

OLIVER HOPKINS-BURKE

Miniature No. 2

for two singers and violoncello

This piece lasts for **2 minutes**, and is divided into **2 sections**, each lasting for **1 minute**.

The 'cellist should sit in the middle of the stage, and the two singers stand either side.

Section 1

Singers

There are four phrases:

- I wish
- I need
- I think
- I believe

Each singer should speak each of these phrases once, in any order, and at any points in the section. All phrases should be spoken softly but clearly.

For example, one of the singers could speak:

0:08 – I need

0:16 – I think

0:40 – I believe

0:50 – I wish

Violoncello

Remain silent for the entirety of the section.

Section 2

Singers

At any point in the first 30 seconds of the section, each singer speaks the phrase 'I will', a little more strongly and confidently than before, before taking a step forward on the stage.

At any point in the second 30 seconds of the section, each singer sings the word 'I' at any comfortable pitch, softly and delicately, for somewhere between 5 and 10 seconds.

Violoncello

Play any note below middle C, **ppp** and sul tasto, for exactly 30 seconds, at any point in the section. Bow changes should be as smooth as possible.

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