

Score  
Ca. 8'

Written For The Rhythm Method

# MAKE THE CLIMB

STRING QUARTET

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Aggressively  $\text{d}.$  = 65 +

Violin 1:  $\text{f} \text{fff}$

Violin 2:  $\text{f} \text{fff}$

Viola:  $\text{f} \text{fff}$

Cello:  $\text{f} \text{fff}$

Measure 3:  $\text{p.s.p. m.o.p.} > \text{gliss.}$   $\text{normal ord.}$   $\text{p} \text{mf}$

Measure 4:  $\text{p.s.p. m.o.p.} > \text{gliss.}$   $\text{normal ord.}$   $\text{p} \text{mf}$

Measure 5:  $\text{p.s.p. m.o.p.} > \text{gliss.}$   $\text{normal ord.}$   $\text{p} \text{mf}$

Measure 6:  $\text{p.s.p. m.o.p.} > \text{gliss.}$   $\text{normal ord.}$   $\text{p} \text{mf}$

Vln. 1:  $\text{p} \text{mf}$   $\text{p}$   $\text{mf} \text{p}$

Vln. 2:  $\text{mf}$   $\text{p} \text{f} \text{p}$

Vla.:  $\text{p} \text{mf}$   $\text{p} \text{mf} \text{p}$

C.:  $\text{mf}$   $\text{p} \text{f}$   $\text{ff}$   $\text{to s.p.} \text{ s.p.}$

Measure 6:  $\text{Freely}$

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2

**7 Stretch**

**8 Bluesy, With Forward Momentum**

$\text{J.} = 65 +$

Vln. 1  
 any rate you want milk it  
 $\text{ff}$  8.6

Vln. 2  
 s.p. milk it  
 $\text{ff}$   $\text{mp} < \text{f}$  (sudden)  
 $\text{ff}$   $\text{mp} < \text{f}$  (sudden)

Vla.  
 s.p. gliss. as late as possible milk it  
 $\text{ff}$  ord.

C.  
 gliss as late as possible milk it  
 ord.

**Score**

9

p.s.r.

**s.p.**  
(like a harmonica)

**port.is.ok**

**f**

**fp**

**s.p.**

**mp**

**f**

**(s.p.)**

*(like a harmonica)*

Vln. 1

*fp*

10

port. is ok

Vln.

*f*

s.p.

*mp* — *sfz*

(—)

Vla.

*f*

*mp* — *sfz*

C.

*f p*

11

ord.

to s.p.

gliss.

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3

s.p.  
(like a harmonica)

Vln. 1

ff

Vln. 2

Vla.

C.

12

13

particulate

s.p. ord. gliss. ff ord.

14

ord. normal to s.o.p. 15 s.o.p. norm.

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

C.

normal

f p

p f

to s.o.p. s.o.p. normal

f

p f

to s.o.p. s.o.p. norm. to s.p. s.p.

fp sfz

**Score**

**review**

## MAKE THE CLIMB's SCORE

(like a harmonica)

16

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

C.

17

s.p.  
ff

s.p.  
ff

=

18

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

C.

19

ord.  
(norm.)

f = p

20

f

(re-articulate)  
(normal  
(l.v.)  
pizz.)

f = p

ff

gliss.

ord.

sfz

ff

4

ord.

gliss.

Large text 'preview' is overlaid diagonally across the lower section of the score.

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5

21

22

Vln. 1

Vln. 2 arco 4 mp f 8:6

Vla. 4 mp 3 3 2

C. (re-articulate) mp f

**score**

=

23

24

25

Vln. 1

Vln. 2 arco p.s.p. fp sfz 12/8

Vla. ff fp gliss. re-articulate sfz 12/8

C. 12/8 fp sfz f 12/8

**preview**

MAKE THE CLIMB - SCORE

6

**26 Daunting**

26 Daunting

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

C.

27

rit.

s.p.

p

s.p. (slow gliss.)

gliss.

gliss.

p f p

s.p.

mp

aggressive gliss.

p ff p f

to s.p. scratch

5:6

28

ord.

29

30

rit.

=

Preview Score

28

ord.

29

30

rit.

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

C.

p mf

mp

ord. to s.p.

f

s.p.

5:6

ord.

p mf mp

scratch m.o.p. gliss. stop on count 4.

normal

ff > p

mp

31

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7

*J. = 65*

Vln. 1      Vln. 2      Vla.      C.

31      32      33 sul tasto  
*f*      *gliss. down to undefined pitch*      *pp*      *mp*

34      35      36  
*to ord.*      *soulful*      *s.p.*  
*pp*      *f*      *p*



*Preview*

Vln. 1      Vln. 2      Vla.      C.

34      35      36  
*to ord.*      *ord. soulful*      *s.p.*  
*pp*      *f*      *p*

37      38      39  
*sul tasto*      *to ord.*      *to m.o.p. m.o.p.*  
*ord. soulful*      *f*      *p*      *f*

40      41      42  
*gliss.*      *ord. soulful*      *s.p.*  
*f*      *p*      *ff*



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8

37

Vln. 1

*ff*

3

Vln. 2

ord.

*ff*

3

Vla.

normal

*ff*

s.p.

*s.p.*

3

ord.

C.

ord.

*ff*

*s.p.*

*s.p.*

3

Vln. 1

poco accel.

39

Vln. 2

41

Violent &  
Relentless

*ff* = 100

40

Vla.

*ff*

8

C.

*ff*

8

preview

Score

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9

Musical score for measures 42 through 46. The score includes parts for Vln. 1, Vln. 2, Vla., and C. Measure 42 starts with a bassoon solo. Measures 43-46 show various rhythmic patterns and dynamics. The word "Score" is written diagonally across the music.

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**49** Introspective, With A  
Strong Forward Pocket

$\text{♩} = 100$

sul tasto

50

Musical score for measures 47 through 50. The score includes parts for Vln. 1, Vln. 2, Vla., and C. Measure 47 shows a bassoon solo. Measures 48-50 show various rhythmic patterns and dynamics. The word "Preview" is written diagonally across the music. Measure 49 is labeled "ord." and measure 50 is labeled "sul tasto (norm.)". Dynamics include *p*, *mp*, and *to s.p.*

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51                    52                    53                    54 to ord.                    55 ord.

Vln. 1                    Vln. 2                    Vla.                    C.

56                    57                    58                    59 arco

Vln. 1                    Vln. 2                    Vla.                    C.

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rit.

Vln. 1

60

*mf*

61

*3*

62

*3*

Vln. 2

to s.p.

s.p.

ord.

*mf*

*p*

*sfz*

Vla.

*mf*

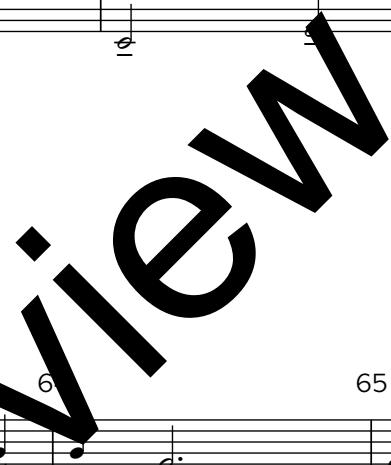
*p*

*fz*

*mp*

C.

*mf*



**Score**

63 Sorrowful  
 $\text{♩} = 90$

Vln. 1

*p*

65

66

Vln.

*p*

Vla.

*p*

C.

*p*



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12

Musical score for strings (Vln. 1, Vln. 2, Vla., C.) from measures 67 to 70. The score includes dynamics (f, ff) and performance instructions (molto rit.). The title "MAKE THE CLIMB - SCORE" is overlaid in large black letters.

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Musical score for strings (Vln. 1, Vln. 2, Vla., C.) from measures 71 to 74. Measure 73 is labeled "Rock. The Training Scene." with tempo "= 120+". The score includes dynamics (p, mp, ff) and performance instructions (n, 3). The title "preview score" is overlaid in large black letters.

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78

13

75

Vln. 1

76

Vln. 2

77

s.p.

Vla.

C.

ord.  
IV

p

m.o.p.

(IV & III)  
s.p.

mp

f

s.p.

f

f

f

scratches/  
shuffled strings  
- Play scratches softer  
than regular notes. Some sloppiness  
going in and out of scratches is ok.

Score

**Score**

**Preview**

The image displays two sections of a musical score. The top section, labeled 'Score', shows three staves: Treble 2 (G clef), Vla. (Bassoon), and C. (Cello). The bottom section, labeled 'Preview', shows two staves: Treble 1 (G clef) and Treble 2 (G clef). Both sections include large, bold text labels: 'Score' on the right side of the top section and 'Preview' on the left side of the bottom section. The music includes dynamic markings like *p*, *m.o.p.*, *f*, *mp*, *ff*, and *pizz.*. Technical instructions are provided for specific notes, such as 'scratches/muffled strings' and 'Play scratches softer than regular notes. Some sloppiness going in and out of scratches is ok.' Measure numbers 79, 80, 81, and 82 are indicated at the beginning of the preview section.

# MAKE THE CLIMB - SCORE

14

83

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

C.

84

*fp*

arco  
s.p.

mean  
gliss.

ord.

85

*f*

86

s.p.

Score

=

87

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

C.

88

ord.

late  
gliss.

pizz.

*ff*

s.p.

89

*f*

*p* — *f*

Preview

ord.

late  
gliss.

pizz.

*ff*

s.p.

*f*

*fp* — *f*

ord.

late  
gliss.

*p* — *f*

# MAKE THE CLIMB - SCORE

15

**90**

Vln. 1

Vln. 2 arco ord.

Vla. Chops (on any strings) with attitude

C. s.p.  
f/mpish

gliss. gliss.

ord./normal

**Score**

**94 MORE!**

Vln. 1 ff

Vln. 2 fj

Vla. ff

C. ord.

**preview**

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**98** Less Volume, But  
Same Intensity

99                    100                    101                    pizz.

Vln. 1                    Vln. 2                    Vla.                    C.

*p*                    *p*                    *p*                    *p*

102                    arco                    come on                    103                    104                    fff

Vln. 1                    Vln. 2                    Vla.                    C.

come on                    come on                    come on !                    fff

come on !                    come on !                    fff

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17

$$\boxed{107} \text{ } \bullet = 90$$

108

109

105 106 108 109

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

C.

Score

Solo in time

gliss

2

**preview**

110

Vln. 1

111

Vln. 2

112

s.p.

113

pizz.  $\frac{3}{4}$

$\frac{3}{4}$

3

mf

3

Vla.

ff

gliss.

3

arco

pizz.  $\frac{3}{4}$

$\frac{3}{4}$

C.

mf

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18

116

rit. 114      115 ord.  $\text{J} = 80$   $\text{J} = 90$  gliss.

Vln. 1  $p$   $ff$   $pp$

Vln. 2 arco<sub>3</sub>  $ff$

Vla.  $p ff$

C.  $ff$  gliss. gliss.

**Score**

**Preview**

$\text{J} = 80$  118      119  $\text{J} = 155$  Chops (on any strings)

Vln. 1  $f$   $v.$   $v.$

Vln. 2  $p$   $f$  arco

Vla.  $mp$   $p$   $f$

C.  $p$   $f$

put your bow down

Slap strings against fingerboard w/ right hand. (Let all vibrate.) Heavy pizzicatos or noise is ok. Other excess slappiness

## MAKE THE CLIMB - SCORE

122

123

124

125

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

C.

arco  
normal

p

f

v.v.

arco

p

f

s.p.

hammer-on

p

f

s.p.

mp

f

**NO Score**

126

127

128

129

Violin 1

Violin 2

Vla.

C.

Preview

ord.

ff

to s.p.

s.p.

pizz.

sfz f

ord.

ff

to s.p.

s.p.

m.o.p.

sfz f

# MAKE THE CLIMB - SCORE

20

132

130 pizz. 131 ⚡ (normal/arco) 133

Vln. 1  
V. x x  
arco s.p. m.o.p. normal

Vln. 2

Vla. normal (s.p.) arco ord.

C.

**score**

=

134 ⚡ s.p. 135 pizz. 136 ⚡ 137

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla. scratches

C. (hammer) indef. pitch (hammer) IV

**preview**

scratch 3  
normal s.p. m.o.p.  
3

# MAKE THE CLIMB - SCORE

21

138 arco (s.p.) to ord. 139

Vln. 1 *p*

Vln. 2 *p*

Vla. *p*

C. *mp*

normal (s.p.) to ord.

normal (s.p.) to ord.

aggressive gliss.!

(harmonics)

**Score**

140 ord. 141

**review score**

142 pizz. 143 arco

Vln. 1 *mp* *fp* *sfz*

Vln. 2 *mp* *f* *mp* *f* *ff*

Vla. *ff* *3* *mp* *f* *arco*

C. Pick up bow

**Review**

chop

arco re-ord. articulate

**raw**

raw

raw

**raw**

**raw**

**raw**

**raw**

**raw**

## MAKE THE CLIMB - SCORE

22

## 148 The Climb

147

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

C.

149

150

**Score**

=

151

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

C.

152

153

154

**Preview**

MAKE THE CLIMB - SCORE

23

Vln. 1 155

Vln. 2 156

Vla. 157

C. 158

*mf*

*mf*

*mf*

*gliss.*

=

Score

Vln. 1 159

Vln. 2 160

Vla. 161

C. 162

(*gliss.*)

*gliss.*

*gliss.*

*gliss.*

Preview

MAKE THE CLIMB - SCORE

24

163

Vln. 1

Musical score for measures 163-165. The score consists of four staves: Vln. 1 (top), Vln. 2, Vla., and C. (bottom). Measure 163 starts with eighth-note patterns. Measure 164 continues with eighth-note patterns, followed by measure 165. Dynamic markings include 'molto rit.' at the beginning of measure 165 and '3' under several notes throughout the section.

Vln. 2

Vla.

C.

Score

Score

=

Vln. 1

Vln.

Vla.

C.

ff

167 Triumphant

= 88

168

Musical score for measures 166-168. The score consists of four staves: Vln. 1 (top), Vln. 2, Vla., and C. (bottom). Measure 166 starts with eighth-note patterns. Measure 167 begins with a dynamic 'ff'. Measure 168 concludes the section. Dynamic markings include 'ff' at the start of measure 167 and again at the start of measure 168.

Preview

Score

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Musical score page 25, measures 169-171. The score includes parts for Vln. 1, Vln. 2, Vla., and C. Measure 169: Vln. 1 has a sixteenth-note pattern. Measure 170: Vln. 2 has a sixteenth-note pattern with a *gliss.* (glissando) instruction. Measures 171: Vln. 1 has a sixteenth-note pattern. The word "Score" is overlaid in large black letters across the middle of the page.

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Musical score page 25, measures 172-174. The score includes parts for Vln. 1, Vln. 2, Vla., and C. Measures 172-173: Vln. 1 has a sixteenth-note pattern. Measures 174: Vln. 1 has a sixteenth-note pattern. The word "preview" is overlaid in large black letters across the left side of the page.

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177

Rock Out, Once Again.

 $\text{♩} = 120 +$ Vocal :  
"Woo!"

rit. 175

Vln. 1

176 // 178

*mp* *mf* *f*

Vln. 2

3 3 // s.p. *p* *sfz* *f*

Vocal : "Woo!"

Vla.

3 // *f*

C. pizz. *f*

Vocal : "Woo!"

**Score**

179

(Play!) strong

180

Vln. 1

(Play!) strong ord.

Vln. 2

(Play!)

Vla.

(muffle/scratch)

C.

(Play!) arco

(muffle/scratch)

**Preview**

## MAKE THE CLIMB - SCORE

183

27

*like the violin, that it is!*

A musical score for string instruments (Violin 1, Violin 2, Viola, Cello) over four staves. Measure 182 starts with Violin 1 playing eighth-note pairs. Measures 183 and 184 show all four instruments performing eighth-note patterns. The score includes dynamic markings (pp, f, fp-f), performance instructions (gliss.), and a large, stylized red 'Score' watermark.

182

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

gliss.

fp → f

Vla.

gliss.

C.

Score

184

*like the violin, that it is!*

187

**presto**

185 186 187

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

C.

ff

# MAKE THE CLIMB - SCORE

28

188 Vln. 1 *ff*

189 Vln. 2 *ff*

Vla. *ff*

C.

190

=

**score**

188 189 190

191

**review**

193

Vln. 1 *p*

Vln. 2 *p*

Vla.

C. *p* gliss. gliss. gliss. gliss.

191 192 193

MAKE THE CLIMB - SCORE

29

Vln. 1 194

Vln. 2 195

Vla.

C.

**Score**

=

Vln. 1 197

Vln. 2 198 ff

Vla. 199 ff

C. 200 ff

**Preview**

# MAKE THE CLIMB - SCORE

30

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

C.

201

202

203

gliss.

Score

Preview

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

C.

204

205

mf ish

Vocal whisper:  
"Haah..."  
(like a sigh)

rip it!

gliss.

gliss.

mf ish

mf ish

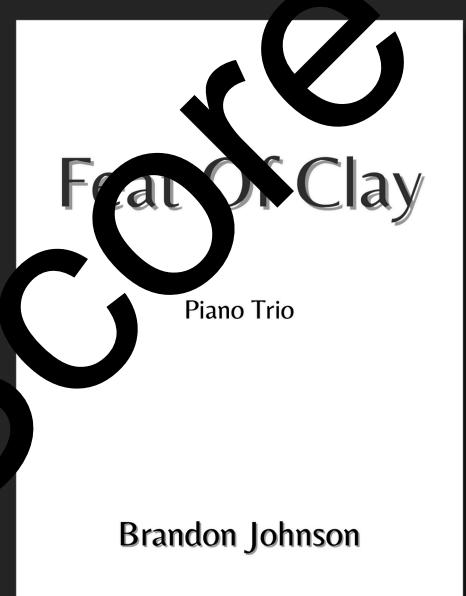
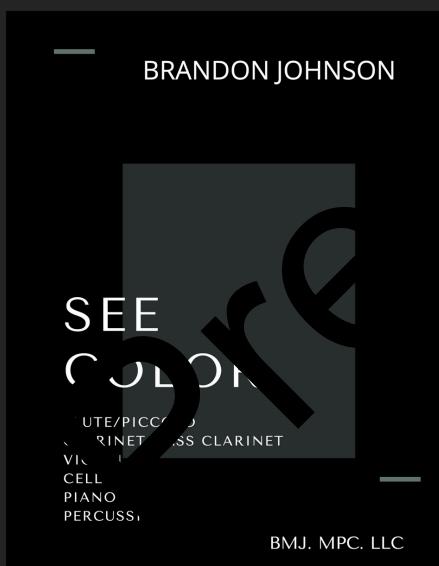
mf ish

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Score

Preview

# OTHER WORKS WITH STRINGS



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