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Instrumentation

Flute
Violin
Cello
Piano

Duration - ca. 6 minutes 45 seconds

Twenty thousand acres of stillness and a vast stretch from home, my residency at the UCross Foundation sparked the inspiration for “Deer Friend”. My first morning was full of visitors, but not the kind I was used to—a wild turkey, a fox, small birds of all colors and song, a kaleidoscopic mix of wildlife. Unsure of whether to be skeptical of these new, unfamiliar looking loiterers, or to embrace the presence of the colorful bunch just as a Disney princess is often seen doing, my first few hours upon waking were so different from what I had known.

Although I was at the highest degree of isolation that one can perhaps be at on Planet Earth, I felt sound—at home. Seeing the green unendingly stretch into the infinite horizon, rerooting my urbanized psyche into the small of the Bighorn Mountains, I was rewinding to a forgotten past where my dreams looked exactly like my reality. Out of all visitors I welcomed, my childhood was perhaps the most surprising one of them all. Writing “Deer Friend” was my best attempt at making that feeling a little more tangible.

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♩. = 72

Flute
f pizz. *fp* *f*

Violin
f pizz. *p* *f*

Cello
f

Piano
f *p cresc.* *f*

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Fl. *fp* *ff*

Vln. *fp* *ff*

Vc. *sfz* *sfz*

Pno. *fp cresc.* *ff*

Musical score for measures 7-10. The score is in 3/4 time and features four staves: Flute (Fl.), Violin (Vln.), Viola (Vc.), and Piano (Pno.).

- Flute (Fl.):** Measures 7-10. Dynamics: *p* (measures 7-8), *fp* (measures 9-10).
- Violin (Vln.):** Measures 7-10. Dynamics: *sfz* (measures 7-8), *p* (measure 8), *fp* (measures 9-10).
- Viola (Vc.):** Measures 7-10. Dynamics: *sfz* (measures 7-8), *p* (measure 8), *f* (measures 9-10).
- Piano (Pno.):** Measures 7-10. Dynamics: *sfz* (measures 7-8), *p cresc.* (measures 9-10), *fp cresc.* (measures 9-10).

Musical score for measures 11-14. The score is in 3/4 time and features four staves: Flute (Fl.), Violin (Vln.), Viola (Vc.), and Piano (Pno.).

- Flute (Fl.):** Measures 11-14. Dynamics: *ff* (measures 11-12), *ff* (measures 13-14).
- Violin (Vln.):** Measures 11-14. Dynamics: *ff* (measures 11-12), *sfz* (measures 13-14).
- Viola (Vc.):** Measures 11-14. Dynamics: *sfz* (measures 11-12), *sfz* (measures 13-14).
- Piano (Pno.):** Measures 11-14. Dynamics: *ff* (measures 11-12), *sfz* (measures 13-14).