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# The Wisdom of Silenus

*for Two Melodicas and Bass Melodica*

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## *PROGRAM NOTE*

In Greek mythology, Silenus was a follower of Dionysus, the God of Wine. When drunk, it was said that Silenus became prophetic, and the “Wisdom of Silenus” refers to his bleak philosophy: that the best thing that could happen in life is to die young. In this piece, I use melodicas – generally perceived as kind of a silly instrument – to portray a considerably dark idea.

*DURATION: ca. 3.5 minutes*

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Slow, ca. ♩ = 56

Melodica 1

Melodica 2

Bass Melodica

6

8

8

mp

p

12

15

f

15

mf

f

mf

f

18

*mp* *mp* *p*

*mp* *p*

*mp* *mf* *p*

24

**25** With motion

*mp* *p*

**25** With motion

*mp* *mp* *mf* *mp*

*mp* *p* *p*

29

*mp*

*p*

*mp*

32

*mp*

*p*

G.P.

G.P.

G.P.

**37** Slow; expansive

*p* *mf* *f*

**37** Slow; expansive

*p* *mf* *f*

*p* *mf* *f*

**42**

*ff* *f* *pp*

**46**

*ff* *f* *p*

**48**

*p* *ff* *non diminuendo*

*ff* *non diminuendo*

*ff* *non diminuendo*