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Tears in Kosovo and Missing Violin Tango

From *Stories From My Favorite Planet*

For Violin, Full Orchestra, and Reader

Op. 48b

Text by Daniel Pearl

Duration: 7'40" (Music Only)

Duration: 15' (Music and readings)

INSTRUMENTATION	
2 FLUTES (PICC.)	2 OBOES
2 CLARINETS IN Bb	2 BASSOONS
2 HORN IN F	2 TRUMPETS IN Bb
	2 TROMBONES
	TUBA
	TIMPANI
	PERCUSSION
(Bass Drum, Castanets, Maracas, Cymbal Tambourine, Glockenspiel)	
	HARP
	SOLO VIOLIN
	STRINGS

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Performance order of Music and Readings

- 1. Reading — *Search for Mercy Ends in Tears on Quiet Kosovo Street***
- 2. Music — *Tears in Kosovo***
- 3. Reading — *Missing Violin's Case: The Finder Fiddles While Losers Sue --- 'Alcantara' Stradivarius, Lost 27 Years Ago, Resurfaces But New Owner Plays Coy***
- 4. Music — *Missing Violin Tango (music)***

PREVIEW SCENE

"Likely the very first piece of music inspired by the Wall Street Journal!"

Judea Pearl, father of Daniel Pearl

ABOUT STORIES FROM MY FAVORITE PLANET

On an intuitive hunch, filmmaker Aviva Kempner urged me to meet Daniel Pearl's parents. During a wonderful impromptu evening together, the Pearls captivated me with stories of Danny's humor and insight. I had already known that both of us had grown up in Encino and attended Birmingham High School. What I didn't know was that Danny himself was an accomplished violinist and that his passion to play music helped him establish networks of friends wherever he went. How fascinating that Danny's curiosity and brilliant journalism led him from humble Encino to the central nexus of world politics. The result of our meeting was "Stories From My Favorite Planet," The piece intertwines readings from five articles published in *At Home in the World*, into a musical tapestry that portray Danny's compassion as well as his sense of the ridiculous.

This adaptation for narrator, violin, and orchestra features two segments from the larger work. The first is a powerful Wall Street Journal story set in Kosovo where Danny tries to discover if any Serb and Albanian friendships still remain amidst the war. The piece that follows, "Tears in Kosovo," is an expressive soliloquy with resonance of Eastern European folk harmonies.

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Danny's article on the rediscovery of a UCLA-owned Stradivarius violin became one of the Wall Street Journal's most popular stories. The violin had fallen off the roof of a musician's car 25 years earlier. When rediscovered by a luthier, the new owner was loathe to return it because she says it's the only violin that lets her play in tune! Musically, I couldn't resist setting this movement as a tango, the "Missing Violin Tango." In between the tango are ridiculous passages of scales "in honor" of the student who didn't want to give up the Stradivarius!

Stories From My Favorite Planet was commissioned by the Daniel Pearl Foundation for the second annual worldwide Daniel Pearl Music Day.

PREVIEW SCOPE

LIBRETTO

1.

Reader:
Wall Street Journal
12/02/1999
Reporter's Notebook: Search for
Mercy Ends in Tears on Quiet
Kosovo Street

KOSOVO, Yugoslavia -- President Clinton came to Kosovo last week pleading for a little ethnic reconciliation. This reminded me of my first trip here, in June, when I searched in vain for a story about ethnic Albanians and Serbs moving beyond their hatred.

In my search for a pocket of ethnic harmony, I tried the new soccer team (no Serbs), a once-mixed jazz band (no gigs), even a mental hospital. There, ethnic-Albanian nurses told me the Serb staff had fled, told the patients to leave, too, and taken the telephones. Only one encounter seemed to offer any hope for Serbs and Albanians living together. It took place on a quiet residential street. And last week, on a return trip to Kosovo, I decided to see if the story had a happy ending.

In the third house on the right lived Rade Volic, a 70-year-old ex-railroad worker. Rade is a Serb. Next door lived Hamit Fazliu, 68 years old, a retired mill worker and ethnic Albanian. He and Mr. Volic, neighbors for 30 years, worked to stay friends, even as an Albanian guerrilla war for independence and a Serbian ethnic cleansing campaign began.

On March 27, soon after the NATO bombing began, Serb vigilantes shot up Hamit's house while he cowered on the living room couch. Rade says he persuaded the vandals not to burn the house. Hamit spent the night at Rade's house, then left Kosovo. In their own tidy home, Rade and his wife showed me a letter their neighbor had written while taking shelter with them. "What will happen, nobody knows, but let this be proof that Rade is a good man, and his wife, and I'm very thankful," it read. Still, Rade and his wife weren't sure they would stay. All around, neighbors were pooling their money to rent trucks to move to Serbia proper.

That was four months ago... there are few mixed neighborhoods left. I visited Hamit first. He now had furniture, a television, new cabinets. He said he had made the rounds of neighbors at first, telling how Rade had helped him. But lately, he was asking Rade not to speak with him on the street. "Some of my relatives don't understand," he said, especially the ones who had immediate family members killed."

Next door, Rade and his wife greeted me warmly, and asked if I could help them determine if the German-mark notes they were about to receive for their house were real. They had gone with one of the many Albanians who knocked on their door asking to buy the place. They were tired of rocks being thrown through the window, and they were moving in four days' time to live near their daughter and son in Belgrade.

It was a tearful moment. Rade and his wife had built the house thinking their children would live there. I wished them luck and said goodbye.

My driver was across the street. "I was worried, I thought maybe those Serbs killed you," he said. And then: "The people who bought this place are crazy. They could have it for free. The Serbs are going to have to leave anyhow." "Thank you, Agim," I said as we rolled toward Pristina. "Thank you for reminding me that I'm in the Balkans."

2.

Music: Tears in Kosovo

3.

Reader:

Wall Street Journal
10/17/1994

Missing Violin's Case: The Finder Fiddles While Losers Sue --- Alcantara' Stradivarius, Lost 27 Years Ago, Resurfaces But New Owner Plays Coy

LOS ANGELES -- David Margetts still doesn't know if he left the borrowed Stradivarius on the roof of his car and drove off, or if it was stolen from the unlocked vehicle while he bought groceries.

That was in August 1967. Mr. Margetts sent notices to pawn shops and violin stores and took out classified ads. He spent the next 27 years worrying that the "Duke of Alcantara" Stradivarius, made in 1732, was gone forever.

It wasn't. Officials of UCLA, to which the instrument had been donated, say the same violin reappeared this January. But the tale doesn't end there. University officials have discovered that once somebody is smitten with the love of a Stradivarius, taking it away is like wresting a baby from its mother's arms.

Joseph Grubaugh, a violin dealer in Petaluma, Calif., says that when a violin teacher showed him a student's instrument bearing a Stradivarius label one day in January, he thought he was looking at the real thing.

He opened his copy of the Iconography of Antonio Stradivari and found a photograph of a violin with similar scratch marks on the back. It was the Duke of Alcantara. A bigger shock came a week later when the violin teacher picked up the repaired fiddle. Mr. Grubaugh flipped through a violin registry and saw the instrument listed as stolen from UCLA.

The student was amateur violinist Teresa Salvato, who says she got the violin as part of a divorce settlement last year. She says her husband received the violin around 1979 from his aunt, who helped run a music store. Where the aunt got the violin isn't known, Ms. Salvato says, but one piece of family lore had her picking it up beside a freeway on-ramp after mistaking the canvas-covered case for a baby. Ms. Salvato contacted UCLA, but over the next 10 months declined the university's pleas to surrender the violin. Also, Ms. Salvato didn't appreciate the unannounced visit to her home in May by two campus police officer's who, she says, threatened to arrest her and told neighbors she was a theft suspect. When they reappeared last week to serve civil court papers, Ms. Salvato wouldn't leave her locked car. She now is staying in a hotel. And the Alcantara is in hiding.

Ms. Salvato played her mystery violin for the first time in January. It was "heavenly," she says, "smooth and gorgeous." It even helped her play in tune. "There are things I can't do on the violin, but I can execute them on that violin," she said.

During a recent telephone conversation with Robert Portillo, a musical curator for UCLA, Ms. Salvato asked if less-accomplished musicians might be allowed to play the violin. And she wondered "if there is any possible legal way I could keep it."

Ms. Salvato insists she only wants what is right for the instrument. The university "lost it once," she says. "They're really not careful."

Mr. Portillo -- who complains that Ms. Salvato is taking the university "for a ride" -- says UCLA will be extremely mindful of the instrument if it is returned. One faculty member who is likely to play it is Alexander Treger, concertmaster of the Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra, who already plays an orchestra-owned 1711 Stradivarius. On tour, Mr. Treger says, "I don't leave the violin even if I have to go to the bathroom."

4.

Music:
Missing Violin Tango

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Stories From My Favorite Planet:

TEARS IN KOSOVO

INSTRUMENTATION

2 FLUTES
2 OBOES
2 CLARINETS IN Bb
2 BASSOONS

2 HORMS IN F

I. GLOCKENSPIEL
Tears in Kosovo

HARP

II. Missing Violin Tangle
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Tears in Kosovo

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Andante con espressivo $\text{J} = 66$

Flute

Oboe

Clarinet in B \flat

Bassoon

Horn in F

Glockenspiel

Harp

Violin

Violin I

Violin II

Viola

Violoncello

Double Bass

PREVIEW SCORE

Andante con espressivo $\text{J} = 66$

con sord.

pp

pp

[2]

[3]

[4]

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Bsn.

Hn.

Glock.

Hp.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Db.

PREVIEW SCORE

Fl.

Ob.

Cl. *t'(b)*

Bsn.

Hn.

Glock.

Hp.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

D. B.

PREVIEW SCORE

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Bsn.

Hn.

Glock.

Hp.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Db.

PREVIEW SCORE

12

13

14

15

PREVIEW SCOR

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Bsn.

Hn.

Glock.

Hp.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vcl.

Db.

16

17

18

19

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Bsn.

Hn.

Glock.

Hp.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vcl.

Db.

Tbn.

p

p

p

p

p

espress.

mp

espress.

p

espress.

espress.

senza sord.

senza sord.

espress.

espress.

espress.

espress.

PREVIEW SCORE

poco più mosso

poco più mosso

Fl.

Ob. *mp* *p*

Cl. *mp* *p*

Bsn. 1. *con espress.* *mf* 3

Hn. *mf*

Glock.

Hp.

Vln. I *mf*

Vln. II *mf*

Vla. *mf*

Vcl. *con espress.* *mf* 3

Db. *con espress.* *mf* 3

PREF

SCORE

PREVIEW SCOPE

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Bsn.

Hn. stopped tones

Glock.

Hp.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

D. b.

PREVIEW

SOURCE

1. *p*

1. *p*

p

p

stopped tones

p

p

p

mp

3

E, F, G, A,
B, C, D

con sord.

PREVIEW SCORE

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Bsn.

Hn.

Glock.

Hp.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Db.

a²

p

a²

a²

ord.

A^b

E^b
B^b

p

div.

con sord.

A tempo

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Bsn.

Hn.

Glock.

Hp.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Db.

stopped tones

etheral

art. harm.

A tempo

PREVIEW SCORE

Fl.

Ob. 1. *con espress.* *p* *mf* *p*

Cl. *p* *mf*

Bsn.

Hn. *ord.* *p*

Glock.

Hp. *E:F:G:A:*
B:C:D: *C#*

Vln. I

Vln. II *p*

Vla. *p*

Vc. *p*

D. b. *p*

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Bsn.

Hn.

Glock.

Hp.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vcl.

Db.

PREVIEW SCORE

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Bsn.

Hn.

Glock.

Hp.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Db.

poco

mp

espress.

PREVIEW SCORE

poco a poco morendo

Fl. *mf*

Ob.

Cl. *mp*

Bsn. *mp*

Hn. *p* *mp*

Glock.

Hp.

Vln. I *mf*

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

D. b.

PREVIEW SCORE

natural harm.
III. IV

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Bsn.

Hn.

Glock.

Hp.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Db.

REVIEW SCORE

62 63 64 65

MISSING VIOLIN TANGO

INSTRUMENTATION

PICCOLO
FLUTE
2 OBOES
2 CLARINETS IN Bb
2 BASSOONS

2 HORNS IN F
2 TRUMPETS IN Bb
2 TROMBONES
TUBA

TIMPANI

BASS DRUM
CASTANETS
MARACAS
CYMBAL
TAMBOURINE

HARP

SOLO VIOLIN
STRINGS

PREVIEW SCORE

Missing Violin Tango

Allegretto scherzando ♩ = 72-76

Picc.

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Bsn. a2

Hn.

Tpt.

Tbn.

Tba.

Timp.

B. D.

Cast.

Mrcls.

Cym.

Tamb.

Hp.

Allegretto scherzando ♩ = 72-76

Vln. I slide IV

Vln. II slide IV

Vla. pizz. arco pizz. arco pizz. arco pizz. arco pizz. arco pizz. arco

Vc. pizz.

Db.

Picc.

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Bsn.

Hn.

Tpt.

Tbn.

Tba.

Timp.

B. D.

Cast.

Mrcls.

Cym.

Tamb.

Hp.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Db.

SCOPE

PREDILECTION

4

5

6

PREVIEW COPY

Picc.

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Bsn.

Hn.

Tpt.

Tbn.

Tba.

Timp.

B. D.

Cast.

Mrcs.

Cym.

Tamb.

Hp.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Db.

pizz. arco

cantabile

f

slide IV

pizz. arco

pizz. arco

pizz. arco

pizz. arco

3

7

8

Picc.

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Bsn.

Hn.

Tpt.

Tbn.

Tba.

Timp.

B. D.

Cast.

Mrcs.

Cym.

Tamb.

Hp.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla. pizz. arco

Vc. pizz. arco

D. b.

PREVIEW SCORE

Picc.

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Bsn.

Hn.

Tpt.

Tbn.

Tba.

Timp.

B. D.

Cast.

Mrcs.

Cym.

Tamb.

Hp.

Vln. I.

Vln. II.

Vla.

Vc.

Db.

Allegro ridiculo

Picc.
Fl.
Ob.
Cl.
Bsn.
Hn.
Tpt.
Tbn.
Tba.
Timp.
B. D.
Cast.
Mrcs.
Cym.
Tamb.
Hp.

Allegro ridiculo

Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Db.

Picc. Fl. Ob. Cl. Bsn. Hn. Tpt. Tbn. Tba. Timp. B. D. Cast. Mrcs. Cym. Tamb. Hp. Vln. I Vln. II Vla. Vc. Db.

Allegretto scherzando

Picc.

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Bsn. *sffz*

Hn.

Tpt.

Tbn.

Tba. *sfz*

Timp.

B. D. *ff*

Cast. *ff*

Mrscs.

Cym.

Tamb. *ff*

Hp.

Allegretto scherzando

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla. snap pizz. arco *sfz*

Vc. *sfz*

Db. snap pizz. *sfz*

PREVIEW

SOURCE

18

19

Picc.

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Bsn. *sforzando*

Hn. *vibrato*

Tpt.

Tbn.

Tba.

Timp.

B. D.

Cast.

Mrcs.

Cym.

Tamb.

Hp.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc. *sforzando*

Db. *sforzando*

Allegro ridiculos

Picc. // Fl. Ob. Cl. Bsn. Hn. Tpt. Tbn. Tba. Timp. B. D. Cast. Mrcs. Cym. Tamb. Hp. Vln. I Vln. II Vla. Vc. Db.

pizz. *arco* **Allegro ridiculos** *p*

spiccato *p* *spiccato*

arco *spiccato* *p*

PREVIEW SCORE

22 23

A musical score page featuring 21 staves, each representing a different instrument or section of an orchestra. The instruments listed from top to bottom are: Picc., Fl., Ob., Cl., Bsn., Hn., Tpt., Tbn., Tba., Timp., B. D., Cast., Mrcs., Cym., Tamb., Hp., Vln. I, Vln. II, Vla., Vc., and Db. The music is written in 4/4 time, with a key signature of four sharps. The notes are primarily eighth and sixteenth notes, with some quarter notes and rests. The score is annotated with large, semi-transparent red text that reads "PREVIEW" and "SHEET" diagonally across the page.

Picc.

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Bsn.

Hn. *mf*

Tpt.

Tbn.

Tba.

Timp.

B. D.

Cast.

Mrcs.

Cym. *mp*

Tamb.

Hp.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

D. b.

Allegretto scherzando

Allegretto scherzando

Picc. *fff*

Fl. *fff*

Ob. *fff*

Cl. *fff*

Bsn. *fff*

Hn. *ff*

Tpt. *ff*

Tbn. *ff*

Tba. *ff*

Timp. *ff*

B. D. *ff*

Cast. *ff*

Mrcs. *ff*

Cym. *ff*

Tamb. *ff*

Hp. *fff* gliss.

Allegretto scherzando

Vln. I *fff*

Vln. II *fff*

Vla. *fff*

Vc. *fff*

Db. *fff* snap pizz.

A musical score page featuring multiple staves for different instruments. The instruments listed on the left are Picc., Fl., Ob., Cl., Bsn., Hn., Tpt., Tbn., Tba., Timp., B. D., Cast., Mrcs., Cym., Tamb., Hp., Vln. I, Vln. II, Vla., Vc., and Db. The score includes several measures of music with various dynamics and articulations. Red markings are present: large diagonal arrows pointing from the bottom left towards the top right; a large circle highlighting a section of the woodwind staves; and a label "glissando E string" with a line pointing to a specific note in the violin I part.

Picc.

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Bsn.

Hn.

Tpt.

Tbn.

Tba.

Timp.

B. D.

Cast.

Mrcs.

Cym.

Tamb.

Hp.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

D. b.

6

6

6

6

6

6

6

6

f

6

6

tr

tr

tr

tr

3

3

6

div.

div. etc.

div.

div. etc.

32

33

Allargando

Allegro ridiculos

Picc. Fl. Ob. Cl. Bsn. Hn. Tpt. Tbn. Tba. Timp. B. D. Cast. Mrcs. Cym. Tamb. Hp. Vln. I Vln. II Vla. Vc. Db.

PREVIEW SCORE

Allegro ridiculos

pizz. pp arco pizz. pp pizz. pp pizz. pp

// Allegretto scherzando

PICCOLO

FLUTE

OB.

CLARINET

BASSOON

HORN

TROMPETA

TROMBONE

TUBA

TIMPANI

BASS DRUM

CASSETTONE

MARCHESSA

CYMBALS

TAMBORINE

HORN

VIOLIN I

VIOLIN II

VLA.

VCL.

DB.

Allegretto scherzando

This musical score page shows a complex arrangement for orchestra and band. The top half features woodwind and brass instruments like Picc., Fl., Ob., Cl., Bsn., Hn., Tpt., Tbn., Tba., Timp., B. D., Cast., Mrcs., Cym., Tamb., and Hp. The bottom half features strings like Vln. I, Vln. II, Vla., Vcl., and Db. A large red diagonal watermark reading "PREVIEW SCORE" is overlaid across the page. The music includes dynamic markings such as mf and accents, and performance instructions like "Tam-tam". The tempo is indicated as "Allegretto scherzando".

