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## LAUGHTER NEVER SHARED

for piano trio

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LAUGHTER NEVER SHARED is a prayer-like work, marking an important loss in my family. I have two children, Liliana and Oliver, who are two-and-a-half years and ten weeks old as of the completion of this work. Before Liliana was born, we were expecting a baby girl named Olivia, who we lost sixteen weeks into the pregnancy. This work is a passacaglia, whose theme uses the letters of her name, encoded into music, as well as those of her siblings.



Olivia's theme is always in the piano, in angelic, bell-like notes, first alone, then with highlights in the strings. The second statement of her theme is joined by Liliana's theme in the violin. The third statement adds Oliver's theme in the cello, allowing all three children to play together in a way never possible in life. As the piece reaches the climax, the tension and sadness of reality enter to disrupt the fantasy, as the strings drop away, letting the piano bells finish their phrase. In one last statement of Olivia's theme, there remains only the highlights from the strings found in the opening of the piece, with the missing piano marking her memory and her absence.

#### **Program Notes:**

1) The written tempi and rhythms create a feeling of "free time" in this piece, which would be distrupted with the application of rubato. Please adhere to the written rhythms, subdividing as needed.

2) String harmonics are always natural harmonics at the octave.

3) The string players are to bow freely, masking their bow changes as much as possible during long chains of interlocking tied notes. Where there are no ties crossing a barline, notes may be articulated as usual.

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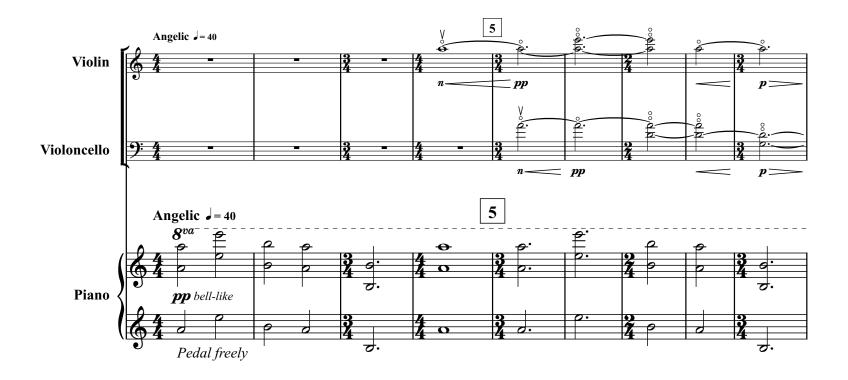
For more information about this piece or any others written by Kevin Wilt, please visit: www.kevinwilt.com or contact the composer at: kevin@kevinwilt.com



In Memory of Olivia Rose Wilt and her cousin Iris. Written for the Galan Trio

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