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for Piano Trio

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Violin

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Free tempo (♩ = 100), not too slowly

rit. ,

[Piano begins]

Moderate tempo ♩ = 108, flowing

6 (Pno.) Play **A**  
mf with warmth

12 **B**

20 **B**

26 (a gentle, light counterpoint) 2 p mf

33 **C** 4

44 (Vlc.) Play delicately (mf)

48 **D** f

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55 *(Pno.)*  
4

**E** *gentle trem. at the tip, sul pont., shimmering gradually ascending into the Light* **F**  
64 *p* *cresc. poco a poco (to m. 78)*

73 *(cresc.)* *f* *long hold*  
79 *harmonic Sul III gliss. ad lib.* *rit.*

**Free measure, transition**  
*slowly and peacefully*

83 *(Pno.)* **G** *a tempo* ♩ = 108 *p*

88

95

99 *rit.*

103 *More slowly* ♩ = 80 *pp*

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This music combines patterns of light (alternating pitches, spreading outward like beams of light) with tenderness (gentle melodies, often in the lower and warmer ranges of the strings). There is much close interaction between the instruments, as if comforting one another.

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(Pno.)

Play

**A**

*mf* with warmth

12

21

(Pno.)

Play

**B**

*(mf)*

28

38

Play

**C**

*p* — *mf*

43

*delicately*

48

**D**

*f*

54 (Pno.) **4**

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72 **F** *(cresc.)* *f* **3**

79 *harmonic Sul II gliss. ad lib.* *rit.* *long hold*

**Free measure, transition slowly and peacefully**

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