

Driving Me Crazy

was
commissioned
and
incited
by
John McDonald
for
inclusion
in
his
collection
of
Common Injustices

The pre-recorded parts
of this work
are derived
from
recordings
and
manipulations
of noises
that cars
and
other
motor vehicles
make.

Unsure
whether or not
this can actually be
called
a
common
injustice,
suffice it to say
that I
composed
it
in
a
whimsical mood
to diffuse my
otherwise
utter
frustration
with the ways
in which
stunted civility
is played out
on the
streets
and
highways
of
America.

Though not an absolute requirement, performers of *Driving Me Crazy* are encouraged to develop facial, hand and other bodily gesticulations to highlight the potential underlying humorously rude theatrical elements of this work.

To John McDonald

Driving Me Crazy

Ken Steen, 2001

Piano { blinkers:

172

car door slam

mf

9

16

cresc. poco a poco

23

ff p subito

cresc. poco a poco

fff

V.S.

[2 bars]

The music is in common time. Measure 1 starts with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp, and a tempo of 172 BPM. The piano part features eighth-note patterns with dynamic markings like 'blinkers:' and 'car door slam'. Measure 9 begins with a bass clef. Measure 16 starts with a treble clef. Measure 23 starts with a bass clef. Measure 30 begins with a treble clef. The score includes dynamic markings such as *ff p subito*, *cresc. poco a poco*, *mf*, *fff*, and *V.S.* [2 bars]. Articulations include accents and slurs. Measure 16 features a melodic line with grace notes and slurs. Measures 23 and 30 show rhythmic patterns with eighth and sixteenth notes.

[36-37] 38

2

mf

2

44 *15^{ma}*

51 *mp* *mf*

Reo. _____

Reo. _____

58 *15^{ma}* *loco*

Reo. _____

Reo. _____

Reo. _____

65 *poco*

f

mp

ff

p subito

(loco)

8^{va}

Reo. _____

Reo. _____

Reo. _____

(8^{va}) -

72 *poco* *Loco.*

78 *mf* *p* *Loco.* *Loco.*

84 *loco* *mf mp* *Loco.* *Loco.*

90 *molto f* *p* *cresc. poco a poco* *f* *mf* *Loco.* *Loco.*

96 *poco* *mp cresc.* *Loco.* *Loco.*

This musical score consists of five staves of music, likely for a wind ensemble or orchestra. The staves are grouped by brace. The first staff uses a treble clef, the second a bass clef, and the third a bass clef. The fourth and fifth staves also use a bass clef. The music spans from measure 72 to 96. Key changes occur at measure 78 (from G major to D major) and measure 84 (from D major to A major). Dynamics include *poco*, *mf*, *p*, *molto f*, *cresc. poco a poco*, *f*, *mf*, *mp*, and *mp cresc.*. Articulations include slurs, grace notes, and accents. Performance instructions like "Loco." appear in several measures. Measure 72 starts with a dynamic of *poco* and ends with *Loco.* Measure 78 begins with *mf* and *p*, followed by another *Loco.* Measure 84 begins with *loco* and *mf mp*, followed by two more *Loco.* Measure 90 includes dynamics *molto f*, *p*, *cresc. poco a poco*, *f*, and *mf*, followed by two *Loco.* Measure 96 includes *poco*, *mp cresc.*, and ends with *Loco.*

102 *changing lanes/crossing hands . . .*

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108

114

120

Reo. *Reo.* *Reo.*

Reo. leave pedal down to end . . .

Selected Works
by
Ken Steen

— ORCHESTRAL —

Metastasis		
for Orchestra (1991)		11:00
Legacy		
for String Orchestra (1998)		12:30
TWITCH		
for Winds, Brass, Percussion & Stringed Instruments (2002)		11:00
Silent Thalia		
a Concerto for Electronic Cello & Orchestra (2003)		17:30

— CHAMBER —

On the Fly		
for Flute & Piano (1997)		5:00
Looming		
for String Quartet (1992)		16:00
Whimrut Junket		
for Flute, Oboe & Clarinet (1996)		5:00
Funk Puppet		
for Clarinet, Violin & Marimba (1994)		14:00
birddog		
for Flute, Clarinet, Violin, Cello & Piano (1994)		13:30
While Conscience Slept		
for Flute, Clarinet, Electric Cello and Synthesizer (1989)		13:45
Festina Lente		
for Alto Saxophone & Piano (1998)		12:00
Of Four Strings Joining		
a Double Duo for 2 Violins & 2 Pianos (1998)		8:45

— SOLO —

Invisible Familiars		
for Piano Solo (1993)		17:00
Husk No. 4		
for Piano Solo (1993)		4:00
Emerald Over the Sea		
for Piano Solo (1982)		5:00
Shadows & Light		
for Electronic Cello (1989)		11:00
heal the wounds of war		
for Clarinet (OR Electronic Cello) and Videotape		12:00