

The Thane of Fife Had a Wife

The Last Words of Lady Macbeth

duration: 3' 50

- a piece for tape,
bass clarinet, percussion,
semi-prepared piano, soprano voice,
violin and cello

Music: George Higgs

Words: Macbeth - Act V, scene i
by William Shakespeare
knocking

♩ = 180
Tape begins

Score for The Thane of Fife Had a Wife (The Last Words of Lady Macbeth).

Duration: 3' 50. Tempo: ♩ = 180. Tape begins.

Instrumentation: Tape, Bass Clarinet, Percussion, Piano, Soprano, Violin, Cello.

Key signature: One sharp (F#). Time signature: 5/4.

Annotations:

- Percussion: sharpen knife, slow circles (mp), stop at knocking.
- Piano: Sample page only (diagonal watermark).

Score for The Thane of Fife Had a Wife (The Last Words of Lady Macbeth) - Continuation.

Annotations:

- Tape: 8, knocking, knocking.
- Perc.: 8, sharpen knife, stop at knocking, sharpen knife.

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16 knocking knocking knocking

Tape

16 sharpen knife sharpen knife sharpen knife

Perc.

mf

Vlc.

knock on body knock on body knock on body

mp

22 knocking Sound of blood pouring into a bucket

Tape

22 sharpen knife motion to stab knife into piano w/ knife Oh! Pno. harm: 15/16

Perc.

Pno.

f

S

lip sync. Oh!

Vlc.

pppp knock on body

31 Random dripping

Tape

(Here's the smell of blood still) (of blood . . .) (. . . still)

41 Rhythmic drops bucket

Tape

(of blood)

47 bucket

Tape

still) Oh! run finger along b string to get all harmonics

Perc.

Pno.

mp

S

lip sync.

Oh!

pppp

52

Tape

Oh!

Perc.

Pno.

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57

Tape

Perc.

Pno.

S

57 moan of despair

p Oh! _____

63

Tape

S

63 Oh! _____ (laughter)

lip sync.

Oh! _____

pppp

69

Tape

B. Cl.

Pno.

69 (Out!) (Out!) Oh! _____ blood pouring

p *mp* *mp* *mf* *p* *mp*

mf

8vb. *8vb.*