

solange wir frei waren*

music:

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pitch material: cycle Q7 according to the 2024 article *deciphering
persian music: a systematic approach through modal classification and
synthesis* by soroosh ghahramanloo and bamdad khoshghadami hosseini

a part of the program black humor

poem (versified for this project):

marlene streeruwitz

(speech:)
mf

wir wissen es nicht
und das ist unsere Schuld.
gemeinsam.
weil wir einander nicht lieben.
und uns selbst nicht.
weil wir es nicht wissen.
weil wir es nicht wissen können oder wollen.
wie frei wir sind,
so lange wir es sind.
weil wir es erst wissen.
weil wir es erst wissen können oder wollen.
wenn wir es nicht mehr sind
und hilflos zusehen
den Zurichtungen an uns.
wie wir zugeschnitten werden
und geköpft.

wenn wir nicht mehr frei sind,
und es wissen müssen
und es nicht wußten,
so lange wir frei waren.

A

speech
and
harmonica

♩ = 48-

4/4

violin

p

Bb clarinet
(transposed)

p

contrabass
(sounds 8vb)

p

The musical score is written for four parts: speech and harmonica, violin, Bb clarinet (transposed), and contrabass (sounds 8vb). The time signature is 4/4. The speech part is marked with a tempo of 48 beats per minute. The violin, clarinet, and contrabass parts are marked with a dynamic of *p* (piano). The speech part is marked with a dynamic of *mf* (mezzo-forte). The score includes a section labeled 'A' and a tempo marking '♩ = 48-'. The violin, clarinet, and contrabass parts are written in 4/4 time. The speech part is written in 4/4 time. The score includes a section labeled 'A' and a tempo marking '♩ = 48-'. The violin, clarinet, and contrabass parts are written in 4/4 time. The speech part is written in 4/4 time.

* in january 2025 gorji marzban suggested the title "solange wir noch frei sind" to marlene streeruwitz and i, for a prospective work.
as events further developed soon after, including ocurance of another war which left the dictator in power, the present wording appeared necessary. r.n.

2 4 **B**

sp./hm. harmonica a mid-range pitch or cluster, ad libitum *f*

vln. on instrument immitate on-going recitation
use arco and pizz. percussive sounds ad lib. *ff* *mf* *f*

cl. immitate harmonica *ff* *f*

cb. recite text slowly
apply a pause (ad lib.) between each two words

wenn	wir	nicht	mehr	frei	sind,	und	es
wissen		müssen	und	es	nicht	wußten,	
so	lange	wir		frei	waren.		

ff *mf* *f*

7 **C**

sp./hm. *f*

vln. (arco naturale) *mf* *f*

cl. *p* *f*

cb. (arco) *p* *f*

speech:

nimm	mich	speaker walks to bassist	tutti speech
bei der Hand.		so they hold hands	in unison: nimm mich
nächste Person.			bei der Hand.
		hold closest hand(s) to yours among ensemble. then stand up.	nächste Person.
		hold closest hand(s) to yours among ensemble. then stand up.	Halte mich
		hold closest hand(s) to yours among ensemble. then stand up.	fest
			und sag mir,
			ob ich es bin
			oder
			nicht.

another mid-range pitch or cluster, ad lib.

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sp./hm. harmonica

ff

vln. ff

cl. clap hands ff

cb. ff

clap hands p

speech

denn allein werde ich es nicht wissen. nie wissen können.
wir brauchen einander gemeinsam.

speech

allein werde ich es nicht wissen. nie wissen können.
wir brauchen einander gemeinsam.
deshalb sag es mir und halte mich fest und erzähl mir.

imitate harmonica and move further on ad libitum, applying harmonics

p ff

3

D

17

vln. f

cl. f

cb. f

p

p

p

4

22

E

sp./hm.

F

(speech)

bin ich noch ganz[?]

f

vln.

cl.

cb.

*f**f**f*

25

vln.

cl.

cb.

*p**p**p*

G

5

(speech) bin ich noch ganz in a raspy voice: oder hat die Gewalt jetzt mir schon längst den Kopf ABRASIERT

clap hands *sfz*

H

4

tutti:: recite the following boxed text as indifferently (as for facial and body gestures) and as intensely as possible.
 each word pronounced tutti (synchronization: only roughly). between each two words a slight moment allowed.
 for instrumentalists, not absolutely all words must be recited. the musicians may throw instrumental satires in here and there ad libitum.
 abrupt ending: somewhere around final words. vocalist gives a cue: a hand gesture, like the one of a dictator of choice at a populated speech.
 duration: ca 100".

sp./hm. 4

vln. 4

cl. 4

cb. 4

attacca ff

Taliban Condemns Israeli Strikes on Iran as ‘Violation of International Law’

In a statement posted on X, Taliban chief spokesperson Zabihullah Mujahid said the attack violated core principles of international law, particularly the sovereignty and territorial integrity of states. The Taliban has strongly condemned Israel’s recent airstrikes on Iran, calling the attack and the killing of Iranian military commanders and nuclear scientists a “blatant violation of international law.”

Mujahid also denounced Israel’s ongoing military campaign in Gaza, calling it “relentless and catastrophic,” and accused the Israeli government of ignoring humanitarian and international legal standards. “The occupying regime persists in its violent actions with blatant disregard for humanitarian and international legal norms,” he said. Mujahid called on all parties to act responsibly to avoid further instability and to help maintain peace and security in the region.

KabulNow, June 13, 2025 - Kabul, Afghanistan

4

4

4

4

32 **I** (speech)

sp./hm. $\frac{1}{4}$ $\frac{1}{4}$ und ich weiss
gar nicht mehr, dass ich nur noch kniee und weine, und nur noch glaube, mein Leben sei glücklich.

p *f* *p* *f* *p*

vln. pizz. *p* *f* *p* *f* *p*

cl. *p* *fp* *f* *p*

cb. *mp*

35 **J**

vln. *f*

cl. **

cb.

** this microtone may be interpreted here somewhat higher in frequency, negotiating toward the natural side.

détaché: play (arco) or sing***

Violin (vln.) part: Treble clef, 2/4 time. Lyrics: ba, haa, re, maa, go, za, ash, te, go, zash, te. Dynamics: *f*. Performance markings: *arco*, *(f)*.

Clarinet (cl.) part: Treble clef, 2/4 time. Dynamics: *f*. Performance marking: *8vb* (octave down) indicated by a dashed line.

Cello/Double Bass (cb.) part: Bass clef, 2/4 time. Dynamics: *f*. Performance markings: *arco*, *pizz.*, *(arco)*, *(pizz.)*, *(f)*.

(arco/voce)

43 haa go za ash te ma nam be jo ste juu ye sa arne

vln.

cl.

cb.

pizz.

(8)

3/4

*** in accommodation to vocal range of the violinist, the vocal section may be sung at a different octave accordingly.

this is borrowed from the song *مرا بیوس* (*kiss me*):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=47wvKdWntY> (minute 01:40)

melody: majid vafadar (1913-1976), lyrics (in farsi): heydar reghabi (1931-1987)

L

47 vesht

vln. pizz. arco

cl. tap of feet and speech**** vesht naturale

sfz

cb. pizz. arco

f

p

51

vln. pizz. (pizz.)

(arco) f

cl. f

cb. f

prepare repositioning

**** leave out speech, in case the violinist does not sing.

M

hold the violin like a guitar
and play by a pick or the fingertip(s)
arpeggiando (always updown, aiming for highest pitch of chord)

9

55 (pizz.)

vln.

cl.

cb.

p

sul D

58

vln.

cl.

cb.

(arco sul D) (p)

(arco)

pizz. f +

(p)

prepare repositioning

62

vln. arco pizz. (E sul A) (E sul E) pizz. prepare repositioning

cl. *f*

cb. *f* *p*

66

vln. guitarlike prepare repositioning

cl. ad lib. *f* *p* *f*

cb. ad lib. pizz. *f* *sfz* *f*

N

11

69

vln. arco *p*

cl. *p*

cb. arco *p*

73

vln. *f* *p*

cl. *f* *p* (*f*)

cb. *f* *p*

O77 **ad libitum**

cl. *f*

cb. *f*

cl. *p* *f* *fp* *f*

cb. *p* *ff* *p* *f*

cl. *p* *f* *p* *f* *p* *f* *p* *fp* *p*

cb. *p*

Q

14

93 **ad libitum**

sp./hm. **4/4** *p*

(speech) *mf* nimm mich bei der Hand, nächste Person und sprich mir

vln. **4/4** *mf* (arco) pizz. + simile (pizz.) (arco)

cl. **4/4** *mf*

cb. **4/4** *mf* arco [sul ponticello] (speech) *mf* nimm mich bei der Hand, nächste Person und

sp./hm. **2/4** 95 und sprich mir von der Freiheit. *****

vln. **2/4** (pizz.) (arco) von der Freiheit. (speech) Frei heit *****

cl. **2/4** (speech) Frei heit *****

cb. **2/4** (speech) Frei heit *****

clap *mf* > >

clap *mf* > >

sprich mir von der Freiheit.

***** say this "Freiheit" all three together.

R

dolce

harmonica

15

react to musicians

98

sp./hm. **H**

arco nat.

vln. play a favorite song of your childhood, recalling your time playing freely in a garden. repeat or loop, if necessary. stay independent.

cl. play a favorite song of your childhood, recalling your time playing freely in a garden. repeat or loop, if necessary. stay independent.

cb. arco nat. play a favorite song of your childhood, recalling your time playing freely in a garden. repeat or loop, if necessary. stay independent.

p

speech

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sp./hm. **H**

ich erzähl dir meinen Traum davon.' herbeireden müssen wir sie. in die Welt herein beschwören
die Freiheit und teilen dann. gemeinsam.

f

vln. sustain the final note of your song **1** **4** ad libitum bend around the closest F to your last pitch. meanwhile
as you hear "Freiheit", speak it out a few times independently.

cl. sustain the final note of your song **1** **4** ad libitum bend around the closest F to your last pitch. meanwhile
as you hear "Freiheit", speak it out a few times independently.

cb. sustain the final note of your song **1** **4** ad libitum bend around the closest F to your last pitch. meanwhile
as you hear "Freiheit", speak it out a few times independently.

f *mf*

S

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vln. pizz. *p* *f* *p* *f* *p* *f* arco *p* pizz. *f* prepare repositioning

cl. *p* *tr* (F+G)

cb. sul pont. *p* *tr* (E+F) (F sul D)

112

vln. guitarlike *ff* *p*

cl. *f* *p*

cb. *f* *p*