



Travelogue

Robert Casteels

Cover: maps of Singapore, original photography by Andrew Thomas (2014)

© Copyright 2016 by Robert Casteels

All rights reserved. No part of this publication may be copied or reproduced
in any form or any means without prior permission of the composer

ISMN 979-0-9016525-3-8

Travelogue

Uchronia opus 100B for tenor and orchestra

Music and text by Robert Casteels

Full Score

Duration: 17'

Instrumentation

2 flutes (flute 2 doubling with piccolo flute), 2 oboes, 2 clarinets, 1 bass clarinet and 2 bassoons

4 horns, 3 trumpets, 2 tenor trombones, 1 bass trombone and 1 tuba

Percussion: the parts can be distributed to 5 players as following:

#1: timpani and deep snare drum

#2: glockenspiel, tubular bells, tenor drum and bass drum

#3: xylophone, piccolo snare drum and claves

#4: marimba, finger cymbals, suspended cymbal and tam

#5: vibraphone, triangle and wooden wind chimes

harp, piano

violin 1, violin 2, viola, cello and bass

sitar, tabla, rebana, gambus Melayu, piano accordion, dizi, zhong ruan and er hu

Notation

The glockenspiel sounds 2 octaves higher than notated.

Piccolo flute, dizi and xylophone sound 1 octave higher than notated.

Contrabass and zhong ruan sound 1 octave lower than notated.

Programme notes

Travelogue is the imaginary narration of a Singaporean living on planet Mars who returns home in 2065 for a one-day visit. He wanders and wonders. He keeps getting lost, both literally -because he has to ask for directions- and emotionally -because he keeps getting confused and reacts with bittersweet irony. He truly wanders and wonders. The narration crosses historical periods, from a distant past through to the present and towards a projected future. In 2014, a first version for voices and un-conducted instrumental ensemble catalogued as opus 100A was premiered in the Esplanade Recital Hall. The audience laughed heartily at the numerous jokes. The Strait Times reviewer summarized the composition as (quote) "a satirical look at a dystopian future when present policies are carried to their logical conclusion". Created in 2015 during a gala concert entitled "Singapore Sounds", opus 100B refers to the expanded version for conducted full orchestra that includes Indian, Chinese and Malay instruments. The non-European instruments are not included to add some ethnic colour or aural flavour. The timbre of these ethnic instruments is woven into the texture of the rest of the orchestra that consists of European instruments, just as the various races of Singapore mingle harmoniously into a unique and rich social fabric. The deeper message of *Travelogue* is two-fold: to cast a critical deprecating look on Singapore's society and to reflect on man's relationship with nature.

Linguistic references

Bar #20: *blur like sotong* = to be completely lost (in Malay *sotong* = squid)

Bar #24: *jaga* = awake, alert (Malay)

Bar #61: *jalan* = to walk (Malay)

Bar #89: *chicken-feed* = (Singapore English) a task easy to complete

Bar #91: I was *paiseh* one (Singapore English) = I was embarrassed (in Hokkien *paiseh* means embarrassed)

Bar #104: *cheem* = difficult, deep, beyond one's understanding (Mandarin)

Bar #134: *chabot* = to flee, to pull out (Malay)

Bar #138: *no nid* (Singlish) = unnecessary

Bar #141: *most good* (Singapore English) = best

Bar #149: *already*: the last syllable is stressed in Singlish pronunciation

Bar #186: *alamak* = for goodness sake (in Malay *Alamak* = Mother and God)

Bar #193: *pantang* = superstitious (Malay)

Bar #194: *choy* = a Hokkien exclamation to ward off bad luck

Bar #197: *bo chap* = indifferent and not caring (Hokkien)

Bar #240: *lepak* = slow, weak and lazy (Malay)

Bar #252: *most baddest worst* = Singapore English

Bar #320: *half past six* (Singapore English) = shoddy, incompetent

Bar #321: *lembek* = soft and damp (Malay)

Bar #328: *makan* = to eat (Malay)

Bar #330: *suaku* = mountain tortoise, = simpleton (Hokkien)

- Bar #379: *heartlander* (Singapore English) = ordinary Singaporean; *cheapo* (Singapore English) = a miser; *kaypoh* = nosy, prying (Hokkien); *selekeh* = in a state of unkempt appearance (Malay); *cannot make it* (Singapore English) = falling below expected standard; *kena sai* (Malay and Chinese) = to get into trouble
- Bar #381: *tahan* = to endure (Malay)
- Bar #403: *go fly kite* (Singapore English) = leave me alone
- Bar #437: *balek* = to go home (Malay); *so sian* = very tired and sleepy (Hokkien); *can die* (Singapore English) = exclamation expressing great fatigue
- Bar #438: *potong jalan* = to jump the queue (Malay)
- Bar #472: **property**: the last syllable is stressed in Singlish pronunciation; *malu* = embarrassed (Malay)
- Bar #557: *sahbo* = to sabotage (Singlish)

Toponymic references

- Bar #29: *kelong* = wooden house built on the sea
- Bar #19, 86, 208, 229 and 410: the maps mentioned do exist
- Bar #57 and 82: Cingapura and Sing(h)apura are toponymic variations
- Bar #65: the activity described is the meaning of Ponggol in Malay
- Bar #69: *Siglap* or *Gelap* means in Malay darkness that conceals
- Bar #69: *kelapa* means coconut in Malay
- Bar #78: the *orang gallang* tribe used to live in the Geylang area
- Bar #90: red hair bridge is the literal translation of Ang Mo Kio
- Bar #94: the *orang biduanda kallang* tribe used to live in the Kallang area
- Bar #95: *Tampines* is the name of a tall tree which grew in that area
- Bar #105: veracious re Lavender with the exception of hydroponic
- Bar #142: veracious; Kreta Ayer street means water cart road in Malay but is not at all situated near kampong Padang Terbakar not Singapore Expo
- Bar #156: veracious: Holland village named after Mr Holland used to have an open air cinema
- Bar #161: Onan road was indeed a sandy lane
- Bar #166, 183, 188, 204 and 206: veracious
- Bar #170 to 171 and bar #487: the words sung are the authentic taglines of the Singapore Tourism Board in 1977
- Bar #205: *nipah* refers to a palm tree growing in the mangroves.
- Bar #243: *Bukit Pasoh* flower pot, *Bukit Padre* and *Dickenson's Hill* are various names for the same hill
- Bar #246: ditto for *Ann Siang Hill*, *Scott's Hill* and *Gemmil's Hill*
- Bar #249: veracious names of various plantations
- Bar #267: *buloh* means bamboo
- Bar #267: veracious
- Bar #271 to 274 and bar #489: the words sung are the authentic taglines of the Singapore Tourism Board in 1986
- Bar #328: Katong is indeed the name of an extinct species of sea turtle
- Bar #330: *Kusu* means tortoise
- Bar #331: *jerung* means voracious shark in Malay
- Bar #376: Hôtel de l'Europe existed
- Bar #414: *orang laut* are a tribe of sea gypsies
- Bar #415: *tong kang* is a light wooden boat
- Bar #439: Farrer Park and Seletar were indeed airports
- Bar #455: *Pulau Blakang Mati* is the Malay name of Sentosa
- Bar #457sq: the meaning of Sentosa, *Batu Belayar* and *Nassim Jade* condo are all veracious
- Bar #467: Raffles Hotel stands indeed on Beach road that used to be a coastal road before reclamation
- Bar #491: the words sung are the authentic taglines of the Singapore Tourism Board in 2004 and 2010
- Bar #531: IR8E actually designates an income tax form.

Sources

- Singapore Street names, A Study of Toponymics, Victor R Savage and Brenda S A Yeoh, published by Marshall Cavendish, Singapore 2013
- Nature News, newsletter of the Nature Society (Singapore)
- An essential guide to Singlish, published by Gartbooks, Singapore 2003
- A Dictionary of Singlish and Singapore English, Singapore 2004
- The Coxford Singlish Dictionary, online 2004

Travelogue

Uchronia opus 100B for tenor voice and orchestra

Robert Casteels

1 **Tempo giusto** ♩ = 120

The musical score consists of 21 staves of music for various instruments. The instruments listed on the left are: Flute 1, Flute 2, Piccolo, Oboe 1, Oboe 2, Clarinet 1 in B♭, Clarinet 2 in B♭, Bass Clarinet in B♭, Bassoon 1, Bassoon 2, Horn 1 in F, Horn 2 in F, Horn 3 in F, Horn 4 in F, 3 Trumpets in B♭, Trombone 1, Trombone 2, Trombone 3, Tuba, Timpani, Tenor drum, Bass drum, Glockenspiel, Xylophone, Marimba, Vibraphone, Harp, Piano, Violin I, Violin II, Viola, Violoncello, Contrabass, Sitar, Tabla, Rebana, Gambus Melayu, Piano accordion, Dizi, Zhongruan, and Erhu. The score is divided into three sections, each starting with a dynamic instruction: **f**, **pp cresc.**, and **f**. The music includes various rhythmic patterns, dynamics, and performance instructions like **3** and **5**.

Andante ♩ = 99

2

Fl. 1
Fl. 2
Cl. 1
Cl. 2
B. Cl.
Hrn. 1
Hrn. 2
Hrn. 3
Tmfpn.
Tm. drm.
Bs. drm.
Vbphn.
Hp.
Pno.
Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Cb.
Nrrtr.

3

[this motiv: always the 3 horns with the vibes]

[this motiv: always the 3 horns with the vibes]

[this motiv: always the 3 horns with the vibes]

2 Andante ♩ = 99

3

p like a leisure ambulation

18

Cl. 1
B. Cl.
Bsn. 1
Bsn. 2
Hrn. 1
Mrmbr.
Vbphn.
Hp.
Pno.
Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Nrrtr.
Sit.

Without my Eredia 1604 map,
I was blurr like sotong.
I asked someone
for directions.
He looked so puzzled
that I rephrased and asked
where to buy ticket,
walking, can or not?
His face lit up,
terjaga luas.
I was told to walk straight, to ignore the flying taxis whizzing over the granite stone hill
of Ubin New Town 369 on my left,

p like a leisure ambulation
[Meend = glide from one note to another]

Tempo giocoso ♩ = 132

4

Hp.

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

Rbn. x = fingers only
p happily

42

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

p cresc.
Flute
mp cresc.
f

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

B. Cl.

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

Snr. drm.

Hp.

bartok pizz.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

Rbn.

Gmbs.

Accrd.

[the dotted slur indicates the four-bar phrase]
p happily
pp

[as if suddenly interrupted]

[as if suddenly interrupted]

[as if suddenly interrupted]

Tempo primo ♩ = 99

5

Cl. 1
Bsn. 1
Bsn. 2
Hrn. 1
Hrn. 2

Tempo primo ♩ = 99

5

Metal prc.
Glocksp.
Hp.

Tempo primo ♩ = 99

5

Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.

Nrrtr.

You may know,
but I: *Not So Sure.*

Not to worry said my interlocutor:

Cinga with Capital Letter C
will help you.

Thanks I said,

fact is: I am Rich and healthy

Più mosso ♩ = 108

6

Cl. 1
Cl. 2
Bsn. 1
Bsn. 2

Più mosso ♩ = 108

6

Hp.
Pno.

Più mosso ♩ = 108

6

Vla.
Vc.

Nrrtr.

Gmb.
Zhngm.

and off I went *jalan jalan...*

Sometime later I *pur-po-se-ly* watched a child hurling sticks at the branches of fruit trees in Ponggol.

[alternating with the cello]

[alternating with the viola]

p like a leisured ambulation

68

Piccolo *f*

Fl. 2 *p*

Ob. 1

Cl. 1 *p*

Cl. 2 *p*

Bsn. 1 *p*

Bsn. 2 *p*

Hrn. 1 *p*

Hrn. 2 *p*

Trpt. 1 with cup mute *ppp*

Trpt. 2 with cup mute *ppp*

B. Tbn. with plunger mute *f cresc.*

Xiphn. *f*

Mrm. *f*

Pno. *f*

Vln. I arco *normal pizz. con vibrato*

Vln. II *ff*

Vla. [alternating with the zhongrui]

Vc.

Nrrtr. I recognized and avoided the concealed darkness of the former pirate village of Gelap.

I wondered who on earth would stay in this Siglap.

Better Not.

At the coconut plantations of Geylang Kelapa, I also Not So Sure anymore.

No U-turn, so I had to ask an orang gallang for further directions.

Gmbs.

Zhngm.

70

Cl. 1 *p*

Cl. 2

Bsn. 2

Metal prc. *p*

Glckspl.

Mrm. *p*

Hp. *p*

Pno. *mf*

Vln. I arco *mp express.* *arco* *mf*

Vln. II *mp express.*

Vla.

Nrrtr. Thanks I said.
Fact is: I know I am Rich
and polyglot.

Not to worry: Singha with Capital Letter S will help me.

And off I went with my Bellini 1775 map *jalan jalan...*

Chicken-feed I thought.

Sit. *[Meend]* *mp*

Gmbs.

Dz. *mp* like a leisured ambulation

Zhngm. *mp*

7 Più mosso ♩ = 120

7 Più mosso ♩ = 120

7 Più mosso ♩ = 120

90

Fl. 1
Fl. 2
Cl. 1
Cl. 2
B. Cl.
Hp.
Vln. II
[alternating with the dizi] pizz.
mp like a leisured ambulation
Vla.
[alternating with the zhongruan] pizz.
mp
Nrrtr. Yet, some time later after crossing the red hair bridge of Ang Mo Kio, I got lost in Kampong Amber. I was so *paiseh one*.
I engaged in a conversation with an *orang biduanda kallang* squatting under a Tampines tree.

Sit.
Accrd.
Dz.
Zhngm.

96

Fl. 1
Fl. 2
Hrn. 1
Hrn. 2
Hrn. 3
Trbn. 1
Trbn. 2
Tmptn.
Tnr drm.
Bs drm.
Vbphn.
Hp.
Pno.
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Cb.
Nrrtr.
U do what?
He complained: at home No Space to do art.
I shrugged: artists are costly cost centres.
The orang biduanda kallang read my mind.
He complained that my humour was too cheem.
Sitar
Dizi
Zhngm. [alternating with the viola]

[this motiv: always with the timpani, vla and vlc]
gliss.
pp
[this motiv: always with trombone 1, vla and vlc]
gliss.
pp
pp
[this motiv: always with the harp and contrabass]
pp
pp
[this motiv: always with woodwind trills]
mf
p
[this motiv with trombone 1 and timpani; always even gliss. on the whole duration and trem. sul ponticello]
arco sul pont.
[this motiv with trombone 1 and timpani; always even gliss. on the whole duration and trem. sul ponticello]
arco sul pont. gliss.
p
arco
pp
sul pont. gliss.
pp
sul pont. gliss.
pp
p
[Meend]

Musical score for measures 119-120. The score includes four staves: Tbl. (Timpani), Rbn. (Rhythm section), Gmbs. (Guitars), and Accrd. (Accordions). The tempo is indicated as 119 BPM. The Rbn. and Gmbs. staves show rhythmic patterns with eighth and sixteenth notes. The Accrd. staff shows a continuous eighth-note pattern. The Gmbs. staff has a dynamic marking *mp happily*. The Accrd. staff has a dynamic marking *mp happily* and a circled symbol above the staff.

Musical score for measures 123-124. The score includes four staves: Tbl. (Snare Drum), Rbn. (Bassoon), Gmbs. (String Basses), and Accrd. (Accordions). The Tbl. and Rbn. staves show rhythmic patterns with eighth and sixteenth notes. The Gmbs. staff features sustained notes with grace notes. The Accrd. staff shows a repeating eighth-note pattern.

9 *Tempo primo* $\text{♩} = 120$

Cl. 1
Cl. 2
B. Cl.
Bsn. 1
Bsn. 2
Hrn. 1
Hrn. 2
Hrn. 3
Hrn. 4
Trbn. 2
Tba.
Snr drm.
Tnr drm.
Bs drm.
Mrbm.
Vbphn.
Vla.
Cb.
Nrrtr.

9 *Tempo primo* $\text{♩} = 120$
[this motiv: always with the contrabass]

[this motiv: always with hard mallets]

[this motiv: always with the tuba]
pizz.

He asked me if I were anti-establishment.
Not Yet I thought: *Can't be bothered* and I quickly chabot.

I arrived in Mr Whampoa's Garden for a drink, but,
Not So Sure
I could use my Martian dollars instead of bitcoins.
No nid said Mr Whampoa
who had read my mind.

Fl. 1
Fl. 2
Cl. 1
Cl. 2
B. Cl.
Hrn. 1
Hrn. 2
Hrn. 3
Trbn. 1
Xlphn.
Vbphn.
Pno.
Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Nrtrr.

He gave me a bottle of the most good NewestWater, recycled from the annual haze, brought in by the bullock carts via Kreta Ayer street, from the former Singapore Expo, on the former Kampong Padang Terbakar. I did my best to look impressed.

Accrd.

147

Fl. 1
Fl. 2
Ob. 1
Cl. 1
Cl. 2
B. Cl.
Hrn. 1
Hrn. 2
Hrn. 3
Tr. drm.
Bs. drm.
Xiphn.
Mrmbl.
Vbphn.
Hp.
Pno.
Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Cb.
Nrrtr.

I did not need to ask Mr Whampoa: He had already read my mind and advised me to take

No Space

Parks are sinking cost centres. How efficient I thought.

I did not need to ask Mr Whampoa: *bus interchen where?* He had *already* read my mind and advised me to take the MassRaptorrr Transit until MacRitchie station.

No Space Parks are sinking cost centres. How efficient I thought.
for reservoirs and forests.

166

Fl. 1 *mf* 6 spoken Three hun - dred Peo - ple S
Fl. 2 *mf* 5 spoken Three hun - dred Peo - ple S
Ob. 1 spoken Three hun - dred Peo - ple S
Ob. 2 spoken Three hun - dred Peo - ple S
Cl. 1 *mf* 7
Cl. 2 *mf* 3
B. Cl. *mf*
Bsn. 1 *p* cresc. *f* dim. *mp* *mp*
Bsn. 2 *mp*
Hrn. 1 *mp*
Hrn. 2 *mp*
Trpt. I *f* dim. *p* spoken
Tmpt.
Snr drm.
Metal prc.
Glocksp.
Xiphn.
Mrmbr.
Vbphn.
Hp.
Pno. *p* spoken hap - pi - ness in - dex SIX
Vln. I pizz. *ff* arco pizz. [alternating with the gambus]
Vln. II *mp* arco *p*
Vla.
Vc.
Nrrtr. Sometime later I strolled along the fresh water stream of the former Stamford Canal.
[Cue: pitch g played by trumpet 1]
Tenor Solo Sur - pri - sing Sin - ga - pore!
Spoken
Sit. hap - pi - ness in - dex SIX
Tbl. playing and speaking hap - pi - ness in - dex SIX
Rbn. playing and speaking hap - pi - ness in - dex SIX
Gmbs. [alternating with violin 1] spoken hap - pi - ness in - dex SIX
mf like a leisured ambulation
Accrd.
Dz. *p*
Zhngm. *mp* spoken
Erh. hap - pi - ness in - dex SIX

183

11

Fl. 1 tr
fp
tr

Fl. 2 fp
tr

Ob. 1 tr
fp

Ob. 2

Cl. 1 tr
fp
tr

Cl. 2 fp
tr
fp

B. Cl.

Bsn. 1

Hrn. 1 +
mp

Hrn. 2 +
mp

Hrn. 3 +
mp

Snr drm.

Tnr drm.
Bs drm. mp

Vbphn. p

Hp. mp

Pno. mf
2nd ^

Vla.

Cb. mp

Nrrtr. arco

11

I found this landmark,
but no cemetery
anywhere in sight.
No Space I suppose.

The e-tree read
my mind
and said:
Alamak,
no time

They are deadly cost centres.
First we have nice hills, then become cemeteries, then now
Bidadari New Town, Bishan, Bukit Brown Express way, Bukit Ho Swee Estate, Dhobi Ghaut...

Sorry, *No Space*
for cemeteries.

Can't be bothered.
We are not *pantang!*

194

Cl. 1
Cl. 2
B. Cl.
Bsn. 1
Bsn. 2
Hrn. 1
Hrn. 2
Hrn. 3
Hrn. 4
Trpt. 3
Trbn. 1
Trbn. 2
B. Tbn.
Tba.
Snr drm.
Tnr drm.
Bs drm.
Mrbm.
Vbphn.
Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Cb.
Nrrtr.

Choy!, I said
to ward off misfortune.
I pur-po-se-ly tried to look impressed
and tweeted #SOS Bukit Brown.
The e-tree acted *bo chap*:
he read my mind and asked if I were anti-establishment.
I thought:
Not Yet.
Not So Sure.
Better act
blur-blur.

The bidding for cryo-conservation
is organized by MOM,
the Ministry of Me-tem-pschy-cho-sis,

204 [Piccolo]

Fl. 2
Ob. 1
Ob. 2
Cl. 1
Cl. 2
B. Cl.
Bsn. 2
Hrn. 2
3 Tpts.
Hp.
Pno.
Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Nrrtr.
Accrd.

(cup mute) Trpt 1 and 2
on former Jalan Besar, on former Gay World, former rubber factory, former nipah land, former swamp.
Talking of swamps,
Better Not cut through
Jalan Besar and Toa Payoh.
With my Franklin&Jackson 1828 map,

12 **Più mosso** ♩ = 132

Cl. 1

Hp. [alternating with the erhu] *mf* like a hurried ambulation

Pno.

Vln. I pizz. *mf*

Vln. II pizz. *mf*

Vla. pizz. con vibrato *mf*

Vc. *mf*

Nrrtr. off I went *jalan jalan...*

Sit. [Meend]

Gmbs. *mf* 3 3

Dz. 3 3

Zhngm.

Erh. *mf* like a hurried ambulation

2/7 **Piccolo**

Fl. 2 *f*

Cl. 1 *mp*

Cl. 2 *mp*

B. Cl. *mp*

2 Bsns. *a 2* *sf* *sf* *sf*

B. Tbn. > *sf* *sf* *sf*

Xlphn. *f*

Hp. *f*

Pno. *f*

Vln. I arco *ff* pizz. 3 3 3 3 3 3

Vln. II

Vla. arco *ff* 3 3 3 3 3 3

Vc. arco *ff* *pizz.*

Nrrtr. As I pur-po-se-ly strolled along the former sugar estate of Balestier, I wondered about MOM's 25 underground floors connected by the hyper-speed vertical train.

Sit.

Gmbs. 3 3 3 3 3 3

Dz. 3 3 3 3 3 3

Zhngm.

Erh. [alternating with the harp]

221

Fl. 1 tr fp
Fl. 2 tr fp
Ob. 1 tr fp
Ob. 2 tr fp
Cl. 1 tr fp tr
Cl. 2 tr fp tr
B. Cl. tr fp
Bsn. 1
Tnr drm. Bs drm. mf
Hp. mf
Pno. $\frac{2}{3}$
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Cb.
Nrrtr.

No Space anymore, floors minus 1 to 18 for the working population up until in their seventies.

Further below live the historical cost centres:
kara-okaying octogenarians +++.

No Space.

Sit.
Gmbs.
Dz.
Zhngm.
Erh.

227

Fl. 1 >
Fl. 2 >
Ob. 1 >
Ob. 2 >
Cl. 1 p
Cl. 2 p
B. Cl.
Bsn. 1 p
Hp.
Pno.
Vln. I arco
Vln. II f express. arco
Vla. p
Vc.
Nrrtr. How efficient I thought and off I went with my Coleman 1836 map... [Meend]

13 Più mosso $\text{♩} = 144$

Sit.
Gmbs.
Dz.
Zhngm.
Erh.

237 [spoken]

Fl. 1 Four thou - sand Peo - ple S

Fl. 2 Four thou - sand Peo - ple S

Ob. 1 Four thou - sand Peo - ple S

Ob. 2 Four thou - sand Peo - ple S

Cl. 1 Four thou - sand Peo - ple S

Cl. 2 Four thou - sand Peo - ple S

B. Cl. Four thou - sand Peo - ple S

Snr drm. *mp*

Metal prc. Spnd. cymb. l.v.

Hp. *mf* playing and speaking hap - pi - ness in - dex FIVE

Pno. *mf* hap - pi - ness in - dex FIVE

Vln. I arco *p*

Vln. II arco *p*

Vla. arco *p*

Vc. arco *p*

Cb. arco *p*

Nrrtr. Sometime later I lepak. From the top of Telok Blangah Hill, I gazed in the distance. I tried to distinguish Bukit Pasoh flower pot, So confusing, from Bukit Padre, from Dickenson's Hill.

Sit. playing and speaking hap - pi - ness in - dex FIVE

Tbl. playing and speaking hap - pi - ness in - dex FIVE

Rbn. playing and speaking hap - pi - ness in - dex FIVE

Gmbs. playing and speaking hap - pi - ness in - dex FIVE

Accrd. *mf* like a hurried ambulation

Dz.

Zhngm. playing and speaking hap - pi - ness in - dex FIVE

Erh. playing and speaking hap - pi - ness in - dex FIVE

for a toddler, practising Gradus ad Parnassum somewhere
on Clementi xavenie, crescent loop road, street and west

15

15

Clementi versus Clementi.

How inefficient I thought.

267

Fl. 1
Fl. 2
Ob. 1
Ob. 2
Cl. 1
Cl. 2
B. Cl.
Bsn. 1
Bsn. 2
Trpt. 1
Tnr drm.
Bs drm.
Metal prc.
Nrrtr.
Tenor Solo
Sitr.
Tbl.
Rbn.
Gmbs.
Accord.
Dz.
Zhngm.
Erh.
Fl. 1
Fl. 2
Ob. 1
Ob. 2
Cl. 1
Cl. 2
Trpt. 1
Trpt. 2
Trpt. 3
Trbn. 1
Trbn. 2
B. Tbn.
Mrmrb.
Tenor Solo
Accord.

spoken
Fif - ty thou - sand Peo - ple S
spoken
Fif - ty thou - sand Peo - ple S
spoken
Fif - ty thou - sand Peo - ple S
spoken
Fif - ty thou - sand Peo - ple S
spoken
Fif - ty thou - sand Peo - ple S
spoken
Fif - ty thou - sand Peo - ple S
spoken
Fif - ty thou - sand Peo - ple S
with straight mute
[Tnr. drm.]
mf
[Trgl.]
ly.
mf
I listened to the rustle of
Sungei Buloh's bamboo clumps.
[Cue: pitch b flat played by trumpet 1]
Sur - pri - sing - ly Sin - ga - pore!
A Ma - gic Place of Ma - gic
spoken
hap - pi - ness in - dex FOUR
playing and speaking
hap - pi - ness in - dex FOUR
playing and speaking
hap - pi - ness in - dex FOUR
spoken
hap - pi - ness in - dex FOUR
spoken
hap - pi - ness in - dex FOUR
spoken
hap - pi - ness in - dex FOUR
Flute
f subito
f dim.
f dim.
f dim.
f dim.
f dim.
f subito
f dim.
f subito
f subito
f subito
f subito
Worlds! I lis - tened to cloned birds, mi - gra - ting to the warm o - - pen seas of the North Pole.
dim. 7th chord dim. 7th chord dim. 7th chord

Musical score for orchestra and Chinese instruments. The score includes parts for Flute 1 (Fl. 1), Horn 1 (Hrn. 1), Violin 1 (Vln. I), Trombone (Tbl.), Bassoon (Rbn.), Accordion (Accord.), Double Bass (Dz.), Zheng (Zhngm.), and Erhu (Erh.). The tempo is marked as *Tempo giocoso* with $\text{♩} = 144$. Measure 16 begins at measure 279. The Flute 1 part has a dynamic of p . The Horn 1 part has a dynamic of pp followed by *cresc.*. The Violin 1 part has a dynamic of p followed by *molto cresc.*. The Trombone and Bassoon parts are marked *mf happily*. The Accordion part has a dynamic of mf . The Double Bass part has a dynamic of mf followed by *mf happily*. The Zheng part has a dynamic of mf followed by *mf happily*. The Erhu part has a dynamic of mf followed by *mf happily*.

290

Fl. 1 *p cresc.*

Fl. 2 *Flute* *mp cresc.*

Ob. 1 *mf cresc.*

Ob. 2 *ff*

Cl. 1 *mf cresc.*

Cl. 2 *ff*

B. Cl.

2 Bsns. *p cresc.*

Hrn. 1 *ff*

Hrn. 2 *p cresc.*

Hrn. 3 *mp cresc.*

Hrn. 4 *mf cresc.*

Snr drm.

Tur drm.
Bs drm.

Vln. I

Vln. II *p molto cresc.*

Vla. *mp molto cresc.*

Vc.

Cb.

Sit. *mf happily.*

Tbl.

Rbn.

Gms.

Accrd.

Zhngm.

17

294

Hrn. 1
Hrn. 2
Hrn. 3
Hrn. 4

Trpt. 1 *f*
Trpt. 2 *f*
Trpt. 3 *f*

Trbn. 1 *ff sostenuto*
Trbn. 2 *ff sostenuto*
B. Tbn.
Tba. *ff sostenuto*

Sar drm.
Tar drm. Bs drm.

17

Vln. I arco
Vln. II *ff sostenuto*
Vla. *ff sostenuto*
Vc. *ff sostenuto*
Cb. arco
ff sostenuto

Sit. *ff agitato*
Tbl. *ff agitato*
Rbn. *ff agitato*
Gmbs. *ff agitato*
Dz. *ff agitato*
Zhngm. *ff agitato*
Erh. *ff agitato*

308

Cl. 2

B. Cl.

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

Hrn. 1

Hrn. 2

Hrn. 3

Hrn. 4

Trbn. 1

Trbn. 2

B. Tbn.

Tba.

Tmptn.

Tr drm.
Bs drm.

Xlphn.

Mrbmb.

Vbphn.

Hp.

Pno.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

Tbl.

Rbn.

rit.

rit.

rit.

18 **Tempo** ♩ = 144

Fl. 1
Fl. 2
Ob. 1
Ob. 2
Cl. 1
Cl. 2
B. Cl.
Bsn. 1
Bsn. 2
Trpt. 3
Trbn. 1
Trbn. 2
18 **Tempo** ♩ = 144
Tnr drm.
Bs drm.
Metal prc.
Glocksp.
Xiphn.
Vbphn.
Pno.
18 **Tempo** ♩ = 144
Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Cb.
Nrrtr.
Tbl.
Rbn.
Accrd.

[shivering]

I heard the steam tramway, rattling down South Bridge Road.
I heard sports cars, racing down South Buona Vista Road.
I watched fires raging over Bukit Ho Swee and Kampong Tiong Bahru.

Sometime later I noticed it was half past six.
No wonder I felt lembek already!

I needed fresh air,
so I headed downhill,
paid the EOP
or Electronic Oxygen Pricing,
to shelter under
the CBD's glass dome.

Less people, more oxygen. Simple.
Very efficient.

Fact remains:
you all better
know
that I am

Rich,
clean,
lean and
mean.

Istesso tempo ♩ = 144

20

Ob. 1 *f* espress.

Trbn. 1

Istesso tempo ♩ = 144

20

Snr drm. *pp* *pp*

Istesso tempo ♩ = 144

20

Tenor Solo [Cue: listen to trombone 1 in the previous bar]

New A - sia, Sin - ga - pore! [with ornaments]

Sit.

Tbl. *mp* happily

Rbn. *mp* happily

Gms.

Accrd.

Dz.

Zhngm.

Erh.

21

Cl. 2

B. Cl.

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

Snr drm. *pp*

Tar drm. Bs drm. *pp*

21

Vln. I arco *ppp*

Vln. II arco *ppp*

Vla. *ppp* *pp*

Vc. *ppp* *pp*

Cb. *ppp* *pp* *p*

Sit.

Tbl.

Rbn.

Gms.

Accrd.

Dz.

Zhngm.

Erh.

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

B. Cl.

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

Hrn. 1

Hrn. 2

Hrn. 3

Hrn. 4

Trpt. 1

Trpt. 2

Trpt. 3

Trbn. 1

Trbn. 2

B. Tbn.

Tba.

Snr. drm.

Tnr. drm.

Bs. drm.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

Nrrtr.

Sit.

Tbl.

Rbn.

Accrd.

Dz.

Zhngm.

Erh.

23

23 [repeat this rhythm during this fermata bar]

23

Anyway, I met up with my cousin for a virtual *teh tarik* at the Grand Hotel Sweet Shop and Café,

378

Piccolo

Fl. 2 f

Ob. 1 mp

Ob. 2 mp

Cl. 1 f

Cl. 2 f

B. Cl. f

Bsn. 1 mf

Hrn. 1 f 3 3 3 mf

Hrn. 2 mf

Hrn. 3 f mf

Hrn. 4 f

Trpt. 1 mf

Trpt. 3 mf

Trbn. 2 mf

Tba. f

Snr drm. p mf pp

Tar drm. Bs drm. mf

Xlphn. f mp

Mrb. mf

Vbphn. mp

Pno. f p

Vln. I ff p ricochet

Vln. II ricochet ricochet

Vla. pizz. f pizz.

Vc. f

I can't be bothered. Tidak apa.

Nrrtr. thereafter the future Charterd Building, My cousin is an obese heartlander: cheapo and kaypoh. Frankly speaking he looked a bit selekeh, the Cannot make it type, so cousin kena sat from his boss.

Cannot tahan already... My cousin read my mind. He asked me Why U So like Dat?

Are you aunty anti-establishment or what?

I thought Better Not. Not Yet.

Our conversation dried out...

392

Snr. drmn.

Tnr. drmn.

Bs. drmn.

Metal. pre.

Rbn.

Zhngrn.

Erh.

Fng'r. cymb'l.

L.v.

pp

playing and speaking

hap - pi - ness in - dex TWO

spoken

hap - pi - ness in - dex TWO

spoken

hap - pi - ness in - dex TWO

399

24

Hrn. 1
Hrn. 2
Hrn. 3

Snr drm.
Tar drm.
Bs drm.

Metal prc.

Glocksp.

Vbphn.

Nrrtr.

I read my cousin's mind.
Fact is: A) by now you all know we are Rich and B) you all know we know better.
Cousin and I told each other to go fly kite

404

Ob. 1
Ob. 2

Bsn. 1
Bsn. 2

Hrn. 1
Hrn. 2

Trpt. 1
Trpt. 2

Snr drm.
Tar drm.
Bs drm.

Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.

Nrrtr.

and bade farewell...
I wondered if I would stay over
at the Hôtel de l'Europe?
Not So Sure.
Better Not.
So, off I went

25 *Più mosso* ♩ = 152

Fl. 2 (Piccolo) f

Ob. 1 mf 6

Ob. 2 mf 5

Cl. 1 f 7

Cl. 2 f 7

B. Cl. 3 f

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

Hrn. 1

Hrn. 2

25 *Più mosso* ♩ = 152

Mrm. f

Hp. mf

Pno. mf f

Vln. I arco f espress.

Vln. II f espress.

Vla. ff

Vc. f

Nrrtr. with my Thomson 1943 map, strolling along the so-called Durian condos, the former Esplanade Theatre on the former bay, on the former sea shore where orang laut play computer games on their *tong kang*. I headed back on the Grand East-West escalator, the former green corridor, the former KMT railway, that used to.....

[Meend]

Sit. f

Gmbs. f 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3

Accrd. f 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3

Dz. f

Zhngm. f

Erh. f

444

Fl. 1 ff
Fl. 2 ff
Ob. 1 ff
Ob. 2 ff
Cl. 1 ff
Cl. 2 ff
B. Cl. ff
2 Bsns. ff without mute
Trpt. 1 without mute
Trpt. 2 without mute
Trbn. 1 without mute mf
Trbn. 2 without mute mf
B. Tbn. without mute mf
Tba. without mute mf
Sur. drm.
Glocksp.
Mrm. ff
Vbphn. ff [no pedal]
Hpf. ff
Pno. ff
Vln. I arco ff
Vln. II arco ff
Vla. arco ff
Vc. pizz. ff
Cb. ff
Nrrtr. Merlion, help me please. Without using indicators, the driver switched air corridors, zigzagging up and down, right and left, whilst giving me a complex geopolitical analysis on the Inter-galaxy World War III.
Tbl. f
Rbn. f

452

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

B. Cl.

2 Bsns.

Trpt. 1

Trpt. 2

Trbn. 1

Trbn. 2

B. Tbn.

Tba.

Snr drm.

Glksp.

Mrbn.

Vbphn.

Hp.

Pno.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

Nrrtr.

Tbl.

Rbn.

We flew behind Pulau Blakang Mati.
Its future name, Sentosa, means peace and tranquillity.
No Space for Batu Belayar.

Fl. 1
Fl. 2
Ob. 1
Ob. 2
Cl. 1
Cl. 2
B. Cl.
2 Bsns.
Hrn. 1
Hrn. 2
Hrn. 3
Hrn. 4
Trpt. 1
Trpt. 2
without mute
Trpt. 3
ff express.
Trbn. 1
Trbn. 2
B. Tbn.
Tba.
Snr drm.
Glckspn.
Mrbn.
Vbphn.
Hp.
Pno.
Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Cb.
Nrrfr.
How efficient I thought: even better than the Nassim Jade condominium
on top of the former Tiger House of Jade!
We flew over the beachfront of the future amusement park
on the former site of Raffles hotel.
The flying driver asked me how much I bought my property on Mars.
[with horns, gambus, accordion, zhong ruan and erhu]
Sit.
Tbl.
Rbn.
Gmbs.
Accrd.
Zhngm.
Erh.
ff [with horns, sitar, gambus, accordion and zhong ruan]
ff [with horns, sitar, gambus, zhong ruan and er hu]
ff [with horns, sitar, gambus, accordion and zhong ruan]

482

Fl. 1
Fl. 2
Ob. 1
Ob. 2
Cl. 1
Cl. 2
B. Cl.
Bsn. 1
Bsn. 2
Hrn. 1
Hrn. 2
Hrn. 3
Hrn. 4
Trpt. 1
Trpt. 2
Trpt. 3
Trbn. 1
Trbn. 2
B. Tbn.
Tba.
Tmptn.
Glckspf.
Xiphn.
Mrmbr.
Vbphn.
Hp.
Pno.
Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Cb.
Tenor Solo
Sit.
Tbl.
Rbn.
Gmbs.
Acerd.
Dz.
Zhngm.
Erh.

Tempo ♩ = 132

30

Bsn. 1

Trpt. I

Trpt. 2

Tba.

Metal prc.

Glkspf.

Orch. Bells

Hp.

Pno.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Tenor Solo

Sit.

Tbl.

Rbn.

Gmbs

Accrd.

Zhngm.

Erh.

493

with straight mute (with singer)
sempre **p** accompagnando

with cup mute (with singer)
sempre **p** accompagnando

con sord.
sempre **p** accompagnando

sempre **p** and l.v.

p

f solo

p

p

con sord. arco **v** sempre **p** accompagnando ricochet **v**

con sord. arco **v** sempre **p** accompagnando

con sord. pizz. arco
sempre **p** accompagnando

con sord. arco **gliss.** pizz.

con sord. arco
sempre **p** accompagnando

subito **p**

End of my vi-sit. Not yet The cus - tom's voice re - co - gni-tion sys - tem will ask me a few ques-tions. I will ans - wer:

[Meend]

sempre **p** accompagnando

sempre **p** accompagnando (with the singer)

515

Fl. 1
Fl. 2
Ob. 1
Ob. 2
Cl. 1
Cl. 2
B. Cl.
Bsn. 1
Bsn. 2
Hrn. 1
Hrn. 2
Hrn. 3
Hrn. 4
Trpt. 1
Trpt. 2
Trpt. 3
with harmon mute
Trbn. 1
Trbn. 2
B. Tbn.
Tmpt.
Tr. drm.
Bs. drm.
Metal prc.
Glckspl.
Hp.
Pno.
Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Cb.
Tenor Solo
will in - stall my - - - - self com - for - ta - bly in my -
[Meend]
Sit.
Tbl.
Rbn.
Gmbs
Accrd.
Dz.
Zhngm.
Erh.

527

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

(sempre **p**)

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

B. Cl.

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2

Hrn. 2

con sord.

Hrn. 3

con sord.

Hrn. 4

con sord.

Trpt. 1

Trpt. 3

Trbn. 1

Trbn. 2

pp

B. Tbn.

pp

Tba.

Metal prc.

Glocksp.

p

Mrm. b.

Vbphn.

Hp.

Pno.

p

32

Vln. I

arco

Vln. II

arco

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

pizz.

32

Tenor Solo

The Sou -thern Cross will look ha - zy, cour-te - sy of the haze

No Nid to fill in the I - R - 8 - E sur - vey form,

Sit.

[Meend]

p

Tbl.

Gmbs

Zhngm.

Erh.

532

Fl. 1
Fl. 2
Ob. 1
Ob. 2
Cl. 1
Cl. 2
B. Cl.
Bsn. 1
Bsn. 2
Hrn. 1
Hrn. 2
Hrn. 3
Hrn. 4
Trpt. 1
Trpt. 2
Trpt. 3
Trbn. 1
Trbn. 2
B. Tbn.
Tba.
Tmfpn.
Tnr drm.
Bs drm.
Glckspl.
Xlphn.
Mrbmb.
Vbphn.
Hp.
Pno.
Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Cb.
Tenor Solo
Sit.
Tbl.
Rbn.
Gmbs
Accrd.
Dz.
Zhngm.
Erh.

(sempre **p**)
f subito
f subito
p
(sempre **p**)
f
(sempre **p**)
con sord.
con sord.
con sord.
con sord.
pp
p
ricochet
ricochet
pizz.
arco
arco
arco
pizz.
arco
pizz.
arco
arco
pizz.
arco
arco
pizz.
arco
arco
arco
arco
[Meend]
p
[Meend]
p

as the form will al - rea - dy have read my my my my my my my my

539

Fl. 1
Fl. 2
Ob. 1
Ob. 2
Cl. 1
Cl. 2
B. Cl.
(sempre p)
Bsn. 1
Bsn. 2
(sempre p)
Hrn. 1
Hrn. 2
con sord.
Hrn. 3
con sord.
Hrn. 4
con sord.
Trpt. 1
Trpt. 2
Trpt. 3
Trbn. 1
Trbn. 2
B. Tbn.
Tba.
Tmptn.
Tnr drm.
Bs drm.
Metal prc.
Glckspn.
p
Xlphn.
Mrbn.
Vbphn.
Hp.
Pno.
p
p
Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Cb.
Tenor Solo
mind!
An an hour - cement will in - vite us to re - port
A - ny - one loo - king sus - pi - cious,
[Meend]
Sit.
Tbl.
Rbn.
Gmbs.
Accrd.
Dz.
Zhngm.
Ehr.

544

Fl. 1 (sempre **p**) (sempre **p**)

Ob. 1

Ob. 2 *f subito* *sempre p accompagnando*

Cl. 1 (sempre **p**)

Cl. 2

B. Cl. (sempre **p**)

Bsn. 1

Bsn. 2 **p**

Hrn. 1

Hrn. 2

Hrn. 3

Hrn. 4

Trpt. 1 *f subito*

Trpt. 2 *f subito*

Trpt. 3

Trbn. 1

Trbn. 2

B. Tbn.

Tba.

Glocksp.

Xlphn. *f subito*

Hp. **p**

Pno.

Vln. I ricochet pizz.

Vln. II ricochet pizz.

Vla. gliss. *f subito* **p**

Vc. pizz. *f subito* arco

Cb. ff *f subito*

Tenor Solo **f** 3 A-ny-one smel-ling du-ri-an, A - ny - one com - po - sing pur - po - sely to - o - na - al mu - sic!

Sit. [Meend] **p**

Tbl.

Rbn.

Gmbs

Accrd.

Zhngm. ^~

Erh. **p** *f subito*

561

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

B. Cl.

2 Bsns.

(sempre *p*) (sempre *p*)

Hrn. 1

Hrn. 2

Hrn. 3

Hrn. 4

Trpt. 1

Trpt. 2

Trbn. 2

B. Tbn.

Metal prc.

Hp.

Pno.

Vln. I pizz.

Vln. II pizz.

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

Tenor Solo

heal - thy Rich po - ly-glot Rich e - du -

Sit.

p

Tbl.

Rbn.

Gmbs

Accrd.

(8).....

Dz.

564

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

B. Cl.

2 Bsns.

Hrn. 1 con sord.

Hrn. 2

Hrn. 3

Trpt. 1

Trpt. 2

Trpt. 3 with straight mute

Trbn. 1

Trbn. 2

B. Tbn.

Tba.

Metal prc.

Hp.

Pno.

Vln. I arco

Vln. II arco

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

Tenor Solo ca - ted Rich clean, lean and mean, om - ni - scient, Rich ri - o - tous and righ - teous Rich I will care and share YOUR

Sit.

Tbl.

Rbn.

Gmbs

Accrd.

Dz.

Zhngm.

Erh.

Fl. 1
Fl. 2
Ob. 1
Ob. 2
Cl. 1
Cl. 2
B. Cl.
2 Bsns.
Hrn. 1
Hrn. 2
Hrn. 3
Hrn. 4
3 Tpts.
Trbn. 1
Trbn. 2
B. Tbn.
Tba.
Tmptn.
Trr. drm.
Bs. drm.
Glckspel
Xlphn.
Mrbm.
Vbphn.
Hp.
Pno.
Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Cb.
Sit.
Tbl.
Rbn.
Gmbs.
Accrd.
Dz.
Zhngm.
Erh.

Publisher
Robert Casteels
www.robertcasteels.com

Graphic Designer
Neol Leung Yick Chuen

© Copyright 2016 by Robert Casteels

All rights reserved. No part of this publication may be copied or reproduced
in any form or any means without prior permission of the composer

ISMN 979-0-9016525-3-8

