

Naomi Pinnock

The shadow of the thing

for solo violin

2022

The shadow of the thing

Duration: ca. 4'

Since our meeting twenty years ago at the Royal Academy of Music my dear friendship with Philip Venables has been a constant source of joy, love and mutual support. This short piece takes the opening viola solo from his String Quartet, written whilst we were studying, and glimpses at it as though looking only at the long shadows it is casting.

Thank you to the Academy, to Philip Cashian and the Composition Department, and to Brian Elias my teacher, for those pivotal years of learning and experimenting.

The shadow of the thing

for Philip Venables, and the Royal Academy of Music on its 200th Birthday

Naomi Pinnock

♩ = 50 as if from a distance. gently.

senza/poco vibrato,
sul tasto flautando

Musical notation for the first system, measures 1-9. The piece is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The time signature changes from 4/4 to 3/4, then 7/8, 4/4, 3/4, 2/4, 3/4, 4/4, 2/4, and finally 5/8. The notes are mostly half notes and quarter notes, with some triplet markings. A dynamic marking of *pp* and the instruction "legato possible" are present below the staff.

Musical notation for the second system, measures 10-18. The time signature changes from 5/8 to 3/4, 7/8, 4/4, 3/4, 4/4, 5/8, 2/4, and 3/4. The notation includes various note values and rests. A dynamic marking of *p* is present below the staff.

Musical notation for the third system, measures 19-27. The time signature changes from 3/4 to 2/4, 4/4, 7/8, 3/4, 2/4, 3/4, and 2/4. Above the staff, there is an instruction "8va" with an arrow pointing right, and "ord." with two vertical lines. A dynamic marking of *p* is present below the staff.

Musical notation for the fourth system, measures 28-36. The time signature changes from 2/4 to 5/8, 4/4, 7/8, 3/4, 4/4, 3/4, 4/4, and 5/4. Above the staff, there is an instruction "8va" with an arrow pointing right, and "sul tasto" and "loco" markings. A dynamic marking of *pp* is present below the staff.

37

45

53