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sifting through ashes

for chamber ensemble

michael strausbaugh
flute
clarinet in b♭
violin
cello
vibraphone
piano

duration: 10'

score transposed
sifting through ashes

michael strausbaugh

slow, plaintive

Flute
Clarinet in B♭
Violin
Cello
Vibraphone

slow, plaintive

Piano

©
sifting through ashes

quick, spirited, with purpose

Fl.
Bb Cl.
Vln.
Vlc.
Vib.
Pno.

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sifting through ashes

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Vln.

Vlc.

Vib.

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S softly, singing

Fl.
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Vln.
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Vib.
Pno.

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Vlc.
Vib.
Pno.
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Vln.

Vlc.

Vib.

Pno.

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