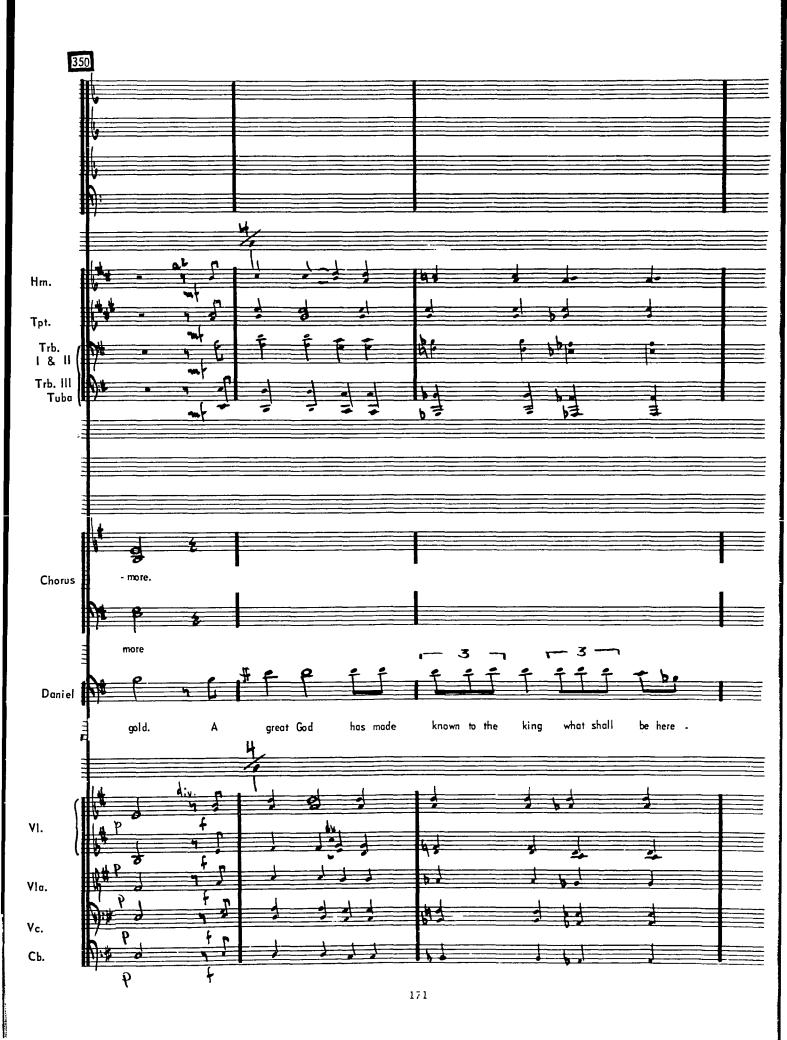


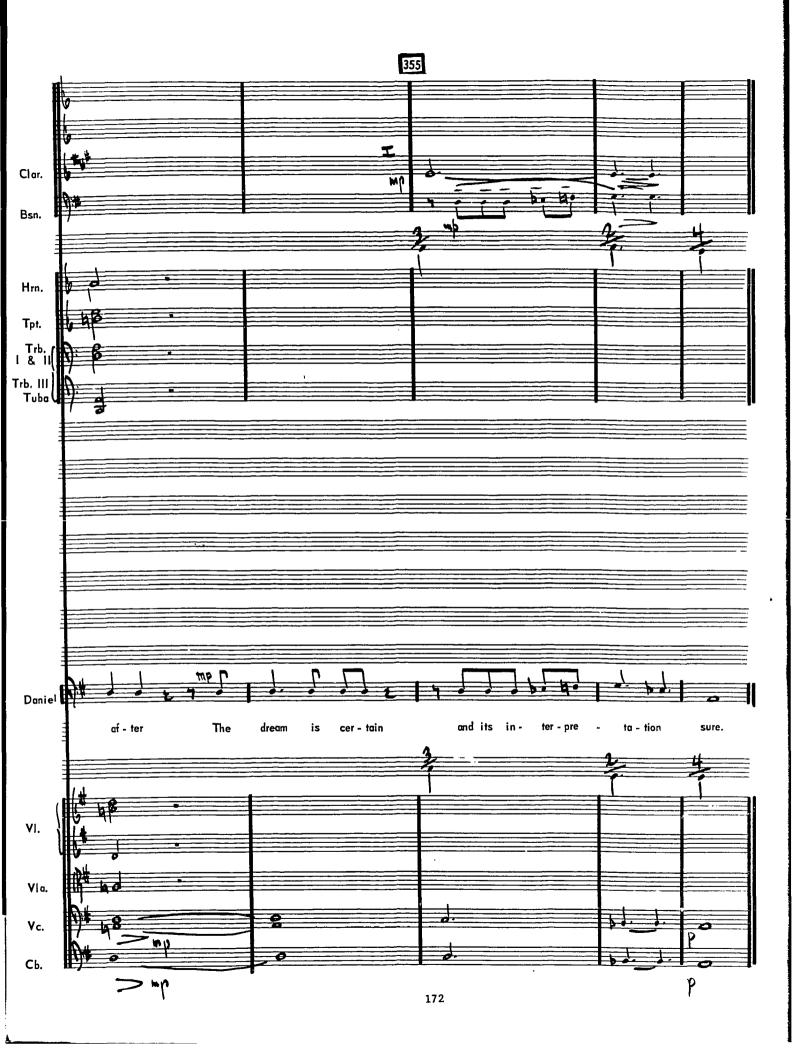


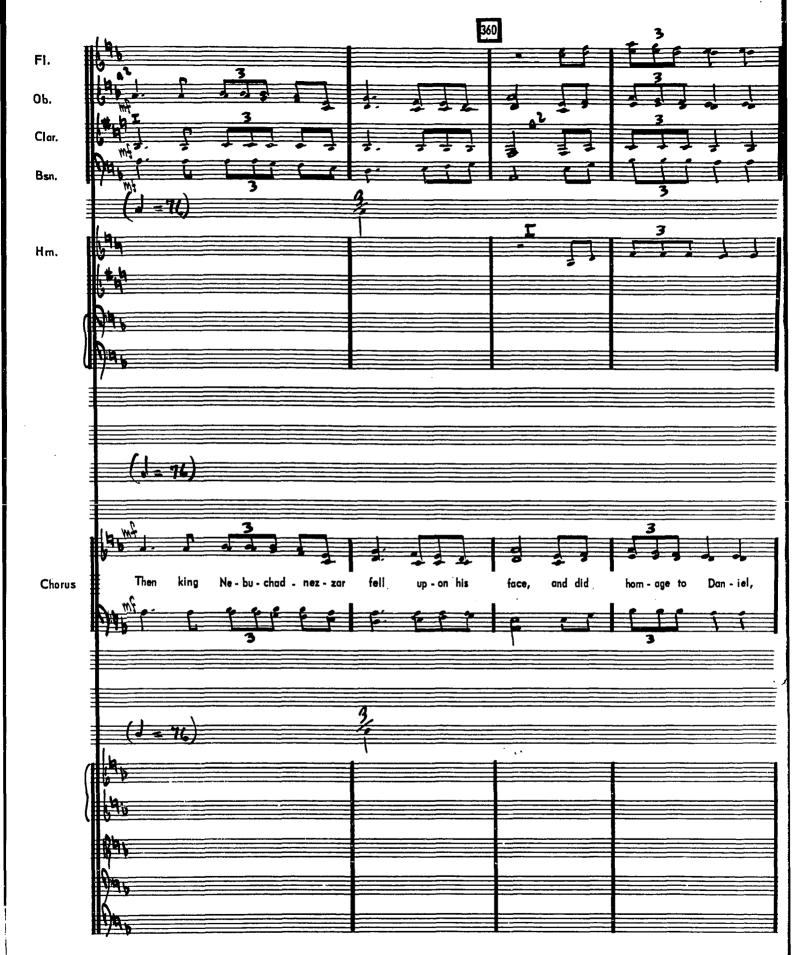


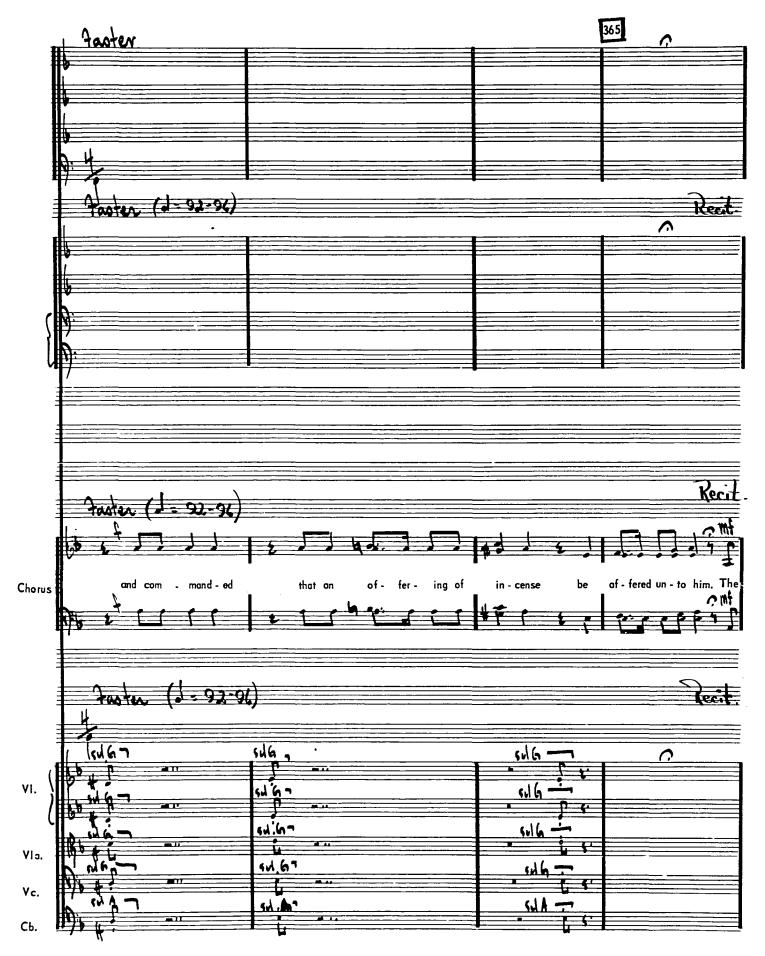


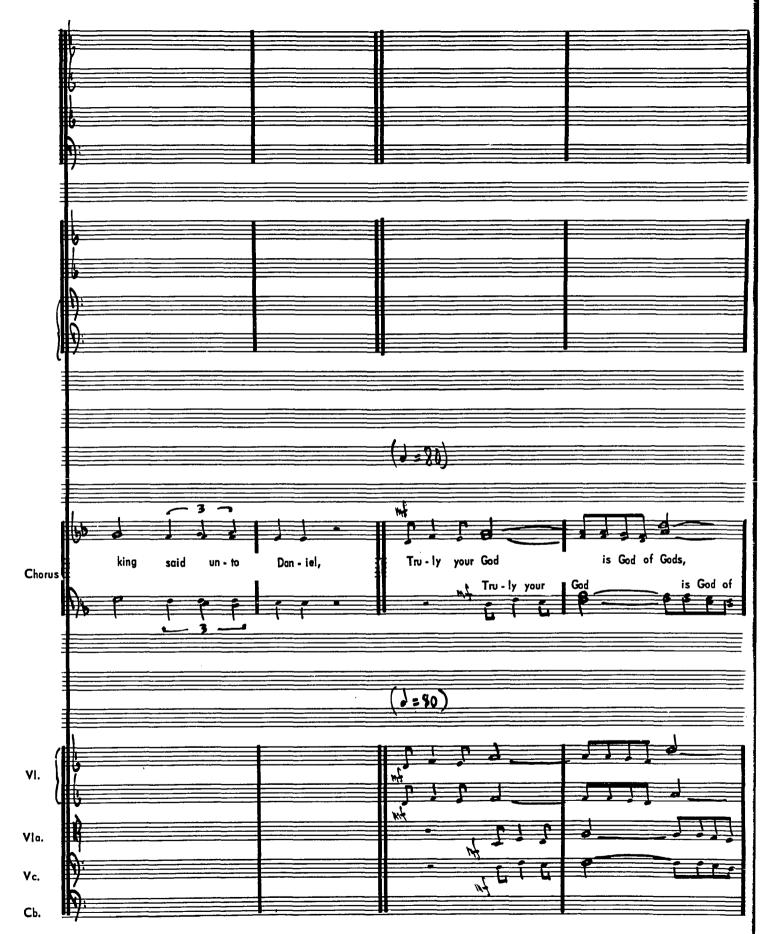


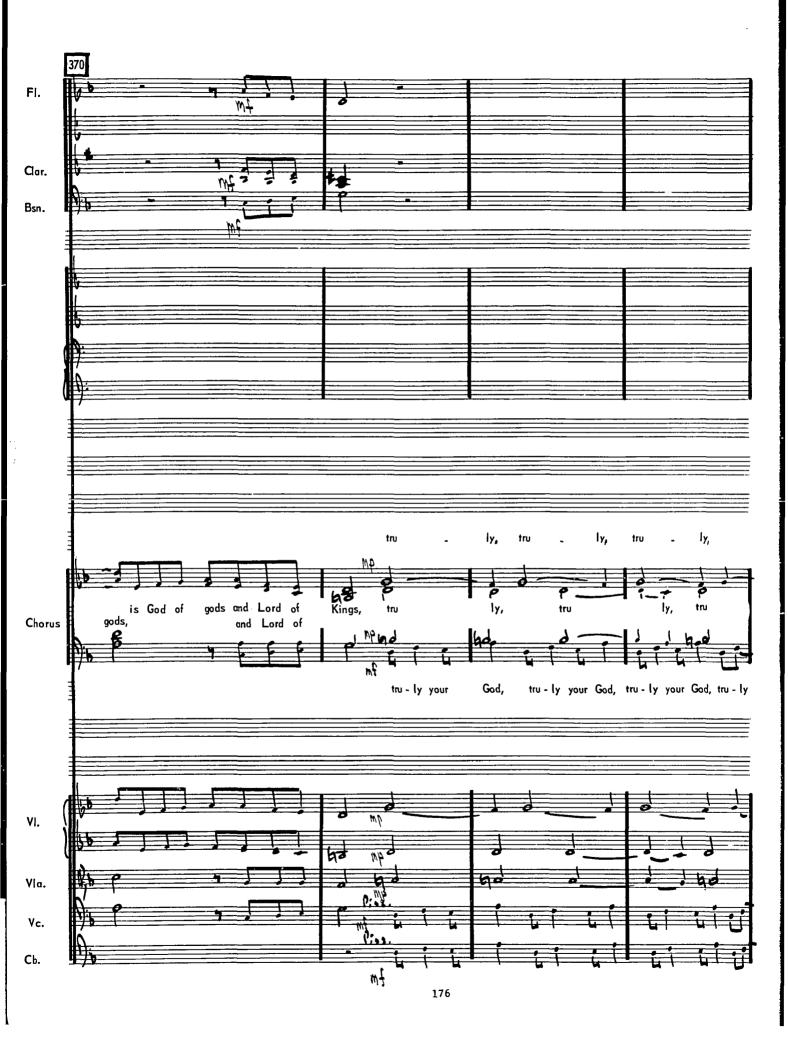


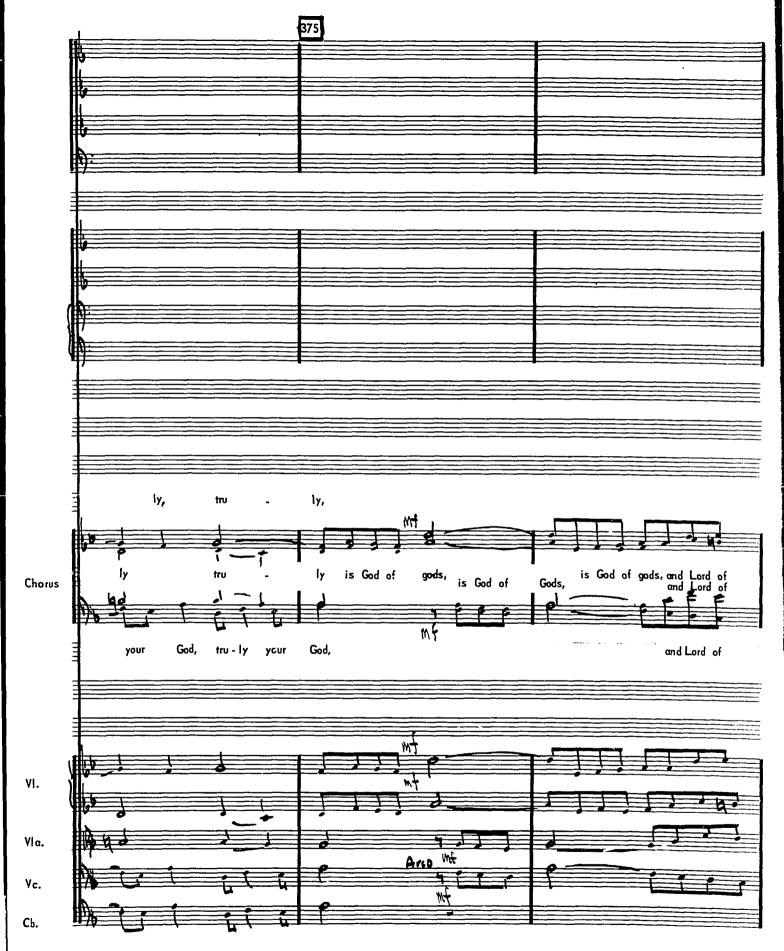




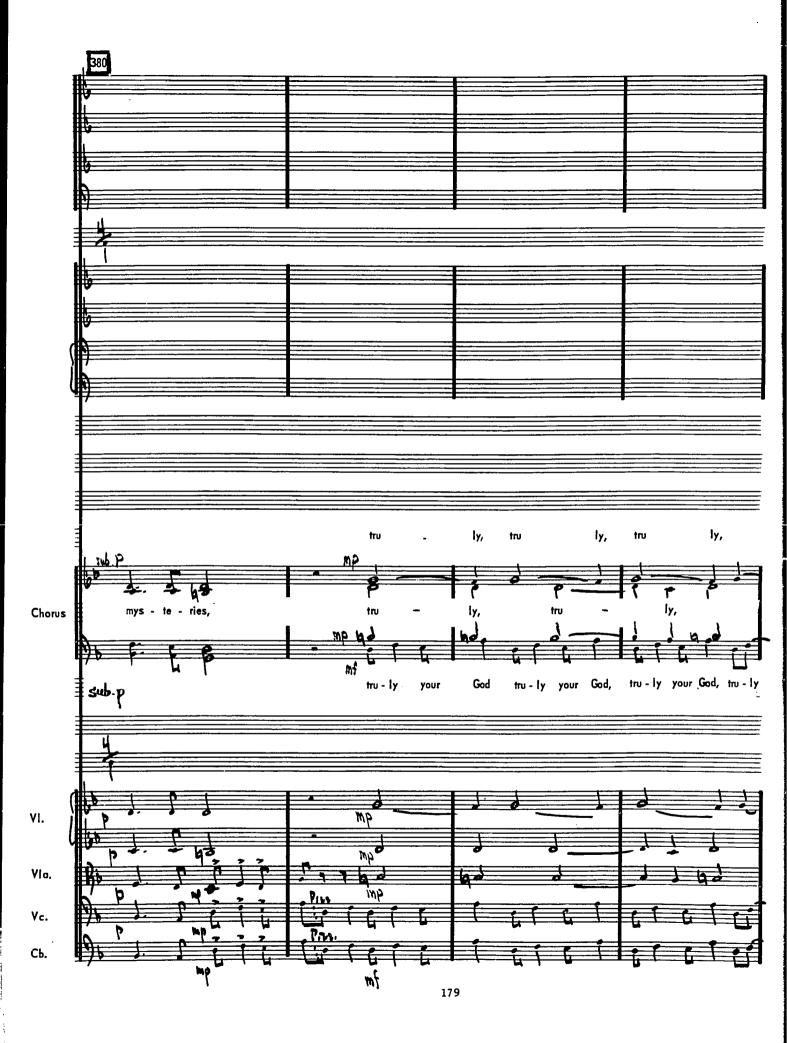


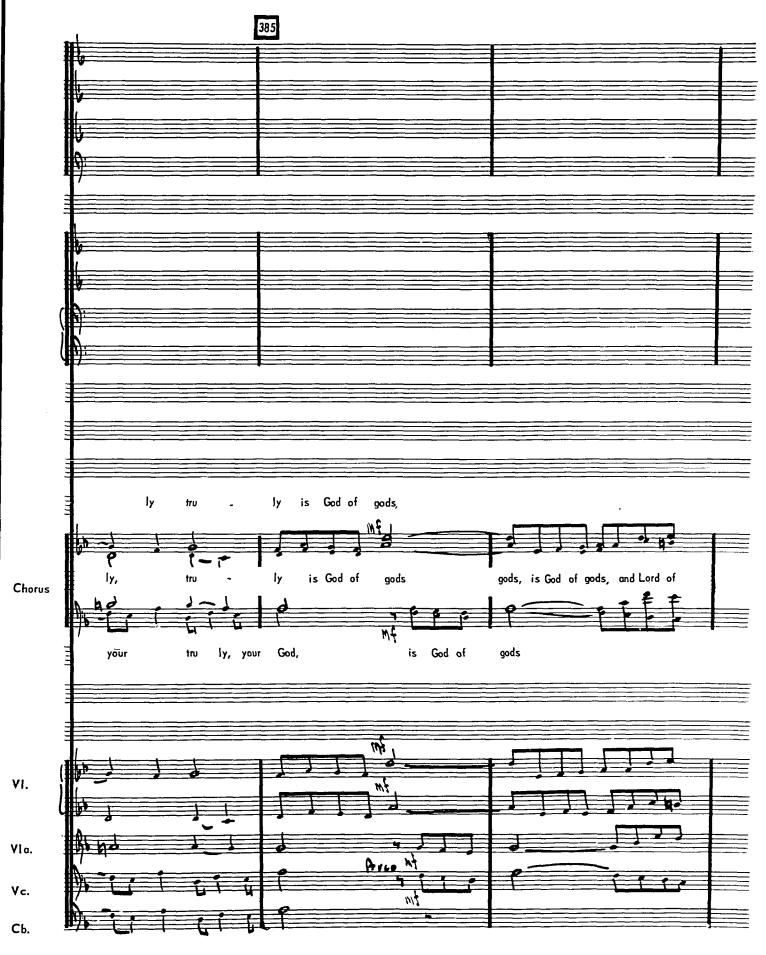


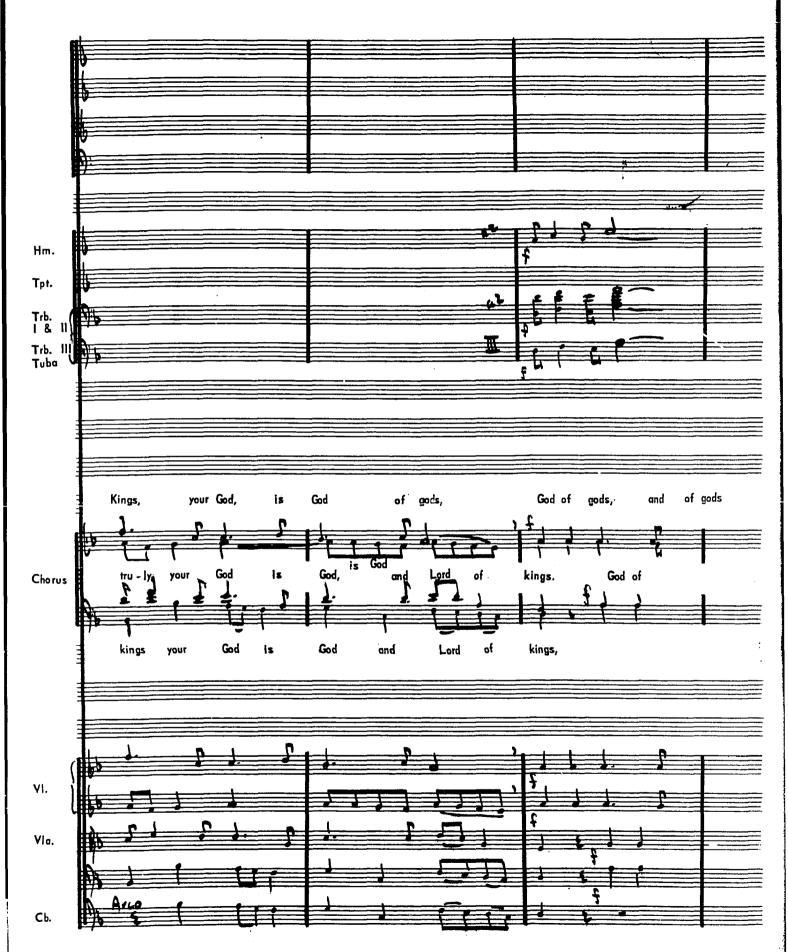


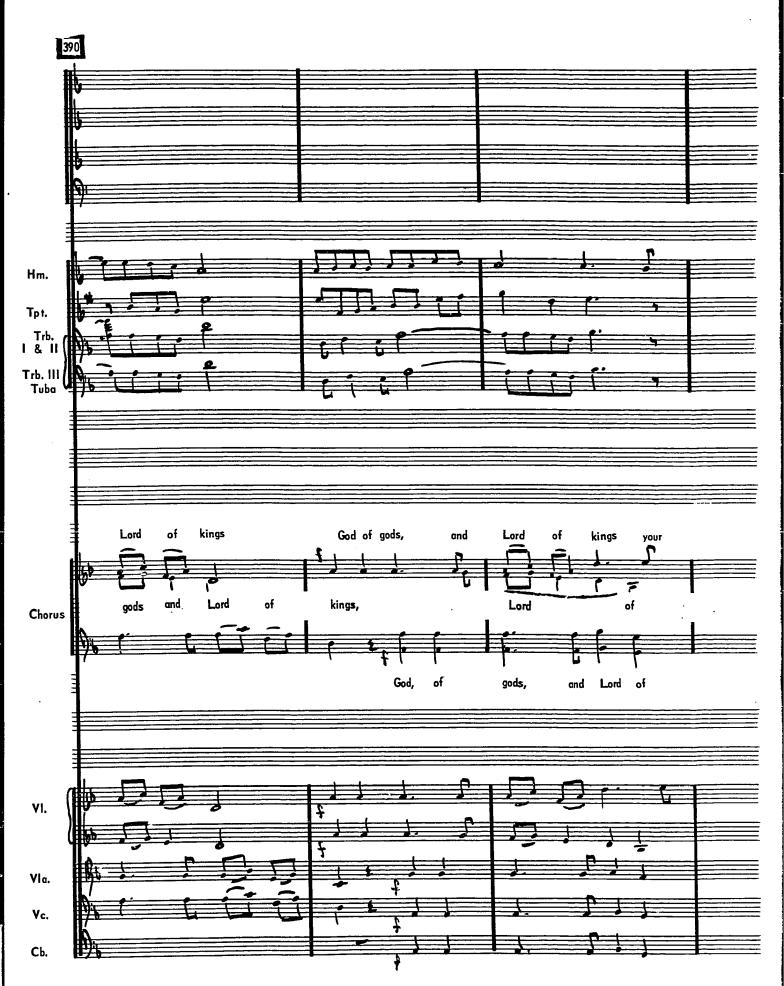










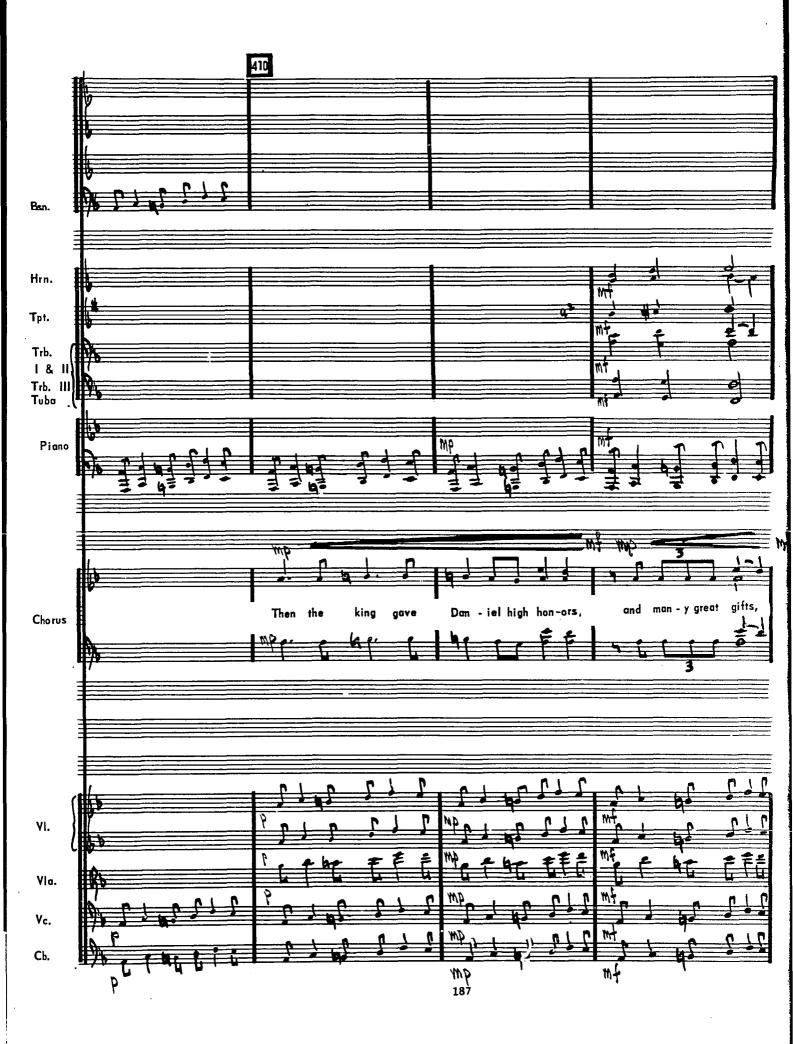




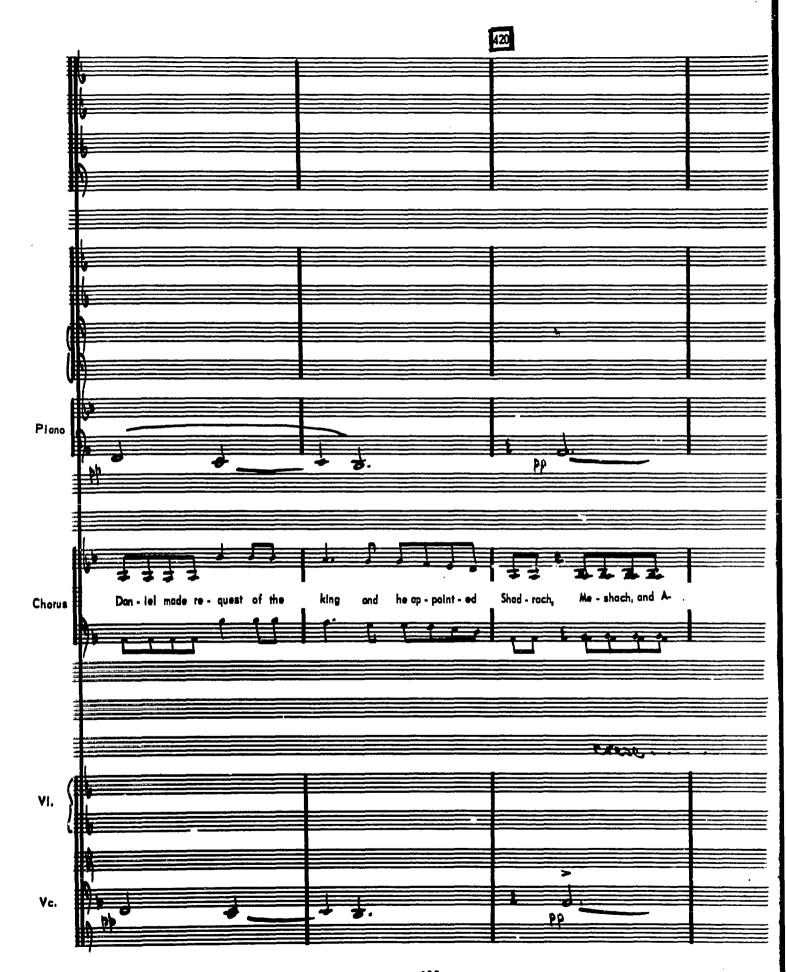


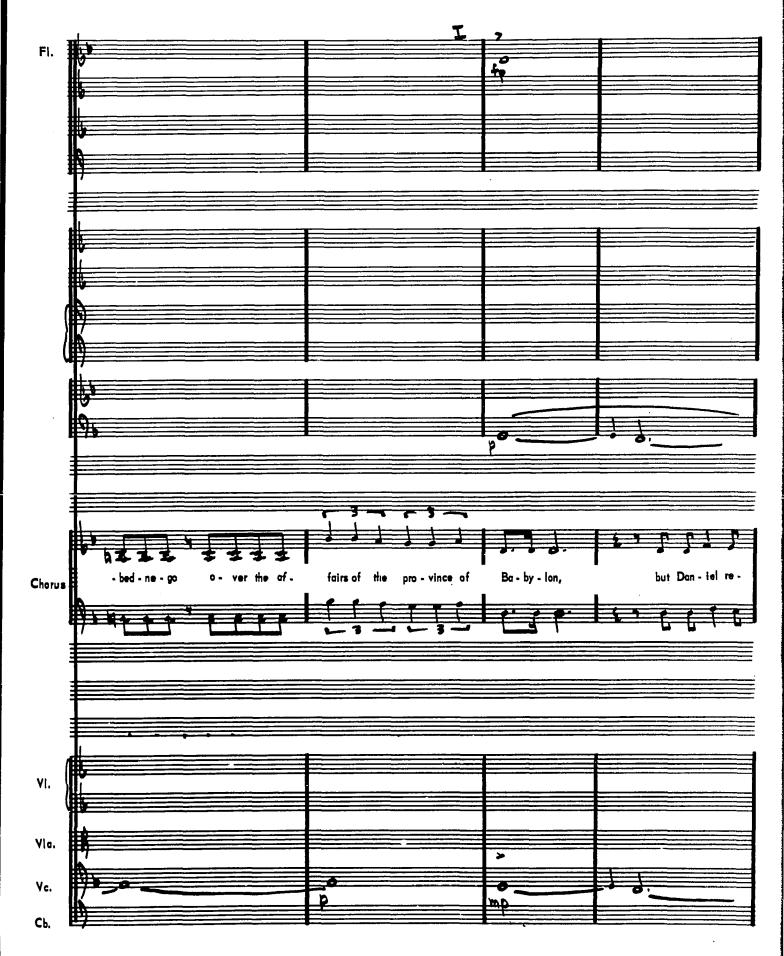


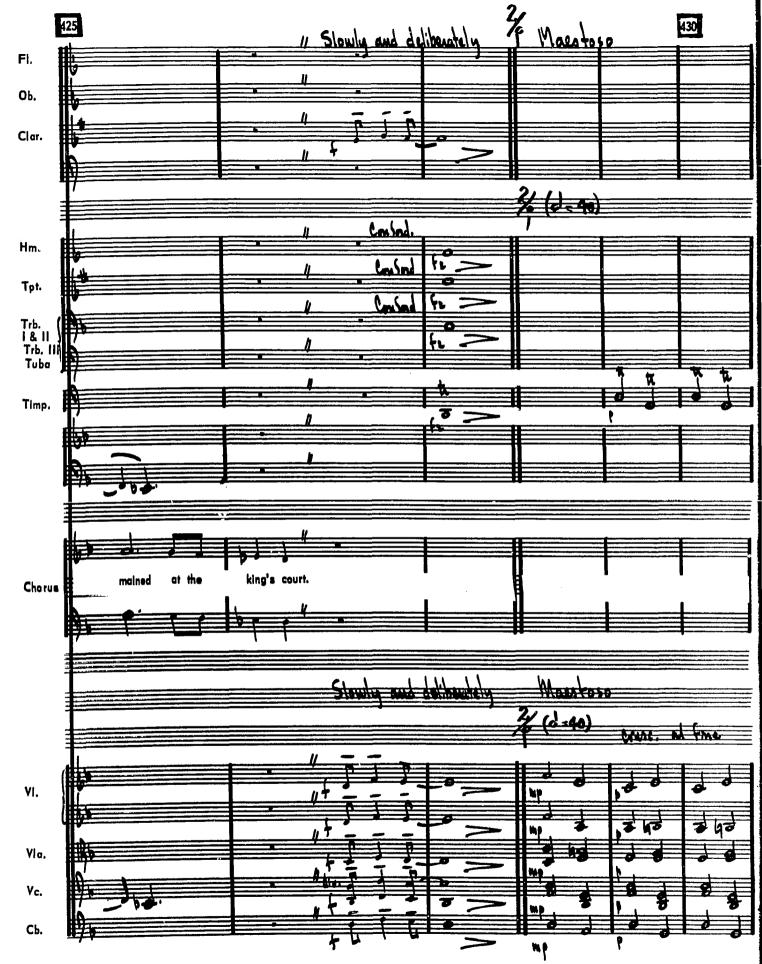


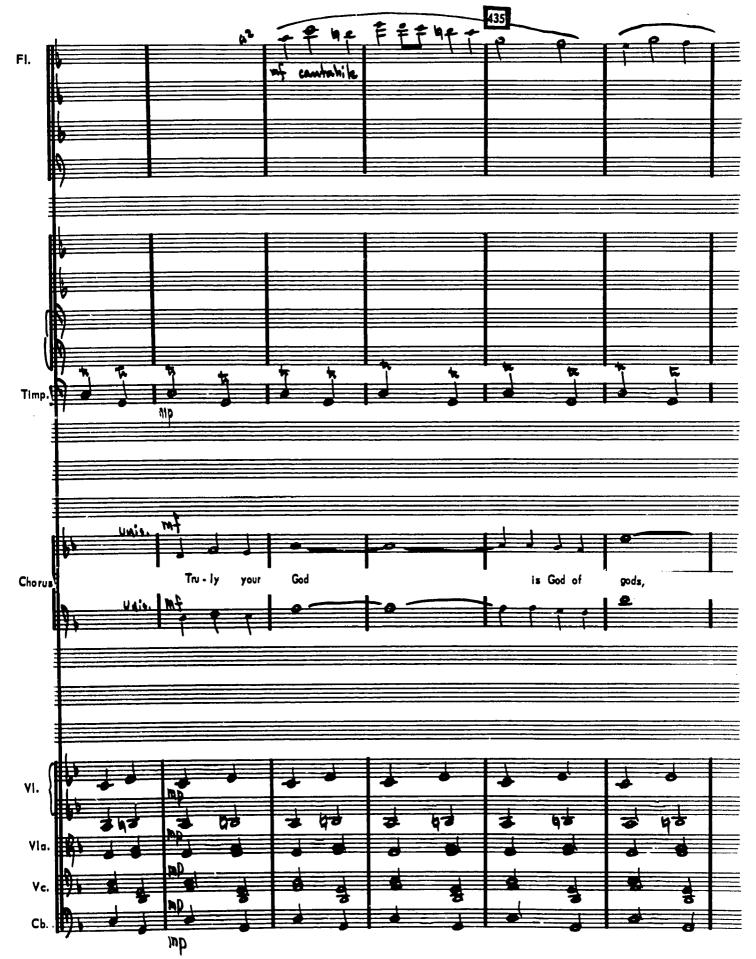


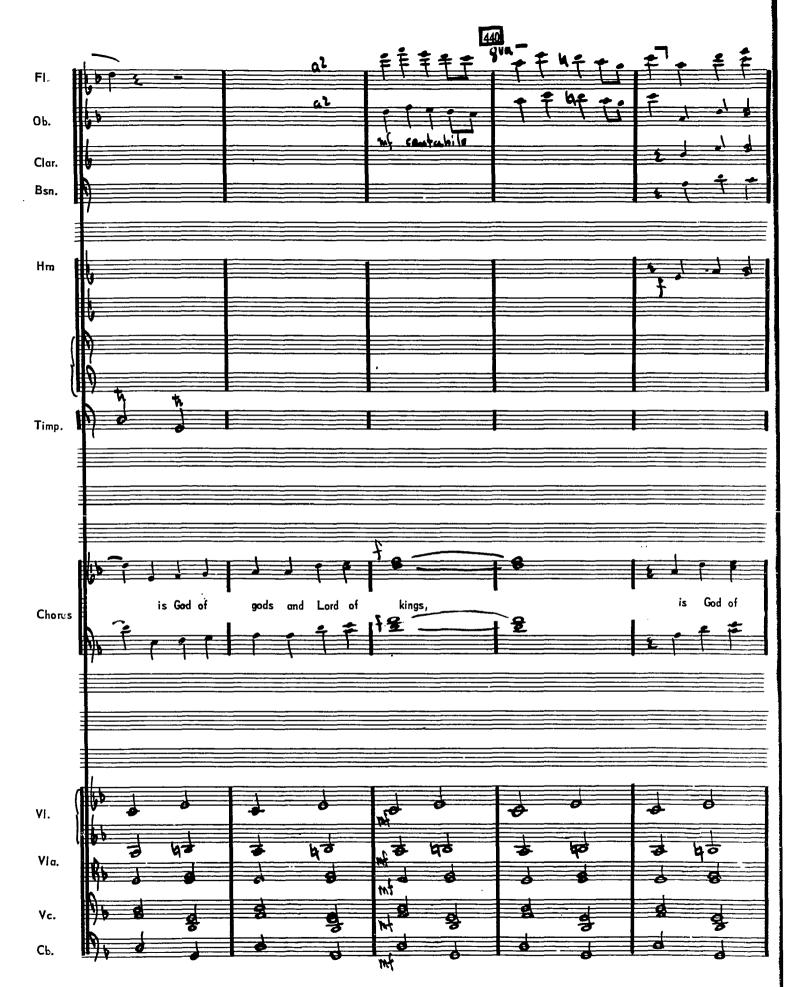




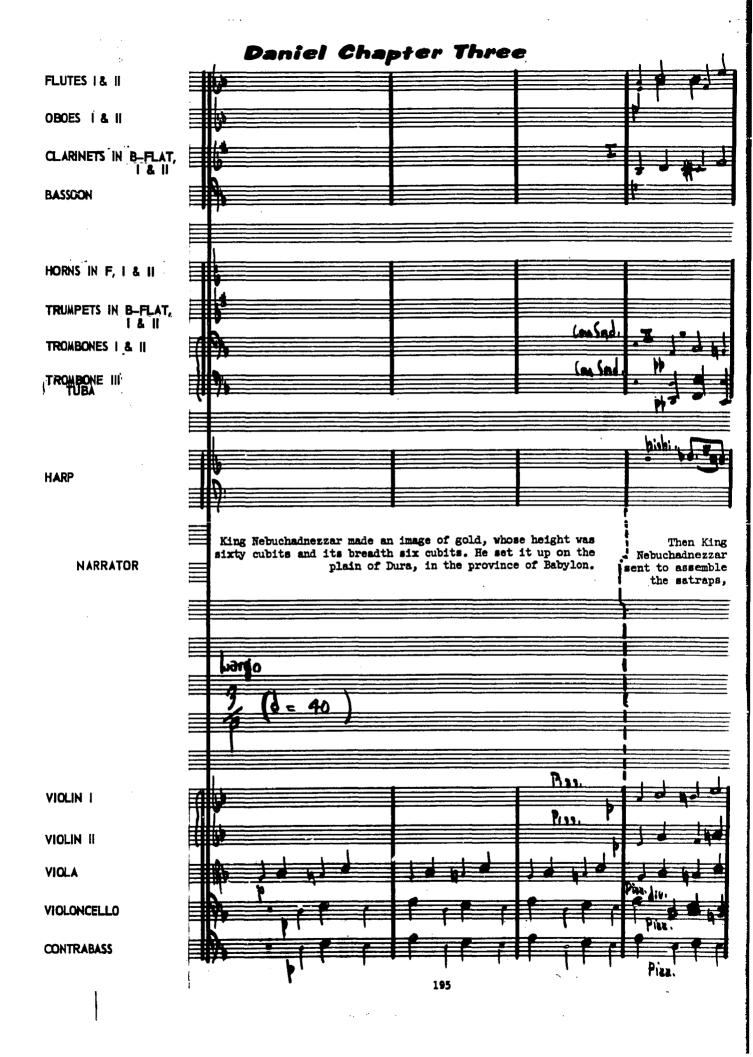


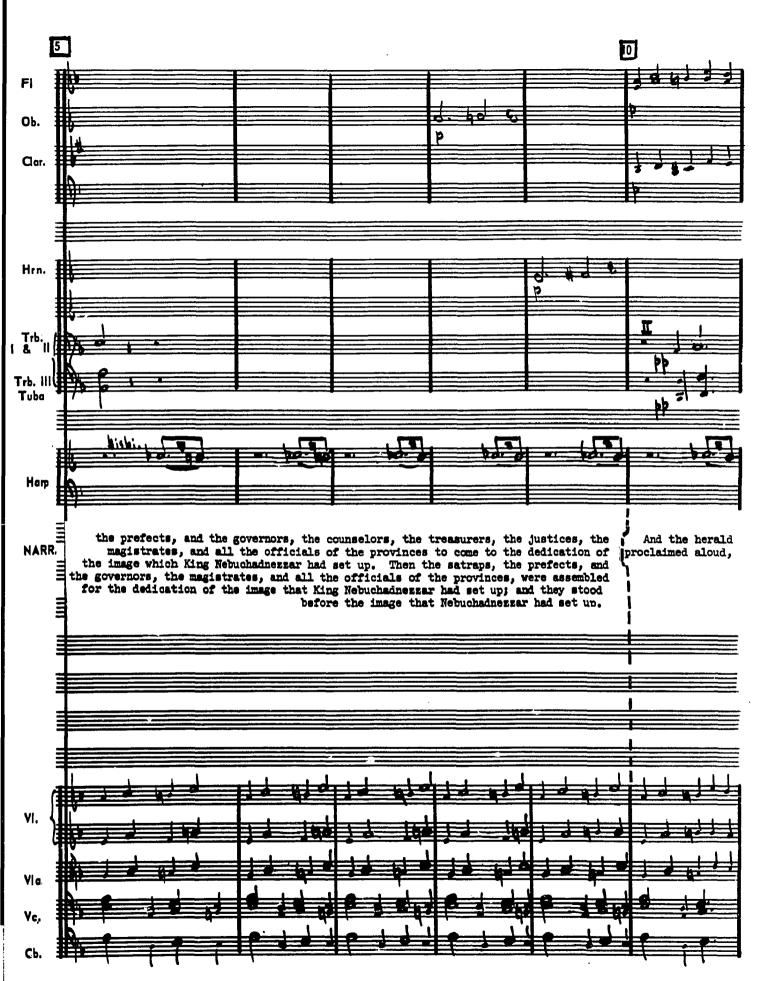


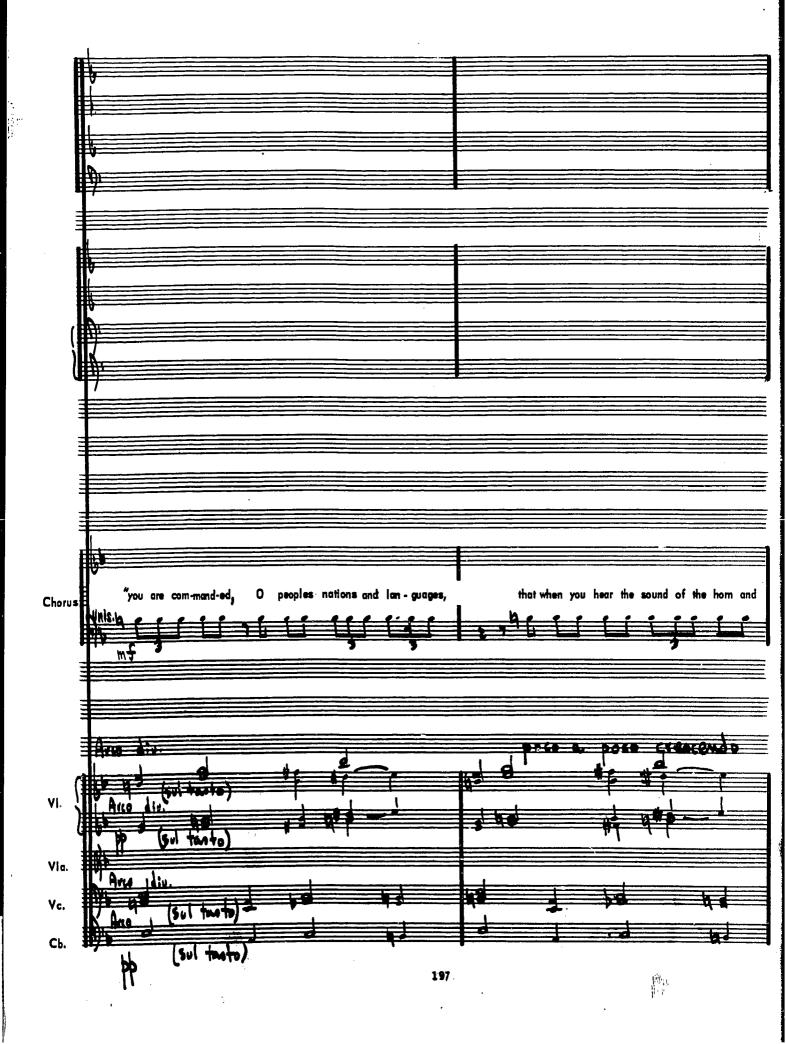


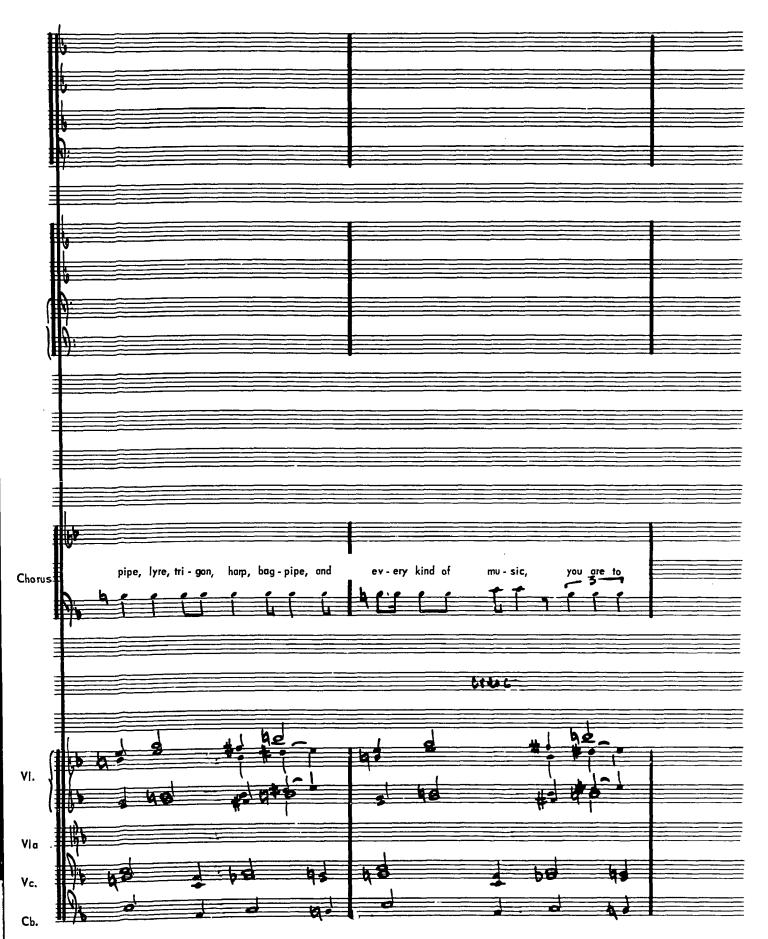


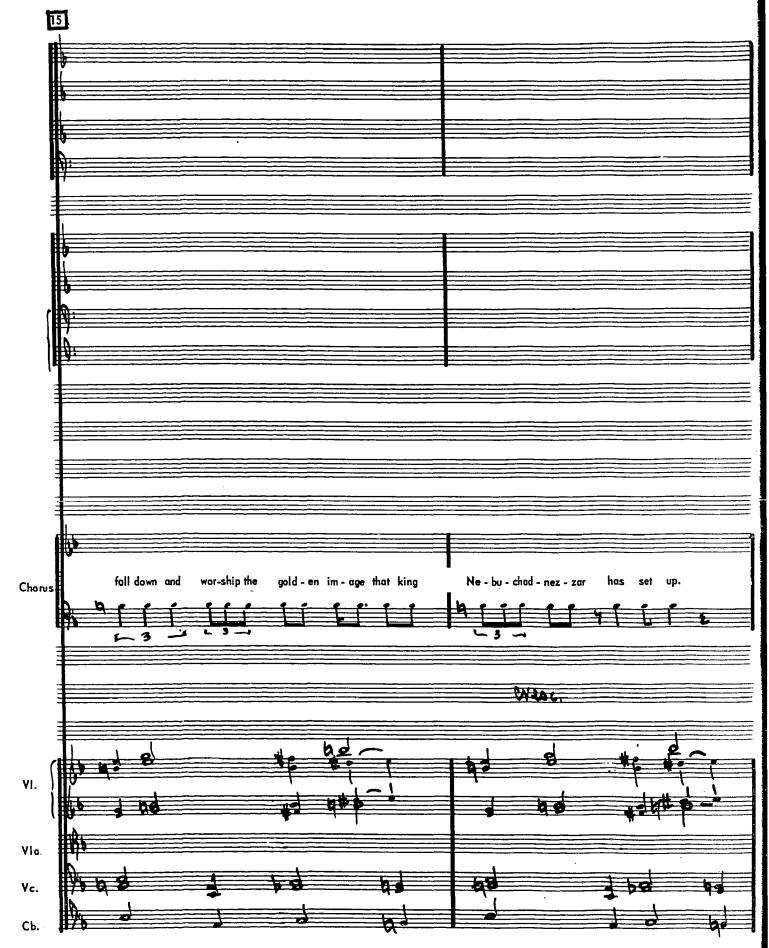


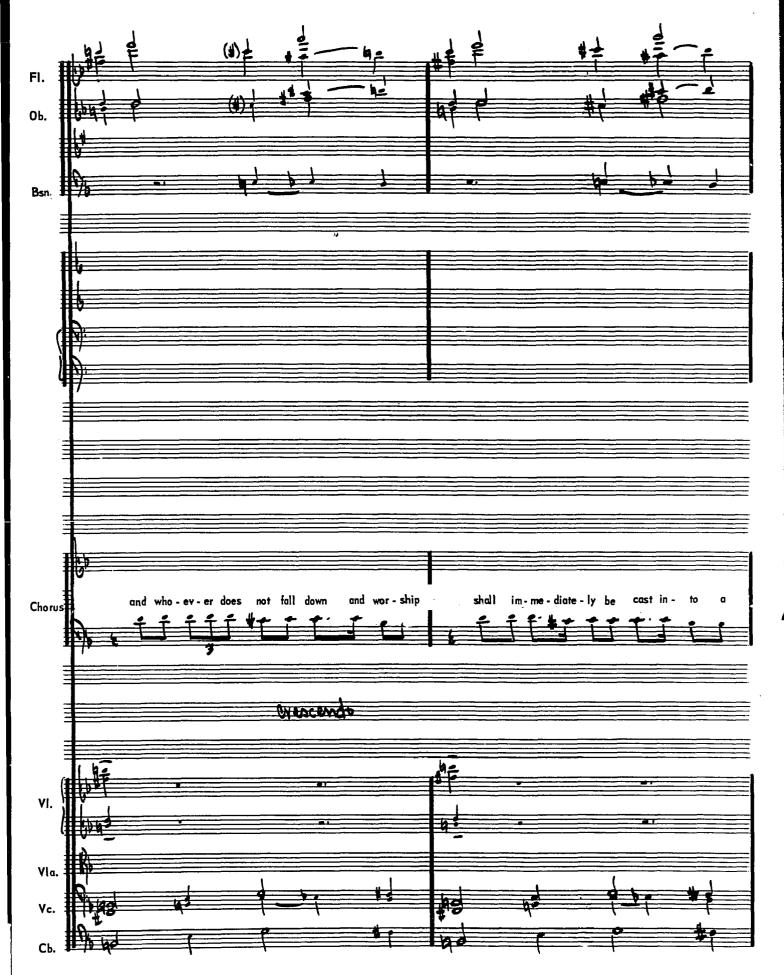


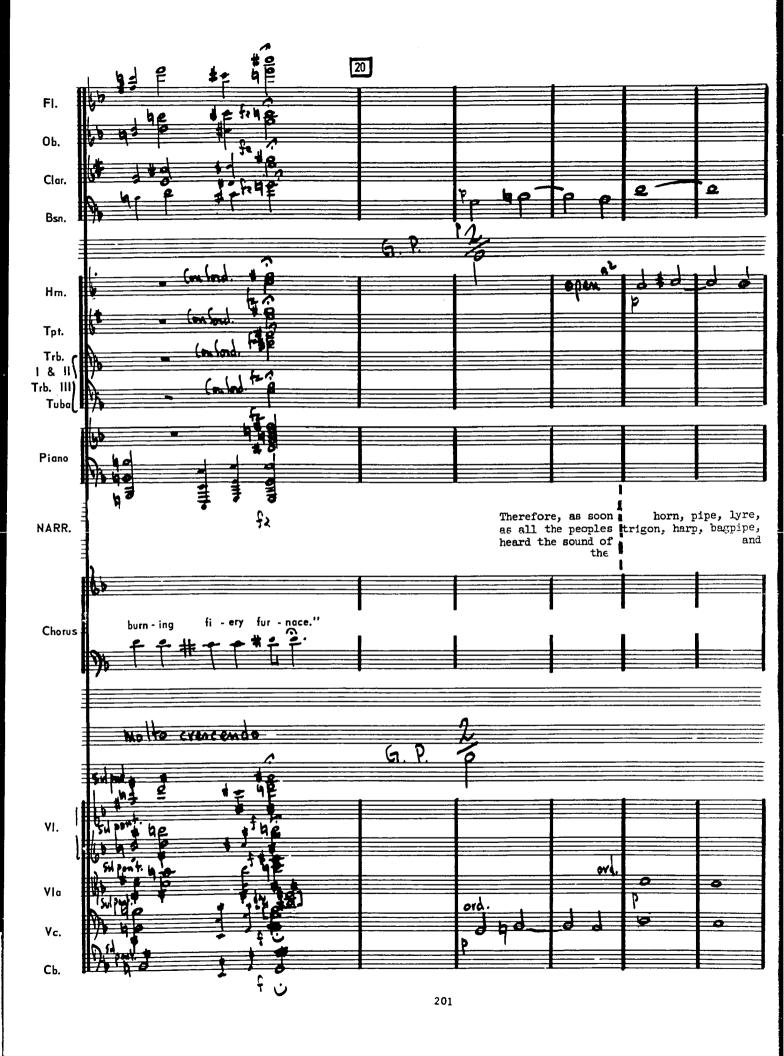




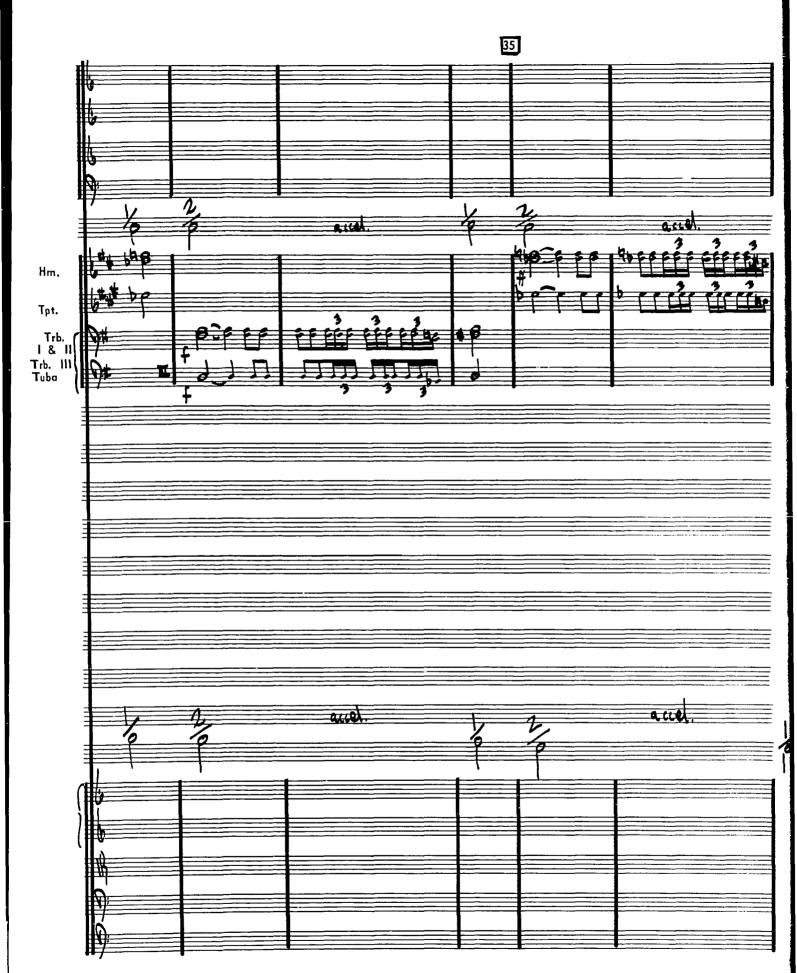


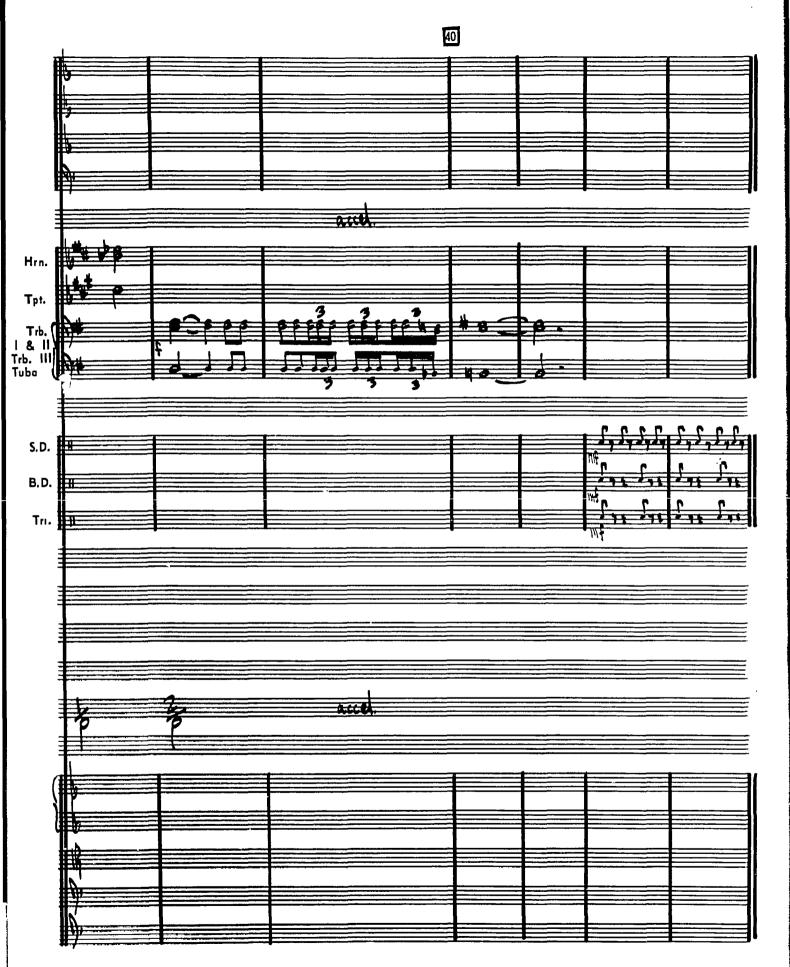


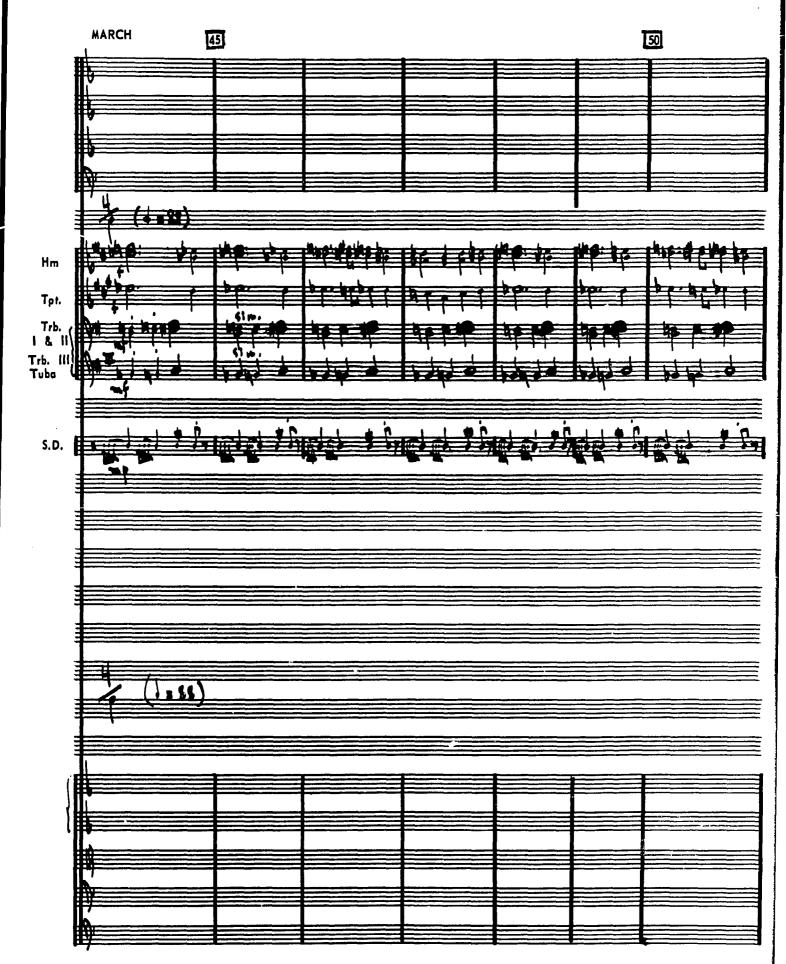


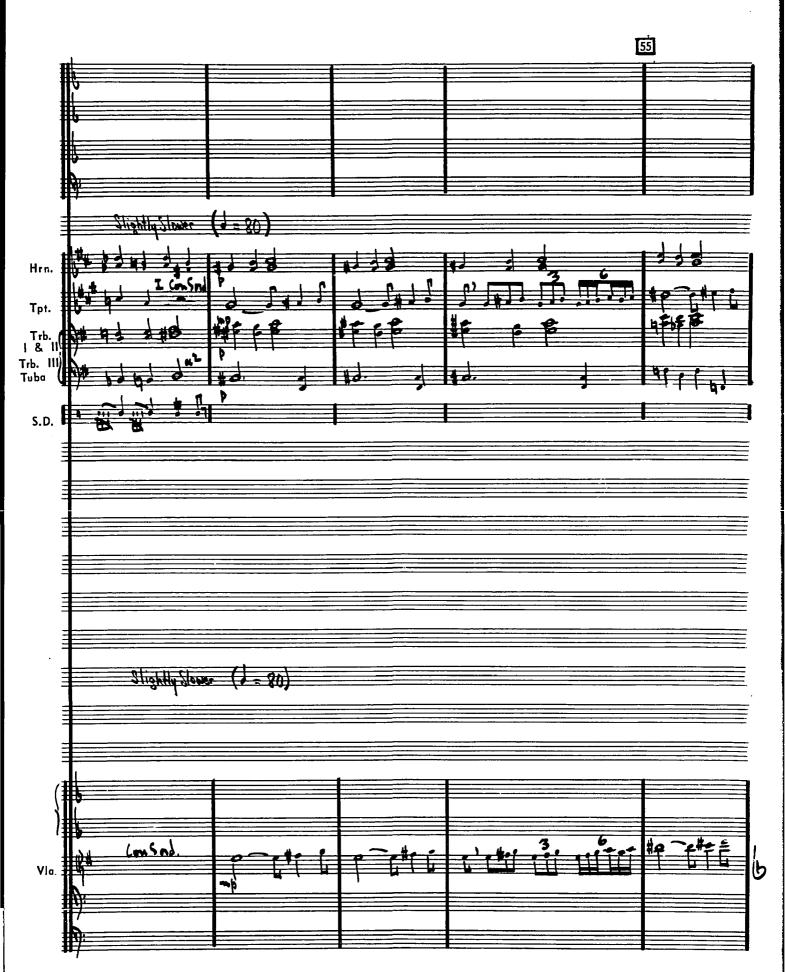


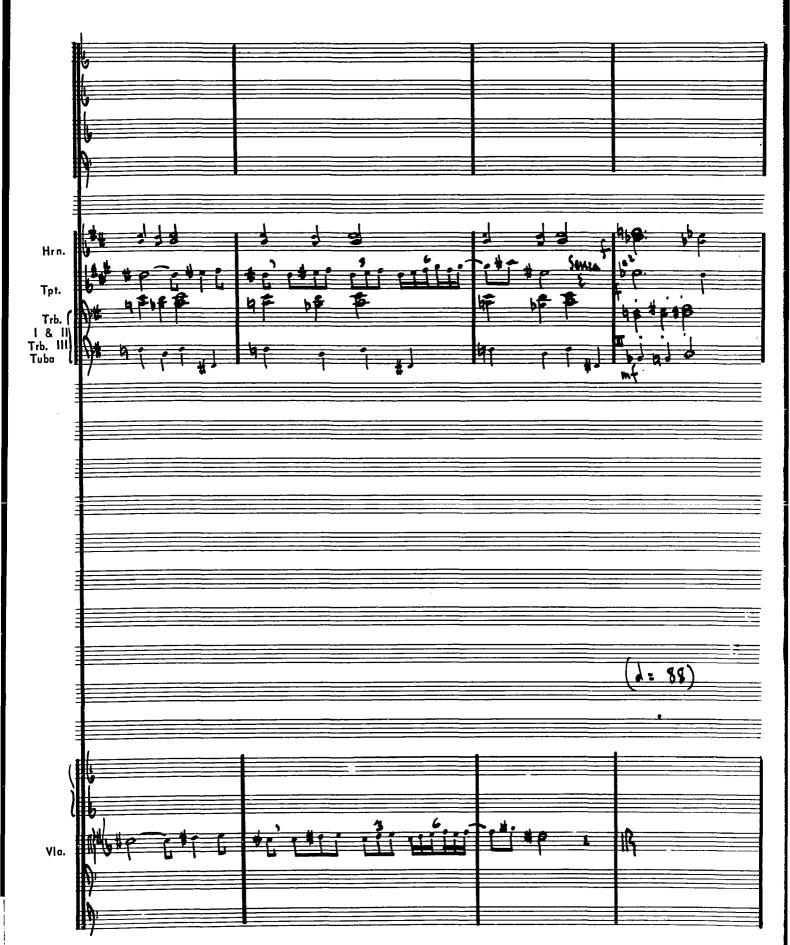


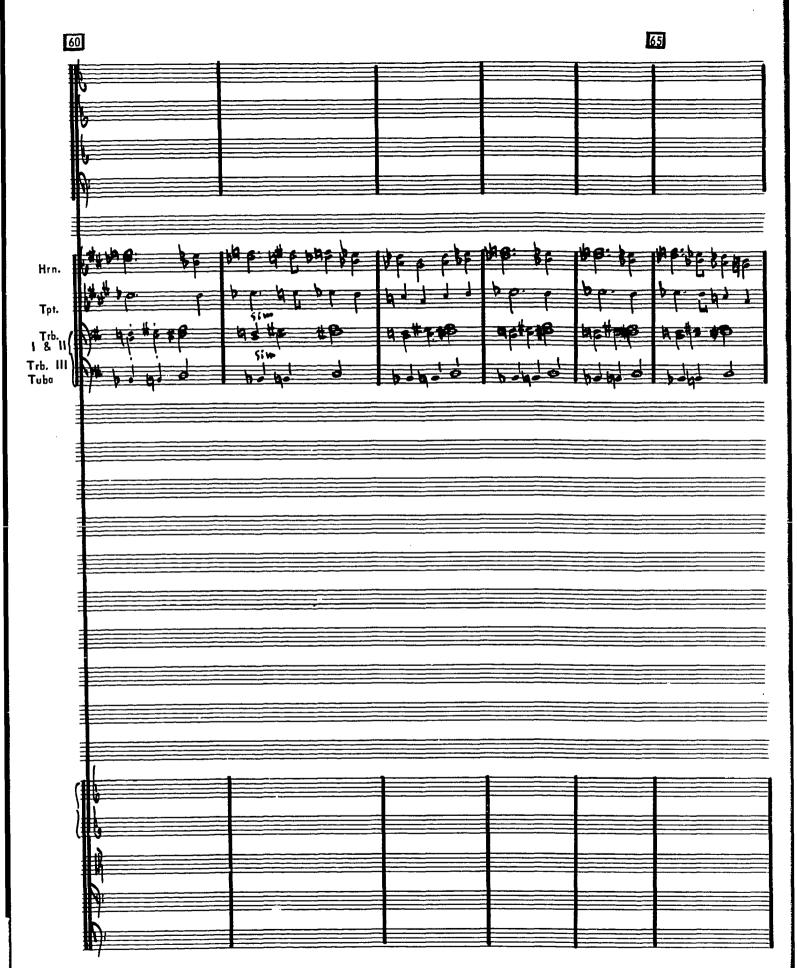


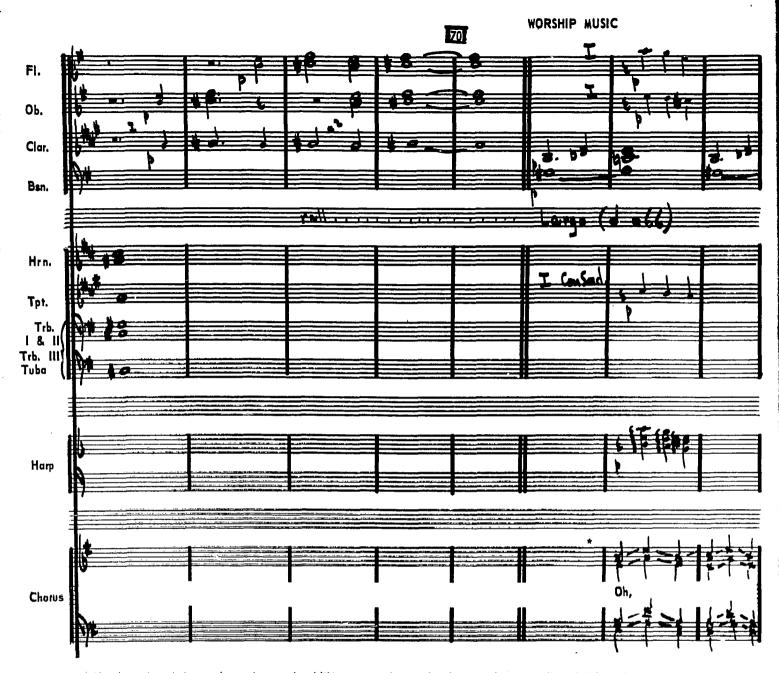












\*The chorus is to imitate soft mouning sounds ad libitum, somewhere within the general ranges indicated. There should be a slight increase and decrease in dynamics corresponding to the rise and fall in pitch. Definite pitches should not be sung, and the voices should not come in all at one time, or on any given beat. The effect should be a spontaneous expression — a walling or mouning. Beginning with a few voices and gradually adding others, the intensity should increase about this section, suggestive of more people being caught up in the pagan ritual. This effect should always be in the background. It should never be so loud as to predominate the music.

