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# **Please Don't Ask Me**

for  
**Viola Octet or 5 Violas, 2 Cellos and Double Bass**

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By

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# Please Don't Ask Me To Leave you

Viola 1

Viola Octet or 5 Violas, 2 Cellos, and 1 Bass

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**Moderato** (M.M. ♩ = c. 80)

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Viola 2

Viola Octet or 5 Violas, 2 Cellos, and 1 Bass

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Viola 3

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Viola Octet or 5 Violas, 2 Cellos, and 1 Bass

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**Moderato** (M.M. ♩ = c. 80)

*p*

6

*mf*

14

*pp*

20

27

*pp*

32

*molto rit.* **Meno Mosso** (♩ = c.50) *accel.* **Moderato** (M.M. ♩ = c. 80)

*p*

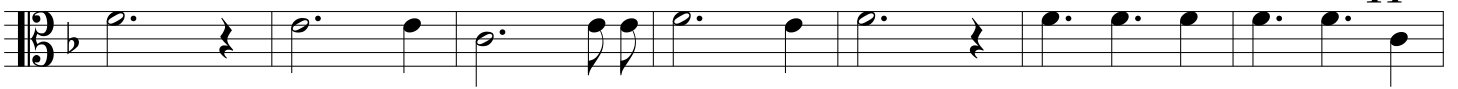
38

*mp*

4  
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44



*pp*

51



*rit.*

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Viola 4

Viola Octet or 5 Violas, 2 Cellos, and 1 Bass

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Moderato (M.M. ♩ = c. 80)

4 *p*

11 *mf* *pp*

18

25 *pp*

31 *molto rit.* **Meno Mosso** (♩ = c. 50) *accel.*

Moderato (M.M. ♩ = c. 80)

37 4 *mp*

47 *pp*

53 *rit.*

3/3/13

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# Cello 4 Please Don't Ask Me To Leave you

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**Meno Mosso** (♩ = c.50)

4  
Cello 4

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48

*pp*

Musical notation for measures 48-53. The staff is in bass clef with a key signature of one flat. Measure 48 starts with a half note G2, followed by a quarter rest. Measures 49-50 contain quarter notes G2, A2, and B2. Measure 51 contains quarter notes C3, D3, and E3, with a *pp* dynamic marking above the first note. Measure 52 contains quarter notes F3, G3, and A3. Measure 53 contains a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note B3, and a quarter note C4. The time signature changes to 5/4 at the start of measure 54.

54

*rit.*

Musical notation for measures 54-55. Measure 54 contains a half note G2, followed by a quarter rest, and a quarter note A2. Measure 55 contains a half note B2, with a *rit.* dynamic marking above it. The piece ends with a double bar line.



Viola 5

# Please Don't Ask Me To Leave you

Viola Octet or 5 Violas, 2 Cellos, and 1 Bass

William Severson (1941 - )

**Moderato** (M.M. ♩ = c. 80)

*mp* *mp*

7

13 *mf* *pp*

19 *pp*

24

29 *molto rit.* *p* **Meno Mosso** (♩ = c.50)

34 *accel.* *mp* **Moderato** (M.M. ♩ = c. 80)

4  
Viola 5

Please Don't Ask Me To Leave you

39

Musical staff for measures 39-43. The staff is in bass clef with a key signature of one flat. It begins with a whole note chord (F2, C3, G2) marked with a fermata. The melody starts at measure 40 with a half note G2, followed by eighth notes: A2, Bb2, C3, D3, E3, F3, G3, A3, Bb3, C4, D4, E4, F4, G4, A4, Bb4, C5, D5, E5, F5, G5, A5, Bb5, C6, D6, E6, F6, G6, A6, Bb6, C7, D7, E7, F7, G7, A7, Bb7, C8, D8, E8, F8, G8, A8, Bb8, C9, D9, E9, F9, G9, A9, Bb9, C10, D10, E10, F10, G10, A10, Bb10, C11, D11, E11, F11, G11, A11, Bb11, C12, D12, E12, F12, G12, A12, Bb12, C13, D13, E13, F13, G13, A13, Bb13, C14, D14, E14, F14, G14, A14, Bb14, C15, D15, E15, F15, G15, A15, Bb15, C16, D16, E16, F16, G16, A16, Bb16, C17, D17, E17, F17, G17, A17, Bb17, C18, D18, E18, F18, G18, A18, Bb18, C19, D19, E19, F19, G19, A19, Bb19, C20, D20, E20, F20, G20, A20, Bb20, C21, D21, E21, F21, G21, A21, Bb21, C22, D22, E22, F22, G22, A22, Bb22, C23, D23, E23, F23, G23, A23, Bb23, C24, D24, E24, F24, G24, A24, Bb24, C25, D25, E25, F25, G25, A25, Bb25, C26, D26, E26, F26, G26, A26, Bb26, C27, D27, E27, F27, G27, A27, Bb27, C28, D28, E28, F28, G28, A28, Bb28, C29, D29, E29, F29, G29, 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# Viola 6 Please Don't Ask Me To Leave you

Viola Octet or 5 Violas, 2 Cellos, and 1 Bass

William Severson (1941 - )

**Moderato** (M.M. ♩ = c. 80)

Measures 1-5 of the Viola part. The music begins with a piano (*p*) dynamic and a long slur over the first five measures. The notation is in bass clef with a key signature of one flat and a 4/4 time signature.

Measures 6-10 of the Viola part. The music continues with eighth-note patterns and slurs. A measure rest is present in measure 7.

Measures 11-15 of the Viola part. The music features a crescendo leading to a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic in measure 12, followed by a decrescendo to a pianissimo (*pp*) dynamic in measure 14. A measure rest is present in measure 13.

Measures 16-20 of the Viola part. The music changes to a 5/4 time signature for measures 16-17, then returns to 4/4 for measures 18-20. There is a measure rest in measure 17.

Measures 21-25 of the Viola part. The music consists of eighth-note patterns with frequent measure rests.

Measures 26-30 of the Viola part. The music features a decrescendo leading to a pianissimo (*pp*) dynamic in measure 28, which is sustained with a long slur through measures 29 and 30.

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Viola 6

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31 *molto rit.* **Meno Mosso** (♩ = c.50)

36 *accel.* **Moderato** (M.M. ♩ = c. 80) *p*

41 *mp*

46 *pp*

52 *rit.*

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5

10 *mf* *pp*

15

19

24

29 *molto rit.*

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33 **Meno Mosso** (♩ = c.50) *accel.* **Moderato** (M.M. ♩ = c. 80) *p*

40 *mp*

45 *pp*

50

55 *rit.*

Cello 7 **Please Don't Ask Me To Leave you**  
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**Moderato** (M.M. ♩ = c. 80)

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29 *molto rit.*

33 **Meno Mosso** (♩ = c.50) *accel.* **Moderato** (M.M. ♩ = c. 80) *p*

40 *mp*

45

50 *pp*

54 *rit.*

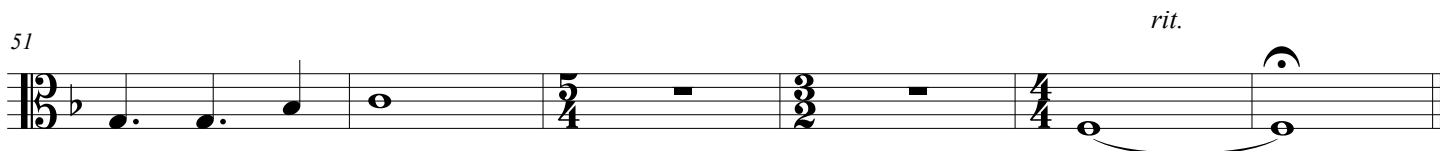
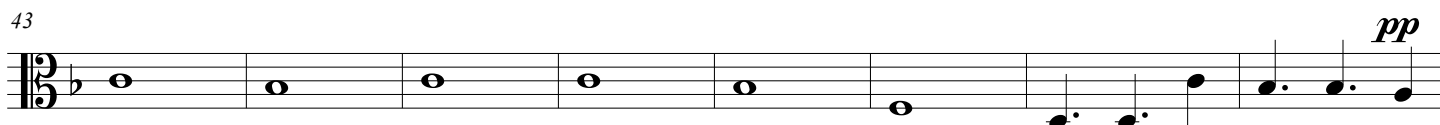
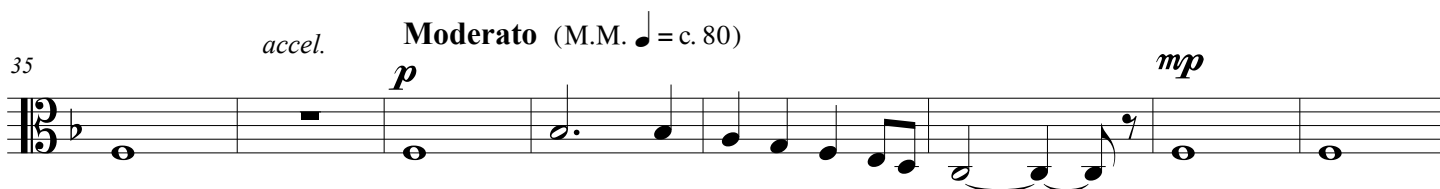
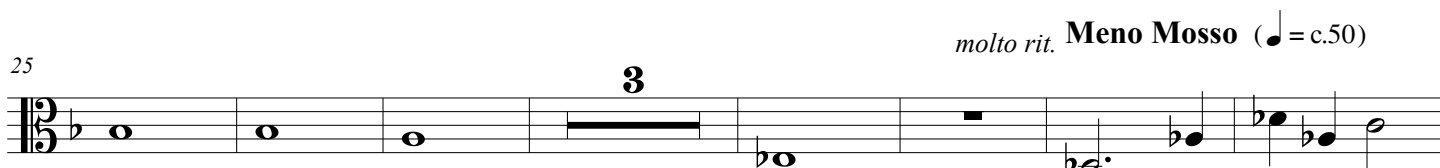
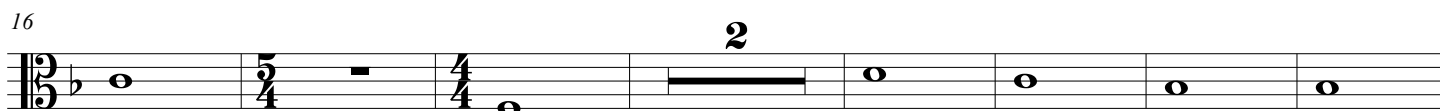
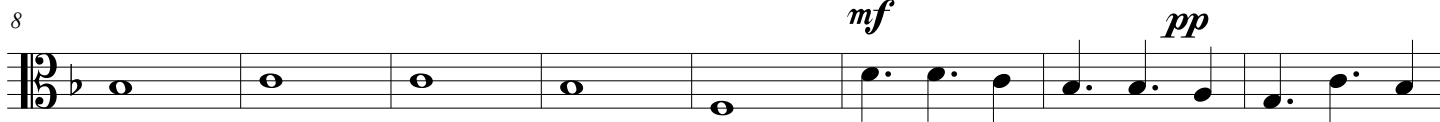


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**Moderato** (M.M. ♩ = c. 80)

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Bass 8

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William Severson (1941 - )

**Moderato** (M.M. ♩ = c. 80)

*p*

8

*mf* *pp*

16

25

*molto rit.* **Meno Mosso** (♩ = c. 50)

35

*accel.* **Moderato** (M.M. ♩ = c. 80) *mp*

43

*pp*

51

*rit.*