

1. STAINLESS STAINING

for solo piano and soundtrack (14:51)

The *soundtrack* is made up of samples of a piano (played both normally and "inside") retuned to provide a massive harmonic spectrum of 100 overtones based on a fundamental low G#. This reflects an increasing recent concern of mine with a kind of pulsating, rhythmic use of the overtone series. That concern can range from a rather extreme concentration in this piece and *Bulb* (a piano trio where pulsing glissandos connect nodes in the harmonic series) to a more integrated approach in the large scale vocal and instrumental pieces, where that approach is used often in a looser fashion only in particular areas.

2. RESERVOIR for piano (9:45)

I remember, years ago, seeing a Bill Viola video of a man gradually being submerged in water. It stayed with me. My piece, *Reservoir*, undoubtedly in 2 parts, the second reflecting on the first, has begun to remind me of this Viola video. I had not intended any comparison, but there is a similarity in the oppositional relationship between the first and second halves of my piece and that between being above or under water in the Viola video. The sustaining quality of the second part could feel as if it were underwater, a reservoir of collected resonances, amplified by the use of the sustain pedal.

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