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A Sign  
in Space

for unaccompanied cello

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for solo cello

Inspired by the short story by Italo Calvino, from the book *Cosmicomics*.

Duration – Approximately 7 minutes

### **Performance notes:**

Accidentals apply only to the note they immediately precede.

⤴ - A regular fermata

⏸ - A longer than usual fermata. Almost uncomfortably long pause.

⤵ - A shorter than usual fermata

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**Freely/Espressivo**  
**Slow (Approx ♩=72)**  
Solitary/Isolated  
pizz.

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**Moderato (Approx ♩=100)**

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1

*p* *pp* *p* *pp* *p* *mf* *f*

2

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

3

**Slow (Approx ♩=72)** **Impulsive** **Pensive**

*ppp* *mf* *ppp* *p* *mf* *p* *ppp* *mf* *pp* *p*

This note is not plucked, but produced by releasing the previous note.

5

**Traveling** **Con moto (Approx ♩=116)**

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

6

**Enlivened**

*mf* *ff* *f* *fff* *mf* *fp*

7

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

8

**Obsessive**

*ff* *mf*

9

**LH pizz.** **arco**

*f* *mf* *f* *mf* *f* *p* *f*

10

*mp* *ff* *mf*

11

**With built-up emotion**

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

13

*mp* *p* *pp* *ppp*

Vc. *p mp mf f*

**Grave (Approx  $\text{♩}=50$ )**

Vc. *Stunned/Breathless Overwhelmed* *Lost/Disconnected*  
*ff p n mp arco*

Vc. *Steady. Grasping Non-accel.*  
*pp f p*

Vc. *sul pont. senza vib. gliss. ord. (also, vib. ord.) poco accel.*  
*ff mp mf mp ppp p ppp mp p*

**Presto ( $\text{♩}=160$ )**

With renewed purpose

Vc. *f rit. . . . .*

**Moderato (Approx  $\text{♩}=100$ )**

Overconfident

Vc. *mp f ff f mp*

Vc. *f mp f mp f mp f mp f*

Overexcited

Vc. *ff arco mp*

Vc. *fp ppp mf f p mp mf ppp f*

Vc. *mp f mf mp f*