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Performance Notes

Hodad should be performed on a beach, with timing determined by visually following incoming waves. Each phrase has 4 sustained dyads, cued by various actions of a single wave:

Choose a wave in the distance	Play first dyad
The same wave crests/breaks	Play second dyad
Wave starts to wash up on the shore	Play third dyad
Wave retreats into the ocean	Play fourth dyad

Feel free to adjust the exact moment of transition from one dyad to the next, so that each dyad has time to speak.

After playing one gesture, take time to wait for another wave that seems right. Once another wave has been chosen, repeat the 4-step process above with another phrase.

Phrases are divided into 4 groups. Within each group, phrases can be chosen in any order. However, the dyads within each phrase should be played left to right and the groups should be played in order.

The duration of *Hodad* can be set in 2 ways:

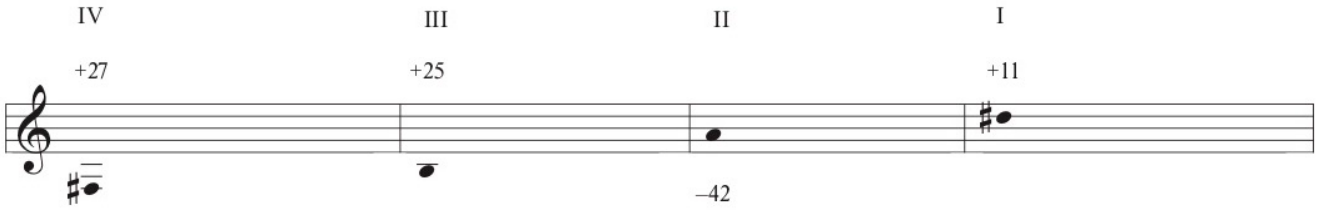
1. Decide on a set duration for each group. Choose phrases from that group for that duration, before going on to the next group. Then, choose phrases from that next group only. Proceed through all 4 groups in this way. It's OK if the time is too short to allow all 4 phrases in a group to be played. Alternately, if all 4 phrases have been played and there is still time left in the group, feel free to repeat the phrases. However, try to play all 4 phrases before repeating any.
2. Another way to play *Hodad* is to play all of the phrases in each group before going on. The piece is done when all 16 phrases have been played.

The piece is over after either the set duration has passed or all of the phrases have been played.

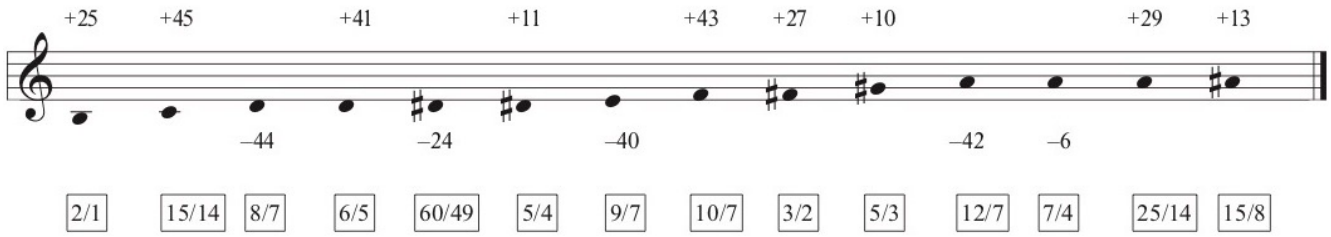
Tuning

All of the dyads include one moving note and one note that drones throughout the phrase. The drones are either an open strings or a natural harmonic.

The violin should be in the following scordatura tuning:



All the notes in *Hodad* fit into this scale (or octave equivalents):



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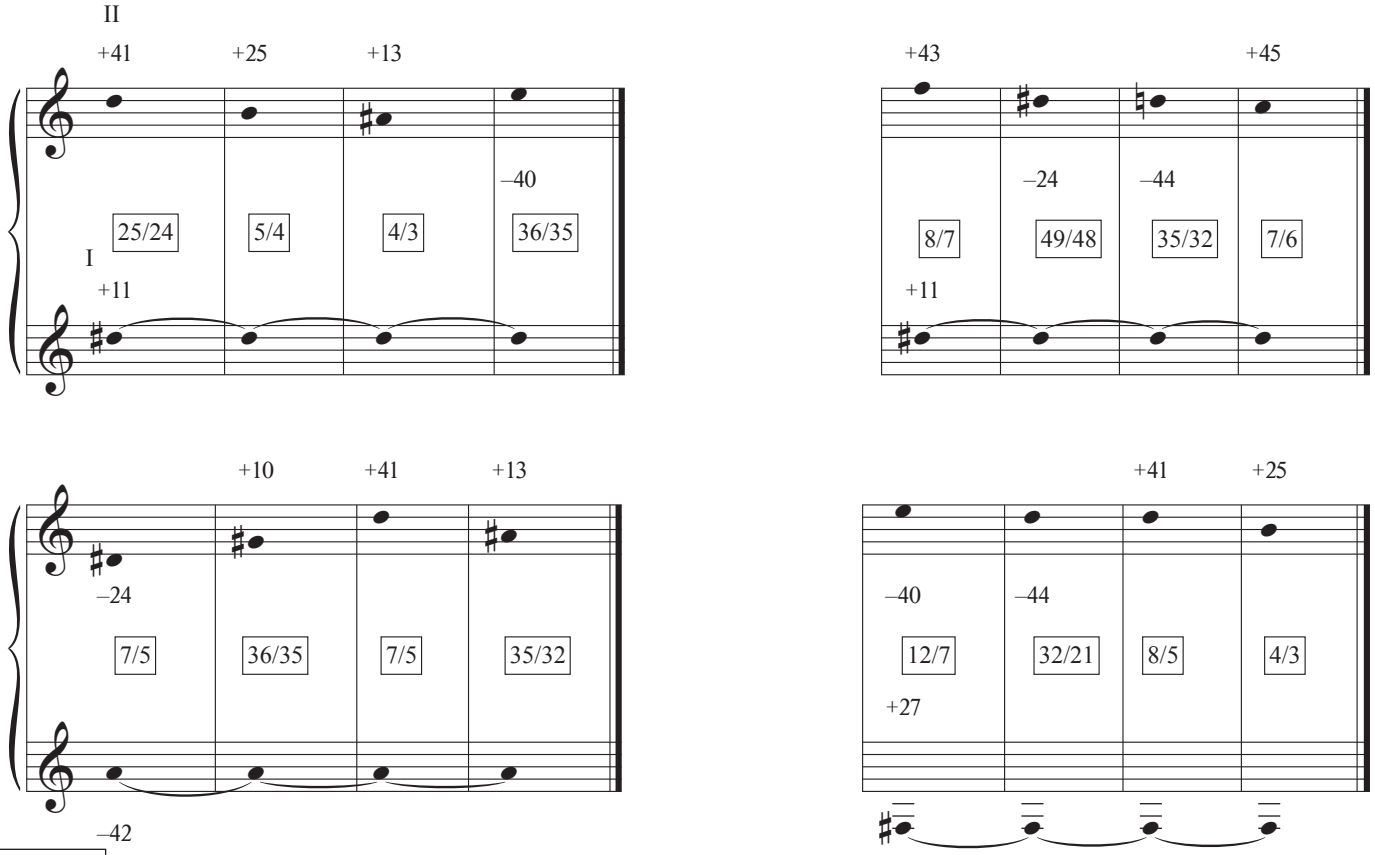

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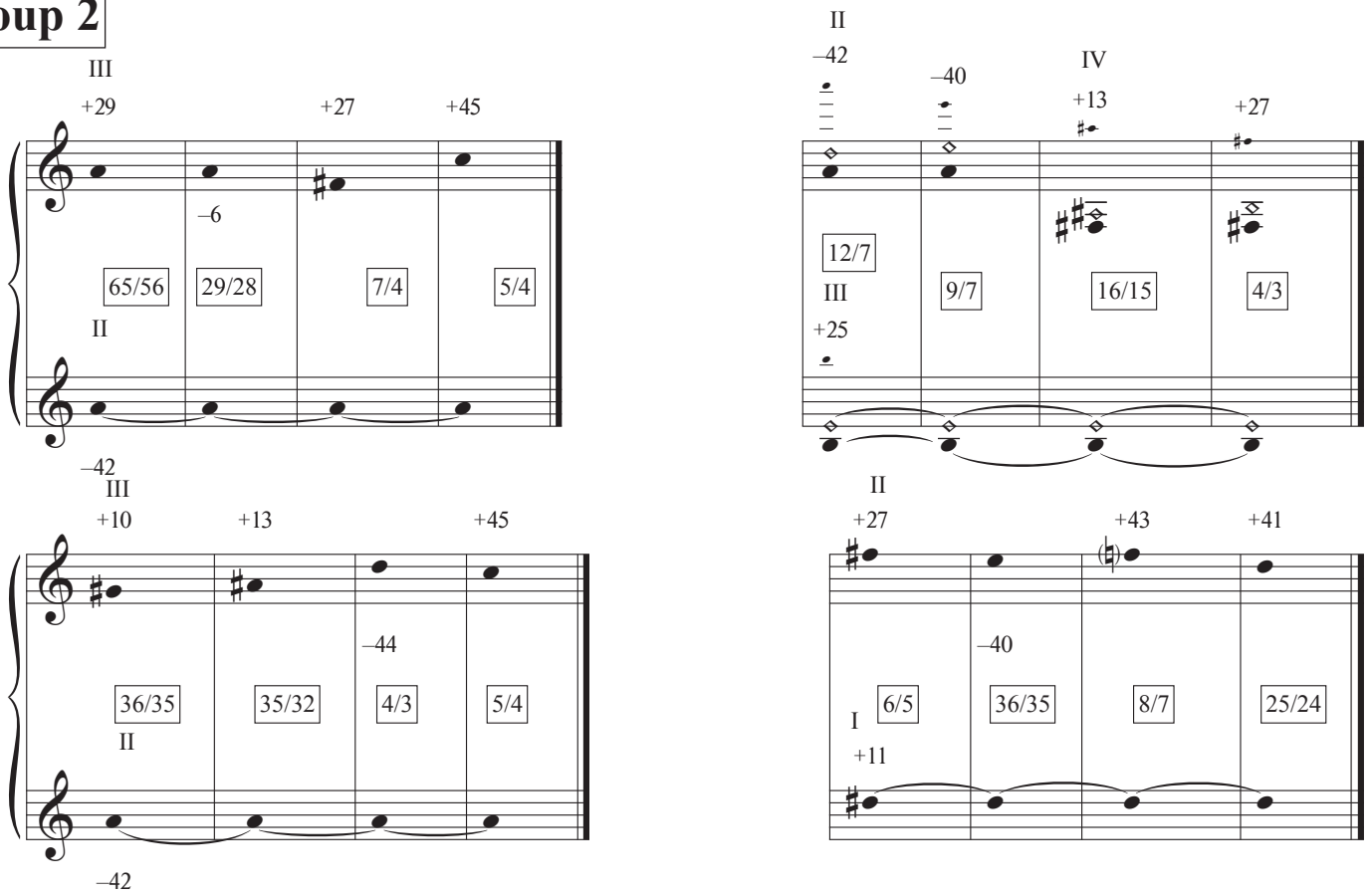

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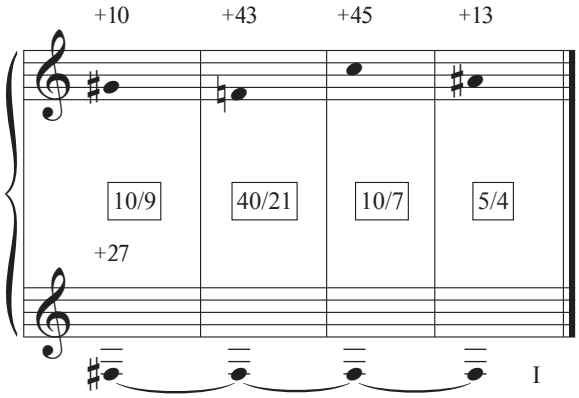

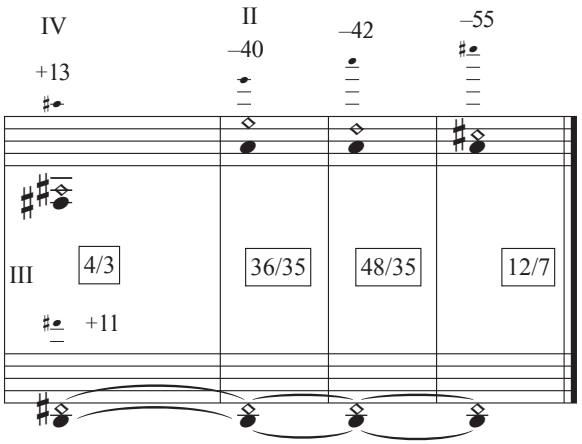

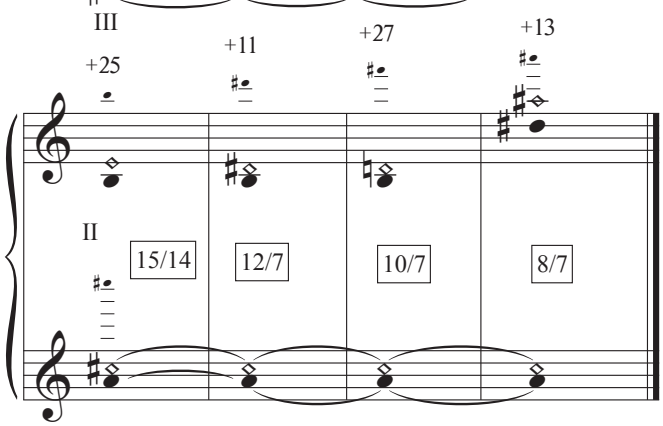

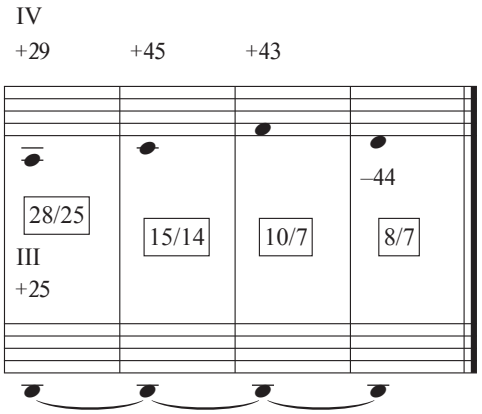
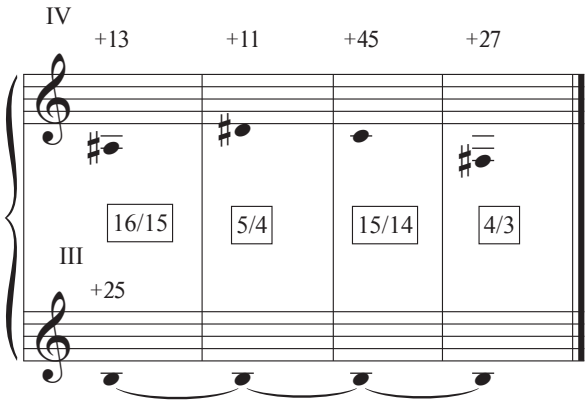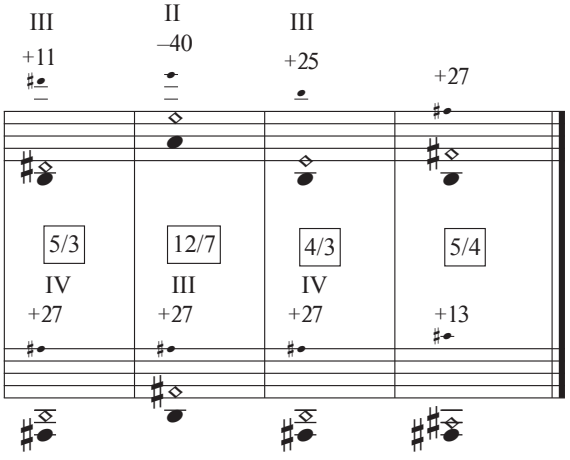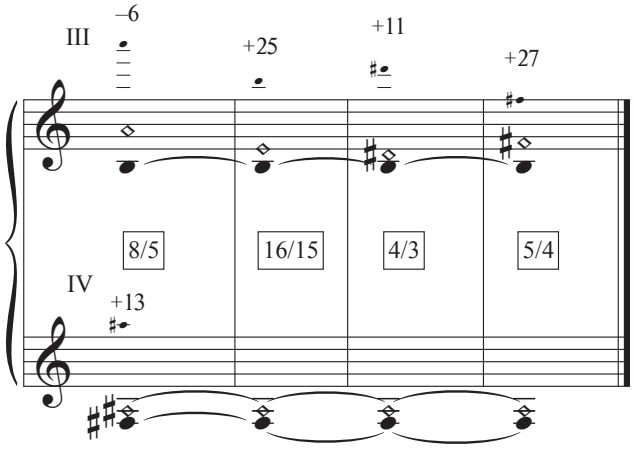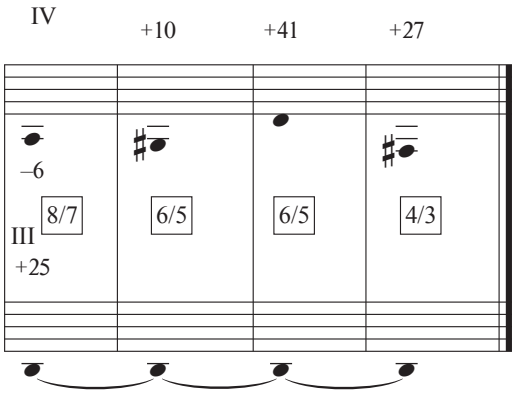
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