

for Javier Farias and the Chilean Guitar Ensemble

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three memories
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Movements

I. electric whirligigs	3
Interlude: a moon of regret	31
II. an autumn long past	34
III. rock in a bottle	55

Performance Notes

golpe is striking the body of the guitar with the palm or fingers. Notation is given in approximate registers: higher register indicates a shallower sound; a lower register indicates a deeper sound. The guitarist should locate those portions of the body of the guitar which best correspond to the desired sound.

slap is striking the fingerboard or the strings above the sound hole with flat fingers and palm. It is notated with a solid black bar cluster attached to the stem.

"Palm mute": A common effect in rock guitar playing, where the strings are muted as in *pizzicato*, while p-i are held together and strum back and forth like a pick. The effect can also be attained with the i finger strumming alone.

Harmonics sound *8va bassa*, in the same way as non-harmonic pitches.

If electric pickups and amplifiers are possible, it is recommended that the ensemble attempt to employ these in the third movement, and possibly also the first. The interlude and second movement should be played entirely acoustically.

The ensemble could also explore using picks in movement three (but not the other movements).

The third movement employs strumming exclusively on repeated 16th note figurations.

In m. 67, all players are to strike the floor once, ff, on the downbeat, with their shoes.

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I.

electric whirligigs

Exuberant, hard driving ♩ = 72-76

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The musical score is for an eight-part guitar ensemble. It begins with a tempo marking of ♩ = 72-76 and a dynamic of *ff*. The first measure contains complex rhythmic patterns for all eight guitars, with some parts marked *f*. The second measure introduces a *palm mute* for Gtr. 4 and *golpe* for Gtrs. 5 and 6. The third and fourth measures continue the patterns, with Gtr. 7 and 8 featuring *slap* techniques. Dynamics vary throughout, including *mf* and *p*. The score includes various musical notations such as accents, slurs, and fingerings.

Gtr. 1
Gtr. 2
Gtr. 3
Gtr. 4
Gtr. 5
Gtr. 6
Gtr. 7
Gtr. 8
(6 = D)

ff *f* *ff* *f* *ff* *ff* *ff* *ff*

mf *mf* *mf* *mf* *mf* *mf* *mf* *mf*

p *p* *p* *p*

palm mute
golpe
golpe
slap

9 11

Gtr. 1 *f* *mf*

Gtr. 2 *p* *mf*

Gtr. 3 golpe *mf* *mp* *p* *mf*

Gtr. 4

Gtr. 5 *mp* *mf* *mp*

Gtr. 6 palm mute *mp sub.* norm. *mf* *p* *mf* slap

Gtr. 7 *mp* *mf* *mp*

Gtr. 8 (6 = D) *mf* *p*

[illegible]

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Gtr. 1

Gtr. 2

Gtr. 3

Gtr. 4

Gtr. 5

Gtr. 6

Gtr. 7

Gtr. 8
(6 = D)

mf

mp

cresc.

f

simile

ff

f

ff