The Emperor's New Clothes

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Chamber ensemble

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Cast:

Duchess, soprano / Second Weaver, soprano / Lady Broadbottom, mezzo soprano
Emperor, tenor / First Weaver, tenor
Duke, high baritone / Minister of State, baritone / Privy Councilor, bass

Chamber ensemble:

Piano, Harpsichord, String Quintet and Percussion (Glockenspiel, Triangle, Snare drum, Bass Drum, Suspended Cymbal/soft sticks)

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i. Royal Rondeau and Fugue

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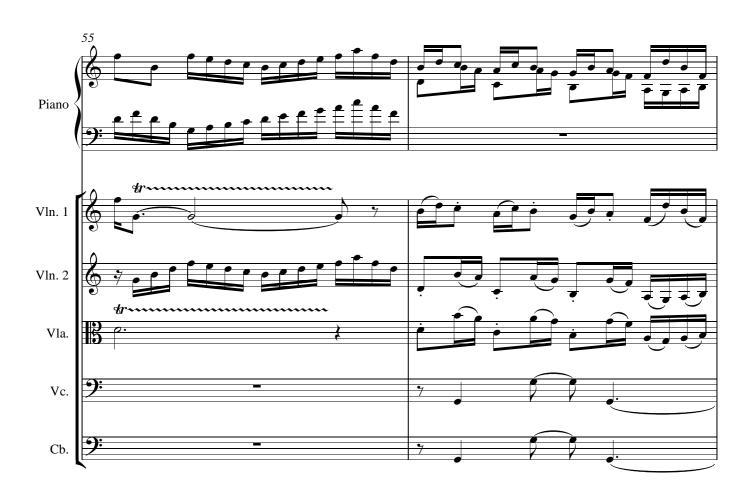






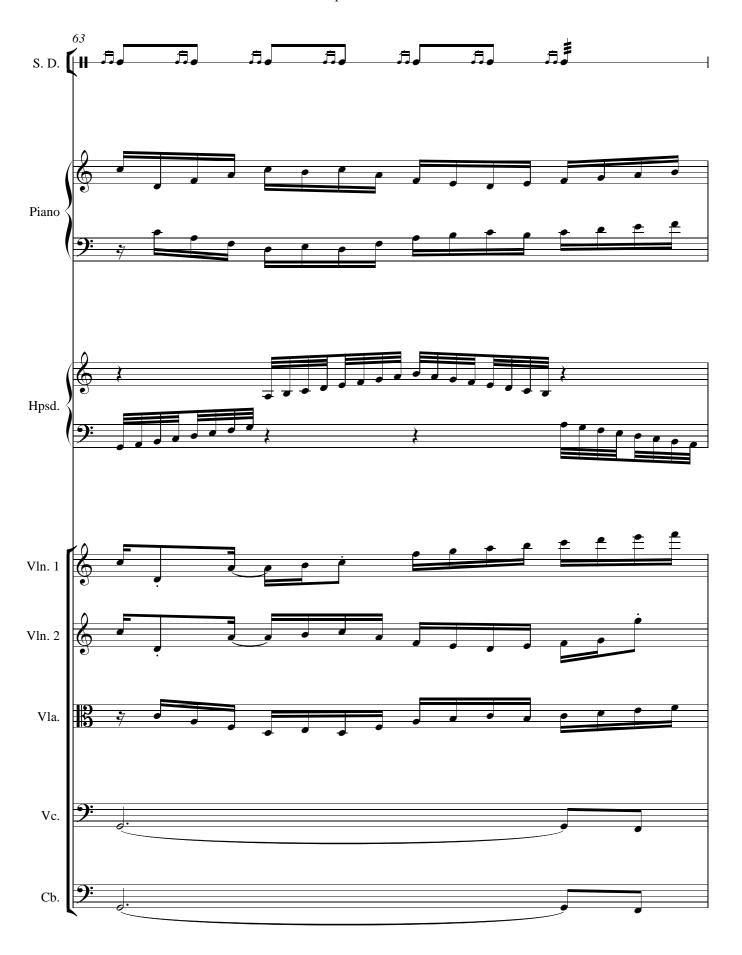












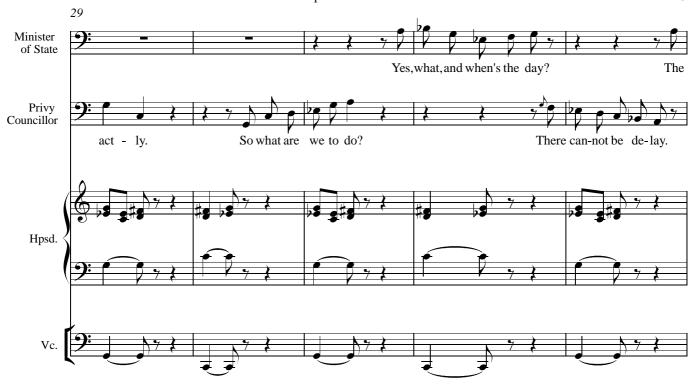


ii. Conspirators' Duet

[The Minister-of-State and the Privy Councilor meet on a public street.]





























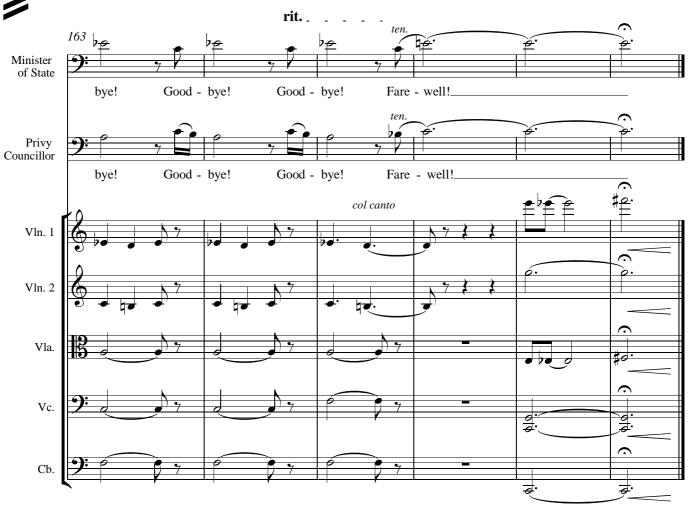






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iii. Laughing Quintet

[The Duke, Duchess and Lady Broadbottom enter, almost surprising the conspirators.]







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[The Privy Councilor whispers his gossip, as the others quiver with laughter.]















iv. The Emperor's Fanfare

[A fanfare announces the arrival of the Emperor. The five quickly regain their composure.]





v. The Emperor's Law

[The Emperor, suspicious of all, holds an impromptu court.]





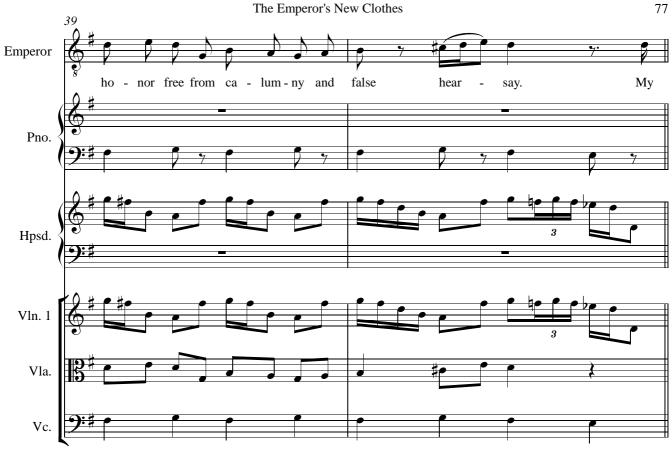






















vi. Introduction of the Weavers













vii. The Set-Up

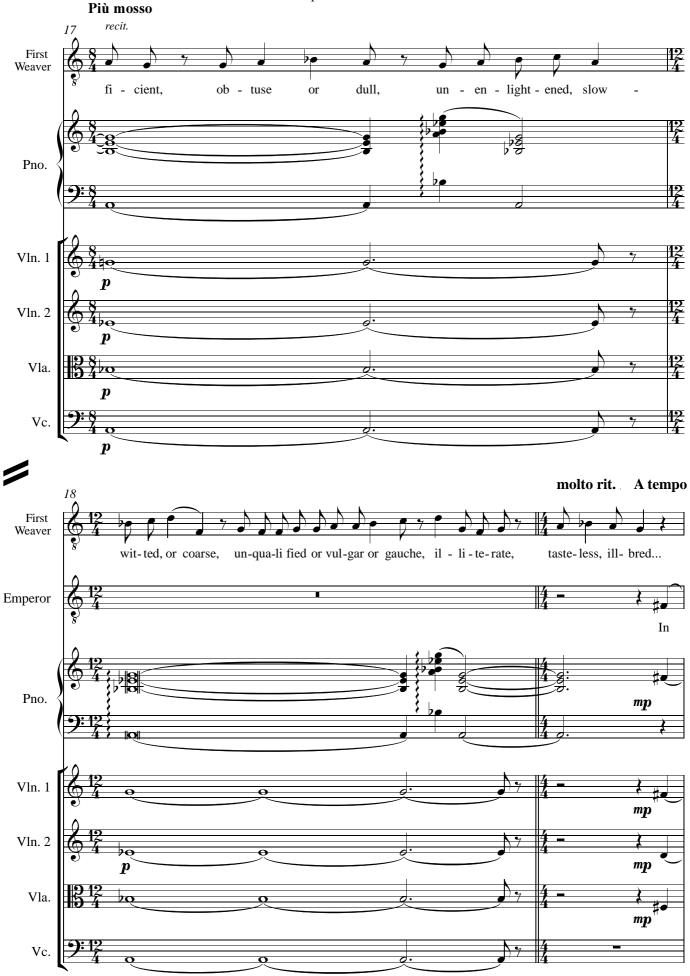
[Two weavers are brought out of the Emperor's entrouage. They begin a "sales pitch" as they set up a loom with "invisible" threads.]















































ix. The Fitting











[Lady Broadbottom comes from behind the screen, pretending she has seen the new clothes.]







































x. The Councilor's Advice

























xi. A Royal Approval

[The Emperor shows only his head from behind the changing screen, and announces his opinion of the new clothes.]

















xii. Fanfare and Rondeau Reprise







Vc.

Cb.



xiii. The Unveiling

[Standing proudly in his royal underwear and little else, the Emperor seeks reassurance.]





























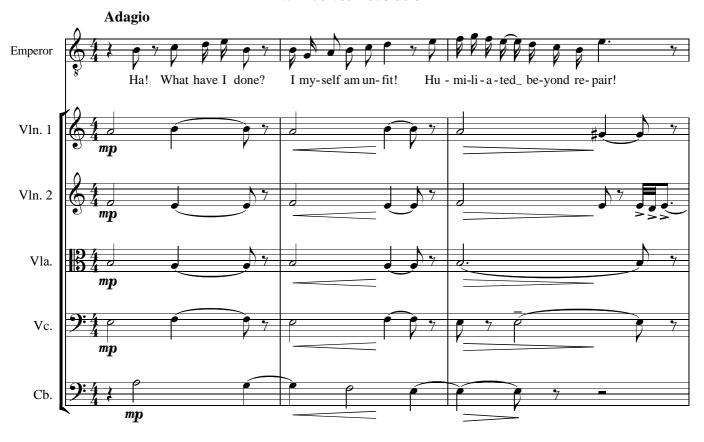








xiv. A Velvet Revolution











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Duchess

Privy Councilor

Pno.

Hpsd.

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.



[The Emporer and aristocrats look to the Privy Councilor.]





























