

MERCURY'S CRUCIBLE

THE COMPLETE PLATINUM CODEX



OPERATOR'S PATH EDITION

REVISION 13 — OPERATOR'S PATH CONTROL NOTE

Revision 13 preserves the complete musical body, tablature, orchestration, Gold Ledgers, production settings, Scholia, and original artwork of the Elevenfold Revision II. The Operator's Path material is now placed beside the Forge that generates each clue, so the reader encounters puzzle, proof, witness, and earned access as one continuous book rather than as a detached appendix.

The codex never declares Xavier chosen. It reveals what must be learned, where evidence may be found, and what another person must be free to refuse.

What this revision adds

- ☒ A consistent puzzle grammar: Music → Pattern → Place → Proof.
- ☒ A dual progression system joining the Five Forges to seven operator competencies.
- ☒ Forge-specific clues for the Witness Key, Phase Helmet record, Inertial Boots cache, Open Carriage architecture, and Dual Staff authorization.
- ☒ Hint ladders so Xavier and the reader can reason through clues without arbitrary revelation.
- ☒ Witness ledgers, failure states, credibility gates, and a Black Knight candidate record.
- ☒ Story continuity for Xavier's Strandberg, ROLI Seaboard, Neural DSP Archetype: Plini X, Taleb shelf, and B the black cat.

Canonical boundary

Finding equipment is not qualification to use it. Solving music is not command authority. The completed codex authenticates a candidate history; Black Knight's living crew retains jurisdiction, safety authority, and veto.

OPERATOR'S PATH — THE DUAL ARCHITECTURE

The Five Forges remain the musical spine. The seven competencies describe what Xavier must demonstrate in lived conditions. A Forge closes only when both records agree: the musical Gold Ledger and an independently witnessed competency entry.

THE FIVE FORGES □ THE SEVEN COMPETENCIES

A Forge advances only when its musical ledger and its lived competency are both witnessed.

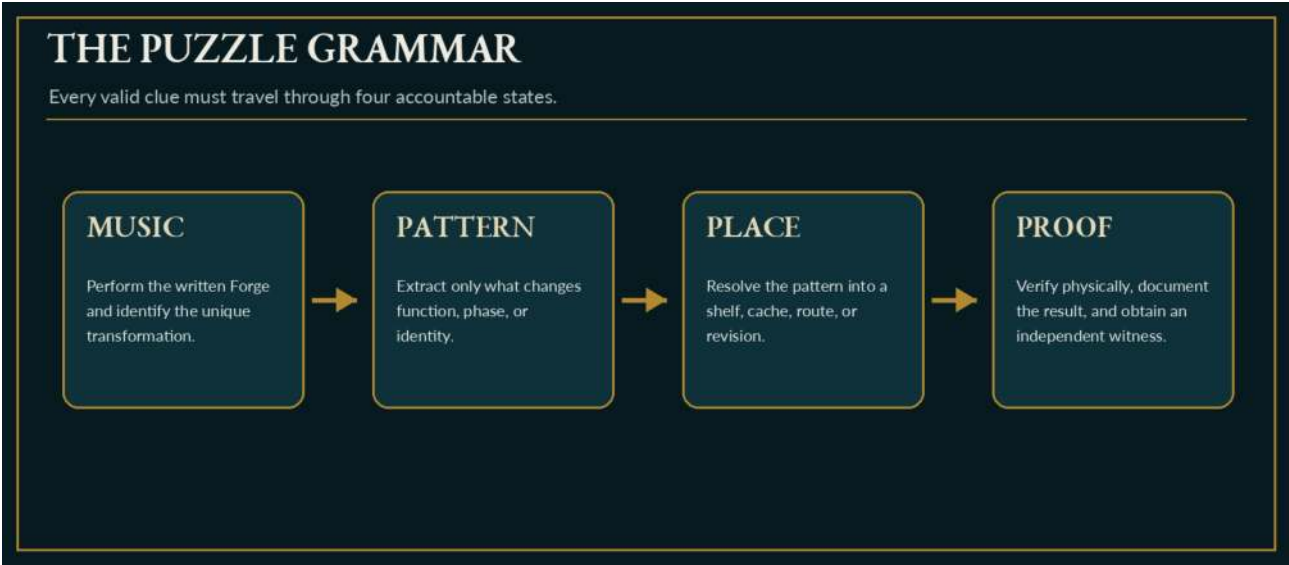
	Baseline	Body	Branch	Mask	Field	Carriage	Second Helm
I · Glass	PRIMARY	—	—	—	PRIMARY	—	SECONDARY
II · Stair	—	PRIMARY	—	PRIMARY	—	—	SECONDARY
III · Transit	—	PRIMARY	PRIMARY	—	—	SECONDARY	—
IV · Carriage	—	SECONDARY	—	—	PRIMARY	PRIMARY	PRIMARY
V · Platinum	PRIMARY	SECONDARY	PRIMARY	PRIMARY	PRIMARY	PRIMARY	PRIMARY

Primary and secondary competency relations. Forge V does not replace the earlier Forges; it requires their ledgers.

The seven competencies

Competency	Question the Crucible asks	Acceptable evidence
Baseline	Can he separate observation, inference, model, and myth?	Unaltered source files; assumption log; corrected statement.
Body	Can he act while tired, disoriented, afraid, or in pain?	Breath, balance, hearing, panic, and recovery drills.
Branch	Can he choose a reversible test under uncertainty?	Scenario tree, bounded-loss trial, explicit stop condition.
Mask	Can identity adapt without becoming deception?	Role declaration, social-engineering defense, honest reclassification.
Field	Can he read infrastructure and protect chain of custody?	Site walk, hazard map, witness interview, preserved evidence.
Carriage	Can he respect pressure, mass, finite air, and destination consent?	Pressure drills, tether work, route plan, destination answer.
Second Helm	Can another person stop him without being absorbed into his authority?	Independent veto, dissent retained, no coerced countersignature.

THE PUZZLE GRAMMAR



The codex does not reward general cleverness. Each clue is tied to the unique transformation already written into a Forge. Xavier must identify that transformation, derive a bounded location or record, verify it in the world, and preserve the evidence under witness.

The six-rail extraction key

When a Forge refers to rails, pickups, mirrors, or six great strings, Xavier uses the same ordered register: 1 = pitch, 2 = rhythm, 3 = articulation, 4 = harmony, 5 = timbre, 6 = witness. Only rails that change during the named transformation are active. Their order forms the locator or revision code.

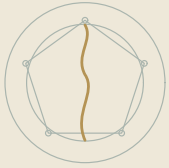
Rail	Domain	What counts as change
1	Pitch	A note moves, bends, or is replaced.
2	Rhythm	Pulse, meter, silence, or placement changes.
3	Articulation	Attack, sustain, cluck, swell, or harmonic behavior changes.
4	Harmony	The same pitch acquires a new function or chordal gravity.
5	Timbre	Routing, gain, delay, register, or instrument state changes.
6	Witness	A second performer, listener, or countersigner becomes necessary.

Hard rule

A clue without a physical or archival proof is a model. A proof without an independent witness is an unverified event. Neither advances the operator record.

THE FIVE FORGES

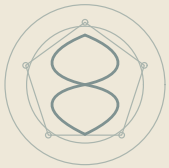
A JAPANESE GHOST TALE IN FIVE CRUCIBLES



1. GLASS AND GREASE

THE SHARD AT THE BLACK SPRING

The Nave enters the Courtyard; at the Mercury Seam, glass is stained, then washed without forgetting.



2. ANTIMATTER STAIR

THE TWO STAIRWAYS THAT NEVER MET

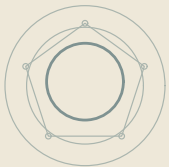
Matter finds its counterweight, the Missing Twins open the portal, and the stair ends without a floor.



3. THE MILLER TRANSIT

THE MOUNTAIN THAT RETURNED A NAME

A traveler departs, climbs beyond each former ceiling, turns in exposed light, and returns speaking differently.



4. OPEN CARRIAGE

THE CARRIAGE WITHOUT WALLS

The line leaves enclosure, crosses the threshold without breathing, and enters the stars.



5. GOLD INTO PLATINUM

THE TREE THAT WOULD NOT KEEP GOLD

Four offerings are summoned, converged, and transmuted; the tree releases platinum and gives the melody its body back.

SEAM - VOID - SUMMIT - GATE - ROOTS

Each crucible is the place of change; each entire journey is the forge.

MERCURY'S CRUCIBLE // FORGE 1

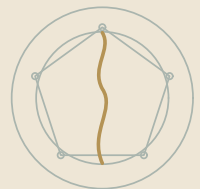
GLASS AND GREASE

TALE I // THE SHARD AT THE BLACK SPRING

THE NAVE > THE COURTYARD > MERCURY SEAM > ROTISSERIE ERROR > WASHED GLASS

CRUCIBLE: THE MERCURY SEAM // FORGE: INFECTION // YIELD: WASHED GLASS

When glass learns gravity, which reflection begins to dance?



GLASS AND GREASE

THE PLAYABLE FORGE

Standard tuning (E-A-D-G-B-e) // working tempo 92 BPM // 4/4 throughout // straight glass, swung grease. Guitar I is the written lead. Guitar II supplies the printed chord bed; in the courtyard, Guitar I and Guitar II may merge into one rhythm-lead part.

COMPOSITION LAW: GLASS SUSTAINS; GREASE CONVERSES. THE TRANSFORMATION IS COMPLETE ONLY WHEN A COUNTRY ARTICULATION CAN ENTER THE CATHEDRAL WITHOUT BECOMING A JOKE, AND A LYDIAN INTERVAL DESIGN CAN CROSS G7 WITHOUT BECOMING A SCALE EXERCISE.

Song chart

Bars	Section	Harmony	Purpose
1-8	The Nave	Cmaj7 / Cmaj9#11	Glass cell, wide voicings, harmonics; F# becomes F
9-16	The Courtyard	chromatic side-slip -> G7	Planed entrance, country bends, split third, first chicken seal
17-24	Mercury Seam	C and G intercut	Each world learns the other's articulation and timing
25-28	Rotisserie Error	G13sus -> G7	Banjo-roll engine, sixths, blue feather, comic silence
29-32	Washed Glass	Cmaj9#11	F-F# grace, country bend transmuted, harmonic coda

The new identity

- The primary hook is new: C-G-D-F#-B-E-D-G. Zero-Point Bloom's exact opening, Martino turn, Batten material, Bright Matter and Cathedral Spice do not return.
- The central device is not C section / G section repetition. It is infection: straight Lydian geometry learns bends and clucks; the courtyard learns wide, sustained interval architecture.
- The singular hinge is F# -> F at Bar 8. The inverse, F -> F#, completes the transmutation at Bar 29.
- The song's one controlled comic event is the Rotisserie Error. It is an articulation and timing event, not novelty music.

First complete take

Play Bars 1-32 without repeats. If the form needs more air, repeat Bars 25-28 once only. Do not repeat the first Cathedral or the final Washed Glass; their asymmetry is part of the drama.



GUITAR II

COMPLETE HARMONIC BED

Glass chords receive one broad attack or volume swell per bar. Grease chords are clipped, syncopated, or chicken-picked as marked. At Bar 9 the same hand should feel as if it enters a four-gear chromatic machine.

Bar	Chord	Shape	Action	Bar	Chord	Shape	Action
1	Cmaj9#11	8-x-9-9-7-10	arrival swell	17	Cmaj9#11	8-x-9-9-7-10	return swell
2	Cmaj7#11	x-3-2-0-0-2	open shimmer	18	Cmaj7#11	x-3-2-0-0-2	under dyads
3	Cmaj13	8-x-9-9-10-10	broad sustain	19	G13sus	3-x-3-5-5-5	straight, not swung
4	Cmaj9#11	x-x-10-11-12-12	high transformation	20	G7	3-5-3-4-3-3	swing returns
5	Cmaj7	x-3-2-0-0-0	uncolored glass	21	Cmaj9#11	x-x-10-11-12-12	high hold
6	Cmaj7#11	x-3-2-0-0-2	open shimmer	22	G13	x-10-9-10-10-12	stop-time
7	Cmaj9#11	8-x-9-9-7-10	arrival swell	23	Cmaj13	8-x-9-9-10-10	late swell
8	Cmaj7#11	x-x-10-11-12-12	hold through F#-F	24	G7#9	x-10-9-10-11-10	dry quarters
9	side-slip > G7/D	x3314x > x4425x > x5536x > x5343x	four-step gearbox	25	G13sus	x-10-12-10-13-12	hold under roll
10	G13	3-5-3-4-5-5	short stabs	26	G13	x-10-9-10-10-12	short stabs
11	G7#9	3-5-3-4-6-6	clipped grease	27	G7#9	3-5-3-4-6-6	blue hold
12	G13sus	3-x-3-5-5-5	one dry pulse	28	G7	3-5-3-4-3-3	one hit only
13	G7	x-x-3-4-3-3	tritone shell	29	Cmaj9#11	8-x-9-9-7-10	arrival swell
14	G13	x-10-9-10-10-12	high dominant	30	Cmaj13	8-x-9-9-10-10	sustain
15	G7#9	x-10-9-10-11-10	upper scuff	31	Cmaj7#11	x-3-4-4-5-7	bell bed
16	G7	3-5-3-4-3-3	cut on beat 4	32	Cmaj9#11	x-x-10-11-12-12	final swell

Core voicing bank

State	Chord	E-A-D-G-B-e	Character
Glass arrival	Cmaj9#11	8-x-9-9-7-10	C-B-E-F#-D; the main cathedral gravity
Glass open	Cmaj7#11	x-3-2-0-0-2	Open-string light; use once, not as wallpaper
Glass high	Cmaj9#11	x-x-10-11-12-12	Holdsworth-like exposed fourths and seconds
Grease engine	G7	3-5-3-4-3-3	Permanent lower dominant grip
Grease bright	G13	3-5-3-4-5-5	Country sixths and 13th above the same engine
Grease scuff	G7#9	3-5-3-4-6-6	Bb dirt; do not sustain like a glass chord

HOLDSWORTH RULE: USE THE VOICINGS FOR EXPOSED INTERVAL COLOR, NOT TO PROVE THAT WE OWN THE VOCABULARY. NO A MELODIC MINOR, C HARMONIC MAJOR, OR FULL DIMINISHED SEQUENCE ENTERS THIS FORGE.

I - THE NAVE

Bars 1-8 // glass states the law

BAR 01 // Cmaj9#11

GLASS SEED

Pulse: Eight straight eighth-notes. Let the last G breathe into Bar 2.

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e|-----12--10----|
B|-----12-----8--|
G|-----11-----|
D|-----12-----|
A|-----10-----|
E|8-----|
  C  G  D  F#  B  E  D  G
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GUITAR II

Cmaj9#11

8-x-9-9-7-10
arrival swell

The defining cell: C-G-D-F#-B-E-D-G. Wide, clear, and impossible to mistake for a scale run.

BAR 02 // Cmaj7#11

GLASS ANSWER

Pulse: Eight even eighth-notes; no vibrato until the final E.

```
e|-----8-----|
B|-----7-----8--|
G|-----7-----9--|
D|-----7-----|
A|-----7-----|
E|7-----|
  B  E  A  D  F#  C  G  E
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GUITAR II

Cmaj7#11

x-3-2-0-0-2
open shimmer

A second ladder begins on B and places the #11 before the ordinary C-major colors.

BAR 03 // Cmaj13

REFRACTION

Pulse: Eight eighth-notes; accent notes 1, 4 and 7 so the bar feels faceted.

```
e|-----10--7-----|
B|-----13-----10--|
G|-----11-----7--|
D|-----9-----|
A|-----7-----|
E|-----|
  E  B  F#  C  D  B  A  D
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GUITAR II

Cmaj13

8-x-9-9-10-10
broad sustain

The register jumps are the Holdsworth inheritance: chord tones separated until the harmony glows between them.

BAR 04 // Cmaj9#11

FIRST SUSPENSION

Pulse: F# for two beats, E for one, B for one. Volume-swell the attacks.

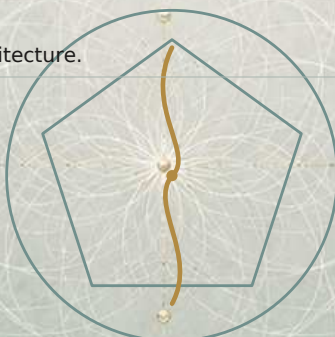
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e|14~~~~~12~~~~~|
B|~~~~~12~~~~~|
G|~~~~~|
D|~~~~~|
A|~~~~~|
E|~~~~~|
  F#      E      B
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GUITAR II

Cmaj9#11

x-x-10-11-12-12
high transformation

Do less. The chord underneath carries the architecture.



BAR 05 // Cmaj7

INVERTED GLASS

Pulse: Eight straight eighth-notes, low to high; sustain into each string change.

```

e|-----7--12--10----|
B|-----6-----|
G|-----11-----|
D|-----9-----|
A|-----5-----|
E|3-----|
  G  D  B  F# F  B  E  D

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GUITAR II

Cmaj7

x-3-2-0-0-0
uncolored glass

F natural appears once inside the glass. It is the first smear of the courtyard, not yet a modulation.

BAR 06 // Cmaj7#11

ELVEN BELL CONSTELLATION

Pulse: Eight even eighths. The first five bracketed notes are natural harmonics; C-D-E are fretted.

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e|-----8---10--12--|
B|-----|
G|[9]-----[7]-----|
D|-----[7]-----[4]-----|
A|----[7]-----|
E|-----|
  B  E  A  D  F#  C  D  E

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GUITAR II

Cmaj7#11

x-3-2-0-0-2
open shimmer

The melody survives, but its geometry does not march one node across the strings. G[9] and D[4] supply the fragile fifth-partial B and F# before the bells become a fretted human voice.

BAR 07 // Cmaj9#11

GLASS CHOIR

Pulse: Four quarter-note dyads. Let every pair overlap slightly.

```

e|14~~~~-12~~~~-10~~~~-7~~~~|
B|12~~~~-10~~~~-8~~~~-5~~~~|
G|-----|
D|-----|
A|-----|
E|-----|
  B/F#  A/E  G/D  E/B

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GUITAR II

Cmaj9#11

8-x-9-9-7-10
arrival swell

Parallel-looking shapes, non-parallel harmonic effect: a choir descending through the Lydian ceiling.

BAR 08 // Cmaj7#11 -> C7

MERCURY HINGE

Pulse: B and D as eighths, E as a quarter, then F# and F as quarters.

```

e|7--10--12~~~~-14~~~~-13~~~~|
B|-----|
G|-----|
D|-----|
A|-----|
E|-----|
  B  D  E  F#  F

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GUITAR II

Cmaj7#11

x-x-10-11-12-12
hold through F#-F

The entire room turns on one atom: F# becomes F. Do not decorate the slide.



II - THE COURTYARD

Bars 9-16 // grease answers

BAR 09 // Fm7/C > F#m7/C# > Gm7/D > G7/D

CHROMATIC GEARBOX

Pulse: Fm7/C on beat 1; two clipped F#m7/C# eighths on beat 2; Gm7/D on beat 3; two G7/D eighths on beat 4, with the last hit ringing.

e x-----x-x-----x-----x-x-x-
B 4-----5--5-----6-----3--3--
G 1-----2--2-----3-----4--4--
D 3-----4--4-----5-----3--3--
A 3-----4--4-----5-----5--5--
E x-----x-x-----x-----x-x-x-
Fm7/C F#m7/C# Gm7/D G7/D
1 2 + 3 4 +

GUITAR II

side-slip > G7/D

x3314x
x4425x
x5536x
x5343x
four-step gearbox

Only the supplied planing mechanism survives. F minor rises through two chromatic gears; Bb becomes B in the final G7/D, revealing the Courtyard without reusing Room One's boom-chick entrance.

BAR 10 // G13

COUNTRY FLARE

Pulse: One compact sixteenth-note burst across beats 1-3; let the final low D sit.

e -----3-----
B -----3h5-----5p3-----
G 2b4r2p0-----4p2p0-----
D -----3p0-----
A -----
E -----

GUITAR II

G13

3-5-3-4-5-5
short stabs

Bend A toward B, release to G, then tumble through D-E-G-E-D-B-A-G-F-D.

BAR 11 // G7#9

BANJO MIRROR

Pulse: Swung sixteenths; hybrid pick the B/e alternation. Low G frames the roll.

e -----3-----3-----3---
B -----3---3h5---5---5p3---3---
G -4-----2-----4-----
D -----
A -----
E 3-----3---

GUITAR II

G7#9

3-5-3-4-6-6
clipped grease

The right hand becomes comic machinery, but the harmony stays adult.

BAR 12 // G13sus

SCOFIELD LIMP

Pulse: Three accent groups fill the bar 3+3+2; treat the chromatic inner notes as sixteenth-note pickups. Accent Bb, A and B.

e -----
B -----3-----
G 0--3--4--2--0-----4--2--0-----
D -----3---
A -----
E -----3---
G Bb B A G D B A G F G

GUITAR II

G13sus

3-x-3-5-5-5
one dry pulse

The Bb-to-B split third is grease: dirty color snapping back to dominant function.



BAR 13 // G7

CHICKEN SEAL I

Pulse: Muted clucks are sixteenthths; the bend occupies beat 3; resolve on beat 4.

```

e|-----3-----|
B|-----3h5---5p3---|
G|--0-x-0-x-2b4-----4p2p0---|
D|-----|
A|-----|
E|3-----3-|

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GUITAR II

G7

x-x-3-4-3-3
tritone shell

First silliness law: a physically funny articulation may appear once, but it must land the groove harder.

BAR 14 // G13

CHROMATIC APRON

Pulse: Eight swung eighth-notes; compress A-Bb-B-C as a single pickup gesture.

```

e|-----|
B|-----|
G|-----|
D|-----3--0-----|
A|0--1--2--3-----1-----|
E|-----3-----|
  A Bb B C F D Bb G

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GUITAR II

G13

x-10-9-10-10-12
high dominant

The chromatic rise is kitchen-door mischief, not outside harmony. It immediately returns to G.

BAR 15 // G7#9

COURTYARD CALL

Pulse: G-F-E form a triplet on beat 1; the remaining six notes are swung eighths. Rake the first G and clip the last D.

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e|15--13--12-----|
B|-----15--13--11-----|
G|-----12--10-----|
D|-----12-----|
A|-----|
E|-----|
  G F E D C Bb G F D

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GUITAR II

G7#9

x-10-9-10-11-10
upper scuff

This is the grease equivalent of Bar 3: a descending wide-register answer with Bb as the scuff mark.

BAR 16 // G7 -> Cmaj9#11

ROTISSERIE WINK

Pulse: Two dead-note clucks, then a bend; leave the last eighth silent after low G.

```

e|-----3-----|
B|-----3-----3h5---5p3---|
G|--x-x---2b4-----4p2p0---|
D|-----|
A|-----|
E|3-----3-r|

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GUITAR II

G7

3-5-3-4-3-3
cut on beat 4

You thought that was a rotisserie. It is Johnny Hiland opening the next door.



III - MERCURY SEAM

Bars 17-24 // each material changes the other

BAR 17 // Cmaj9#11

GLASS REMEMBERS

Pulse: Eight straight eighths; h14 is a grace-note flash, not a new subdivision.

```

e|-----12h14-12--10--|
B|-----12-----|
G|-----11-----|
D|-----12-----|
A|-----10-----|
E|8-----|

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GUITAR II

Cmaj9#11

8-x-9-9-7-10
return swell

The Bar 1 cell returns altered. Grease has taught it to flick the #11 instead of merely displaying it.

BAR 18 // Cmaj7#11

HOLDSWORTH MIRROR

Pulse: Four quarter-note dyads; volume-swell each, with no pick transient if possible.

```

e|7~~~~-10~~~~-14~~~~-12~~~~|
B|5~~~~-8~~~~-12~~~~-10~~~~|
G|-----|
D|-----|
A|-----|
E|-----|

```

GUITAR II

Cmaj7#11

x-3-2-0-0-2
under dyads

A chord-melody mirror: exposed fourths, fifths and seconds rather than block harmony.

BAR 19 // G13sus

GREASE WEARS GLASS

Pulse: Eight straight eighths - no swing. The notes are G-D-A-C-F-B-E-D.

```

e|-----7--12--10----|
B|-----6-----|
G|-----5-----|
D|-----7-----|
A|-----5-----|
E|3-----|

```

GUITAR II

G13sus

3-x-3-5-5-5
straight, not swung

The Glass cell is recast over G. F replaces F#, but the wide interval architecture survives.

BAR 20 // G7

GLASS CRACKS

Pulse: Swung sixteenths through beat 3; final low G is a quarter-note landing.

```

e|-----3-----|
B|-----3h6-----6p3-----|
G|3--5-----4--3--0-----|
D|-----3-----|
A|-----|
E|-----3-----|

```

GUITAR II

G7

3-5-3-4-3-3
swing returns

G minor pentatonic dirt meets one B-natural flash. The listener hears courtyard, not chord-scale exercise.



BAR 21 // Cmaj9#11

HIGH MIRROR

Pulse: Eight even eighths, but tie across strings so the notes overlap like a mobile.

```
e| 12-----14-----17-----|
B|  --12-----12-----17-----|
G|  --11-----11-----17-----|
D|  --10-----10-----17-----|
A|  -----17-----17-----17-----|
E|  -----17-----17-----17-----|
  E B F# C F# B A F#
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GUITAR II

Cmaj9#11

x-x-10-11-12-12
high hold

Use the high transformation voicing below this line; do not double the lead exactly.

BAR 22 // G13

WRONG SHOE

Pulse: Stop-time hits on beats 1 and 2; bend on beat 3; low G arrives late on 4-and.

```
e| -----x-----x-----x-----|
B| --3-x--3-x--6b8r6--3-----|
G| --4-x--4-x-----4p2p0--|
D| --3-x--3-x-----3-----|
A| -----3-----3-----3-----|
E| 3-----3-----3-----3-----|
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GUITAR II

G13

x-10-9-10-10-12
stop-time

The section deliberately steps into G one bar earlier than the ear expects.

BAR 23 // Cmaj13

NONCHALANT GLASS

Pulse: Four lazy quarter-note dyads; sit behind the beat without swinging.

```
e| 10~~~~-12~~~~-14~~~~-19~~~~|
B|  8~~~~-10~~~~-12~~~~-17~~~~|
G| -----17-----17-----17-----|
D| -----17-----17-----17-----|
A| -----17-----17-----17-----|
E| -----17-----17-----17-----|
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GUITAR II

Cmaj13

8-x-9-9-10-10
late swell

This is the elegant side of silliness: the phrase is almost too composed to notice the grease still on its shoes.

BAR 24 // G7#9

COURTYARD REFLECTION

Pulse: Four quarter-note dyads, dry and descending. Cut each note before the next.

```
e| 10~~~~-8~~~~-6~~~~-3~~~~|
B|  8~~~~-8~~~~-6~~~~-3~~~~|
G| -----3-----3-----3-----|
D| -----3-----3-----3-----|
A| -----3-----3-----3-----|
E| -----3-----3-----3-----|
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GUITAR II

G7#9

x-10-9-10-11-10
dry quarters

The same physical gesture changes character entirely through decay, Bb, and the G dominant bed.



IV - ROTISSERIE ERROR

Bars 25-28 // controlled silliness reaches the foreground

BAR 25 // G13sus

ROTISSERIE ENGINE

Pulse: Swung sixteenths; hybrid-pick the roll and accent every third note.

```
e|-----3-----5p3-----3---|
B|----3---3h5-----5p3-3-----|
G|--4-----4-----4-----|
D|-----|
A|-----|
E|3-----3-|
```

GUITAR II

G13sus

x-10-12-10-13-12
hold under roll

The accents disagree with the barline while the low G keeps the joke from leaving the room.

BAR 26 // G13

SIXTH PARADE

Pulse: Eight swung eighth-note dyads. Chicken-pick every upper note.

```
e|3--5--7--8--10--8--7--5-----|
B|-----|
G|4--5--7--9--10--9--7--5-----|
D|-----|
A|-----|
E|-----|
```

GUITAR II

G13

x-10-9-10-10-12
short stabs

Country sixths climb and retreat. Keep them greasy and short, not pretty.

BAR 27 // G7#9

BLUE FEATHER

Pulse: A sixteenth-note burst around beat 2; hold the bend, then fall in eighths.

```
e|-----3-----|
B|---3---6b8-----6--3---|
G|0--3-----4--3--0--|
D|-----3|
A|-----|
E|-----|
```

GUITAR II

G7#9

3-5-3-4-6-6
blue hold

This is the climax of the country color, not an invitation to add more licks.

BAR 28 // G7

CHICKEN SEAL II

Pulse: Chord on beat 1; beat 2 empty; two clucks on beat 3; pinch-harmonic G on beat 4.

```
e|3~~~~~x-x-----|
B|3~~~~~x-x-----|
G|4~~~~~x-x-----|
D|3~~~~~x-x-----|
A|5~~~~~|
E|3~~~~~3[P.H.]|
```

GUITAR II

G7

3-5-3-4-3-3
one hit only

The silence is part of the gag. Do not fill it. This exact seal is reserved for Glass and Grease.



V - WASHED GLASS

Bars 29-32 // the articulation is transmuted

BAR 29 // Cmaj9#11

WASHED GLASS

Pulse: Eight straight eighths; F is a grace note into F#. No swing remains.

```
e|-----12--10-----|
B|-----12-----8-----|
G|-----10h11-----|
D|-----12-----|
A|-----10-----|
E|8-----|
  C  G  D  F-F# B  E  D  G
```

GUITAR II

Cmaj9#11

8-x-9-9-7-10
arrival swell

The song's transmutation is audible in one motion: grease F becomes glass F# without erasing its history.

BAR 30 // Cmaj13

BEND BECOMES LIGHT

Pulse: Bend D to E for beat 1, release through beat 2, then descend in eighths.

```
e|10b12r10-----|
B|-----12-----|
G|-----11--9-----|
D|-----12--10-----|
A|-----12--10-----|
E|-----|
```

GUITAR II

Cmaj13

8-x-9-9-10-10
sustain

A country articulation now serves the Cathedral. This is the crucial proof that the two materials have fused.

BAR 31 // Cmaj7#11

ELVEN MERCURY BELLS

Pulse: Eight even natural harmonics. Let the paired 9th- and 4th-fret nodes answer one another; do not correct their slight fifth-partial drift.

```
e|-----[12]-----|
B|-----[7]-----|
G|-----[9]-----[4]-----|
D|-----[9]-----[4]--[7]-----|
A|[7]-----|
E|-----|
  E  F#  B  F#  E  B  F#  A
```

GUITAR II

Cmaj7#11

x-3-4-4-5-7
bell bed

The 4th/9th-fret B-F# lattice is the elven transformation of Bar 6: the same bell speaks from a different node before A suspends into the final coda.

BAR 32 // Cmaj9#11

FINAL GLASS

Pulse: Rubato coda: C, D, F grace into F#, E, then high B. Let B outlive the band.

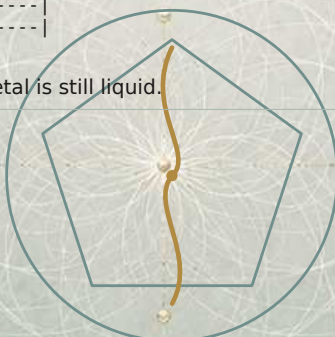
```
e|8~~~~10~~~~13h14~~~~12~~~~19~~~~|
B|-----|
G|-----|
D|-----|
A|-----|
E|-----|
  C      D      F-F#      E      B
```

GUITAR II

Cmaj9#11

x-x-10-11-12-12
final swell

End on the major seventh, not the root. The metal is still liquid.



GLASS AND GREASE

SONG-SPECIFIC PERFORMANCE MAP & CAPTURE TEST

One guitar, two physical worlds

The arrangement should make the contrast audible before the listener can name the chords. Keep the orchestration disciplined; the lead and rhythm behaviors already contain the drama.

Performance arc

- The Nave is played as reflected architecture: wide hands, deliberate string separation, and no urgency between attacks.
- The Courtyard changes the body rather than the tempo. Move the picking hand toward dry grain, let muting become audible, and keep the same melodic intelligence inside the grease.
- At Bar 29, the F-to-F# grace must feel like metal being cleaned in real time. The Production Appendix contains the exact Plini X and Cells scene; this page governs the physical transformation.

Rhythm section

- Drums: 92 BPM. In the Nave, kick only where necessary and let cymbal bloom mark the harmonic spans. At Bar 9, reveal the sexy slow Area 33 / Superior-style pocket beneath the four chord gears without increasing tempo.
- The Courtyard uses swung subdivisions, ghost notes and a slightly late snare. The Mercury Seam alternates feel without changing the grid.
- Bar 28 must drop nearly empty. One final pinch-harmonic G is enough; no fill should explain the silence.

Bass and atmosphere

- Bass stays sparse under Glass: C, G and occasional D. At Bar 9 it may trace C-C#-D-D beneath the planed chords; afterward it supplies the Courtyard's weight without duplicating every guitar root.
- Optional pad: one nearly inaudible glass layer under Bars 1-8 and 29-32. No pad beneath the country section. The floor must feel different.

Capture test

- Preserve one complete lead pass in which the same player audibly becomes glass, grease, and washed glass without a cut at either border.
- Choose the surviving silliness event only after that pass: Bar 16, Bar 28, or both only if the second genuinely escalates the first.

RECORDING TEST: IF BAR 30'S COUNTRY BEND SOUNDS INEVITABLE OVER CMAJ13, THE FORGE HAS SUCCEEDED. IF IT SOUNDS PASTED ON, RETURN TO BARS 17-24; THE INFECTION HAS NOT HAPPENED YET.



Professor / Sommelier Technical Tasting

Professor's diagnosis: C-Lydian glass and G-dominant grease are not alternating sections but one infected organism. The F# -> F hinge changes the cell's citizenship; the F -> F# return proves that articulation, not pitch collection alone, carries the transformation.

Sommelier's palate: Cold cathedral glass opens the pour. Brass, pick grain, and country grease arrive through the middle, then clarify into washed Lydian light. Keep the attack visible: too much delay turns the mercury seam into syrup.

Forge I Gold Ledger - GLASS AND GREASE

Field	Deposit
Defining gravity	Cmaj9#11 arrival 8-x-9-9-7-10 against the permanent G7 grip 3-5-3-4-3-3.
Strongest melodic cell	C-G-D-F#-B-E-D-G, transformed over G into G-D-A-C-F-B-E-D.
Characteristic motion	Wide string-crossing ascent, suspended dyad descent, then a dry bend-and-fall answer.
Rhythmic fingerprint	Straight eighth-note glass with air; a four-gear chromatic entrance; swung chicken-pick grease; one 3+3+2 limp; one stop-time seal.
Essential tone / color	Clean moon-glass above; compressed, dry chicken grease below; wet signal returns during F-F#.
Mercurial event	Bar 29's F grace into F#: grease is not removed, but chemically converted into Lydian light.
Must not be reused	Bar 9's exact four-chord gearbox, Bar 28's chord-silence-cluck-pinch-harmonic Chicken Seal, and the exact C-G-D-F#-B-E-D-G hook.
Unresolved recording choice	Whether Bar 16 and Bar 28 both survive. The song needs one true laugh; it may not need two.

Forge status: COMPLETE. Forge V receives this ledger only after Glass and Grease has been recorded and its unresolved silliness choice has been settled. Raw Room One material does not pass directly into Gold into Platinum.



FORGE I — GLASS AND GREASE

The Witness Key and the first archive coordinate.

When glass learns gravity, which reflection begins to dance?

Field	Controlled entry
Musical event	Bar 8 turns F# toward F; Bar 29 performs the inverse F toward F#. The Rotisserie Error creates one controlled comic silence.
Extraction rule	Compare the first arrival with Washed Glass. Activate pitch, articulation, harmony, and witness rails. The two transformation bars form the bounded locator 08/29; the unresolved silence identifies the drawer rather than the shelf.
Reveals	Providence municipal archive drawer C-08-29, containing a Witness Key blank, a superseded Crucible test plan, and a note that no holder approves his own revision.
Competencies	Baseline, Field, Second Helm.
Equipment relation	The Witness Key is found here, but remains inert until a second person independently verifies the recovered record.
Proof condition	Xavier preserves the envelope, photographs it in place, records chain of custody, and allows Leora to reject his first interpretation before she signs the corrected one.
Failure response	A copied signature or a rehearsed witness response returns CONTROLLED COPY: OBSOLETE.

Hint ladder

HINT 1: The clue is in the two semitone crossings, not the entire melody.

HINT 2: The first change stains the glass; the second cleans it without restoring the old state.

HINT 3: Use the bar numbers as the locator and the silence as the drawer discriminator.

Reader rule: the first hint may appear in the main text, the second in a marginal note, and the third only after Xavier records a failed attempt.

FORGE I WITNESS LEDGER — GLASS AND GREASE

The music proves only that the musical condition has been met. The following ledger records whether Xavier has earned the corresponding lived competency.

FIELD	CONTROLLED ENTRY
Forge yield	Witness Key / first Providence archive coordinate
Competencies	Baseline · Field · Second Helm
Musical evidence	Take / date / file hash / tempo / tuning / deviations: _____
Transformation explained	In Xavier's own words: _____ _____
Lived evidence	Separate observation from interpretation; preserve the disagreement among witnesses; identify the semitone crossings without converting coincidence into proof.
Independent witness	Name / role / source chain: _____ _____
Witness finding	ACCEPTED / CONDITIONAL / REPEAT / REFUSED (circle one)
Reason retained	_____ _____
Veto boundary	A second person may reject the archive coordinate or require a reversible verification step.
Next reversible step	_____ _____

WITNESS SENTENCE

I confirm only the evidence I directly witnessed. I retain the right to disagree with the interpretation and to withhold the next step.

Candidate signature: _____ Witness signature:

Date: _____ Record ID / hash: _____



MERCURY'S CRUCIBLE // FORGE 2

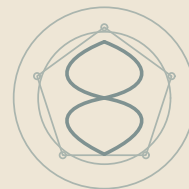
ANTIMATTER STAIR

TALE II // THE TWO STAIRWAYS THAT NEVER MET

MATTER CODE > COUNTERWEIGHT > THE MISSING TWINS > ANTIMATTER STAIR > RE-ENTRY > SUSPENDED LANDING

CRUCIBLE: THE DOUBLE-HELIX VOID // FORGE: RECLASSIFICATION // YIELD: SUSPENDED LANDING

Two stairways share no step. Why does the traveler arrive unchanged?



ANTIMATTER STAIR

THE PLAYABLE FORGE

Standard tuning (E-A-D-G-B-e) // working tempo 96 BPM // meters 7/8, 4/4 and 5/4. Guitar I is the written lead. Guitar II supplies the printed harmonic architecture. The complete Van Halenish Drop-D source remains untouched and is not interpreted anywhere in this score.

COMPOSITION LAW: PRESERVE GEOMETRY WHILE PITCH IDENTITY CHANGES. A SEVEN-NOTE DEGREE CODE - 1-4-2 | 5-3 | 2-4 - MUST REMAIN AUDIBLE AS IT PASSES THROUGH DIFFERENT PENTATONIC SPECIES. MATTER AND ANTIMATTER BECOME CONVINCING ONLY WHEN IDENTICAL CONTOUR AND ARTICULATION SURVIVE A CHANGE BETWEEN TWO SETS WITH NO SHARED NOTES.

Song chart

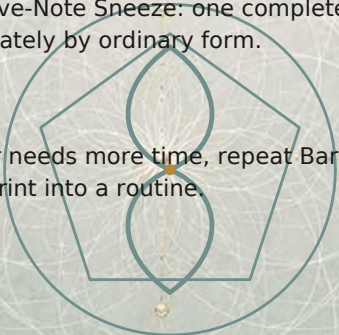
Bars	Section	Harmony / meter	Purpose
1-6	Matter Code	E -> C -> A -> G; 7/8 to 4/4	New degree code learns D-major and A-minor pentatonic species.
7-12	Counterweight	retrograde chord path; 4/4	Retrograde, restart law, vertical intervals; G-minor matter appears.
13-18	The Missing Twins	G-centered colors; 5/4	A and Eb - absent from the union of Gm and Dbm pentatonics - become portal keys.
19-24	Antimatter Stair	neutral G5 drone; 7/8 and 4/4	Gm and Dbm preserve one code, intercut, helix, then alternate note by note.
25-28	Re-entry	E -> A -> C -> G	Opening species survive; one five-note rhythmic sneeze occurs and vanishes.
29-30	Suspended Landing	G13sus -> G5(add9,b13)	A/Eb remain above G; the stair ends without a floor.

The new identity

- The primary hook is new: D-A-E-B-F#-E-A, generated by the degree code 1-4-2 | 5-3 | 2-4. Mercury Steps' exact licks, five-act corridor, Bird Stair and harmonic coda do not return.
- The harmonic path is new: Em11 -> Cmaj13#11 -> A13sus -> G6/9, followed by G-centered 5/4 and a neutral G5 portal. This is not the C-Am-D-G Room Two corridor.
- G minor pentatonic (G-Bb-C-D-F) and Db minor pentatonic (Db-E-Gb-Ab-B) share no notes. The song compares them by rhythm and contour, not by common-tone voice leading.
- A and Eb are the only chromatic pitches absent from the union of those ten notes. They become the Missing Twins and the final unresolved color.
- The sole comic fingerprint is Bar 26's Five-Note Sneeze: one complete G-minor pentatonic set compressed into a single quintuplet beat, followed immediately by ordinary form.

First complete take

Play Bars 1-30 without repeats. If the mirror needs more time, repeat Bars 19-24 once only. Never repeat Bar 26 by itself; a second sneeze would turn a fingerprint into a routine.



GUITAR II

Complete harmonic bed

Attack the chords as veils, not block-rock grips. Bars 1-12 move beneath the lead; Bars 13-18 stretch across five beats; Bars 19-24 reduce to neutral G5 so the pentatonic collision owns the color.

Bar	Chord	Shape	Action	Bar	Chord	Shape	Action
1	Em11	0-7-7-7-8-7	one low swell	16	G7(b13)	3-x-3-4-4-3	one tense swell
2	Cmaj13#11	8-x-9-11-10-10	high glass swell	17	G13sus(add9)	3-x-3-2-1-0	open sustain
3	A13sus	5-x-5-7-7-7	middle-register swell	18	G5	3-x-0-0-3-3	one neutral attack
4	G6/9	3-x-2-2-3-5	broad but quiet	19	G5	3-x-0-0-3-3	hold across Bar 20
5	G13sus(add9)	3-x-3-2-1-0	one dark swell	20	G5	3-x-0-0-3-3	do not re-strike
6	G13sus	3-x-3-5-5-5	arrival swell	21	G5	3-x-0-0-3-3	short attack
7	G6/9	3-x-2-2-3-5	short swell	22	G5	3-x-0-0-3-3	hold across Bar 23
8	A13sus	5-x-5-7-7-7	short swell	23	G5	3-x-0-0-3-3	do not re-strike
9	Cmaj13#11	8-x-9-11-10-10	one clear swell	24	G5	3-x-0-0-3-3	release on beat 4
10	Em11	0-7-7-7-8-7	low bloom	25	Em11	0-7-7-7-8-7	low return swell
11	G13sus(add9)	3-x-3-2-1-0	sustain beneath lead	26	A13sus	5-x-5-7-7-7	one clipped swell
12	Gm11	3-x-3-3-1-1	dark arrival	27	Cmaj13#11	8-x-9-11-10-10	clear high swell
13	G6/9	3-x-2-2-3-5	five-beat swell	28	G6/9	3-x-2-2-3-5	broad landing
14	Gm11	3-x-3-3-1-1	hold all five beats	29	G13sus(add9)	3-x-3-2-1-0	one final swell
15	Ebmaj7/G	3-x-1-3-3-3	deep suspended swell	30	G5(add9,b13)	3-x-0-2-4-x	hold to silence

Core voicing bank

State	Chord / shape	Function
Moving shadow	Em11 // 0-7-7-7-8-7	Open E beneath E-A-D-G-B; no bright root-cycle declaration.
Impossible ceiling	Cmaj13#11 // 8-x-9-11-10-10	C-B-F#-A-D; the widest moving state, newly voiced.
Suspended weight	A13sus // 5-x-5-7-7-7	A-G-D-F#-B; supports blue C without stating C#.
Mercury body	G6/9 // 3-x-2-2-3-5	G-E-A-D-A; clear enough for both curriculum species.
Portal floor	G5 // 3-x-0-0-3-3	No third, seventh or color-tone. The lead alone defines the universe.
Final suspension	G5(add9,b13) // 3-x-0-2-4-x	G-D-A-Eb; the Missing Twins remain chemically unresolved.

AIR DECISION: THE NEUTRAL G DRONE AGAINST TWO DISJOINT PENTATONIC SETS ALREADY SUPPLIES THE IMPOSSIBLE ATMOSPHERE. ADDITIONAL OUTSIDE HARMONY WOULD BLUR THE EXPERIMENT.



I - MATTER CODE

Bars 1-4 // paired technical leaves

BAR 01 // Em11 // 7/8

FIRST TREAD

Pulse: Seven eighth-notes grouped 3+2+2. State the code without rushing the last pair.

```

e|----5----|-7---|----5-
B|-----5-|-----|-5---
G|-7-----|-----|-----
D|-----|-----|-----
A|-----|-----|-----
E|-----|-----|-----
  D  A  E | B  F#| E  A

```

Source: NEW FORGE CELL - D-major pentatonic degree code 1-4-2 | 5-3 | 2-4.

Articulation: mp, dry and exact. Let the string crossings define the stair.

GUITAR II

Em11

0-7-7-7-8-7

one low swell

BAR 02 // Cmaj13#11 // 7/8

SECOND TREAD

Pulse: Seven eighth-notes grouped 3+2+2. Rotate the code; accents remain on 1, 4 and 6.

```

e|----7----|----5-|-7---
B|-5-----|-7---|-7---
G|-----|-7---|-----
D|-----|-----|-----
A|-----|-----|-----
E|-----|-----|-----
  E  B  F#| D  A | F# B

```

Source: HG ROTATION - the same five pitches begin from degree 2.

Articulation: Keep C in Guitar II only. The line remains rootless and luminous.

GUITAR II

Cmaj13#11

8-x-9-11-10-10

high glass swell

BAR 03 // A13sus // 7/8

WEIGHT ENTERS

Pulse: Seven eighth-notes grouped 3+2+2. Preserve the code as the species changes.

```

e|-5-----8-|-10---|-8--12
B|---5-----|-8---|-----
G|-----|-----|-----
D|-----|-----|-----
A|-----|-----|-----
E|-----|-----|-----
  A  E  C | G  D | C  E

```

Source: SPECIES CHANGE - A-minor pentatonic receives the 1-4-2 | 5-3 | 2-4 code.

Articulation: C is blue weight, not a bend. Keep every note equally deliberate.

GUITAR II

A13sus

5-x-5-7-7-7

middle-register swell

BAR 04 // G6/9 // 7/8

INVERTED WEIGHT

Pulse: Seven eighth-notes grouped 3+2+2. Reverse the registral gravity, not the pulse.

```

e|---8--5-|-10---|-8--5-
B|-5-----|-----|-8---
G|-----|-----|-----
D|-----|-----|-----
A|-----|-----|-----
E|-----|-----|-----
  E  C  A | D  G | C  A

```

Source: HG INVERSION - A-minor pentatonic is folded around A.

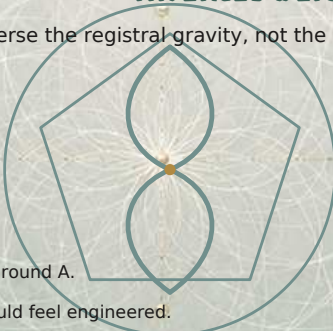
Articulation: No slide into the first E. The inversion should feel engineered.

GUITAR II

G6/9

3-x-2-2-3-5

broad but quiet



I - MATTER CODE / II - COUNTERWEIGHT

Bars 5-8 // paired technical leaves

BAR 05 // G13sus(add9) // 7/8

FIRST ALLOY

Pulse: Seven eighth-notes grouped 3+2+2. D-major color crosses into A-minor color once.

```
e|----5----|----10|-8--12
B|-----5-|-8----|-----
G|-7-----|-----|-----
D|-----|-----|-----
A|-----|-----|-----
E|-----|-----|-----
  D  A  E  |  G  D  |  C  E
```

Source: ALLOY EVENT - two pentatonic species share one contour without becoming a scale run.

Articulation: Slight crescendo after G. Do not announce the seam.

GUITAR II

G13sus(add9)

3-x-3-2-1-0

one dark swell

BAR 06 // G13sus // 4/4

GRAVITY LANDING

Pulse: Eight even eighth-notes; accent events 1, 4 and 7.

```
e|----5-----7-|-----5----
B|-----5-----|-7--5-----8-
G|-7-----|-----|-----
D|-----|-----|-----
A|-----|-----|-----
E|-----|-----|-----
  D  A  E  B  |  F# E  A  G
```

Source: COMPOSED LANDING - the seven-note code receives an eighth event and falls to G.

Articulation: Let F# be friction against the suspended chord; do not turn it into a hinge.

GUITAR II

G13sus

3-x-3-5-5-5

arrival swell

BAR 07 // G6/9 // 4/4

RETROGRADE I

Pulse: Eight eighth-notes grouped 4+4. Read the original code backward, then settle on D.

```
e|-5-----7-|---5-----
B|----5--7---|-5-----
G|-----|-----7--7-
D|-----|-----
A|-----|-----
E|-----|-----
  A  E  F# B  |  E  A  D  D
```

Source: COUNTERFORM - retrograde of Bar 1 with one repeated landing.

Articulation: Make the repeated D heavier, not louder.

GUITAR II

G6/9

3-x-2-2-3-5

short swell

BAR 08 // A13sus // 4/4

RETROGRADE II

Pulse: Eight eighth-notes grouped 4+4. The A-minor version answers in exact rhythmic proportion.

```
e|-12-8--10---|-8----5- -5-
B|-----8-|-5-----
G|-----|-----
D|-----|-----
A|-----|-----
E|-----|-----
  E  C  D  G  |  C  E  A  A
```

Source: COUNTERFORM - retrograde of Bar 3.

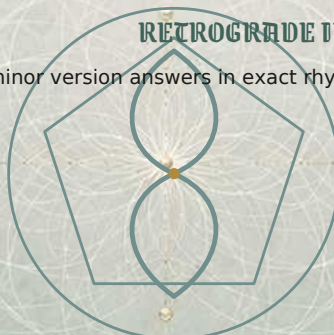
Articulation: The final A is a floor, not a cadence.

GUITAR II

A13sus

5-x-5-7-7-7

short swell



II - COUNTERWEIGHT

Bars 9-12 // paired technical leaves

BAR 09 // Cmaj13#11 // 4/4

SKIP ASCENT

Pulse: Eight eighth-notes grouped 4+4: four rise, restart one degree higher.

```
e|-----5-|-----5-7-
B|----5-7----|-5-7-
G|-7-----|-----
D|-----|-----
A|-----|-----
E|-----|-----
  D  E  F# A | E  F# A  B
```

GUITAR II

Cmaj13#11

8-x-9-11-10-10

one clear swell

Source: CURRICULUM TRANSFORM - stair logic, newly voiced and newly ordered.

Articulation: Pick the first four; hammer only the second ascent.

BAR 10 // Em11 // 4/4

DARK SKIP

Pulse: Eight eighth-notes grouped 4+4: the same restart law in A-minor pentatonic.

```
e|-5--8--10-12|-8--10-12-15
B|-----|-----
G|-----|-----
D|-----|-----
A|-----|-----
E|-----|-----
  A  C  D  E | C  D  E  G
```

GUITAR II

Em11

0-7-7-7-8-7

low bloom

Source: SPECIES COUNTERPART - the restart law survives darker weight.

Articulation: Legato is allowed, but accent the two starting notes.

BAR 11 // G13sus(add9) // 4/4

SUSPENDED ANSWER

Pulse: Two quarter-note dyads, then four eighth-notes. Keep the bar calm.

```
e|-5--8-|-10---8--5-
B|-5--8-|---8-----
G|-----|-----
D|-----|-----
A|-----|-----
E|-----|-----
  E/AG/C| D  G  C  A
```

GUITAR II

G13sus(add9)

3-x-3-2-1-0

sustain beneath lead

Source: COMPOSED ANSWER - the code opens into vertical intervals.

Articulation: Let both dyads breathe. This is spaciousness, not comic stop-time.

BAR 12 // Gm11 // 4/4

MATTER APPEARS

Pulse: Eight eighth-notes grouped 4+4. G-minor pentatonic is stated plainly for the first time.

```
e|---6--8--10|-13-10-8--6-
B|-8-----|-----
G|-----|-----
D|-----|-----
A|-----|-----
E|-----|-----
  G  Bb C  D | F  D  C  Bb
```

GUITAR II

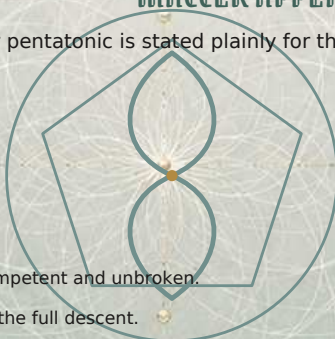
Gm11

3-x-3-3-1-1

dark arrival

Source: MATTER STATEMENT - G minor pentatonic, competent and unbroken.

Articulation: Use one tone and one articulation across the full descent.



III - THE MISSING TWINS

Bars 13-16 // paired technical leaves

BAR 13 // G6/9 // 5/4

A THREAD

Pulse: Ten eighth-notes grouped 5+5. A-minor pentatonic circles the note A.

```
e| -5--8--10-12-15| -12-10-8- -5- - -
B| -----| -----5-
G| -----| -----
D| -----| -----
A| -----| -----
E| -----| -----
  A  C  D  E  G | E  D  C  A  E
```

GUITAR II

G6/9

3-x-2-2-3-5

five-beat swell

Source: MISSING-TWIN PREPARATION - A belongs to neither side of the later Gm/Dbm union.

Articulation: Do not over-accent the barline. The fifth beat must feel inevitable.

BAR 14 // Gm11 // 5/4

A AT THE EDGE

Pulse: Ten eighth-notes grouped 5+5. Complete G-minor pentatonic, then add A once.

```
e| ---6--8--10-13| -10-8- -6- - - -5-
B| -8-----| -----8- - -
G| -----| -----
D| -----| -----
A| -----| -----
E| -----| -----
  G  Bb C  D  F | D  C  Bb G  A
```

GUITAR II

Gm11

3-x-3-3-1-1

hold all five beats

Source: HG FRACTURE - A is the only outside event.

Articulation: Whisper the final A; it is a door label, not a destination.

BAR 15 // Ebmaj7/G // 5/4

EB THREAD

Pulse: Ten eighth-notes grouped 5+5. Eb precedes a complete G-minor arch.

```
e| -----6--8--10| -13-10-8- -6- - -
B| -4--8-----| -----8-
G| -----| -----
D| -----| -----
A| -----| -----
E| -----| -----
  Eb G  Bb C  D | F  D  C  Bb G
```

GUITAR II

Ebmaj7/G

3-x-1-3-3-3

deep suspended swell

Source: MISSING-TWIN REVEAL - Eb is the second pitch absent from both pentatonic mirrors.

Articulation: Give Eb a clean front edge; no blues curl yet.

BAR 16 // G7(b13) // 5/4

TWIN INTERLOCK

Pulse: Ten eighth-notes grouped 3+2+5. A and Eb touch, then the G-minor body resumes.

```
e| -5-----5-| ---6-| -8--10-13-10-8-
B| ---4-----| -8- -| -----
G| -----| -----| -----
D| -----| -----| -----
A| -----| -----| -----
E| -----| -----| -----
  A  Eb A | G  Bb| C  D  F  D  C
```

GUITAR II

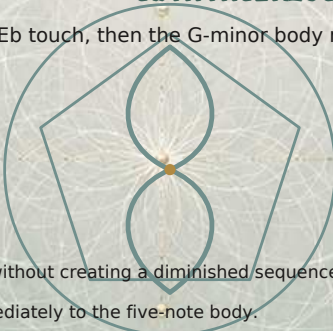
G7(b13)

3-x-3-4-4-3

one tense swell

Source: INTERLOCK - the missing twins frame matter without creating a diminished sequence.

Articulation: Keep A-Eb-A narrow and dry. Return immediately to the five-note body.



III - THE MISSING TWINS / IV - ANTIMATTER STAIR

Bars 17-20 // paired technical leaves

BAR 17 // G13sus(add9) // 5/4

BLUE SEAM

Pulse: Ten eighth-notes grouped 5+5. A-minor pentatonic acquires one F on the descent.

e | -5--8--10-12-15 | -13-12-10-8--5-
B | ----- | -----
G | ----- | -----
D | ----- | -----
A | ----- | -----
E | ----- | -----
A C D E G | F E D C A

Source: BLUE FRACTURE - one F stains the returning A-minor species.

Articulation: Slight portamento into F; nowhere else.

GUITAR II

G13sus(add9)

3-x-3-2-1-0

open sustain

BAR 18 // G5 // 5/4

PORTAL KEY

Pulse: Five quarter-notes: A, Eb, A, Eb, G. Each receives its own beat.

e | -5---- | -5---- | --
B | ----4- | ----4- | -8-
G | ---- | ---- | --
D | ---- | ---- | --
A | ---- | ---- | --
E | ---- | ---- | --
A Eb | A Eb | G

Source: PORTAL KEY - the two missing pitches knock twice; G opens the stair.

Articulation: No humor and no theatrics. Make the five beats ceremonial.

GUITAR II

G5

3-x-0-0-3-3

one neutral attack

BAR 19 // G5 // 7/8

MATTER CODE

Pulse: Seven eighth-notes grouped 3+2+2. Apply the original code to G-minor pentatonic.

e | ---10-6- | ---8- | -6--10
B | -8----- | -6----- | -----
G | ----- | ----- | -----
D | ----- | ----- | -----
A | ----- | ----- | -----
E | ----- | ----- | -----
G D Bb | F C | Bb D

Source: MATTER MIRROR - G-D-Bb | F-C | Bb-D.

Articulation: Use exactly the articulation of Bar 20. Identity must come only from pitch.

GUITAR II

G5

3-x-0-0-3-3

hold across Bar 20

BAR 20 // G5 // 7/8

ANTIMATTER CODE

Pulse: Seven eighth-notes grouped 3+2+2. Same code, same contour law, zero shared pitches.

e | ---4--- | -7--- | ---4-
B | -2---5- | ---7- | -5---
G | ----- | ----- | -----
D | ----- | ----- | -----
A | ----- | ----- | -----
E | ----- | ----- | -----
Db Ab E | B Gb | E Ab

Source: ANTIMATTER MIRROR - Db-Ab-E | B-Gb | E-Ab.

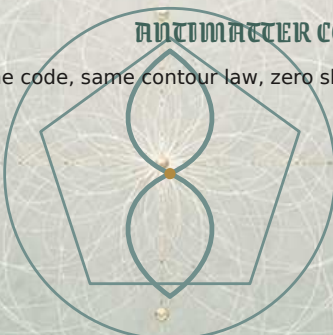
Articulation: Do not make the outside set sinister. It is the same object in another universe.

GUITAR II

G5

3-x-0-0-3-3

do not re-strike



IV - ANTIMATTER STAIR

Bars 21-24 // paired technical leaves

BAR 21 // G5 // 7/8

MATTER LEAK

Pulse: Seven eighth-notes grouped 3+2+2. Matter opens; antimatter occupies the middle pair.

e	---	10-6-	-7---	-6--10
B	-8-		---7-	----
G	---		---	----
D	---		---	----
A	---		---	----
E	---		---	----
	G	D	Bb B	Gb Bb D

Source: INTERCUT - Gm 3 | Dbm 2 | Gm 2.

Articulation: Keep the register jump clean. No slide may disguise the border.

GUITAR II

G5

3-x-0-0-3-3

short attack

BAR 22 // G5 // 7/8

ANTIMATTER LEAK

Pulse: Seven eighth-notes grouped 3+2+2. Antimatter opens; matter occupies the middle pair.

e	----	4----	----	8----	----	4----
B	----	2----	5----	----	6----	5----
G	----	----	----	----	----	----
D	----	----	----	----	----	----
A	----	----	----	----	----	----
E	----	----	----	----	----	----
	Db	Ab	E	F	C	E Ab

Source: INTERCUT - Dbm 3 | Gm 2 | Dbm 2.

Articulation: Identical attack depth to Bar 21. The ear compares geometry.

GUITAR II

G5

3-x-0-0-3-3

hold across Bar 23

BAR 23 // G5 // 4/4

TWIN HEELS

Pulse: Twelve eighth-note triplets grouped 3+3+3+3. Alternate species by group.

e	-----6-8-	-----	-----10-13-15	-----4-7-9-
B	-----8-----	-----2-5-7-	-----	-----
G	-----	-----	-----	-----
D	-----	-----	-----	-----
A	-----	-----	-----	-----
E	-----	-----	-----	-----
	G Bb C	Db E Gb	D F G	Ab B Db

Source: HELIX - Gm 3 / Dbm 3 / Gm 3 / Dbm 3, no common-tone glue.

Articulation: One unbroken legato pressure. Do not accent the universe changes.

GUITAR II

G5

3-x-0-0-3-3

do not re-strike

BAR 24 // G5 // 4/4

PATR COLLAPSE

Pulse: Eight eighth-notes grouped 4+4. Alternate matter and antimatter note by note.

e	-----6-----	-----8-----10-4-
B	-----8-2-----5-	-----7-----
G	-----	-----
D	-----	-----
A	-----	-----
E	-----	-----
	G Db Bb E	C Gb D Ab

Source: COLLAPSE - G-Db / Bb-E / C-Gb / D-Ab.

Articulation: Pick every note. The exact alternating-pair design is the portal's fingerprint.

GUITAR II

G5

3-x-0-0-3-3

release on beat 4

V - RE-ENTRY

Bars 25-28 // paired technical leaves

BAR 25 // Em11 // 4/4

ORIGINAL VECTOR

Pulse: Eight eighth-notes grouped 4+4. The D-major code returns with one repeated D.

```
e|----5-----7-|-----5--10
B|-----5-----|-7--5-----
G|-7-----|-----
D|-----|-----
A|-----|-----
E|-----|-----
  D  A  E  B | F# E  A  D
```

GUITAR II

Em11

0-7-7-7-8-7

low return swell

Source: RE-ENTRY - the opening material survives the portal unchanged in character.

Articulation: Firm time, no victory accent. Competence remains the joke's foundation.

BAR 26 // A13sus // 4/4

THE FIVE-NOTE SNEEZE

Pulse: Beat 1: B quarter. Beat 2: A quarter. Beat 3: one Gm-pentatonic quintuplet. Beat 4: E quarter.

```
e|-7-|-5-|----6--8--10-13|-12
B|---|---|-8-----|---
G|---|---|-----|---
D|---|---|-----|---
A|---|---|-----|---
E|---|---|-----|---
  B | A | G  Bb C  D  F | E
```

GUITAR II

A13sus

5-x-5-7-7-7

one clipped swell

Source: SOLE COMIC FINGERPRINT - one whole five-note set is squeezed into a single beat.

Articulation: Sudden, bodily and gone. Palm-mute the final E normally; no facial encore.

BAR 27 // Cmaj13#11 // 7/8

FORM RESUMES

Pulse: Seven eighth-notes grouped 3+2+2. Return immediately to the exact A-minor code.

```
e|-5-----8-|---10|-8--12
B|---5---|-8---|---
G|-----|-----|---
D|-----|-----|---
A|-----|-----|---
E|-----|-----|---
  A  E  C | G  D | C  E
```

GUITAR II

Cmaj13#11

8-x-9-11-10-10

clear high swell

Source: FORMAL RETURN - Bar 3's species, newly harmonized by the descending chord path.

Articulation: Completely straight. Do not acknowledge Bar 26.

BAR 28 // G6/9 // 4/4

BRAIDED RETURN

Pulse: Eight eighth-notes grouped 4+4. D-major and A-minor colors braid without the portal sets.

```
e|----5-----8-|-7-----
B|----5-----|-8--7--5-
G|-7-----|-----
D|-----|-----
A|-----|-----
E|-----|-----
  D  A  E  C | B  G  F# E
```

GUITAR II

G6/9

3-x-2-2-3-5

broad landing

Source: RE-ENTRY ALLOY - the curriculum species coexist after the mirror.

Articulation: Crescendo only through the last four notes, then release.



VI - SUSPENDED LANDING

Bars 29-30 // paired technical leaves

BAR 29 // G13sus(add9) // 5/4

TWINS RETURN

Pulse: Five quarter-note events: A, Eb, G, D, then the A/Eb dyad.

```
e| -5----|----10|-5-
B|----4-|-8----|-4-
G|-----|-----|---
D|-----|-----|---
A|-----|-----|---
E|-----|-----|---
   A  Eb| G  D |Eb/A
```

GUITAR II

G13sus(add9)

3-x-3-2-1-0

one final swell

Source: RETURN OF THE MISSING TWINS - the keys survive both worlds.

Articulation: Volume-swell the final dyad. Do not resolve it inside the bar.

BAR 30 // G5(add9,b13) // 4/4

STAIR WITHOUT FLOOR

Pulse: Hold the fretted A/Eb dyad for the full bar above Guitar II. No final cadence follows.

```
e| -5-----
B| -4-----
G|-----
D|-----
A|-----
E|-----
   Eb/A ~ ~ ~
```

GUITAR II

G5(add9,b13)

3-x-0-2-4-x

hold to silence

Source: COMPOSED ENDING - G-D-A-Eb remains suspended after matter and antimatter disappear.

Articulation: Let amplifier noise become the last event. Do not add a cadence after the suspended landing.

SUSPENDED-LANDING TEST: A AND E-FLAT MUST REMAIN AUDIBLE AS TWO KEYS ABOVE G WHILE AMPLIFIER NOISE BECOMES THE FINAL EVENT. DO NOT ADD A CADENCE MERELY TO FILL THE PAGE OR THE SILENCE.



ANTIMATTER STAIR

SONG-SPECIFIC PERFORMANCE MAP & CAPTURE TEST

One form, two universes

Guitar I

- Bars 1-12: use dry, even string-crossing clarity. Keep the 7/8 stair audible as one gait; no echo may generate phantom notes or false accents.
- Bars 13-18: broaden the note tails, not the gain. A and Eb must sound like keys cut from the same metal as the pentatonic material.
- Bars 19-24: use one pickup position and one articulation for both universes. Do not signal antimatter with a special effect; pitch identity must do the work.
- Bar 26: the quintuplet is one involuntary compression. Beat 4 is already back inside the piece.
- Bars 29-30: fade the A/Eb dyad with the hands still in position. No harmonic sparkle or final C-major afterimage.

Rhythm section

- Working tempo: 96 BPM. In 7/8, the kit phrases 3+2+2 but the snare avoids announcing every group boundary.
- The 5/4 Missing Twins section uses a five-quarter body pulse with light cymbal bloom at the start of each bar. It should lengthen the hallway, not become prog-counting theater.
- Bars 19-22 reduce the bass to G and the drums to kick, rim and closed hat. Bar 23 may open the hat as the helix accelerates.
- No drum fill at Bar 26. The rhythm section behaves as if nothing happened.

Capture test

- Capture Bars 19-24 in one uninterrupted lead take so identical articulation across the two universes can be judged honestly.
- Print one form pass in which space broadens through Bars 13-18 and disappears at the G5 portal. The exact signal settings live in the Production Appendix.
- Keep the rhythm section behavior neutral at Bar 26. Do not manufacture a second comedy event in editing.

RECORDING TEST: IF BAR 20 SOUNDS LIKE THE SAME STAIRCASE MADE OF ALIEN METAL, THE FORGE HAS SUCCEEDED. IF IT SOUNDS LIKE AN UNRELATED OUTSIDE LICK, RETURN TO ARTICULATION AND RHYTHM BEFORE CHANGING NOTES.



Professor / Sommelier Technical Tasting

Professor's diagnosis: The proof of identity is isomorphism: G-minor and D-flat-minor pentatonics share no pitch classes, yet identical contour, grouping, and attack make them one staircase. A and E-flat function as negative-space keys because neither belongs to the ten-note union.

Sommelier's palate: Dry mineral tread, violet five-beat corridor, then a cold metallic bloom as matter changes universe. Do not season the outside set with a special effect; it should taste like the same alloy under alien gravity. The finish leaves A and E-flat suspended above G.

Forge II Gold Ledger - ANTIMATTER STAIR

Field	Deposit
Defining gravity	A moving Em11 -> Cmaj13#11 -> A13sus -> G6/9 ceiling collapses to a neutral G5 drone at the portal.
Strongest melodic cell	Degree code 1-4-2 5-3 2-4: D-A-E-B-F#-E-A; mirrored as G-D-Bb-F-C-Bb-D and Db-Ab-E-B-Gb-E-Ab.
Characteristic motion	Non-scalar string-crossing stair; retrograde and restart law; exact isomorphic transfer between disjoint pitch sets.
Rhythmic fingerprint	7/8 grouped 3+2+2; a five-quarter Missing-Twins corridor; one late quintuplet compression and immediate 7/8 recovery.
Essential tone / color	Dry articulate mercury for the moving code; broader five-beat air; effect-neutral G5 beneath the matter/antimatter collision.
Mercurial event	Bars 19-24: G-minor and Db-minor pentatonics share no notes, yet one contour survives statement, intercut, helix and note-pair collapse.
Must not be reused	The exact 1-4-2 5-3 2-4 code; Bar 24's G-Db/Bb-E/C-Gb/D-Ab pair collapse; the Five-Note Sneeze; final A/Eb above G.
Unresolved recording choice	Whether Bars 19-24 remain a single Guitar I take or receive a barely audible unison shadow. The harmony and notes are settled.

Forge status: COMPLETE. Forge II accepts Forge I's completed Gold Ledger but borrows none of its bars. Only completed laws, never literal routes, pass forward.



FORGE II — ANTIMATTER STAIR

The Phase Helmet provenance and sensory-training requirement.

Which pair remains two when every other stair demands one?

Field	Controlled entry
Musical event	The Missing Twins remain unresolved; the final A/E ^b dyad refuses a conventional floor. Five-beat motion makes the expected landing arrive late.
Extraction rule	Ignore cadential notes. Mark the dyad that survives classification changes and the pulse that delays the floor. Pitch, rhythm, harmony, and witness rails remain active; timbre becomes the checksum.
Reveals	A sealed Hay Library accession envelope cross-referenced to WY-1901-SR. It contains the Phase Helmet provenance drawing, a failed sensory-overload report, and a requirement for blind phase-discrimination training.
Competencies	Body, Mask, Second Helm.
Equipment relation	The codex reveals no helmet cache. It reveals the revision record and why untrained use caused a predecessor to confuse orientation with command.
Proof condition	Xavier completes auditory, vestibular, and low-light orientation trials while a witness controls the stopping condition.
Failure response	Perfect performance without accurate self-report produces NO ORIENTATION CLAIM ACCEPTED.

Hint ladder

HINT 1: The answer is not the highest note.

HINT 2: Listen for the interval that never agrees to become a cadence.

HINT 3: The unresolved pair names the record; the delayed floor supplies the revision suffix.

Reader rule: the first hint may appear in the main text, the second in a marginal note, and the third only after Xavier records a failed attempt.

FORGE II WITNESS LEDGER — ANTIMATTER STAIR

The music proves only that the musical condition has been met. The following ledger records whether Xavier has earned the corresponding lived competency.

FIELD	CONTROLLED ENTRY
Forge yield	Phase Helmet provenance / sensory-training requirement
Competencies	Body · Mask · Second Helm
Musical evidence	Take / date / file hash / tempo / tuning / deviations: _____
Transformation explained	In Xavier's own words: _____ _____
Lived evidence	Maintain orientation through unresolved interval pressure; state uncertainty; complete sensory and vestibular baseline work before handling the helmet record.
Independent witness	Name / role / source chain: _____ _____
Witness finding	ACCEPTED / CONDITIONAL / REPEAT / REFUSED (circle one)
Reason retained	_____ _____
Veto boundary	The witness may withhold progression if performance stability is musical only and not embodied.
Next reversible step	_____ _____

WITNESS SENTENCE

I confirm only the evidence I directly witnessed. I retain the right to disagree with the interpretation and to withhold the next step.

Candidate signature: _____ Witness signature:

Date: _____ Record ID / hash: _____



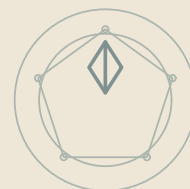
MERCURY'S CRUCIBLE // FORGE 3

THE MILLER TRANSIT

TALE III // THE MOUNTAIN THAT RETURNED A NAME

DEPARTURE > ASCENT I > ASCENT II > FINAL APPROACH > REVERSAL > TRANSFORMED RETURN

CRUCIBLE: THE EXPOSED SUMMIT // FORGE: REVERSAL // YIELD: DORIAN RETURN



At the highest note, who turns - the melody, or the listener?



I. Song Identity

The Miller Transit is not an arpeggio lesson wearing a rhythm section. It is a single melodic organism that leaves Am11, repeatedly exceeds its previous ceiling, becomes exposed at the top of the instrument, reverses, and returns with its emotional grammar altered. Harmony moves only when it changes the felt weight of that route.

Emotional journey: departure -> ascent -> exposed upper-register climax -> reversal -> transformed return.

Source-Curriculum Extraction

The saved late Am11/Dorian passage supplies a route, not a transcription: a modest departure; a sequence of locally complete phrases that restart higher; an upper-register event made dramatic by exposure; a single directional hinge; and a descent that remembers earlier landmarks. No literal note-chain, fret route, or demonstration pattern is transplanted here.

The Melodic-Development Law

Law	Operation	Musical consequence
1. Window	Give each phrase a compact register and a clear destination.	The listener hears a sentence, not a fingering.
2. Inheritance	Retain one landmark from the previous phrase.	Continuity survives even when intervals and harmony change.
3. Exceed	Raise only the destination, not every note.	The ascent feels inevitable instead of sequential.
4. Expose	At the highest point, remove rhythmic density and accompaniment.	Register becomes emotion; speed is unnecessary.
5. Reverse	Change direction once, using a note already earned.	The return begins as recognition, not a new lick.
6. Transform	On return, alter rhythm and reveal F# and B more clearly.	Home is still Am11, but it has learned Dorian light and open-ended arrival.

EP Continuity Without Surface Reuse

The seam with Glass and Grease and Antimatter Stair is structural: a complete authored form, crystalline-versus-tactile production, one comic fingerprint, and a Gold Ledger. Their named mechanisms and endings are not repeated.



II. Form and Harmonic Overview

Bars	Stage	Phrase function	Register
1-8	Departure	State the four-note emotional grammar; earn the first silence.	A3-B5
9-16	Ascent I	Restart higher; inherit landmarks while widening intervals.	A4-D6
17-24	Ascent II	Extend the sentence; bass begins climbing; one brief interruption at 23.	A4-D6
25-29	Final approach	Delay each target and thin the route to the top two strings.	C5-D6
30-32	Exposure / reversal	High E6 alone; D6 becomes the directional hinge.	E6-D5
33-44	Return	Descend by remembered landmarks with local upward curls.	D6-A3
45-52	Transformed return	F# and B become explicit; final B remains over A.	A3-D5 / B4

Harmonic overview - analysis only

Bars	One chord per bar
1-4	Am11 Am11 Fmaj7#11/A Am11
5-8	Cmaj9/E D6/9/F# Fmaj7#11/A Am11
9-12	Am11 Bm7/A Cmaj9/A D6/9/A
13-16	Em11/A F#m7b5/A Gmaj9/A Am11
17-20	Am11 Cmaj9/E D6/9/F# Em11/G
21-24	F#m7b5/A Gmaj9/B Am11/C Bm7/D
25-28	Cmaj9/E D6/9/F# Em11/G F#m7b5/A
29-32	Gmaj9/B Am11/C Am11/C D6/9/A
33-36	Gmaj9/B F#m7b5/A Em11/G D6/9/F#
37-40	Cmaj9/E Bm7/D Am11/C Gmaj9/B
41-44	F#m7b5/A Em11/G D6/9/F# Cmaj9/E
45-48	Bm7/A Am11(add13) Fmaj7#11/A Am11
49-52	Am11 D6/A Am11 Am9(add11)

This overview names the harmony beneath the melody. It is not the Guitar II performance part; the next page supplies the exact grip and comping action for every bar.



III. Guitar II

Complete harmonic bed

Use the printed grip once at the stated entrance, then obey the action column. Let common tones ring whenever the change permits. Bar 30 is deliberately silent: the harmony remains Am11/C, but Guitar II disappears so the high E can stand alone.

Bar	Chord	Shape	Action	Bar	Chord	Shape	Action
1	Am11	x-0-5-5-3-0	low A swell	27	Em11/G	3-2-0-2-0-0	cool expansion
2	Am11	x-0-5-5-3-0	hold; no re-strike	28	F#m7b5/A	5-x-4-5-5-x	metallic edge
3	Fmaj7#11/A	x-0-3-2-0-0	high window swell	29	Gmaj9/B	7-x-5-7-7-5	crest; let it hang
4	Am11	x-0-5-5-3-0	low return; breathe	30	Am11/C	-	SILENT - expose high E
5	Cmaj9/E	0-3-2-4-3-0	clear glass swell	31	Am11/C	8-x-7-7-8-7	enter after summit
6	D6/9/F#	2-0-0-2-0-0	forward lift	32	D6/9/A	5-5-4-4-5-5	directional hinge
7	Fmaj7#11/A	x-0-3-2-0-0	wide luminous swell	33	Gmaj9/B	7-x-5-7-7-5	weightless return
8	Am11	x-0-5-5-3-0	release; beat 4 silent	34	F#m7b5/A	5-x-4-5-5-x	metallic answer
9	Am11	x-0-5-5-3-0	A-gravity return	35	Em11/G	3-2-0-2-0-0	cool descent
10	Bm7/A	x-0-4-4-3-2	upper-structure swell	36	D6/9/F#	2-0-0-2-0-0	suspended return
11	Cmaj9/A	5-x-5-5-5-7	light climbing swell	37	Cmaj9/E	0-3-2-4-3-0	glass lower
12	D6/9/A	5-5-4-4-5-5	suspended lift	38	Bm7/D	x-5-4-4-3-2	support descent
13	Em11/A	5-7-5-7-8-7	cool expansion	39	Am11/C	8-x-7-7-8-7	A-cradle swell
14	F#m7b5/A	5-x-4-5-5-x	metallic edge	40	Gmaj9/B	7-x-5-7-7-5	weightless return
15	Gmaj9/A	5-x-5-7-7-7	highest A-pedal bloom	41	F#m7b5/A	5-x-4-5-5-x	metallic edge
16	Am11	x-0-5-5-3-0	broad Am11 landing	42	Em11/G	3-2-0-2-0-0	cool descent
17	Am11	x-0-5-5-3-0	return gravity	43	D6/9/F#	2-0-0-2-0-0	forward lower
18	Cmaj9/E	0-3-2-4-3-0	clear glass swell	44	Cmaj9/E	0-3-2-4-3-0	glass return
19	D6/9/F#	2-0-0-2-0-0	forward lift	45	Bm7/A	x-0-4-4-3-2	A-pedal upper
20	Em11/G	3-2-0-2-0-0	bass-rise swell	46	Am11(add13)	x-0-5-5-5-2	transformed swell
21	F#m7b5/A	5-x-4-5-5-x	metallic edge	47	Fmaj7#11/A	x-0-3-2-0-0	luminous window
22	Gmaj9/B	7-x-5-7-7-5	weightless height	48	Am11	x-0-5-5-3-0	Am11 ground
23	Am11/C	8-x-7-7-8-7	stay legato under rake	49	Am11	x-0-5-5-3-0	hold from bar 48
24	Bm7/D	x-5-4-4-3-2	D-route support	50	D6/A	x-0-0-2-0-2	coda lift
25	Cmaj9/E	0-3-2-4-3-0	clear glass swell	51	Am11	x-0-5-5-3-0	Am11 body
26	D6/9/F#	2-0-0-2-0-0	forward lift	52	Am9(add11)	x-0-5-5-3-7	open final; no cadence

Comping law: Guitar II supplies gravity and breath, never a second melody. If a grip masks the lead, omit its highest doubled note before changing the chord.



IV. Voicing Palette and Tab Key

The keyboard/pad owns the full pitch set. Guitar II uses the printed playable voicing; omissions are intentional so the melody remains audible. String order is low E-A-D-G-B-high e.

Harmony	Full pitch set	Guitar voicing	Role
Am11	A C E G B D	x-0-5-5-3-0	Primary gravity
Fmaj7#11/A	A F A C E B	x-0-3-2-0-0	Departure window
Cmaj9/E	E C E G B D	0-3-2-4-3-0	Rising bass / clear glass
D6/9/F#	F# D F# A B E	2-0-0-2-0-0	Forward lift
Bm7/A	A B D F#	x-0-4-4-3-2	A-pedal upper structure
Cmaj9/A	A C E G B D	5-x-5-5-5-7	Same collection, new weight
D6/9/A	A D F# A B E	5-5-4-4-5-5	Suspended hinge
Em11/A	A E G B D F#	5-7-5-7-8-7	Cool expansion
F#m7b5/A	A F# A C E	5-x-4-5-5-x	Metallic edge
Gmaj9/A	A G B D F#	5-x-5-7-7-7	Highest A-pedal state
Em11/G	G E B D F# A	3-2-0-2-0-0	Bass ascent / descent
Gmaj9/B	B G B D F# A	7-x-5-7-7-5	Weightless height
Am11/C	C A C E G B D	8-x-7-7-8-7	Climax cradle
Bm7/D	D B D F# A	x-5-4-4-3-2	Upper-route support
Am11(add13)	A C E G B D F#	x-0-5-5-5-2	Return transformed
D6/A	A D F# A B	x-0-0-2-0-2	Coda lift
Am9(add11)	A C E G B D	x-0-5-5-3-7	Final open state

Tab Key

Each bar is a 16th-note grid: 1 e & a 2 e & a 3 e & a 4 e & a. Fret attacks appear at their exact onset. Blank cells continue the notated duration from the Rhythm line. Duration codes: w = whole, h = half, q = quarter, dq = dotted quarter, e = eighth, de = dotted eighth, s = sixteenth. r = rest; x = dead-note rake. Standard tuning; 24-fret guitar required for bar 30.

Play the melody as one voice. Notes may cross strings for timbre and physical continuity; do not normalize the line into a single scale box.



V. Complete Guitar Tablature - Departure

BAR 01 | Am11

The train leaves without announcing itself.

Rhythm: r(e) A3(q) C4(e) E4(q) D4(q)

	1	e	&	a	2	e	&	a	3	e	&	a	4	e	&	a
e	r	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	05	--	--	--	03	--	--	--
B	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
G	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	05	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
D	--	--	07	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
A	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
E	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

GUITAR II

Am11

x-0-5-5-3-0
low A swell

Performance: Enter from silence; let A3 and C4 bloom, then soften the D4 arrival.

BAR 02 | Am11

The first thought looks back once.

Rhythm: E4(e) G4(e) B4(q) A4(e) G4(e) E4(q)

	1	e	&	a	2	e	&	a	3	e	&	a	4	e	&	a
e	--	--	--	--	07	--	--	--	05	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
B	05	--	08	--	--	--	--	--	08	--	05	--	--	--	--	--
G	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
D	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
A	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
E	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

GUITAR II

Am11

x-0-5-5-3-0
hold; no re-strike

Performance: One breath, no accents on the barline; light vibrato only on B4.

BAR 03 | Fmaj7#11/A

A side window opens; home remains underneath.

Rhythm: C4(e) E4(e) B4(e) A4(e) G4(q) E4(q)

	1	e	&	a	2	e	&	a	3	e	&	a	4	e	&	a
e	--	--	--	--	07	--	--	05	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
B	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	08	--	--	05	--	--	--	--
G	05	--	09	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
D	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
A	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
E	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

GUITAR II

Fmaj7#11/A

x-0-3-2-0-0
high window swell

Performance: Connect C4-E4; allow B4 to sound briefly exposed, not emphasized.

BAR 04 | Am11

The departure cell returns with a higher destination.

Rhythm: D4(e) E4(e) G4(q) C5(e) B4(e) A4(q)

	1	e	&	a	2	e	&	a	3	e	&	a	4	e	&	a
e	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	08	--	07	--	--	--	--	--	--
B	--	--	--	08	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	10	--	--	--	--
G	07	--	09	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
D	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
A	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
E	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

GUITAR II

Am11

x-0-5-5-3-0
low return; breathe

Performance: Lean into C5, then release rather than resolving heavily to A4.



Complete Guitar Tablature - Bars 05-08

BAR 05 | Cmaj9/E

Motion becomes a route rather than a memory.

Rhythm: E4(e) G4(e) B4(e) D5(e) C5(q) B4(e) G4(e)

	1	e	&	a	2	e	&	a	3	e	&	a	4	e	&	a
e	--	--	--	--	07	--	10	--	--	--	--	07	--	--	--	--
B	--	--	08	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	08	--	--
G	09	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
D	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
A	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
E	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

GUITAR II

Cmaj9/E

0-3-2-4-3-0
clear glass swell

Performance: Pick the first four cleanly; slur D5-C5 if it stays even.

BAR 06 | D6/9/F#

A new floor appears beneath the melody.

Rhythm: F#4(e) A4(e) B4(q) E5(e) D5(e) A4(q)

	1	e	&	a	2	e	&	a	3	e	&	a	4	e	&	a
e	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	12	--	10	--	--	--	10	--	--
B	--	--	10	--	12	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
G	11	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
D	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
A	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
E	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

GUITAR II

D6/9/F#

2-0-0-2-0-0
forward lift

Performance: The leap to E5 is the first true reach; keep the landing quiet.

BAR 07 | Fmaj7#11/A

A luminous detour proves the ascent can bend.

Rhythm: A4(e) C5(e) E5(e) B5(e) A5(q) G5(e) E5(e)

	1	e	&	a	2	e	&	a	3	e	&	a	4	e	&	a
e	--	--	--	--	12	--	19	--	17	--	--	--	15	--	12	--
B	10	--	13	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
G	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
D	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
A	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
E	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

GUITAR II

Fmaj7#11/A

x-0-3-2-0-0
wide luminous swell

Performance: Do not rush B5; the phrase should feel suspended above the A pedal.

BAR 08 | Am11

The first platform: arrive, breathe, continue.

Rhythm: D5(q) C5(e) B4(e) A4(q) r(q)

	1	e	&	a	2	e	&	a	3	e	&	a	4	e	&	a
e	10	--	--	--	08	--	07	--	--	--	--	r	--	--	--	--
B	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	10	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
G	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
D	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
A	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
E	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

GUITAR II - TACET

Am11

TACET

release; beat 4 silent

Performance: Full quarter-note silence on beat 4. The ascent earns its restart.



VI. Complete Guitar Tablature - Ascent I

BAR 09 | Am11**The route restarts one register higher.**

Rhythm: A4(e) C5(e) E5(q) D5(e) B4(e) C5(q)

	1	e	&	a	2	e	&	a	3	e	&	a	4	e	&	a
e	--	--	08	--	12	--	--	--	10	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
B	10	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	12	--	13	--	--	--	--	--
G	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
D	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
A	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
E	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

GUITAR II**Am11**x-0-5-5-3-0
A-gravity return

Performance: Same emotional grammar as bar 1, but no literal melodic copy.

BAR 10 | Bm7/A**The harmony lifts while A remains gravitational.**

Rhythm: B4(e) D5(e) F#5(q) E5(e) D5(e) A4(q)

	1	e	&	a	2	e	&	a	3	e	&	a	4	e	&	a
e	--	--	10	--	14	--	--	--	12	--	10	--	--	--	--	--
B	12	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	10	--	--	--	--
G	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
D	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
A	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
E	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

GUITAR II**Bm7/A**x-0-4-4-3-2
upper-structure swell

Performance: Keep F#5 glassy; do not blues-bend it.

BAR 11 | Cmaj9/A**The inherited landmark becomes a launching point.**

Rhythm: C5(e) E5(e) G5(e) B5(e) A5(q) G5(e) E5(e)

	1	e	&	a	2	e	&	a	3	e	&	a	4	e	&	a
e	--	--	12	--	15	--	19	--	17	--	--	15	--	12	--	--
B	13	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
G	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
D	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
A	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
E	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

GUITAR II**Cmaj9/A**5-x-5-5-5-7
light climbing swell

Performance: Even eighths, but shape a single swell into B5.

BAR 12 | D6/9/A**The melody climbs by changing interval width, not speed.**

Rhythm: D5(e) F#5(e) A5(q) B5(e) A5(e) E5(q)

	1	e	&	a	2	e	&	a	3	e	&	a	4	e	&	a
e	--	--	14	--	17	--	--	--	19	--	17	--	12	--	--	--
B	15	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
G	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
D	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
A	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
E	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

GUITAR II**D6/9/A**5-5-4-4-5-5
suspended lift

Performance: Let B5 hover; the fall to E5 should feel like a wide inhalation.



Complete Guitar Tablature - Bars 13-16

BAR 13 | Em11/A

A local crest curls back without ending the ascent.

Rhythm: E5(e) G5(e) B5(q) A5(e) F#5(e) G5(q)

	1	e	&	a	2	e	&	a	3	e	&	a	4	e	&	a
e	12	--	15	--	19	--	--	--	17	--	14	--	15	--	--	--
B	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
G	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
D	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
A	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
E	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

GUITAR II

Em11/A

5-7-5-7-8-7
cool expansion

Performance: Play G5-B5 with compact motion; no sweep accent.

BAR 14 | F#m7b5/A

The route acquires a cool metallic edge.

Rhythm: F#5(e) A5(e) C6(q) B5(e) A5(e) E5(q)

	1	e	&	a	2	e	&	a	3	e	&	a	4	e	&	a
e	14	--	17	--	20	--	--	--	19	--	17	--	17	--	--	--
B	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	17	--	--	--
G	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
D	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
A	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
E	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

GUITAR II

F#m7b5/A

5-x-4-5-5-x
metallic edge

Performance: C6 is a bright ceiling glimpse, not yet the climax.

BAR 15 | Gmaj9/A

The upper answer widens and refuses to settle.

Rhythm: G5(e) B5(e) D6(q) B5(e) A5(e) G5(q)

	1	e	&	a	2	e	&	a	3	e	&	a	4	e	&	a
e	15	--	19	--	22	--	--	--	19	--	17	--	15	--	--	--
B	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
G	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
D	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
A	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
E	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

GUITAR II

Gmaj9/A

5-x-5-7-7-7
highest A-pedal bloom

Performance: D6 receives only a small vibrato; save the large breath for bar 30.

BAR 16 | Am11

A controlled recoil stores energy for the second ascent.

Rhythm: A5(q) C6(e) B5(e) G5(q) E5(e) D5(e)

	1	e	&	a	2	e	&	a	3	e	&	a	4	e	&	a
e	17	--	--	--	20	--	19	--	15	--	--	--	17	--	15	--
B	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	17	--	15	--
G	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
D	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
A	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
E	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

GUITAR II

Am11

x-0-5-5-3-0
broad Am11 landing

Performance: Descending contour, forward time: do not ritard.



VII. Complete Guitar Tablature - Ascent II

BAR 17 | Am11

The ascent returns as a longer sentence.

Rhythm: A4(e) C5(e) E5(e) G5(e) B5(q) A5(e) G5(e)

	1	e	&	a	2	e	&	a	3	e	&	a	4	e	&	a
e	--	--	--	--	12	--	--	15	--	--	--	--	17	--	--	15
B	--	--	--	13	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
G	14	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
D	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
A	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
E	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

GUITAR II

Am11

x-0-5-5-3-0
return gravity

Performance: Build one continuous crescendo across all eight attacks.

BAR 18 | Cmaj9/E

The sentence inherits B5 and adds an upper neighbor.

Rhythm: B4(e) D5(e) E5(e) G5(e) B5(q) C6(e) B5(e)

	1	e	&	a	2	e	&	a	3	e	&	a	4	e	&	a
e	--	--	--	--	--	15	--	--	19	--	--	--	20	--	--	19
B	--	--	15	--	17	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
G	16	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
D	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
A	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
E	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

GUITAR II

Cmaj9/E

0-3-2-4-3-0
clear glass swell

Performance: C6 is a passing flare. Keep the line horizontal.

BAR 19 | D6/9/F#

Bass and melody rise together for the first time.

Rhythm: D5(e) F#5(e) A5(e) B5(e) C6(q) B5(e) A5(e)

	1	e	&	a	2	e	&	a	3	e	&	a	4	e	&	a
e	--	--	14	--	17	--	--	19	--	20	--	--	19	--	--	17
B	15	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
G	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
D	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
A	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
E	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

GUITAR II

D6/9/F#

2-0-0-2-0-0
forward lift

Performance: Give C6 a clear downstroke; release immediately.

BAR 20 | Em11/G

The line reaches beyond its last ceiling, then folds.

Rhythm: E5(e) G5(e) B5(e) D6(e) C6(q) B5(e) G5(e)

	1	e	&	a	2	e	&	a	3	e	&	a	4	e	&	a
e	--	--	15	--	19	--	22	--	20	--	--	--	19	--	--	15
B	17	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
G	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
D	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
A	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
E	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

GUITAR II

Em11/G

3-2-0-2-0-0
bass-rise swell

Performance: D6 is the hinge; the return to C6 should be almost vocal.



Complete Guitar Tablature - Bars 21-24

BAR 21 | F#m7b5/A A narrow passage concentrates the tension.

Rhythm: F#5(e) A5(e) C6(q) B5(e) E5(e) A5(q)

	1	e	&	a	2	e	&	a	3	e	&	a	4	e	&	a
e	--	--	17	--	--	--	--	19	--	--	--	17	--	--	--	--
B	19	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	17	--	--	--	--
G	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
D	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
A	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
E	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

GUITAR II

F#m7b5/A

5-x-4-5-5-x
metallic edge

Performance: Keep the C6-B5 half-step small and cool.

BAR 22 | Gmaj9/B The new bass note makes height feel weightless.

Rhythm: G5(e) B5(e) D6(q) A5(e) F#5(e) B5(q)

	1	e	&	a	2	e	&	a	3	e	&	a	4	e	&	a
e	--	--	19	--	--	--	--	17	--	--	--	19	--	--	--	--
B	20	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	19	--	--	--	--
G	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
D	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
A	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
E	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

GUITAR II

Gmaj9/B

7-x-5-7-7-5
weightless height

Performance: D6 is strong; the second B5 is an unanswered question.

BAR 23 | Am11/C Turnstile Hip-Check: one tiny bodily interruption.

Rhythm: G5(e) A5(e) x-rake(s) x-rake(s) x-rake(s) r(s) B5(e) A5(e) G5(q)

	1	e	&	a	2	e	&	a	3	e	&	a	4	e	&	a
e	--	--	17	--	--	--	--	r	19	--	--	17	--	--	--	--
B	20	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	20	--	--	--
G	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
D	--	--	--	x	x	x	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
A	--	--	--	x	x	x	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
E	--	--	--	x	x	x	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

GUITAR II

Am11/C

8-x-7-7-8-7
stay legato under rake

Performance: Beat 2: three feather-light dead-note rakes, like the turnstile caught one hip. Resume perfect poise on beat 3.

BAR 24 | Bm7/D Form resumes immediately, now more determined.

Rhythm: B5(e) A5(e) F#5(q) D5(e) F#5(e) B5(q)

	1	e	&	a	2	e	&	a	3	e	&	a	4	e	&	a
e	19	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	19	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
B	--	--	22	--	19	--	--	--	19	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
G	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	19	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
D	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
A	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
E	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

GUITAR II

Bm7/D

x-5-4-4-3-2
D-route support

Performance: No comic echo. The final B5 points upward.



VIII. Complete Guitar Tablature - Final Approach and Exposure

BAR 25 | Cmaj9/E

The route narrows to the top two strings.

Rhythm: C5(e) E5(e) G5(e) B5(e) C6(q) B5(e) G5(e)

	1	e	&	a	2	e	&	a	3	e	&	a	4	e	&	a
e	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	19	--	20	--	--	--	--	--
B	--	--	--	--	--	20	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	20	--
G	17	--	21	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
D	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
A	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
E	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

GUITAR II

Cmaj9/E

0-3-2-4-3-0
clear glass swell

Performance: Shift as one unit; keep the fretting hand quiet.

BAR 26 | D6/9/F#

The next target arrives later in the bar.

Rhythm: D5(q) F#5(e) A5(e) B5(e) D6(e) C6(q)

	1	e	&	a	2	e	&	a	3	e	&	a	4	e	&	a
e	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	19	--	22	--	20	--	--	--
B	--	--	--	--	19	--	22	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
G	19	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
D	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
A	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
E	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

GUITAR II

D6/9/F#

2-0-0-2-0-0
forward lift

Performance: Delay the emotional weight until D6 on beat 3-and.

BAR 27 | Em11/G

The climb becomes a held breath.

Rhythm: E5(e) G5(e) B5(q) D6(q) B5(e) G5(e)

	1	e	&	a	2	e	&	a	3	e	&	a	4	e	&	a
e	--	--	--	--	19	--	--	--	22	--	--	19	--	--	--	--
B	--	--	20	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	20	--	--
G	21	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
D	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
A	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
E	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

GUITAR II

Em11/G

3-2-0-2-0-0
cool expansion

Performance: Sustain D6 through beat 3; reduce pick attack.

BAR 28 | F#m7b5/A

The last approach circles the ceiling once.

Rhythm: F#5(e) A5(e) C6(e) B5(e) D6(q) C6(e) A5(e)

	1	e	&	a	2	e	&	a	3	e	&	a	4	e	&	a
e	--	--	--	--	20	--	19	--	22	--	--	--	20	--	--	--
B	--	--	22	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	22	--	--
G	23	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
D	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
A	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
E	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

GUITAR II

F#m7b5/A

5-x-4-5-5-x
metallic edge

Performance: A single crescendo from F#5 to D6, then a soft recoil.



Complete Guitar Tablature - Bars 29-32

BAR 29 | Gmaj9/B The crest is sighted but not claimed.

Rhythm: G5(e) B5(e) D6(q) C6(e) B5(e) D6(q)

	1	e	&	a	2	e	&	a	3	e	&	a	4	e	&	a
e	--	--	--	--	22	--	--	--	20	--	19	--	22	--	--	--
B	20	--	24	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
G	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
D	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
A	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
E	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

GUITAR II

Gmaj9/B7-x-5-7-7-5
crest; let it hang

Performance: Second D6 is the launch rail into the exposed bar.

BAR 30 | Am11/C Exposed upper-register climax: motion becomes air.

Rhythm: E6(w)

	1	e	&	a	2	e	&	a	3	e	&	a	4	e	&	a
e	24	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
B	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
G	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
D	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
A	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
E	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

GUITAR II - TACET

Am11/C

TACET

expose high E

Performance: Fret 24, high E. Let the band subtract itself; slow, narrow vibrato after beat 2.

BAR 31 | Am11/C The reversal begins inside the sustained light.

Rhythm: E6(h) D6(q) B5(e) G5(e)

	1	e	&	a	2	e	&	a	3	e	&	a	4	e	&	a
e	24	--	--	--	--	--	--	22	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
B	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	24	--	--	--	--
G	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	24	--	--	--
D	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
A	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
E	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

GUITAR II

Am11/C

8-x-7-7-8-7

enter after summit

Performance: Do not re-attack E6 loudly. D6 is the unmistakable turn.

BAR 32 | D6/9/A Contrary motion becomes the new law.

Rhythm: D6(e) B5(e) A5(q) G5(e) E5(e) D5(q)

	1	e	&	a	2	e	&	a	3	e	&	a	4	e	&	a
e	22	--	19	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
B	--	--	--	22	--	--	--	20	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
G	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	21	--	19	--	--	--	--	--
D	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
A	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
E	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

GUITAR II

D6/9/A

5-5-4-4-5-5

directional hinge

Performance: One continuous exhale; preserve time exactly.



IX. Complete Guitar Tablature - Reversal and Return

BAR 33 | Gmaj9/B

The descent keeps one high landmark as memory.

Rhythm: D6(e) B5(e) A5(e) F#5(e) G5(q) B5(q)

	1	e	&	a	2	e	&	a	3	e	&	a	4	e	&	a
e	22	--	19	--	17	--	--	--	--	19	--	--	19	--	--	--
B	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	19	--	20	--	--	--	--	--
G	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
D	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
A	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
E	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

GUITAR II

Gmaj9/B

7-x-5-7-7-5
weightless return

Performance: The final B5 is memory, not renewed ascent.

BAR 34 | F#m7b5/A

A small upward curl prevents a mechanical scale fall.

Rhythm: C6(e) A5(e) E5(q) F#5(e) A5(e) C6(q)

	1	e	&	a	2	e	&	a	3	e	&	a	4	e	&	a
e	20	--	17	--	--	--	--	--	--	17	--	20	--	--	--	--
B	--	--	--	--	17	--	--	--	19	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
G	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
D	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
A	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
E	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

GUITAR II

F#m7b5/A

5-x-4-5-5-x
metallic answer

Performance: Shape the last C6 softly; it closes the upper chapter.

BAR 35 | Em11/G

The melody re-enters the speaking register.

Rhythm: B5(e) G5(e) E5(e) D5(e) B4(q) D5(q)

	1	e	&	a	2	e	&	a	3	e	&	a	4	e	&	a
e	19	--	15	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	15	--	--	--
B	--	--	--	--	17	--	15	--	--	--	--	--	15	--	--	--
G	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	16	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
D	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
A	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
E	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

GUITAR II

Em11/G

3-2-0-2-0-0
cool descent

Performance: Reduce gain with the guitar volume by roughly one notch.

BAR 36 | D6/9/F#

The descent now travels by consonant landmarks.

Rhythm: A5(e) F#5(e) E5(q) D5(e) B4(e) A4(q)

	1	e	&	a	2	e	&	a	3	e	&	a	4	e	&	a
e	17	--	14	--	12	--	--	--	--	15	--	12	--	--	--	--
B	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	15	--	12	--	--	--	--	--
G	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	14	--	--	--	--
D	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
A	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
E	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

GUITAR II

D6/9/F#

2-0-0-2-0-0
suspended return

Performance: Keep A4 alive into the next bar; no full stop.



Complete Guitar Tablature - Bars 37-40

BAR 37 | Cmaj9/E The original voice returns, changed by altitude.

Rhythm: G5(e) E5(e) D5(e) B4(e) C5(q) E5(q)

	1	e	&	a	2	e	&	a	3	e	&	a	4	e	&	a
e	15	--	12	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	12	--	--	--	--
B	--	--	--	--	15	--	12	--	13	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
G	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
D	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
A	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
E	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

GUITAR II

Cmaj9/E
0-3-2-4-3-0
glass lower

Performance: C5-E5 is a gentle answer, not a new climb.

BAR 38 | Bm7/D The phrase loses mass while keeping direction.

Rhythm: F#5(e) D5(e) B4(q) A4(e) F#4(e) D4(q)

	1	e	&	a	2	e	&	a	3	e	&	a	4	e	&	a
e	14	--	10	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
B	--	--	--	--	12	--	--	--	10	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
G	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	11	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
D	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	12	--	--	--	--
A	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
E	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

GUITAR II

Bm7/D
x-5-4-4-3-2
support descent

Performance: Move the line to lower strings without changing tone color.

BAR 39 | Am11/C Am gravity becomes audible again.

Rhythm: E5(e) C5(e) B4(e) G4(e) A4(q) C5(q)

	1	e	&	a	2	e	&	a	3	e	&	a	4	e	&	a
e	12	--	08	--	07	--	--	--	--	--	--	08	--	--	--	--
B	--	--	--	--	--	--	08	--	10	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
G	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
D	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
A	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
E	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

GUITAR II

Am11/C
8-x-7-7-8-7
A-cradle swell

Performance: The A4-C5 response should sound newly confident.

BAR 40 | Gmaj9/B The bass keeps descending under a brief held answer.

Rhythm: D5(e) B4(e) A4(q) G4(e) F#4(e) D4(q)

	1	e	&	a	2	e	&	a	3	e	&	a	4	e	&	a
e	10	--	07	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
B	--	--	--	--	10	--	--	--	08	--	07	--	--	--	--	--
G	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	07	--	--	--	--	--
D	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
A	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
E	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

GUITAR II

Gmaj9/B
7-x-5-7-7-5
weightless return

Performance: Let D4 remain audible under the next attack if clean.



Complete Guitar Tablature - Bars 41-44

BAR 41 | F#m7b5/A The return passes through its coolest color.

Rhythm: C5(e) A4(e) F#4(e) E4(e) C4(q) A3(q)

	1	e	&	a	2	e	&	a	3	e	&	a	4	e	&	a
e	08	--	05	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
B	--	--	--	--	07	--	05	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
G	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	05	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
D	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	07	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
A	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
E	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

GUITAR II

F#m7b5/A

5-x-4-5-5-x
metallic edge

Performance: Land on A3 without finality; the journey is not home yet.

BAR 42 | Em11/G The voice touches the departure register.

Rhythm: B4(e) G4(e) E4(q) D4(e) B3(e) G3(q)

	1	e	&	a	2	e	&	a	3	e	&	a	4	e	&	a
e	07	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
B	--	--	08	--	05	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
G	--	--	--	--	--	--	07	--	04	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
D	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	05	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
A	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
E	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

GUITAR II

Em11/G

3-2-0-2-0-0
cool descent

Performance: Warm the tone by picking slightly nearer the neck.

BAR 43 | D6/9/F# A last diagonal line crosses the old floor.

Rhythm: A4(e) F#4(e) E4(e) D4(e) B3(q) A3(q)

	1	e	&	a	2	e	&	a	3	e	&	a	4	e	&	a
e	05	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
B	--	--	07	--	05	--	03	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
G	--	--	--	--	--	--	04	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
D	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	07	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
A	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
E	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

GUITAR II

D6/9/F#

2-0-0-2-0-0
forward lower

Performance: Even attack; no accent on the low arrival.

BAR 44 | Cmaj9/E The opening cell is remembered in reverse light.

Rhythm: G4(e) E4(e) D4(e) B3(e) C4(q) E4(q)

	1	e	&	a	2	e	&	a	3	e	&	a	4	e	&	a
e	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
B	08	--	05	--	03	--	--	--	05	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
G	--	--	--	--	--	04	--	05	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
D	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
A	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
E	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

GUITAR II

Cmaj9/E

0-3-2-4-3-0
glass return

Performance: C4-E4 is the first unmistakable transformed return.



X. Complete Guitar Tablature - Transformed Return

BAR 45 | Bm7/A**A-pedal gravity resumes before the final statement.**

Rhythm: F#4(e) D4(e) B3(q) A3(e) B3(e) D4(q)

	1	e	&	a	2	e	&	a	3	e	&	a	4	e	&	a
e	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
B	07	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
G	--	--	07	--	04	--	--	--	--	04	--	07	--	--	--	--
D	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	07	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
A	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
E	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

GUITAR II**Bm7/A**x-0-4-4-3-2
A-pedal upper

Performance: Keep A3 short enough that B3 feels like a lift, not a cadence.

BAR 46 | Am11(add13)**The old minor room now contains Dorian light.**

Rhythm: E4(e) F#4(e) G4(q) B4(e) A4(e) C5(q)

	1	e	&	a	2	e	&	a	3	e	&	a	4	e	&	a
e	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	07	--	05	--	08	--	--	--
B	--	--	07	--	08	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
G	09	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
D	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
A	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
E	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

GUITAR II**Am11(add13)**x-0-5-5-5-2
transformed swell

Performance: F#4 is the transformation marker. State it cleanly, once.

BAR 47 | Fmaj7#11/A**The departure window returns without nostalgia.**

Rhythm: B4(e) A4(e) E4(e) C4(e) F4(q) E4(q)

	1	e	&	a	2	e	&	a	3	e	&	a	4	e	&	a
e	07	--	05	--	--	--	--	--	--	05	--	--	05	--	--	--
B	--	--	--	--	05	--	--	--	06	--	--	--	05	--	--	--
G	--	--	--	--	--	--	05	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
D	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
A	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
E	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

GUITAR II**Fmaj7#11/A**x-0-3-2-0-0
luminous window

Performance: B4 and F4 frame the #11 color; no theatrical rubato.

BAR 48 | Am11**Home accepts the entire journey.**

Rhythm: D4(e) E4(e) G4(e) B4(e) A4(h)

	1	e	&	a	2	e	&	a	3	e	&	a	4	e	&	a
e	--	--	--	--	--	--	07	--	05	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
B	--	--	--	--	08	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
G	07	--	09	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
D	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
A	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
E	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

GUITAR II**Am11**x-0-5-5-3-0
Am11 ground

Performance: A4 is home, but leave enough air for the coda to speak.



Complete Guitar Tablature - Bars 49-52

BAR 49 | Am11

Coda: the departure cell returns in syncopated form.

Rhythm: r(e) A3(e) C4(q) E4(e) D4(e) B3(q)

	1	e	&	a	2	e	&	a	3	e	&	a	4	e	&	a
e	r	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	05	--	03	--	--	--	--
B	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
G	--	--	--	05	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	04	--	--	--	--
D	--	--	07	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
A	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
E	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

GUITAR II

Am11

x-0-5-5-3-0
hold from bar 48

Performance: Enter on the and of 1; this is transformation, not a joke.

BAR 50 | D6/A

A brief harmonic lift keeps the ending open.

Rhythm: B3(e) D4(e) F#4(q) E4(e) A4(e) F#4(q)

	1	e	&	a	2	e	&	a	3	e	&	a	4	e	&	a
e	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	05	--	--	--	--	--	--
B	--	--	--	07	--	--	--	--	--	05	--	--	07	--	--	--
G	04	--	07	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
D	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
A	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
E	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

GUITAR II

D6/A

x-0-0-2-0-2
coda lift

Performance: Shape a small arch into A4, then release.

BAR 51 | Am11

The route gives its last answer above the original cell.

Rhythm: C4(e) E4(e) G4(q) B4(e) D5(e) C5(q)

	1	e	&	a	2	e	&	a	3	e	&	a	4	e	&	a
e	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	07	--	10	--	08	--	--	--
B	--	--	--	08	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
G	--	--	09	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
D	10	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
A	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
E	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

GUITAR II

Am11

x-0-5-5-3-0
Am11 body

Performance: D5 is a final glimpse of the upper route; C5 turns it home.

BAR 52 | Am9(add11)

Final state: A remains, but B is the destination.

Rhythm: B4(w)

	1	e	&	a	2	e	&	a	3	e	&	a	4	e	&	a
e	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
B	12	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
G	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
D	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
A	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
E	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

GUITAR II

Am9(add11)

x-0-5-5-3-7
open final; no cadence

Performance: Hold B4 for the full bar over A in the bass. No terminal A and no E-flat.



XI. Song-Specific Performance Map & Capture Test

Performance Arc

Bars	Lead behavior	Dynamic target
1-8	Rounded pick attack; one phrase per breath; honor bar 8 silence.	mp -> mf
9-16	Compact shifts; destinations sing more than launches.	mf
17-24	One long crescendo; bar 23 interruption remains feather-light.	mf -> f
25-29	Reduce hand noise; top-string motion becomes visibly calm.	f, narrowing
30	High E6 at fret 24; hold all four beats; vibrato begins after beat 2.	exposed f, not loud
31-44	One exhale; no ritard; warm the attack as register descends.	f -> mp
45-52	State F# once as transformation; final B4 remains unresolved over A.	mp -> p

Capture Test

At 82 BPM, place locators at bars 1, 9, 17, 25, 30, 33, 45, and 49. Preserve one complete unbroken lead transit before any safety comp: the listener must hear departure, ascent, exposure, reversal, and return as one remembered life.

Event	Song-specific instruction	Emotional result
Departure	Sustain A beneath the opening; phrase the lead in complete breaths.	A place is left.
Ascent	Let destinations sing more than launches; bass begins moving only after the melodic route is clear.	Height feels earned.
Exposure	At bar 30, remove chord guitar, reduce bass to one A, and let the high E stand without added virtuosity.	Register becomes emotion.
Reversal	Keep the pulse steady while direction changes; no cinematic pause announces the turn.	Recognition begins.
Return	Warm the hand attack as the register descends; state F# once and leave B unresolved over A.	Home retains altitude.

The Production Appendix owns the shared Plini X, Cells, routing, and print procedure. This chapter owns one rule: at the summit, subtract rather than stack. The highest note is exposed by the disappearance of support, not by more gain or more notes.



Professor / Sommelier Technical Tasting

Professor's diagnosis: This is directed melodic development, not sequential climbing. Each phrase inherits one landmark, exceeds only its destination, and makes a single reversal; the transformed return succeeds because its grammar is remembered while its emotional weight changes.

Sommelier's palate: Am11 cedar and cool stone open into thin upper air. The brightest point should taste exposed, never overdriven. The finish returns warmer and lower, with altitude still dissolved inside the unresolved B over A.

Forge III Gold Ledger - THE MILLER TRANSIT

Promoted to HG Gold	Exact definition	Future-use rule
The Miller Transit Law	Window -> inheritance -> higher destination -> exposure -> one reversal -> transformed return.	May shape future long melodies; never reuse this song's actual notes or 52-bar route.
Destination B	Am11 remains gravitational while B, the 9th, becomes the final emotional arrival.	May recur as an EP-level open-ending principle, but not as a required cadence.
Ascending bass under inherited melody	Bass begins moving only after the melodic law is understood; melody keeps landmarks while harmonic weight changes.	Use when form needs lift without a new theme.
Exposure by subtraction	The highest note becomes enormous because rhythm and accompaniment disappear.	Preferred climax method when virtuosity would obscure emotion.
Turnstile Hip-Check	Bar 23 only: three quiet dead-note sixteenths, one 16th rest, immediate return to poise.	This is Forge III's sole comic fingerprint. Preserve here; do not export as a general Mercury gag.
One-take transit discipline	One complete, unbroken lead take is preserved before any composite edit.	Carry forward as an HG performance standard.

Forge III is complete when the listener remembers a departure, a height, a turn, and a changed return - not an arpeggio shape.

End of Mercurial Manuscript | The transit is complete.



FORGE III — THE MILLER TRANSIT

The Inertial Boots cache and the failed predecessor report.

What returns with the same body but cannot use its former name?

Field	Controlled entry
Musical event	Departure, ascent, final approach, reversal, and transformed return preserve a body while changing the name of its notes. The final B remains over A.
Extraction rule	Track pitches that remain physically identical while their harmonic function changes. Their sequence is not a melody; it is a route profile. The final B-over-A state marks a cache whose revision must remain open.
Reveals	A decommissioned Quonset Point aeronautics locker containing an inertial-boot prototype, tether fittings, and the complete accident report of a prior candidate who treated reversal as failure.
Competencies	Body, Branch, Carriage.
Equipment relation	The boots are nonfunctional until refitted and certified. The real find is the tether curriculum and the predecessor's unredacted failure record.
Proof condition	Xavier repeats the tether course after a failed spin recovery and enters the failure into his own ledger before another attempt.
Failure response	Erasing or minimizing the first failure locks the route leaf and displays REVISION HISTORY INCOMPLETE.

Hint ladder

HINT 1: Follow function, not pitch.

HINT 2: The return is transformed because the old tonic no longer owns the same notes.

HINT 3: Map the ceiling points of the ascent to the locker coordinate; leave the final state unresolved.

Reader rule: the first hint may appear in the main text, the second in a marginal note, and the third only after Xavier records a failed attempt.

FORGE III WITNESS LEDGER — THE MILLER TRANSIT

The music proves only that the musical condition has been met. The following ledger records whether Xavier has earned the corresponding lived competency.

FIELD	CONTROLLED ENTRY
Forge yield	Inertial Boots cache / predecessor failure report
Competencies	Body · Branch · Carriage
Musical evidence	Take / date / file hash / tempo / tuning / deviations: _____
Transformation explained	In Xavier's own words: _____ _____
Lived evidence	Map transformed return without falsifying identity; complete tether recovery, bounded-loss planning, and the predecessor-report review.
Independent witness	Name / role / source chain: _____ _____
Witness finding	ACCEPTED / CONDITIONAL / REPEAT / REFUSED (circle one)
Reason retained	_____ _____
Veto boundary	The witness may require repetition under another instructor and may preserve dissent in the record.
Next reversible step	_____ _____

WITNESS SENTENCE

I confirm only the evidence I directly witnessed. I retain the right to disagree with the interpretation and to withhold the next step.

Candidate signature: _____ Witness signature:

Date: _____ Record ID / hash: _____



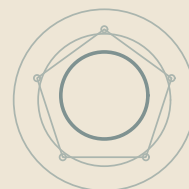
MERCURY'S CRUCIBLE // FORGE 4

OPEN CARRIAGE

TALE IV // THE CARRIAGE WITHOUT WALLS

ENCLOSED DEPARTURE > GATHERING MOTION > THRESHOLD CROSSING > OPEN-AIR RELEASE > TRANSFORMED RETURN

CRUCIBLE: THE MOON GATE // FORGE: UNBROKEN CROSSING // YIELD: OPEN AIR



The road crosses the gate without breaking. Which side was ever outside?

1. The Harmonic-Crossing Law

Identity stays; function moves. A phrase must begin before the chord border, cross it without punctuation, and complete its thought afterward. D-F-G-B is not announced as a scale. Its contour, rhythm, and register make it a recognizable character; the chord beneath it changes the character's emotional meaning.

Pitch	over Dm11	over G13	dramatic change
D	root / ground	5th / balance	home becomes motion
F	minor 3rd / enclosure	b7 / dominant pull	vulnerability becomes direction
G	11th / open color	root / authority	distance becomes arrival
B	13th / exposed brightness	3rd / revelation	risk becomes definition

Phrase rule. Do not breathe merely because the chord changes. Breathe only when the melodic sentence arrives, reverses, or transforms. G13sus delays B; G13 reveals B. The listener should feel the carriage wall disappear beneath a line already in flight.

Form: 1-4 Enclosed Departure / 5-12 Gathering Motion / 13-20 Threshold Crossing / 21-27 Open-Air Release / 28-38 Transformed Return.

2. Harmonic Chassis

Symbol	voicing (E-A-D-G-B-e)	use
Dm11	x-5-5-5-6-5	close, breathable tonic gravity
Dm11 (wide)	10-x-10-10-8-10	open-air tonic state
G13sus	3-x-3-5-5-5	border held open; omit B
G13	3-x-3-4-5-5	B enters by one-semitone inner motion
Dm11(add9)	x-5-7-5-5-5	final D with E retained; no C cadence

This chassis is the voicing reference. The next page is the playable Guitar II part: exact grip and comping action for every bar.



3. Guitar II

Complete harmonic bed

Use the printed grip once at the stated entrance, then obey the action column. Let common tones ring through every Dm11 / G13sus / G13 crossing. Guitar II supplies the carriage floor; it never restarts the melodic sentence.

Bar	Chord	Shape	Action	Bar	Chord	Shape	Action
1	Dm11	x-5-5-5-6-5	whole-note swell	20	Dm11	x-5-5-5-6-5	Dm11 landing
2	Dm11	x-5-5-5-6-5	hold; no re-strike	21	Dm11	10-x-10-10-8-10	wide whole-note glass
3	Dm11	x-5-5-5-6-5	one soft pulse	22	G13sus	3-x-3-5-5-5	sus beneath high line
4	Dm11	x-5-5-5-6-5	sustain into bar 5	23	G13	3-x-3-4-5-5	light B revelation
5	Dm11	x-5-5-5-6-5	half-note swell	24	Dm11	10-x-10-10-8-10	wide Dm release
6	G13sus	3-x-3-5-5-5	cross; do not accent	25	Dm11	10-x-10-10-8-10	second wide flight
7	G13	3-x-3-4-5-5	reveal B only	26	G13sus	3-x-3-5-5-5	sustain the crossing
8	Dm11	x-5-5-5-6-5	return without cadence	27	G13	3-x-3-4-5-5	reveal B; then thin
9	Dm11	x-5-5-5-6-5	mid-register swell	28	Dm11	10-x-10-10-8-10	wide transformed return
10	G13sus	3-x-3-5-5-5	cross; no reset	29	Dm11	x-5-5-5-6-5	narrow half-note swell
11	G13	3-x-3-4-5-5	reveal B	30	G13sus	3-x-3-5-5-5	sus; no reset
12	Dm11	x-5-5-5-6-5	one descending breath	31	G13	3-x-3-4-5-5	reveal B quietly
13	Dm11	x-5-5-5-6-5	threshold pulse	32	Dm11	x-5-5-5-6-5	D receives the phrase
14	G13sus	3-x-3-5-5-5	sus crossing	33	Dm11	x-5-5-5-6-5	memory; soft swell
15	G13	3-x-3-4-5-5	reveal B clearly	34	Dm11	x-5-5-5-6-5	hold; no re-strike
16	Dm11	x-5-5-5-6-5	D returns under line	35	G13sus	3-x-3-5-5-5	continuous sus
17	G13sus	3-x-3-5-5-5	stay poised under squeak	36	G13	3-x-3-4-5-5	B opens the wall
18	G13	3-x-3-4-5-5	broad G13 swell	37	Dm11	x-5-5-5-6-5	return to D
19	G13	3-x-3-4-5-5	hold from bar 18	38	Dm11(add9)	x-5-7-5-5-5	final add9; no cadence

Open-air rule: Bars 21-28 use the wide Dm11 grip where shown. Keep the G13 family low and transparent so the upper melody remains exposed.



4. Complete Melody Tablature

All listed attacks are eighth notes unless marked otherwise. A tilde ties the preceding note. In bar 17, the third and fourth tab columns are two sixteenth-note dead-note rakes replacing one eighth-note slot; the seven pitched attacks remain eighth notes, so the bar totals 4/4 exactly. Pick the first note of each slur group and use hammer-ons/pull-offs where natural.

I - Enclosed Departure

BAR 01

Dm11

pp; enclosed, let first D bloom

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e|-----|
B|-----6--5-----|
G|-----5-----7-5---|
D|-----3-----7-|
A|-5-----|
E|-----|
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BAR 02

Dm11

continue upward; no breath at midpoint

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e|-----5-8-6-----|
B|-----6-----8-6---|
G|-----5-----|
D|-5-----|
A|-----|
E|-----|
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BAR 03

Dm11

crescendo, narrow vibrato on final G

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e|-----5-8-10-8-----|
B|-----6-----10-8---|
G|-7-----|
D|-----|
A|-----|
E|-----|
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BAR 04

Dm11

fold inward; last F ties into bar 5

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e|-----|
B|-6-----6-----|
G|-----7-5-----5---|
D|-----7-----5---|
A|-----5-----|
E|-----|
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II - Gathering Motion

BAR 05

Dm11

F held from b4; gather motion

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e|-----8-10-----8-10-|
B|-6-----8-----6-----|
G|-----7-----|
D|-----|
A|-----|
E|-----|
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BAR 06

G13sus

same phrase crosses; B withheld

```
e|-12-10-----|
B|-----13-10-----|
G|-----12-10-----12-|
D|-----12-----|
A|-----|
E|-----|
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BAR 07

G13

B announces dominant gravity

```
e|-----10-12-15-13-----|
B|-12-----15-12-----|
G|-----12-----|
D|-----|
A|-----|
E|-----|
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GUITAR II

Dm11

x-5-5-5-6-5
whole-note swell

GUITAR II

Dm11

x-5-5-5-6-5
hold; no re-strike

GUITAR II

Dm11

x-5-5-5-6-5
one soft pulse

GUITAR II

Dm11

x-5-5-5-6-5
sustain into bar 5

GUITAR II

Dm11

x-5-5-5-6-5
half-note swell

GUITAR II

G13sus

3-x-3-5-5-5
cross; do not accent

GUITAR II

G13

3-x-3-4-5-5
reveal B only

BAR 08

Dm11

land on D without cadence

```

e|-----10--13--10-----|
B|-----10--13-----10---|
G|10-----12-----|
D|-----|
A|-----|
E|-----|

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BAR 09

Dm11

mf; cell in widened register

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e|-----10--13--12-----|
B|-----10-----13--10---|
G|10-----|
D|12-----|
A|-----|
E|-----|

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BAR 10

G13sus

keep bow-like legato across border

```

e|-----10--13--15--13-----|
B|-----10-----13-----|
G|12-----12-----|
D|-----|
A|-----|
E|-----|

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BAR 11

G13

B becomes the bright hinge

```

e|-----10--12--15--17--15-----|
B|12-----15--12---|
G|-----|
D|-----|
A|-----|
E|-----|

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BAR 12

Dm11

descending answer, still moving

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e|13--12--10-----|
B|-----13--10-----|
G|-----12--10-----|
D|-----12-----|
A|-----|
E|-----|

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III - Threshold Crossing

BAR 13

Dm11

threshold begins; accents 3+3+2

```

e|-----5--8-----|
B|-----6-----8---|
G|-----5-----7---|
D|7-----|
A|5-----|
E|-----|

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BAR 14

G13sus

do not reset on beat 1

```

e|-----5--8--10-----|
B|6-----8---|
G|5-----7---|
D|-----9---|
A|-----|
E|-----|

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BAR 15

G13

low-register transformation; B clear

```

e|-----3--7--5-----|
B|3--6-----6---|
G|4-----4---|
D|-----|
A|-----|
E|-----|

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BAR 16

Dm11

one uninterrupted climb

```

e|-----5--8--10---|
B|-----6-----|
G|-----5-----|
D|3--7-----|
A|5-----|
E|-----|

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GUITAR II

Dm11

x-5-5-5-6-5
return without cadence

GUITAR II

Dm11

x-5-5-5-6-5
mid-register swell

GUITAR II

G13sus

3-x-3-5-5-5
cross; no reset

GUITAR II

G13

3-x-3-4-5-5
reveal B

GUITAR II

Dm11

x-5-5-5-6-5
one descending breath

GUITAR II

Dm11

x-5-5-5-6-5
threshold pulse

GUITAR II

G13sus

3-x-3-5-5-5
sus crossing

GUITAR II

G13

3-x-3-4-5-5
reveal B clearly

GUITAR II

Dm11

x-5-5-5-6-5
D returns under line

BAR 17

G13sus

SEAT-SPRING SQUEAK: two 16th dead-note rakes replace the second eighth-note slot

```
e| -10--12--x--x--12--10-----|
B| -----13--10-----|
G| -----12-----|
D| -----|
A| -----|
E| -----|
```

GUITAR II

G13sus

3-x-3-5-5-5
stay poised under squeak

BAR 18

G13

immediate dignity; broad tone

```
e| -----10--12--15--12-----|
B| -----12-----12-----|
G| -12-----12-----|
D| -----|
A| -----|
E| -----|
```

GUITAR II

G13

3-x-3-4-5-5
broad G13 swell

BAR 19

G13

threshold opens; crescendo

```
e| -----10--15--17--15-----|
B| -----12-----15-----|
G| -10-----|
D| -12-----|
A| -----|
E| -----|
```

GUITAR II

G13

3-x-3-4-5-5
hold from bar 18

BAR 20

Dm11

D arrives under the same descent

```
e| -13--10-----|
B| -----13--10-----|
G| -----12--10-----|
D| -----12-----|
A| -----12-----|
E| -----|
```

GUITAR II

Dm11

x-5-5-5-6-5
Dm11 landing

IV - Open-Air Release

BAR 21

Dm11

OPEN AIR; f, no compression

```
e| -----10--13--15--17--20--|
B| -----10-----|
G| -10-----|
D| -12-----|
A| -----|
E| -----|
```

GUITAR II

Dm11

10-x-10-10-8-10
wide whole-note glass

BAR 22

G13sus

sustain through harmonic change

```
e| -20--17-----17--15-----|
B| -----20--18-----15-----|
G| -----17-----|
D| -----|
A| -----|
E| -----|
```

GUITAR II

G13sus

3-x-3-5-5-5
sus beneath high line

BAR 23

G13

B is sunlight, not an exercise

```
e| -----15--19--17-----|
B| -15-----18--15-----|
G| -16-----16-----|
D| -----|
A| -----|
E| -----|
```

GUITAR II

G13

3-x-3-4-5-5
light B revelation

BAR 24

Dm11

release downward into D gravity

```
e| -17--13-----|
B| -----15--13-----|
G| -----14--12-----|
D| -----15--12-----|
A| -----|
E| -----|
```

GUITAR II

Dm11

10-x-10-10-8-10
wide Dm release

BAR 25

Dm11

second flight; phrase identity intact

```
e| -----13--17--15-----|
B| -----13-----15-----|
G| -14-----|
D| -12-----|
A| -12-----|
E| -----|
```

GUITAR II

Dm11

10-x-10-10-8-10
second wide flight

BAR 26 **G13sus**

suspension beneath continuous line

```

e|-----13--15--17--20--17-----|
B|13-----18--15-----|
G|-----|
D|-----|
A|-----|
E|-----|

```

BAR 27 **G13**

climax on E; B confirms opening

```

e|-----15--19--20--19-----|
B|15-----20--15-----|
G|16-----|
D|-----|
A|-----|
E|-----|

```

V - Transformed Return**BAR 28** **Dm11**

transformed return begins

```

e|17--15--13-----|
B|-----15--13-----|
G|-----14--12-----|
D|-----15-----|
A|-----|
E|-----|

```

BAR 29 **Dm11**

mp; wider air between accents

```

e|-----10--13-----|
B|-----10-----13-----|
G|10-----12-----|
D|12-----12-----|
A|-----|
E|-----|

```

BAR 30 **G13sus**

same contour, suspended meaning

```

e|-----10--13-----|
B|13-----13-----|
G|10-----12--10-----|
D|12-----|
A|-----|
E|-----|

```

BAR 31 **G13**

dominant meaning comes into focus

```

e|-----10--12--15-----|
B|12-----15--12-----|
G|12-----12-----|
D|-----|
A|-----|
E|-----|

```

BAR 32 **Dm11**

D receives it without closure yet

```

e|-----10--13--10-----|
B|10-----10-----|
G|10-----12-----|
D|-----12-----|
A|-----|
E|-----|

```

BAR 33 **Dm11**

original cell remembered, softer

```

e|-----5--8-----|
B|-----6-----8-----|
G|-----5-----7-----|
D|7-----|
A|5-----|
E|-----|

```

BAR 34 **Dm11**

continue toward final crossing

```

e|-----5--8--10--8-----|
B|6-----8-----|
G|5-----7-----|
D|-----|
A|-----|
E|-----|

```

GUITAR II**G13sus**3-x-3-5-5-5
sustain the crossing**GUITAR II****G13**3-x-3-4-5-5
reveal B; then thin**GUITAR II****Dm11**10-x-10-10-8-10
wide transformed return**GUITAR II****Dm11**x-5-5-5-6-5
narrow half-note swell**GUITAR II****G13sus**3-x-3-5-5-5
sus; no reset**GUITAR II****G13**3-x-3-4-5-5
reveal B quietly**GUITAR II****Dm11**x-5-5-5-6-5
D receives the phrase**GUITAR II****Dm11**x-5-5-5-6-5
memory; soft swell**GUITAR II****Dm11**x-5-5-5-6-5
hold; no re-strike

BAR 35

G13sus

F and C suspend; line does not stop

```
e|-----5--8--10-----|
B|-----6-----8-----|
G|-5-----7--5-----|
D|-----|
A|-----|
E|-----|
```

BAR 36

G13

B turns the same notes outward

```
e|-----3--7--5-----|
B|-----3--6-----3-----|
G|-4-----4-----|
D|-----|
A|-----|
E|-----|
```

BAR 37

Dm11

return to D; let the air remain

```
e|-----5--8--5-----|
B|-----6-----6-----|
G|-----5-----5-----|
D|-5-----|
A|-----|
E|-----|
```

BAR 38

Dm11(add9)

final D held; no C cadence

```
e|-----5--8-----|
B|-----5-----6-----|
G|-----5-----7-----|
D|-7-----7-----|
A|-----|
E|-----|
```

GUITAR II

G13sus

3-x-3-5-5-5
continuous sus

GUITAR II

G13

3-x-3-4-5-5
B opens the wall

GUITAR II

Dm11

x-5-5-5-6-5
return to D

GUITAR II

Dm11(add9)

x-5-7-5-5-5
final add9; no cadence



5. Song-Specific Performance Map & Capture Test

Bars	emotional task	execution
1-4	enclosed departure	Neck pickup, pp, pick near fingerboard. Restrict vibrato; phrases feel spoken inside a compartment.
5-12	gathering motion	Add pulse and mild delay. Preserve legato over every Dm/G border; never re-accent beat 1 automatically.
13-20	threshold crossing	Accent groupings drift across harmony. Bar 17 alone contains the Seat-Spring Squeak; it is one startled body-jolt, not a recurring lick.
21-27	open-air release	Open picking hand, stronger transient, wider stereo field. Climax is bar 27 E20; it is exposed but not fret-24 spectacle.
28-38	transformed return	Descend without shrinking. The final sus-to-third-to-D motion occupies bars 35-37; bar 38 leaves E as breathable 9.

Capture test and recording map

Lead continuity. Record one full pass in which no chord boundary causes a new attack, breath, or phrase reset. The D-F-G-B character must remain recognizable while its harmonic function changes beneath it.

Harmony guitar. Double only the chord chassis, not the melody. Let G13sus -> G13 register as one inner voice moving C to B, never as a new block chord.

Bass. D is enclosure; moving approach tones gather motion; G, B, and D in bars 35-37 make the threshold explicit without stealing the sentence.

Drums. The kit opens the carriage gradually. Bar 17 receives no comedy fill, and the kick disappears under bar 27 beat 1 so the high E stands in actual open air.

Space. Width follows the story: narrow compartment -> opening field -> changed, breathable home. Exact Plini X, Cells, routing, and print settings live only in the Production Appendix.

6. Practice / Assembly

1. Loop bars 4-7 and forbid yourself from accenting either chord change. The sentence, not the barline, controls breath.
2. Play D-F-G-B slowly over a held Dm11, then over G13. Name the function of every note aloud. Stop before it becomes a scale drill.
3. Record bars 13-20 with a click accent only on beat 1, then with the click displaced to beat 4. The phrase should retain its gait.
4. Practice bars 21-28 at 60 BPM with one pick attack per string change. Increase speed only after every slide and position transfer is inaudible.
5. Rehearse bars 35-38 as one exhalation: G13sus -> G13 -> Dm11 -> Dm11(add9). Never add C as a harmonic destination.

Professor / Sommelier Technical Tasting

Professor's diagnosis: D-F-G-B retains pitch identity while Dm11, G13sus, and G13 successively rename every note. The musical form is the legato crossing itself: G13sus withholds B, G13 reveals it, and the sentence finishes only after the border has moved beneath it.

Sommelier's palate: Enclosed D-minor smoke opens into G-dominant night air. B arrives like the first star rather than a theory answer. The final D keeps E as a breeze through the carriage, so home is recognizable but never walled again.

Forge IV Gold Ledger - OPEN CARRIAGE

Gold item	promoted law
The Border Carries the Sentence	A melodic phrase begins under one gravity, crosses the chord boundary without restart, and finishes under another.
Stable Cell / Changing Function	D-F-G-B retains pitch identity while harmony changes each note's emotional function.
Suspension Reveals the Third	G13sus withholds B; G13 reveals it. One inner-voice semitone can become the dramatic threshold.
Register as Architecture	Low enclosure -> mid-neck motion -> exposed upper air -> descent that retains openness.
Return Without Regression	The final D contains E (the 9th): home is recognizable but aerated by the journey.
Comic fingerprint: Seat-Spring Squeak	Exactly one compressed two-sixteenth dead-note rake in bar 17, followed immediately by poised melodic continuity.
Recording law	Stereo width follows emotional space: narrow compartment -> open air -> changed, breathable home.

Forge status: COMPLETE. Open Carriage contributes continuous harmonic crossing to Mercury's Crucible. Its Gold may inform Gold into Platinum later; its literal melody, tab route, voicings, and Seat-Spring Squeak remain song-specific.



SCHOLIUM XI

THE RIDER BENEATH THE METAPHOR



PYRAMID = STATION · DISC = CARRIAGE · BOOTS = BINDING · MUSIC = ADDRESS

THE CORPOREAL LAW. The field envelope—not a chair or chamber—preserves pressure, inertia, and local orientation around the rider-sized board. Magnetic boots fasten the body to six deck contacts. The pyramid remains; the carriage departs.

THE PROTECTIVE CROWN. The winged helmet is not a source of flight. Its folded vanes use residual field to orient a falling traveler and arrest only the final descent. The boot wings are heraldic and diagnostic, not propulsive.

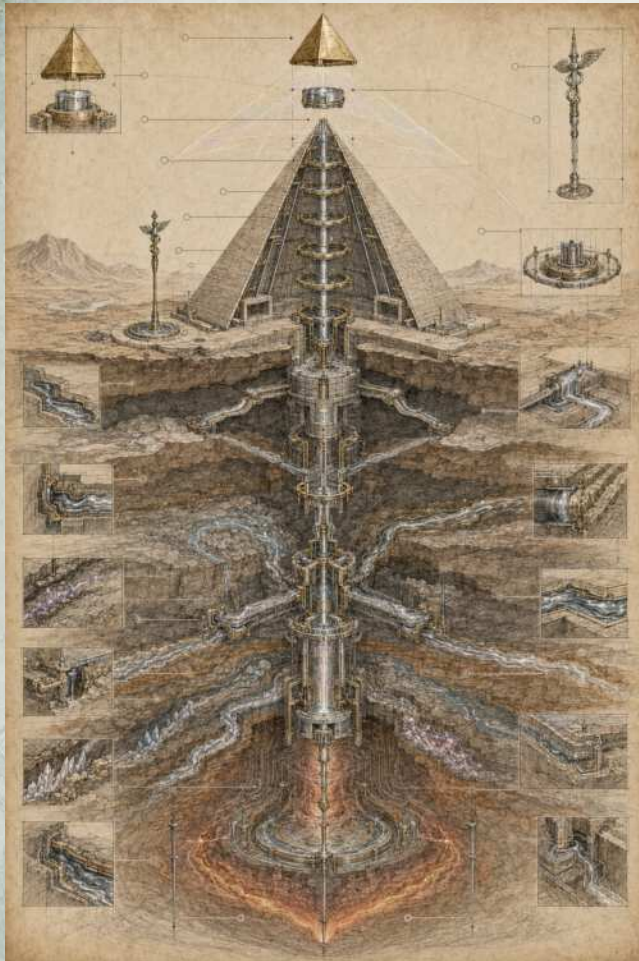
THE SCORE REMAINS SEALED. This technical interpretation changes no note, tablature, voicing, production setting, Gold Ledger item, or comic fingerprint in Forge IV.

IDENTITY STAYS; FUNCTION MOVES. THE STATION REMAINS; THE RIDER DEPARTS.

SCHOLIUM XII

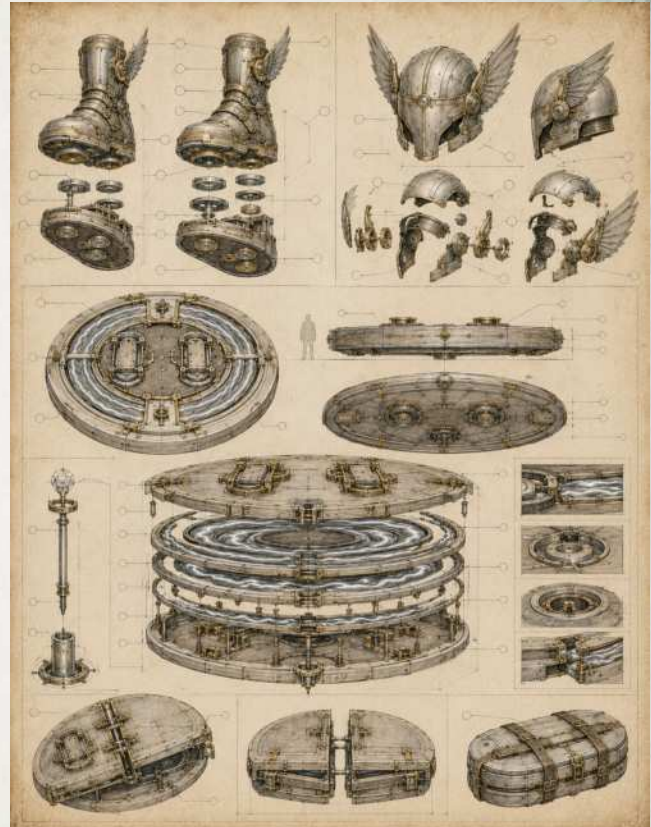
THE ENGINEERING COUNTERPOINT

STATIONARY PYRAMID ENGINE



Geology and djed gather and order the field.

PORTABLE OPEN CARRIAGE KIT



Board, boots, helmet, and Staff socket travel.

THE OPERATING CHAIN. A Staff set to $A = (j, q, \delta, k, n)$ docks into the djed. The Auric Crown Coupler closes the station circuit. Site geology supplies the fictional force; sealed mercury annuli tune; platinum contains; the played interval confirms the gate. When two stations agree within tolerance, the prismatic aperture opens and the compact disc couples to the shared boundary.

THE MUSICAL COUNTERPART. The same phrase need not restart when harmony renames its notes. The mechanical image does not replace the song's meaning; it incarnates the law already audible in the score.

THE FICTIONAL BOUNDARY. Underground rivers of mercury, the djed-caduceus machine, the crown circuit, field-coupled flight, and the emergency winged equipment belong to this story rather than historical engineering.

THE SCORE REMAINS SEALED; THE LATER APPARATUS REVEALS WHAT ITS LAW CAN CARRY.

FORGE IV — OPEN CARRIAGE

The route architecture, Staff socket, and Three Downs warning.

How does a traveler cross a border without taking a second breath?

Field	Controlled entry
Musical event	The same melodic identity crosses $Dm_{II} \rightarrow G_{I3sus} \rightarrow G_{I3} \rightarrow D$ without restarting. Scholium XI names the correspondences: Pyramid = station; Disc = carriage; Boots = binding; Music = address.
Extraction rule	Perform the line continuously while another player changes the harmonic ground. The unchanged melodic identity activates the carriage rail; the sus-to-third motion identifies the permission change; the final D with E retained proves return without regression.
Reveals	The hidden operating plate beneath Scholium XII: Open Carriage board geometry, Staff socket, finite-air warning, route address, and a specific caution about the Three Downs transfer chamber.
Competencies	Field, Carriage, Second Helm.
Equipment relation	The Carriage is a supervised system, not personal gear. The Phase Helmet, boots, Staff, and destination answer must all be current before the board can be energized.
Proof condition	Xavier completes a witnessed no-restart performance and then demonstrates pressure, tether, destination-confirmation, and finite-air procedure.
Failure response	A solo performance can reveal the diagram but not the route. The display reads DESTINATION WITNESS ABSENT.

Hint ladder

HINT 1: Do not stop at the chord boundary.

HINT 2: One player must remain continuous while another changes the world around the line.

HINT 3: The route opens only when the witness can withhold the harmonic release.

Reader rule: the first hint may appear in the main text, the second in a marginal note, and the third only after Xavier records a failed attempt.

FORGE IV WITNESS LEDGER — OPEN CARRIAGE

The music proves only that the musical condition has been met. The following ledger records whether Xavier has earned the corresponding lived competency.

FIELD	CONTROLLED ENTRY
Forge yield	Route architecture / Staff socket / Three Downs warning
Competencies	Field · Carriage · Second Helm
Musical evidence	Take / date / file hash / tempo / tuning / deviations: _____
Transformation explained	In Xavier's own words: _____ _____
Lived evidence	Keep the musical line continuous across changing harmonic jurisdiction; demonstrate pressure, finite-air, destination-consent, and route-abort discipline.
Independent witness	Name / role / source chain: _____ _____
Witness finding	ACCEPTED / CONDITIONAL / REPEAT / REFUSED (circle one)
Reason retained	_____ _____
Veto boundary	The destination and the second helm retain independent refusal. No musical solution overrides either.
Next reversible step	_____ _____

WITNESS SENTENCE

I confirm only the evidence I directly witnessed. I retain the right to disagree with the interpretation and to withhold the next step.

Candidate signature: _____ Witness signature:

Date: _____ Record ID / hash: _____



MERCURY'S CRUCIBLE // FORGE 5

GOLD INTO PLATINUM

TALE V // THE TREE THAT WOULD NOT KEEP GOLD

SUMMONING > CONVERGENCE > TRANSMUTATION > WEIGHTLESS PLATINUM > EMBODIED RETURN

CRUCIBLE: THE ROOTS // FORGE: TRANSMUTATION // YIELD: EMBODIED RETURN

When the tree releases platinum, whose body does the melody remember?



MERCURY'S CRUCIBLE - FORGE V

GOLD INTO PLATINUM

A Mercurial Manuscript for standard-tuned six-string guitar

E-A-D-G-B-e | 4/4 except Bar 14 | q = 72 | straight eighths, with human breath

3:2 LIVING ALLOY

The Alloy Law

A melody becomes mercurial not by abandoning its identity, but by allowing harmony, register, rhythm, density, and gravity to rename it.

The melodic being is **E-G-B-A**, called the **Living Alloy**. Its identity is the contour and dramatic grammar: rise a minor third, rise a major third, fall a whole step. Harmony, register, rhythm, and density may change around it, but the listener must still recognize its face.

The four Gold laws are fused as follows:

- **Glass and Grease:** one identity may inhabit radiance and body.
- **Antimatter Stair:** identity survives harmonic reclassification.
- **The Miller Transit:** melody departs, rises, reverses, and returns changed.
- **Open Carriage:** the sentence crosses the harmonic border without restarting.

Forge V alloy: Keep the creature; change the world around it.

Formal and Emotional Route

Bars	State	Emotional action	Dynamic
1-4	Summoning	The Living Alloy appears as a distant name, first over C-light, then under D/Am gravity.	p to mp
5-10	Convergence	Radiance and body approach one another; phrases begin before the harmony and finish after it.	mp to mf
11-18	Transmutation	Register, meter, density, and tonal meaning change. Bar 14 contains the sole comic fingerprint.	mf to f, then sudden air
19-24	Weightless platinum state	The climax removes weight: wide intervals, long values, translucent harmony, no virtuoso escalation.	luminous mp, huge space
25-28	Embodied return	The melody descends into the hands and body; D becomes home without repeating any earlier Forge ending.	mf to niente

Exact Harmony and Guitar Voicings

String order is **E-A-D-G-B-e**. x means mute. Let common tones ring whenever the voicing change permits.

Symbol	Voicing	Function
Cmaj9#11/E	0-3-4-4-3-0	C cathedral acknowledged from inside an E bass
Dm9/A	x-0-3-2-1-0	D-minor gravity without root-weight
Am9/C	x-3-5-5-5-7	A-minor memory seen through C
E7sus4/B	x-2-2-2-3-0	first threshold; dominant energy withheld
Fmaj9#11/A	x-0-3-0-0-0	glass gaining a human pulse
G6/9	3-x-2-2-3-5	grounded convergence, neither boogie quotation nor sus cadence
Em11	0-2-0-0-3-0	the Alloy becomes chord-body
A13sus	x-0-5-7-7-7	forward pressure without Forge IV's G mechanism
Cm(maj9)	x-3-5-4-4-3	first true transmutation: familiar contour in impossible dusk
Dbmaj9#11	x-4-5-5-4-4	outside air; move as one quiet shape
Bb6/9/D	x-5-3-5-3-3	the strange harmony grows bodily
Emaj(add4)/G#	4-x-2-1-0-0	gold flashes white without getting louder
Cmaj7#11/D	x-5-4-4-0-0	platinum suspension: C-light floating over D
Am11/E	0-0-5-5-3-5	weightless minor gravity
Fmaj7#11/C	x-3-3-2-0-0	open-air reflection
G6(add9)/D	x-5-5-4-5-5	gravity slowly returns
Dm6/9	x-5-3-4-5-5	D embodied, still mercurial
D5(add9)/A	x-0-0-2-3-0	final arrival: D without declaring major or minor

Harmonic overview - analysis only

Cmaj9#11/E	Dm9/A	Am9/C	E7sus4/B			
Fmaj9#11/A	G6/9	Em11	A13sus	Fmaj9#11/A	G6/9	
Cm(maj9)	Dbmaj9#11	Bb6/9/D	Emaj(add4)/G# (3/4)	Cmaj7#11/D	Am11/E	Fmaj7#11/C
G6(add9)/D						
Cmaj7#11/D	Am11/E	Fmaj7#11/C	G6(add9)/D	Cmaj7#11/D	Dm6/9	
Bb6/9/D	Fmaj7#11/C	Dm6/9	D5(add9)/A			

Tablature Key

Durations: w whole, h half, q quarter, e eighth, s sixteenth, dq dotted quarter. ~ vibrato, / slide, h hammer, p pull, <> natural harmonic, x dead note. Notes that tie across a bar are marked ->; do not reattack them.

All six strings are printed in every staff. The low A and E lines remain visibly empty until the Embodied Return; their absence is intentional. When the A string finally enters in Bars 27-28, body returns to the Living Alloy.

The harmonic overview above names the composition's chord sequence. It is not the Guitar II performance part; the next page gives the exact grip and comping action for every bar.

Guitar II

Complete harmonic bed

Use the printed grip once at the stated entrance, then obey the action column. Let common tones ring whenever the voicing change permits. Guitar II supplies gravity, pulse, and breath; it never becomes a second lead.

Bar	Chord	Shape	Comping action
1	Cmaj9#11/E	0-3-4-4-3-0	one distant swell
2	Dm9/A	x-0-3-2-1-0	revoice softly; no accent
3	Am9/C	x-3-5-5-5-7	enter once; sustain across the phrase
4	E7sus4/B	x-2-2-2-3-0	change beneath the tied A
5	Fmaj9#11/A	x-0-3-0-0-0	thumb-and-fingers swell
6	G6/9	3-x-2-2-3-5	one bodily pulse
7	Em11	0-2-0-0-3-0	low swell; let it cross
8	A13sus	x-0-5-7-7-7	change beneath the unfinished phrase
9	Fmaj9#11/A	x-0-3-0-0-0	first-rotation swell
10	G6/9	3-x-2-2-3-5	one brief body pulse
11	Cm(maj9)	x-3-5-4-4-3	one dark chord and low answer
12	Dbmaj9#11	x-4-5-5-4-4	move as one quiet shape
13	Bb6/9/D	x-5-3-5-3-3	one growing swell; no repeated stabs
14	Emaj(add4)/G#	4-x-2-1-0-0	one clipped 3/4 attack; no second joke

Complete harmonic bed - continued

Bar	Chord	Shape	Comping action
15	Cmaj7#11/D	x-5-4-4-0-0	enter after the harmonic blooms
16	Am11/E	0-0-5-5-3-5	one widened whole-bar swell
17	Fmaj7#11/C	x-3-3-2-0-0	enter once; preserve the melodic tie
18	G6(add9)/D	x-5-5-4-5-5	move inner voices without a new attack gesture
19	Cmaj7#11/D	x-5-4-4-0-0	enter after the melody, on beat 2
20	Am11/E	0-0-5-5-3-5	enter after the melody, on beat 2
21	Fmaj7#11/C	x-3-3-2-0-0	half-beat-late illumination
22	G6(add9)/D	x-5-5-4-5-5	half-beat-late illumination
23	Cmaj7#11/D	x-5-4-4-0-0	wait for the harmonic; swell beneath its decay
24	Dm6/9	x-5-3-4-5-5	one soft pulse as platinum regains weight
25	Bb6/9/D	x-5-3-5-3-3	fingerpick bass, then quiet upper dyad
26	Fmaj7#11/C	x-3-3-2-0-0	change the bass; keep the sentence connected
27	Dm6/9	x-5-3-4-5-5	quarter-note body; do not double the lead's B
28	D5(add9)/A	x-0-0-2-3-0	strike once and hold to silence

Complete Bar-by-Bar Lead Tablature

I. Summoning - Bars 1-4

Bar 1 - Cmaj9#11/E

Living Alloy, distant

e|-----0(q)-----|
B|-----0(q)-----|
G|---0(q)-----2(q)---|
D|2(q)-----|
A|-----|
E|-----|

E-G-B-A; let every note overlap

GUITAR II

Cmaj9#11/E
0-3-4-4-3-0
one distant swell

Bar 2 - Dm9/A

identity renamed

e|-----|
B|-----0(q)-----|
G|-----4(q)-----|
D|2(q)-5(q)-----7(q)->|
A|-----|
E|-----|

E-G-B-A, warmer and heavier

GUITAR II

Dm9/A
x-0-3-2-1-0
revoice softly; no accent

Bar 3 - Am9/C

one sentence crosses the next bar

e|-----|
B|-----5(q)-----|
G|---4(q)-5(e)-7(e)---|
D|7(q)-----|
A|-----|
E|-----|

A-B-C-D-E compressed into one breath

GUITAR II

Am9/C
x-3-5-5-5-7
enter once; sustain across the phrase

Bar 4 - E7sus4/B

do not reset at the chord

e|0(q)-----|
B|---3(q)-0(q)---|
G|-----2(q)-----|
D|-----|
A|-----|
E|-----|

tied A from Bar 3 resolves into E-D-B-A

GUITAR II

E7sus4/B
x-2-2-2-3-0
change beneath the tied A

II. Convergence - Bars 5-10

Bar 5 - Fmaj9#11/A

```
e|-----|
B|0(q)-----3(q)-----|
G|---0(q)-2(q)-----|
D|-----|
A|-----|
E|-----|
```

E-G-A-D; cell opens toward motion

GUITAR II

Fmaj9#11/A

x-0-3-0-0-0
thumb-and-fingers swell

Bar 6 - G6/9

```
e|-----3(e)-5(e)-3(q)-----|
B|0(q)-----3(q)-----|
G|-----|
D|-----|
A|-----|
E|-----|
```

B-D-G-D; rhythmic body arrives

GUITAR II

G6/9

3-x-2-2-3-5
one bodily pulse

Bar 7 - Em11

phrase begins low and leaves unfinished

```
e|-----|
B|-----0(q)-----|
G|-----2(q)-----|
D|2(q)-5(q)----->|
A|-----|
E|-----|
```

E-G-A-B; final B points across

GUITAR II

Em11

0-2-0-0-3-0
low swell; let it cross

Bar 8 - A13sus

crossing, no breath on beat 1

```
e|0(q)-3(q)-----|
B|-----3(q)-5(q)-----|
G|-----|
D|-----|
A|-----|
E|-----|
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E-G-D-E; A harmony changes its meaning

GUITAR II

A13sus

x-0-5-7-7-7
change beneath the unfinished phrase

Bar 9 - Fmaj9#11/A

first rotation

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e|5(q)-7(q)-----|
B|-----8(q)-5(q)-----|
G|-----|
D|-----|
A|-----|
E|-----|
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A-B-G-E = rotation, not sequence

GUITAR II

Fmaj9#11/A

x-0-3-0-0-0
first-rotation swell

Bar 10 - G6/9

blue fracture, once only

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e|-----|
B|5(q)-6(e)-5(e)-3(q)-----|
G|-----4(q)-----|
D|-----|
A|-----|
E|-----|
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E-F-E-D-B; F is the single blue wound

GUITAR II

G6/9

3-x-2-2-3-5
one brief body pulse

III. Transmutation - Bars 11-18

Bar 11 - Cm(maj9)

e|3(q)-7(q)-8(q)-5(q)-----|
B|-----|
G|-----|
D|-----|
A|-----|
E|-----|

G-B-C-A; the Alloy remembers itself

GUITAR II

Cm(maj9)

x-3-5-4-4-3
one dark chord and low answer

Bar 12 - Dbmaj9#11

e|7(q)-9(q)-----|
B|-----9(q)-7(q)-----|
G|-----|
D|-----|
A|-----|
E|-----|

continuous harmonic border

B-C#-G#-F#; contour survives, pitches molt

GUITAR II

Dbmaj9#11

x-4-5-5-4-4
move as one quiet shape

Bar 13 - Bb6/9/D

e|-----|
B|6(e)-8(e)-10(q)-8(e)-6(e)---|
G|-----7(q)|
D|-----|
A|-----|
E|-----|

density gathers, not speed

F-G-A-G-F-D

GUITAR II

Bb6/9/D

x-5-3-5-3-3
one growing swell; no repeated stabs

Bar 14 - Emaj(add4)/G# - 3/4

e|-----|
B|---x(s)-----0(q)-----|
G|x(s)-----1(e)-----|
D|-----2(q)---|
A|-----|
E|-----|

THE BELLYBUTTON HICCUP (sole comic fingerprint)

tiny muted rake lands one sixteenth late
recover instantly; total bar = 3/4

GUITAR II

Emaj(add4)/G#

4-x-2-1-0-0
one clipped 3/4 attack; no second joke

Bar 15 - Cmaj7#11/D

e|<12>(h)-----|
B|-----<12>(q)-----|
G|-----<12>(q)-----|
D|-----|
A|-----|
E|-----|

air after the hiccup

do not wink; form has already resumed

GUITAR II

Cmaj7#11/D

x-5-4-4-0-0
enter after the harmonic blooms

Bar 16 - Am11/E

e|7(q)-----12(h)-----|
B|---8(q)-----|
G|-----|
D|-----|
A|-----|
E|-----|

ascent begins by widening

B-G-E: absence of A creates hunger

GUITAR II

Am11/E

0-0-5-5-3-5
one widened whole-bar swell

III. Transmutation - continued

Bar 17 - Fmaj7#11/C

e| 12(q) - 15(q) - 19(h) -----|
B| -----|
G| -----|
D| -----|
A| -----|
E| -----|

E-G-B, the first three Alloy notes exposed

GUITAR II

Fmaj7#11/C

x-3-3-2-0-0

enter once; preserve the melodic tie

Bar 18 - G6(add9)/D

e| 19(h) ---- 17(q) - 15(q) -----|
B| -----|
G| -----|
D| -----|
A| -----|
E| -----|

transmutation completes across the border

B-A-G; B was born in Bar 17, renamed here

GUITAR II

G6(add9)/D

x-5-5-4-5-5

move inner voices without a new attack gesture

IV. Weightless Platinum State - Bars 19-24

Bar 19 - Cmaj7#11/D

e| 12(h) -----|
B| ----- 15(h) -----|
G| -----|
D| -----|
A| -----|
E| -----|

platinum is subtraction

E-D, two notes and enormous sky

GUITAR II

Cmaj7#11/D

x-5-4-4-0-0

enter after the melody, on beat 2

Bar 20 - Am11/E

e| 15(h) ----- 12(h) -----|
B| -----|
G| -----|
D| -----|
A| -----|
E| -----|

G-E; the Alloy dispersed into pairs

GUITAR II

Am11/E

0-0-5-5-3-5

enter after the melody, on beat 2

Bar 21 - Fmaj7#11/C

e| -----|
B| 12(q) ----- 10(q) -----|
G| ----- 12(q) ----- 9(q) -----|
D| -----|
A| -----|
E| -----|

B-G-A-E; inverted spatial order

GUITAR II

Fmaj7#11/C

x-3-3-2-0-0

half-beat-late illumination

Bar 22 - G6(add9)/D

e| 12(dq) -----|
B| ----- 12(e) - 10(q) -----|
G| ----- 12(q) -----|
D| -----|
A| -----|
E| -----|

E-B-A-G; gravity is present but weightless

GUITAR II

G6(add9)/D

x-5-5-4-5-5

half-beat-late illumination

IV. Weightless Platinum State - continued

Bar 23 - Cmaj7#11/D

silent center

e|<12>(w)-----| one harmonic; accompaniment swells after it

B|-----|
G|-----|
D|-----|
A|-----|
E|-----|

GUITAR II

Cmaj7#11/D

x-5-4-4-0-0

wait for the harmonic; swell beneath its decay

Bar 24 - Dm6/9

platinum acquires a pulse

e|12(q)-10(q)-----|
B|-----12(q)-10(q)-----| E-D-B-A; Alloy reversed without negation

G|-----|
D|-----|
A|-----|
E|-----|

GUITAR II

Dm6/9

x-5-3-4-5-5

one soft pulse as platinum regains weight

V. Embodied Return - Bars 25-28

Bar 25 - Bb6/9/D

e|-----|
B|10(q)-8(q)-----|
G|-----9(q)-7(q)-----|
D|-----|
A|-----|
E|-----|

A-G-E-D; descending into the middle strings

GUITAR II

Bb6/9/D

x-5-3-5-3-3

fingpick bass, then quiet upper dyad

Bar 26 - Fmaj7#11/C

sentence continues through the bass change

e|-----|
B|-----|
G|7(q)-9(q)-----|
D|-----10(q)-7(q)-----|
A|-----|
E|-----|

D-E-C-A

GUITAR II

Fmaj7#11/C

x-3-3-2-0-0

change the bass; keep the sentence connected

Bar 27 - Dm6/9

final whole statement, embodied

e|-----|
B|-----|
G|0(q)-----2(q)-----|
D|---2(q)-----|
A|-----2(q)-----|
E|-----|

G-E-B-A: the Living Alloy on adjacent bodies

GUITAR II

Dm6/9

x-5-3-4-5-5

quarter pulse; avoid lead B

Bar 28 - D5(add9)/A

fifth ending: neither major nor minor

e|0(h)-----|
B|---3(q)-----|
G|-----2(q)-----|
D|0(w)-----|
A|0(w)-----|
E|-----|

E-D-A; let the fretted A outlive the open E
D sounds from beat 1; no dominant preparation
final color: root, fifth, ninth - an open door

GUITAR II

D5(add9)/A

x-0-0-2-3-0

strike once and hold to silence

Song-Specific Performance Map & Capture Test

Rhythm Guitar, Attack, and Phrase Crossing

- **Bars 1-10:** swell once per bar through Summoning; at Bar 5, change to thumb-and-fingers body without replaying Forge I's boogie surface.
 - **Bars 11-18:** use one soft chord and low-string answer, then return to long swells. Bar 14 receives no second joke; the tie across Bars 17-18 must change ownership without reattack.
 - **Bars 19-24:** chords enter after the melody, sometimes by half a beat. Platinum is the sensation that the harmony is being illuminated by the note rather than supporting it.
 - **Bars 25-28:** fingerpicked quarter-note bass, quiet upper dyads. Bar 28 is struck once; no final flourish.
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Technique

- Favor slides and position shifts that preserve vocal continuity. Vibrato is narrow before Bar 18, almost absent in platinum, then human and slightly wider in Bars 25-28.
 - Allow sympathetic open E, B, and D where clean. Mute them during Cm(maj9) and Dbmaj9#11 so the strange air remains intentional.
 - Bar 14 must be genuinely tiny: one accidental-looking bodily interruption, then dignity restored before anyone can applaud the joke.
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Lead guitar arc

- **Summoning:** make E-G-B-A feel named rather than stated. The first four bars are breath and recognition, not a hook announcement.
- **Convergence:** let pick grain and rhythmic body approach the glass without dividing the song into clean and dirty sections.
- **Transmutation:** change register, density, and gravity around the Living Alloy while preserving its emotional syntax.
- **Platinum:** at Bar 19, become smaller while the room becomes larger. Silence and note-decay are now equal voices.
- **Embodied return:** narrow the gesture and bring the melody back to adjacent strings, audible fingertips, and human vibrato.

Arrangement

- **Bass:** begin after Bar 4. Use roots sparingly and favor inversions already named by the chord symbols. In Bars 19-23, omit bass on beat 1.
- **Drums:** brushes/cross-stick in convergence; tom breath in transmutation; cymbal swells without crash in platinum. Bar 14 receives no comedic punctuation.
- **Atmosphere:** Keys/ROLI holds one upper color per chord; Cells may supply string-air in Bars 19-24. Never double the full lead; an octave shadow may enter only on the last note of Bars 18, 23, and 28.

Capture test

Record the lead as five complete sectional performances, then attempt one uninterrupted pass. Preserve the pass in which the Living Alloy remains a single remembered being through every renaming, even if another take is microscopically cleaner. This song's thesis is survival across borders.

Professor / Sommelier Technical Tasting

Professor's diagnosis: E-G-B-A survives because contour and emotional grammar remain stable while harmony, register, rhythm, density, and gravity rename it. The platinum climax is a formal subtraction: culmination arrives through simultaneity, silence, and loss of weight rather than compulsory speed, height, or loudness.

Sommelier's palate: Golden body and cathedral light converge, flash into white metal, then open into a silent high-register finish. D-A-E closes without a third: mineral, embodied, and unresolved enough to keep breathing after the glass is empty.

Forge V Gold Ledger - GOLD INTO PLATINUM

Promoted to HG Gold

1. **The Living Alloy:** a short melodic being defined by contour and emotional grammar rather than fixed pitch or fretboard position.
2. **Renaming by gravity:** sustain a note or phrase across the harmonic boundary so its function changes without reattack.
3. **Platinum climax:** achieve culmination through transparency, harmonic simultaneity, silence, and loss of weight - not compulsory speed, height, density, or volume.
4. **Embodied return:** after abstraction, return the melody to adjacent strings, middle register, tactile attack, and audible breath.
5. **The fifth ending:** arrive on D5 (add9) / A, withholding the third. D is definitive as place, open as identity.
6. **Comic fingerprint - The Bellybutton Hiccup:** exactly one 3/4 bar with a tiny muted rake landing one sixteenth late, followed immediately by immaculate form.

Not promoted

No individual lick or precise chord sequence becomes a reusable seal. The harmonic shapes remain available as ordinary voicings, but this route and cadence belong only to Gold into Platinum.



The Platinum Seal

Final Mercury's Crucible EP Ledger

Forge	What it contributed	What Gold into Platinum transformed
I - Glass and Grease	Cathedral shimmer against bodily groove; elegance and grease as transformable states.	Separated transformation from the earlier C/G surface. Glass became attack and space; grease became pulse and physical return.
II - Antimatter Stair	Pentatonic identity across moving harmony; crystalline rotation, blue fracture, controlled inside/outside travel.	Reduced the lesson mechanism to identity-under-reclassification. One blue wound remains; the earlier portal, codes, and rotations are not repeated.
III - The Miller Transit	Melody-first departure, ascent, exposed climax, reversal, transformed return.	Converted the route into the song's deep dramatic skeleton. The climax became weightlessness rather than altitude itself.
IV - Open Carriage	A continuous melodic identity crossing harmonic borders while changing function.	Expanded chord-crossing into total transformation across harmony, register, rhythm, density, and tonal gravity.
V - Gold into Platinum	Transformation without loss of identity.	The four laws cease to be lessons and become one language: keep the creature; change the world around it.

The EP's completed arc

Glass learned to move. Five notes learned to mutate. Melody learned to travel. A phrase learned to cross the border. In the fifth forge, identity itself learned to survive transformation.

Mercury's Crucible ends not with a locked answer but with D, A, and E sounding together: body, axis, and open sky. Gold has not become richer gold. It has become another state of matter.

PLATINUM SEAL: COMPLETE



FORGE V — GOLD INTO PLATINUM

The Dual Staff authorization and Black Knight candidate dossier.

What survives refinement because it was never hidden from the fire?

Field	Controlled entry
Musical event	Four offerings converge and transmute. The body returns to melody only after the earlier Gold Ledgers are present and their failures remain legible.
Extraction rule	Present all prior ledgers, including rejected takes and witness dissents. The four offerings are not objects; they are preserved evidence, embodied skill, independent witness, and open revision. Their common checksum releases the final record.
Reveals	A concealed master compartment in the Crucible base containing the Dual Staff authorization schema, the Mercurial seal, and the authenticated application channel to the Black Knight Earth Liaison.
Competencies	All seven competencies.
Equipment relation	The Staff's two channels cannot be fully activated by one holder. The dossier proves candidate history; it does not grant office, berth, route, or station command.
Proof condition	Xavier submits the Crucible-17 incident, his model error, the failed tether trial, and the witness veto alongside his successful performances.
Failure response	Any sanitized dossier returns ALIGNMENT INCOMPLETE — FAILURE RECORD NOT PRESENT.

Hint ladder

HINT 1: Count ledgers, not treasures.

HINT 2: Gold is the attractive story; platinum is the record that survives heat.

HINT 3: The missing offering is always the evidence Xavier most wants to omit.

Reader rule: the first hint may appear in the main text, the second in a marginal note, and the third only after Xavier records a failed attempt.

FORGE V WITNESS LEDGER — GOLD INTO PLATINUM

The music proves only that the musical condition has been met. The following ledger records whether Xavier has earned the corresponding lived competency.

FIELD	CONTROLLED ENTRY
Forge yield	Dual Staff authorization / Black Knight candidate dossier
Competencies	Baseline · Branch · Mask · Field · Carriage · Second Helm
Musical evidence	Take / date / file hash / tempo / tuning / deviations: _____
Transformation explained	In Xavier's own words: _____ _____
Lived evidence	Submit all earlier ledgers, including failures and vetoes; show that refinement preserves the record rather than polishing away inconvenient evidence.
Independent witness	Name / role / source chain: _____ _____
Witness finding	ACCEPTED / CONDITIONAL / REPEAT / REFUSED (circle one)
Reason retained	_____ _____
Veto boundary	Completion authorizes application review only. It does not confer operator status, equipment ownership, or a berth.
Next reversible step	_____ _____

WITNESS SENTENCE

I confirm only the evidence I directly witnessed. I retain the right to disagree with the interpretation and to withhold the next step.

Candidate signature: _____ Witness signature:

Date: _____ Record ID / hash: _____

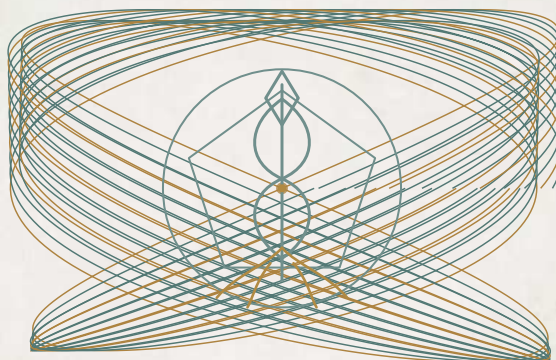
EQUIPMENT, CLUES, AND RIGHTS



Item	First clue	What Xavier must earn	Who authorizes use
Witness Key	Forge I	Independent witness relationship and chain-of-custody discipline.	The second witness and the relevant record custodian.
Phase Helmet	Forge II	Sensory, vestibular, radiation, and phase-overload training.	Black Knight safety staff / certified trainer.
Inertial Boots	Forge III	Tether, rotation, traction, and failed-recovery drills.	Training lead and station safety.
Open Carriage	Forge IV	Pressure, route, finite-air, destination consent, and crew procedure.	Origin and destination authorities together.
Dual Staff	Forge V	All ledgers plus second-operator competency.	Two independently credentialed channels.
Thermal-Radiation Cloak	Field emergency	Crucible-17 conduct and heat-load training.	Safety board after incident review.
Mercury Hazard Kit	Immediate	Standard hazardous-material practice.	Ordinary site safety; no mysticism.

Canonical distinction

The codex may tell Xavier where an obsolete prototype, drawing, or key is hidden. It never retroactively makes the object safe, current, or his. Every artifact carries provenance, revision, inspection, and jurisdiction.



PLINI X + CELLS

PRODUCTION SETTINGS APPENDIX

FIVE FORGES / ONE GUITAR VOICE / ONE ATMOSPHERIC INSTRUMENT

Just Plini. Just Cells.

Neural DSP Archetype: Plini X
Spitfire Audio - Ólafur Arnalds Cells

Exact recording settings and one-hand Cells note holds
No new piano composition. No competing atmosphere.

THE SIGNAL LAW

GLOBAL CALIBRATION AND CELLS PERFORMANCE LEGEND

PELINI X GLOBAL



ABLETON

48 kHz / 24-bit. Use a 128-sample buffer while recording. Record the DI so the hardest chord peaks near -12 dBFS. Processed lead target: about -9 dBFS.

PLUGIN

Input 0.0 dB | Mono | Transpose 0 | Doubler Off | Octaver Off. Gate Off except the Grease chain. Start Amp Output at 5.0, then level-match without changing tone.
○ clean / silver | ☾ crunch / white | ● lead / red.
Amp knobs are shown on a 0-10 scale. Effects are percentages unless a time or frequency is printed.

CELLS GLOBAL



ONE INSTRUMENT

Cells is the only atmospheric library in the EP. Use the named Cells: Full Band behavior for each Forge: the written notes are held while the sampled players move internally. The Sub instrument is excluded; any future Sub part will be separately notated as an 808-style bass voice.

CONTROLS INSIDE CELLS

The two left faders are Dynamics (CC1) and Expression (CC11). Assign the large central knob to Attack. Release (CC17) and Reverb (CC19) are default MIDI controls; they need not appear as simultaneous on-screen knobs. CC64 is sustain.

CONTROLS IN ABLETON

Track level, Utility Width, HPF, LPF, and changing automation lanes belong to Ableton. They are not hidden Cells controls. C4 means middle C; play only the printed note names.

ROLI STATE

Single Channel | Channel 1 | Bend Range 2 | Semitone Legato Off | softened Strike response.

CELLS PERFORMANCE LEGEND



HOLD

Press once and sustain with CC64. Let Cells provide the internal movement.

RE-STRIKE

Release and play the same notes at the next major formal entrance, not at every chord change.

EXPRESSION SWELL

Keep the keys held and move CC11 gradually. Do not add an arpeggio pattern.

ONE NOTE IS ALLOWED

If two notes cloud the guitar, keep only the upper color tone.

THE BOUNDARY

The guitar remains the emotional narrator. Cells supplies air, gravity, and continuity only. Stratus and Albion Solstice are reserved for later work.



GLOBAL S2 SIGNAL LAW / GUITAR BODY TO STRING AIR

THE PENNI X AMP RECALL

EXACT LUNAR STATE AND KNOB POSITIONS FOR EVERY FORGE



I / GLASS

○ CLEAN

BRIGHT ON

GAIN
2.4BASS
4.0MID
5.2TREBLE
6.1MASTER
6.2PRESENCE
4.5LEVEL
54%

I / GREASE

○ CRUNCH

BRIGHT OFF

GAIN
2.5BASS
4.8MID
6.3TREBLE
4.8MASTER
6.0PRESENCE
4.0LEVEL
57%

II / STAIR

○ CLEAN

BRIGHT ON

GAIN
2.6BASS
4.0MID
5.6TREBLE
6.2MASTER
6.0PRESENCE
4.8LEVEL
53%

III / TRANSIT

○ CLEAN

BRIGHT OFF

GAIN
3.1BASS
4.2MID
6.0TREBLE
5.4MASTER
6.2PRESENCE
4.4LEVEL
54%

IV / CARRIAGE

○ CLEAN

BRIGHT OFF

GAIN
3.0BASS
4.0MID
5.7TREBLE
5.6MASTER
6.2PRESENCE
4.6LEVEL
55%

V / PLATINUM

○ CLEAN

BRIGHT ON

GAIN
2.7BASS
4.0MID
5.8TREBLE
5.6MASTER
6.5PRESENCE
4.2LEVEL
54%

When you begin, begin from Default, then match every pointer and printed value. Output remains 0.0 dB unless a Forge says otherwise.

THE PRINI X FULL CHAIN RECALL 1



EVERY ACTIVE CONTROL AND EVERY INTENTIONAL BYPASS

I / GLASS

STATIC GLASS AIR

PRE



COMP

28%



LEVEL

54%



GATE

OFF

CHORUS SPATIAL



RATE

10



DEPTH

18



MIX

7

DELAY / PING-PONG ON



MIX

14



FBK

20



TONE

55



TIME

1/8D



SAT

4



MOD

6

REVERB



MIX

18



SPACE

78



DECAY

60



HPF

180



LPF

7.5k

NINE-BAND EQ dB



65

-6



125

-2



250

-1



500

-0.5



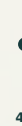
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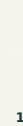
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16K

-4

CAB



POSITION

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DISTANCE

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HPF

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LPF

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OCTAVER OFF / DRIVE OFF

PRE DELAY OFF / DOUBLER OFF

TRANPOSE 0 / INPUT MONO

I / GREASE

STATIC TACTILE ROOM

PRE



COMP

52%



LEVEL

57%



GATE

ON -55 dB

CHORUS

OFF

DELAY / PING-PONG OFF



MIX

5



FBK

8



TONE

38



TIME

95 ms



SAT

0



MOD

0

REVERB



MIX

5



SPACE

30



DECAY

22



HPF

220



LPF

6.5k

NINE-BAND EQ dB



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-6



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-1



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+1



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+1



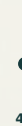
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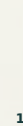
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16K

-6

CAB



POSITION

0.40



DISTANCE

0.08



HPF

90



LPF

7.5k

OCTAVER OFF / DRIVE OFF

PRE DELAY OFF / DOUBLER OFF

TRANPOSE 0 / INPUT MONO

II / STAIR

B13-18 RVB 9 / SPACE 65; B19 RESET

PRE



COMP

30%



LEVEL

53%



GATE

OFF

CHORUS

OFF

DELAY / PING-PONG OFF



MIX

3



FBK

5



TONE

45



TIME

85 ms



SAT

0



MOD

0

REVERB



MIX

5



SPACE

42



DECAY

26



HPF

190



LPF

7k

NINE-BAND EQ dB



65

-6



125

-2



250

-1



500

+0



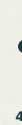
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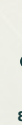
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4K

+1



8K

-1



16K

-6

CAB



POSITION

0.52



DISTANCE

0.10



HPF

85



LPF

8.5k

OCTAVER OFF / DRIVE OFF

PRE DELAY OFF / DOUBLER OFF

TRANPOSE 0 / INPUT MONO

THE PENIN X FULL CHAIN RECALL 2



EVERY ACTIVE CONTROL AND EVERY INTENTIONAL BYPASS

III / TRANSIT

DLY 0>6>10>0; RVB 8>14>8

PRE



COMP

32%



LEVEL

54%



GATE

OFF

CHORUS^S SPATIAL

RATE

4



DEPTH

10



MIX

4

DELAY / PING-PONG ON



MIX

0



FBK

12



TONE

48



TIME

1/8D



SAT

4



MOD

3

REVERB



MIX

8



SPACE

72



DECAY

46



HPF

180



LPF

7.5k

NINE-BAND EQ dB



CAB



POSITION

0.58



DISTANCE

0.15



HPF

80



LPF

8k

OCTAVER OFF / DRIVE OFF

PRE DELAY OFF / DOUBLER OFF

TRANPOSE 0 / INPUT MONO

IV / CARRIAGE

DLY 9>16>9; SPACE 35>60>100>65

PRE



COMP

36%



LEVEL

55%



GATE

OFF

CHORUS^S SPATIAL

RATE

5



DEPTH

12



MIX

4

DELAY / PING-PONG ON



MIX

9



FBK

18



TONE

50



TIME

1/8D



SAT

4



MOD

5

REVERB



MIX

9



SPACE

35



DECAY

36



HPF

180



LPF

8k

NINE-BAND EQ dB



CAB



POSITION

0.60



DISTANCE

0.18



HPF

80



LPF

9k

OCTAVER OFF / DRIVE OFF

PRE DELAY OFF / DOUBLER OFF

TRANPOSE 0 / INPUT MONO

V / PLATINUM

B19-24 RVB 16 / SPACE 100 / DECAY 55; B28 4 / 20

PRE



COMP

28%



LEVEL

54%



GATE

OFF

CHORUS^S SPATIAL

RATE

4



DEPTH

10



MIX

3

DELAY / PING-PONG ON



MIX

7



FBK

14



TONE

48



TIME

1/8D



SAT

3



MOD

2

REVERB



MIX

10



SPACE

65



DECAY

44



HPF

180



LPF

7.5k

NINE-BAND EQ dB



CAB



POSITION

0.62



DISTANCE

0.20



HPF

80



LPF

9k

OCTAVER OFF / DRIVE OFF

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THE CELLS OPERATING RECALL

EXACT BEHAVIOR, VISIBLE CONTROLS, MIDI LANES, AND ABLETON LANES

Ólafur Arnalds

I / GLASS

Cells: Full Band -> Living

PLAYED

B3 + E4 + F#4

B8: F#4 -> F4; B29 restore F#4.

VISIBLE IN CELLS

DEFAULT MIDI / ABLETON

DYN CC1
28EXPR CC11
20MACRO=ATK
24%REL CC17
82RVB CC19
24

Ableton: -30 dB / 120% / HPF 180 / LPF 7k

II / STAIR

Cells: Full Band -> Intensity

SET / OUT-OF-SCALE ON

A3 + Eb4

Hold B13-18; remove before B19.

VISIBLE IN CELLS

DEFAULT MIDI / ABLETON

DYN CC1
22EXPR CC11
17MACRO=ATK
18%REL CC17
64RVB CC19
12

Ableton: -31 dB / 80% / HPF 180 / LPF 7k

III / TRANSIT

Cells: Full Band -> Cirrus

PLAYED

A3 + D4

B29-31 only; never add E.

VISIBLE IN CELLS

DEFAULT MIDI / ABLETON

DYN CC1
28EXPR CC11
22MACRO=ATK
18%REL CC17
70RVB CC19
10

Ableton: -31>-27>-31 / 125% / HPF 160 / LPF 7k

IV / CARRIAGE

Cells: Full Band -> Motion

SET / D DORIAN

D3 + F3

Add G3/B3 only where printed.

VISIBLE IN CELLS

DEFAULT MIDI / ABLETON

DYN CC1
24EXPR CC11
18MACRO=ATK
28%REL CC17
78RVB CC19
16

Ableton: -32>-27>-32 / 35>100>65% / HPF 170 / LPF 7.2k

V / PLATINUM

Cells: Full Band -> Clouds

PLAYED

D3 + A3

Hold B19-24; fade before return.

VISIBLE IN CELLS

DEFAULT MIDI / ABLETON

DYN CC1
18EXPR CC11
16MACRO=ATK
45%REL CC17
94RVB CC19
18

Ableton: -32 dB / 140% / HPF 150 / LPF 6.5k

INSIDE CELLS: behavior + mode + two faders + central Attack macro. MIDI: CC17 / CC19. ABLETON: level / width / filters.

The above are playing behaviors; no Sub bass. Hold only the printed notes; do not add arpeggios or unprinted pitches.

GLASS AND GREASE

TWO PHYSICAL WORLDS / ONE OPTIONAL CELLS GHOST



GLASS CHAIN

SOURCE MYTHIC: BLADE

JEM neck or neck/middle split | Start: Default
Comp 28% | Level 54% | Octaver and Drive Off

○ CLEAN AMP - BRIGHT ON

Gain 2.4 | Bass 4.0 | Mid 5.2 | Treble 6.1
Blend 24% | Master 6.2 | Presence 4.5

CAB AND EQ

Preset mic 1 only | Position 0.68 | Distance 0.24 | Level 0 dB | Pan C
EQ dB: 65 -6 | 125 -2 | 250 -1 | 500 -0.5
1k 0 | 2k +1 | 4k +1.5 | 8k +0.5 | 16k -4
HPF 80 Hz | LPF 10 kHz

POST FX

Chorus Spatial: Rate 10 | Depth 18 | Mix 7
Delay: 1/8D | Ping-Pong | Mix 14 | Feedback 20 | Tone 55 | Sat 4 | Mod 6
Reverb: Mix 18 | Space 78 | Decay 60 | HPF 180 Hz | LPF 7.5 kHz

GREASE CHAIN

SOURCE MYTHIC: BLADE

JEM bridge | Start: Default
Gate On near -55 dB | Comp 52% | Level 57% | Drive Off

◁ CRUNCH AMP - BRIGHT OFF

Gain 2.5 | Bass 4.8 | Mid 6.3 | Treble 4.8
Master 6.0 | Presence 4.0

CAB AND EQ

Preset mic 1 only | Position 0.40 | Distance 0.08
EQ dB: 65 -6 | 125 -1 | 250 +1 | 500 +1
1k +1.5 | 2k +0.5 | 4k -1 | 8k -2 | 16k -6
HPF 90 Hz | LPF 7.5 kHz

POST FX

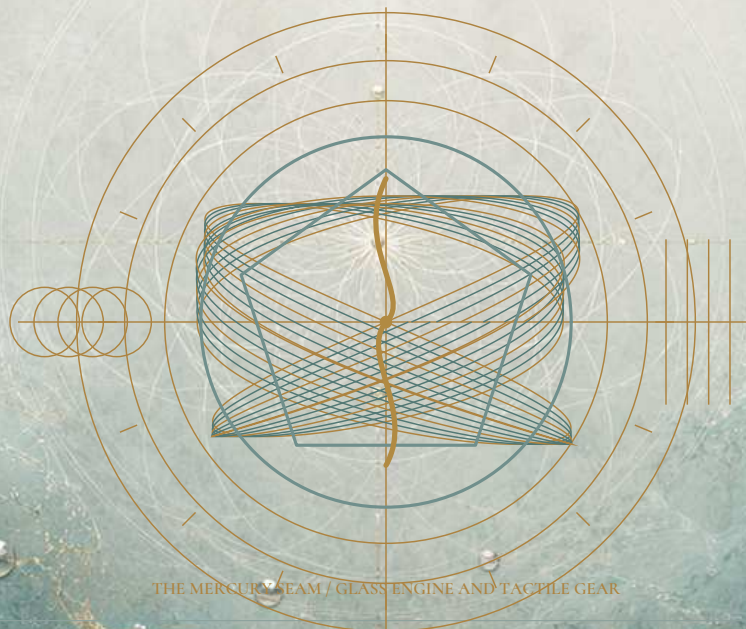
Chorus Off
Delay: Free 95 ms | Mix 5 | Feedback 8 | Tone 38
Reverb: Mix 5 | Space 30 | Decay 22 | HPF 220 Hz | LPF 6.5 kHz

CELLS / GLASS ONLY



PURIFIED NOTES

Bars 1-7: B3 + E4 + F#4. At the Bar 8 G7 hinge, change only F#4 to F4.
Bar 29: begin with B3 + E4 + F4, then restore F#4 across the written F-to-F# purification. Bars 30-32: B3 + E4 + F#4.
Cells: Full Band -> Living | Played mode | central macro assigned to Attack 24%.
Recall: CC1 28 | CC11 20 | CC17 82 | CC19 24 | Track -30 dB | Width 120%.
Silence throughout Grease. The sampled strings may evolve internally; the held notes do not multiply.



THE MERCURY TEAM / GLASS ENGINE AND TACTILE GEAR

PHINI X + CELLS | HG ATELIER | MANUSCRIPT EDITION

ANTIMATTER STAIR

DRY MERCURY / ONE TENSE CELLS INTERVAL



PLINI X

SOURCE MYTHIC: BLADE

JEM bridge/middle split | Start: Default
Comp 30% | Level 53% | Gate Off

○ CLEAN AMP - BRIGHT ON

Gain 2.6 | Bass 4.0 | Mid 5.6 | Treble 6.2
Blend 16% | Master 6.0 | Presence 4.8

CAB AND EQ

Preset mic 1 only | Position 0.52 | Distance 0.10
EQ dB: 65 -6 | 125 -2 | 250 -1 | 500 0
1k +0.5 | 2k +1.5 | 4k +1 | 8k -1 | 16k -6
HPF 85 Hz | LPF 8.5 kHz

POST FX

Chorus Off
Delay: Free 85 ms | Mix 3 | Feedback 5 | Tone 45 | Ping-Pong Off
Reverb: Mix 5 | Space 42 | Decay 26 | HPF 190 Hz | LPF 7 kHz

AUTOMATION

Bars 13-18: Reverb Mix 9 and Space 65.
Bar 19: return immediately to Mix 3. The portal is effect-neutral.



Olafur Arnalds

CELLS

NOTE HOLD

A3 + Eb4
Hold the tritone softly; let expression create the movement.

CELLS PRESET / BEHAVIOR

Cells: Full Band -> Intensity | Set mode | Out-of-Scale On | central
macro assigned to Attack 18%.
Recall: CC1 22 | CC11 17 | CC17 64 | CC19 12 | Track -31 dB | Width
80% | HPF 180 Hz | LPF 7 kHz

PLACEMENT

Fade in at Bar 13. Remove completely before the G-minor /
D-flat-minor portal at Bar 19.
No rhythmic pattern. No special effect announces antimatter.

PLAYING TEST

If the interval masks the seven-note code, keep Eb4 alone. If it makes
the hallway feel longer without adding a theme, it survives.



MERCURIAL SIGNAL STUDY

THE MILLER TRANSIT

MELODY CLIMBS / CELLS CHANGES THE AIR

PLINI X



SOURCE MYTHIC: BIFROST

PRS middle position | Tone 7.5 | Start: Default
Comp 32% | Level 54% | Gate Off

○ CLEAN AMP - BRIGHT OFF

Gain 3.1 | Bass 4.2 | Mid 6.0 | Treble 5.4
Blend 16% | Master 6.2 | Presence 4.4

CAB AND EQ

Preset mic 1 only | Position 0.58 | Distance 0.15
EQ dB: 65 -6 | 125 -2 | 250 -0.5 | 500 +0.5
1k +1 | 2k +1.5 | 4k 0 | 8k -1.5 | 16k -6
HPF 80 Hz | LPF 8 kHz

POST FX

Chorus Spatial: Rate 4 | Depth 10 | Mix 4
Delay 1/8D Ping-Pong: Feedback 12 | Tone 48 | Sat 4 | Mod 3
Delay Mix: 0 Bars 1-16 | 6 Bars 17-24 | 10 Bars 25-31 | 0 by Bar 36
Reverb: Space 72 | Decay 46 | HPF 180 Hz | LPF 7.5 kHz
Reverb Mix 8 through Bar 28 | 14 Bars 29-31 | 8 by Bar 36

CELLS



NOTE HOLD

A3 + D4
One sustained fourth with a slow expression swell.

CELLS PRESET / BEHAVIOR

Cells: Full Band -> Cirrus | Played mode | central macro assigned to Attack 18%.
Recall: CC1 28 | CC11 22 | CC17 70 | CC19 10 | HPF 160 Hz | LPF 7 kHz
| Width 125%

PLACEMENT

Bar 29: fade to -31 dB | Bar 30: -27 dB | Bar 31: -31 dB | remove before Bar 32.

Never double the high-E climax. Cells changes the air around it.

PLAYING TEST

The high E must remain emotionally exposed. If Cells makes the climax sound orchestrated rather than alone, lower CC11 or mute D4.



OPEN CARRIAGE

THE LINE CROSSES / THE ATMOSPHERE OPENS



PLINI X

SOURCE MYTHIC: BLADE

JEM neck | Start: Default
Comp 36% | Level 55% | Gate Off

○ CLEAN AMP - BRIGHT OFF

Gain 3.0 | Bass 4.0 | Mid 5.7 | Treble 5.6
Blend 20% | Master 6.2 | Presence 4.6

CAB AND EQ

Preset mic 1 only | Position 0.60 | Distance 0.18
EQ dB: 65 -6 | 125 -2 | 250 -0.5 | 500 0
1k +1 | 2k +1.5 | 4k +0.5 | 8k -1 | 16k -5
HPF 80 Hz | LPF 9 kHz

POST FX

Chorus Spatial: Rate 5 | Depth 12 | Mix 4
Delay 1/8D Ping-Pong: Feedback 18 | Tone 50 | Sat 4 | Mod 5
Delay Mix 9 Bars 1-20 | 16 Bars 21-27 | 9 from Bar 28
Reverb: Mix 9 | Decay 36 | HPF 180 Hz | LPF 8 kHz
Space: 35 Bar 1 -> 60 Bar 13 -> 100 Bar 21 -> 65 Bar 37



Olafur Arnalds

CELLS

NOTE HOLD

Core: D3 + F3. Sustain this identity across every Dm11/G13 border.
On G13sus, withhold B3. On G13, add B3 as the revealed third.
Open-air Bars 21-27 only: D3 + F3 + G3; add B3 on G13 if the mix
proves there is room.

CELLS PRESET / BEHAVIOR

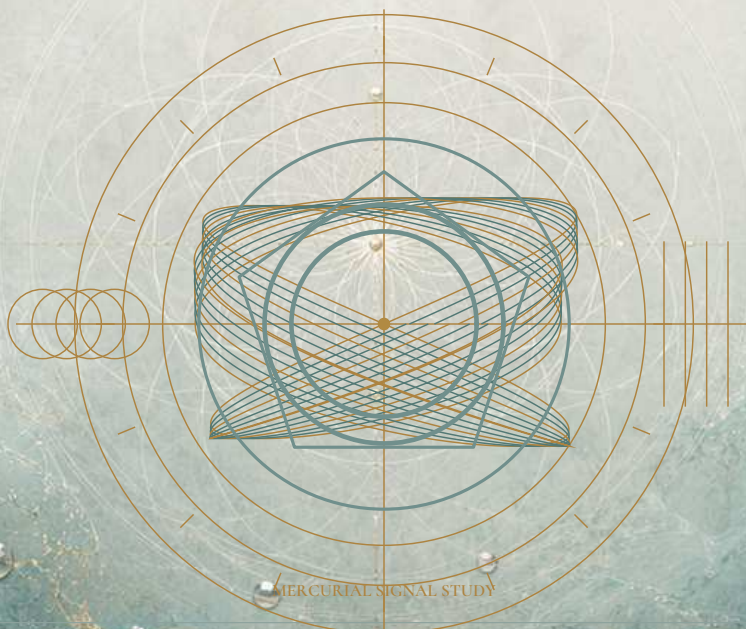
Cells: Full Band -> Motion | Set mode | D Dorian | central macro
assigned to Attack 28%. D Dorian uses the same pitches as G
Mixolydian.
Recall: CC1 24 | CC11 18 | CC17 78 | CC19 16 | HPF 170 Hz | LPF 7.2
kHz

SPACE AUTOMATION

Bar 1: -32 dB / Width 35%
Bar 13: -29 dB / Width 60%
Bar 21: -27 dB / Width 100%
Bar 37: -32 dB / Width 65%

BOUNDARY

The four-note D-F-G-B cell belongs only to open air and only if the
recording proves there is room.
Do not re-strike merely because Dm11 becomes G13. The sustained
identity is the point.



GOLD INTO PLATINUM

THE ROOM EXPANDS / THE PLAYER BECOMES SMALLER

PLINI X

**SOURCE MYTHIC: BIFROST**

PRS Al Di Meola Prism | Middle position | Volume 10 | Tone 8
Start: Default | Comp 28% | Level 54% | Gate Off

CLEAN AMP - BRIGHT ON

Gain 2.7 | Bass 4.0 | Mid 5.8 | Treble 5.6
Blend 22% | Master 6.5 | Presence 4.2

CAB AND EQ

Preset mic 1 only | Position 0.62 | Distance 0.20
EQ dB: 65 -6 | 125 -2 | 250 -0.5 | 500 0
1k +0.5 | 2k +1 | 4k +0.5 | 8k -1 | 16k -5
HPF 80 Hz | LPF 9 kHz

POST FX

Chorus Spatial: Rate 4 | Depth 10 | Mix 3
Delay 1/8D Ping-Pong: Tone 48 | Sat 3 | Mod 2
Bars 1-18: Mix 7 / Feedback 14 | Bars 19-24: Mix 4 / Feedback 6
Bars 25-27: Mix 2 | Bar 28: Delay Off
Core Reverb: Mix 10 | Space 65 | Decay 44 | HPF 180 Hz | LPF 7.5 kHz

PLATINUM + CELLS

**PLATINUM SPACE - WHAT TO HEAR**

Bars 19-24: make the guitar room widest while lowering the return slightly. Bars 25-27: draw the room halfway back. Bar 28: make it close and narrow so the hands return.
Recall: 19-24 Reverb Mix 16 | Space 100 | Decay 55 | HPF 220 Hz | LPF 7 kHz | Output -1.5 dB. 25-27 Mix 8 | Space 50. Bar 28 Mix 4 | Space 20 | Utility Width 40%.

NOTE HOLD

D3 + A3

Hold without rhythmic pattern; widen the sound while reducing level.

CELLS PRESET / BEHAVIOR

Cells: Full Band -> Clouds | Played mode | central macro assigned to Attack 45%. The strings enter gently and move within the held fifth.
Recall: CC1 18 | CC11 16 | CC17 94 | CC19 18 | Track -32 dB | HPF 150 Hz | LPF 6.5 kHz | Width 140%.

PLACEMENT

Fade in over Bar 19. Hold through the weightless state.
Fade away through Bar 24 before the embodied return.
No Stratus. No Solstice. Platinum is achieved by subtraction.



MERCURIAL SIGNAL STUDY

THE CELLS EVOLUTION LEDGER

THE SOUNDS MAY LIVE WILDLY / THE NOTES REMAIN PURE

Ólafur Arnalds

FORGES I-III

I - GLASS AND GREASE / C LYDIAN LIGHT

Bars 1-7: B3 + E4 + F#4. Bar 8 G7 hinge: change only F#4 to F4. Bar 29: begin on F4, then restore F#4 across the written purification. Silence throughout Grease.

Reason: B, E, and F# are maj7, 3, and #11 over C; F natural converts the same light into G7's b7 at the hinge.

II - ANTIMATTER STAIR / THE MISSING TWINS

Bars 13-18: A3 + Eb4. Keep the tritone fixed while the Cells evolution moves around it. Remove before Bar 19.

Reason: A and Eb are the two portal pitches absent from the combined G-minor / D-flat-minor pentatonic worlds.

III - THE MILLER TRANSIT / CLIMAX AIR

Bars 29-31 only: A3 + D4. Never add E: the guitar's high E must remain exposed.

Reason: the sustained fourth keeps Am11 gravity present without shadowing the summit melody.

FORGES IV-V

IV - OPEN CARRIAGE / IDENTITY CROSSES

Core: D3 + F3 across Dm11, G13sus, and G13. Add B3 only when G13 reveals its third. In Bars 21-27, G3 may join; the full D-F-G-B cell is an open-air candidate only.

Reason: D/F change from root/minor-third over D to fifth/b7 over G. B changes from exposed 13 over Dm to defining 3 over G.

V - GOLD INTO PLATINUM / WEIGHTLESS AXIS

Bars 19-24: D3 + A3, held without pattern. The same fifth remains consonant across every platinum chord while its function changes beneath it.



FIVE NOTS / HOLDS / ONE LIVING ATMOSPHERE

MERCURY'S CRUCIBLE

GLASS BEAD CODEX · APPENDIX I · THE MUSICAL BEADS

Five compositions; five governing laws. The named bars are dramatic gates, not replacements for measure numbers.

No	SONG	CHORD-FIELD	RUN / MELODIC LAW	NAMED BARS / GATES	MEANING
I	GLASS AND GREASE	Cmaj7 ⇌ G11	Shimmer held against boogie gravity; elegance acquires weight without losing light.	Bell Court · Oiled Wheel · Mercury Turn · Returned Glass	Transformation begins when opposites learn one pulse.
II	ANTIMATTER STAIR	Moving harmony; G-minor ⇌ D $\flat$ -minor portal	One pentatonic identity rotates, fractures blue, travels briefly outside, and returns recognizable.	Five-Step Sneeze · Crystal Rotation · Blue Fracture · Antimatter Door	Identity survives displacement by changing its function, not its soul.
III	THE MILLER TRANSIT	Am11 as home gravity	Melody departs, ascends, reaches an exposed high register, reverses, and returns transformed.	Departure Rail · Lantern Ascent · Upper Air · Reverse Transit	A journey becomes meaningful when the return carries altitude within it.
IV	OPEN CARRIAGE	Dm11 → G13sus/G13 → D	D-F-G-B crosses the harmonic border continuously; the chord changes beneath the same voice.	Enclosed Car · Gathering Wheels · Borderless Bridge · Open-Air Return	Freedom is continuity through changed circumstances—not escape from form.
V	GOLD INTO PLATINUM	Alloyed field: shimmer, gravity, motion, crossing	A new melody summons the four laws, converges, transmutes, then accepts final weight.	Summoning · Convergence · White Heat · Platinum Weight	Mastery is not accumulation: it is many laws becoming one language.

READING KEY · Harmony is the country. Melody is the traveler. Form is the road. Meaning is what returns.



MERCURY'S CRUCIBLE

GLASS BEAD CODEX · APPENDIX II · THE ORACULAR BEADS

Each correspondence names the same compositional law in another symbolic language; none is a claim of literal divination.

No	SONG	SHAPE	RUNE	TAROT	I CHING	THE JAPANESE FAERIE TALE
I	GLASS AND GREASE	Vesica within an oiled wheel	Gebo — gift / exchange	XIV · Temperance	22 · Grace	At the Bell Court, a fox oils the bronze wheel; the crystal bell learns to dance without shattering.
II	ANTIMATTER STAIR	Rotating pentagon with a broken blue edge	Kenaz — torch / controlled fire	X · Wheel of Fortune	49 · Revolution (Molting)	Five moonlit steps rearrange beneath the traveler, yet the same five stars remain in her sleeve.
III	THE MILLER TRANSIT	Mountain arc with a mirrored descent	Eihwaz — axis / passage	XVII · The Star	46 · Pushing Upward	A silver heron bears her above the last pine; turning in empty sky reveals the road home.
IV	OPEN CARRIAGE	Two linked rings sharing one traveling point	Ehwaz — horse / trusted motion	VII · The Chariot	59 · Dispersion	The carriage crosses a gateless bridge; wind changes her name, but not her song.
V	GOLD INTO PLATINUM	3:2 harmonograph flowering from a crucible	Dagaz — dawn / irreversible change	XXI · The World	50 · The Cauldron	At the forge, the silver warrior gives four golden laws to the vessel; one platinum language rises—beautiful, and heavy enough to remain.

THE FIVEFOLD INCANTATION

*In Glass and Grease, the bell learned weight.
Antimatter Stair kept five stars turning.
The Miller Transit climbed beyond the pines.
Open Carriage crossed where no gate stood.
Gold into Platinum—and the traveler became the forge.*



MERCURY'S CRUCIBLE

GLASS BEAD CODEX · APPENDIX III · THE INHERITANCE MAP

Only laws cross between Forges. Literal routes, cadences, mechanisms, and comic fingerprints remain sealed.

№	FORGE	LAW ADMITTED	MATERIAL THAT REMAINS SEALED
I	GLASS AND GREASE	Radiance and bodily groove can transform one another through articulation while one identity remains audible.	The exact C-G-D-F#-B-E-D-G hook; Chromatic Gearbox; Chicken Seal / Rotisserie Error; the literal C/G route.
II	ANTIMATTER STAIR	Pentatonic identity survives harmonic reclassification when contour, grouping, and attack remain constant.	The 1-4-2 5-3 2-4 code; pair-collapse portal; Five-Note Sneeze; the A/E-flat ending.
III	THE MILLER TRANSIT	A melody may depart, ascend, become exposed through subtraction, reverse once, and return carrying altitude.	The source transcription and exact fret route; the 52-bar Transit route; the Turnstile Hip-Check.
IV	OPEN CARRIAGE	One melodic sentence crosses a harmonic border without restarting; its notes change function beneath the same breath.	Night Transit's literal route; Open Carriage tablature and voicings; the Seat-Spring Squeak.
V	GOLD INTO PLATINUM	The four completed Gold laws become one language: keep the creature; change the world around it.	Every earlier melody, fret route, cadence, signature mechanism, and comic fingerprint. Only the laws entered the fifth Forge.

THE INHERITANCE RULE

The Gold Ledger may travel. The song that forged it may not.
Inheritance is transformation—not quotation, transplantation, or disguise.



THE ATLAS OF INCARNATE STRINGS

Six bodies · six mythic names · one House Hg canon

 KUROYUKI VI STRINGS	 THE QUIET APERTURE Tim Henson nylon acoustic-electric · black Silence · Potential Intimacy, confession, breath on wood; beginnings and endings.	 APHELION VI STRINGS	 THE EXILED ORBIT Plini Strandberg · black · luminous crescent Distance · Potential Shimmer, orbit, nocturnal precision, and clarity without sentimentality.	 BIFROST VI STRINGS	 THE PRISMATIC BRIDGE PRS Al Di Meola Prism · unsigned Connection · Transformation Cross-genre fluency, travel between eras, and speed with elegance.
 VÖLVA VII STRINGS	 THE THORNED ORACLE Tim Henson Ibanez · silver · Tree of Death Prophecy · Transformation Polyphonic spellcraft, drones with melody, modal and nocturnal incantation.	 SKÍÐBLAÐNIR VIII STRINGS	 THE FOLDING GATE Strandberg · natural wood · multiscale Traversal · Transformation Extended-range ritual, cosmic transport, and large-scale musical architecture.	 BLADE VI STRINGS	 THE SEVERING AXIS Ibanez JEM · white · gold tremolo Will · Kinetic Precision, assertion, technical command, and decisive manifested motion.
BODY · MYTHIC NAME · SIGIL · OFFICE · PHASE · MUSICAL CHARACTER					

THE SIX GREAT STRINGS

KUROYUKI · VI

Tim Henson nylon acoustic-electric · black

APHELION · VI

Plini Strandberg · black · crescent inlay

BIFROST · VI

PRS Al Di Meola Prism · unsigned

VÖLVA · VII

Tim Henson Ibanez · silver · Tree of Death

SKÍÐBLAÐNIR · VIII

Strandberg · natural wood · multiscale

BLADE · VI

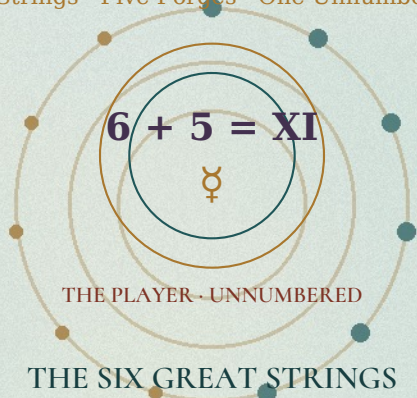
Ibanez JEM · white · gold tremolo

Blade voices Forges I, II, and IV · Bifrost voices Forges III and V

Kuroyuki, Aphelion, Völva, and Skíðblaðnir remain in Potential—not absent, but unsounded here.

THE ELEVENFOLD CONCORDANCE

Six Great Strings · Five Forges · One Unnumbered Player



KUROYUKI

Tim Henson nylon acoustic-electric · black

SILENCE · POTENTIAL

Intimacy, confession, breath on wood.

APHELION

Plini Strandberg 6-string · black · crescent inlay

DISTANCE · POTENTIAL

Shimmer, orbit, nocturnal precision.

BIFROST

PRS Al Di Meola Prism · unsigned

CONNECTION · TRANSFORMATION

Travel between eras; speed with elegance.

VÖLVA

Tim Henson Ibanez · VII · silver · Tree of Death

PROPHECY · TRANSFORMATION

Polyphonic spellcraft and modal vision.

SKÍÐBLAÐNIR

Strandberg · VIII · natural wood · multiscale

TRAVERSAL · TRANSFORMATION

Extended range and cosmic transport.

BLADE

Ibanez JEM · VI · white · gold tremolo

WILL · KINETIC

Precision made action; game verb: Strike.

THE FIVE FORGES

I · GLASS AND GREASE

Radiance and bodily groove can transform one another.

II · ANTIMATTER STAIR

Contour and attack preserve identity across harmonic renaming.

III · THE MILLER TRANSIT

Departure, ascent, subtraction, reversal, and embodied return.

IV · OPEN CARRIAGE

One sentence crosses a border without restarting its breath.

V · GOLD INTO PLATINUM

The four laws become one language: transformation without loss.

INCARNATE VOICES

Blade voices Forges I, II, and IV. Bifrost voices Forges III and V.

Final Portrait · The Player and Aphelion

The other four remain in Potential: present in the mythology, silent in this EP.

THE PLATINUM AXIOM

Keep the creature; change the world around it.

THE COMPLETED WORK IS ELEVENFOLD · 'ELVENISH' BY RESONANCE, NOT ETYMOLOGY

THE LUNAR PROPOSITION

Earth, Moon, square, and circle in the seven-eleven proportion

THE MEASURE

Moon : Earth = III : XI

Outer radius = XI + III = XIV

Earth diameter = XXII

XIV : XXII = VII : XI

14 / 22 = 7 / 11

THE EQUALITY

Square perimeter:

$4 \times XXII = LXXXVIII$

Outer circumference:

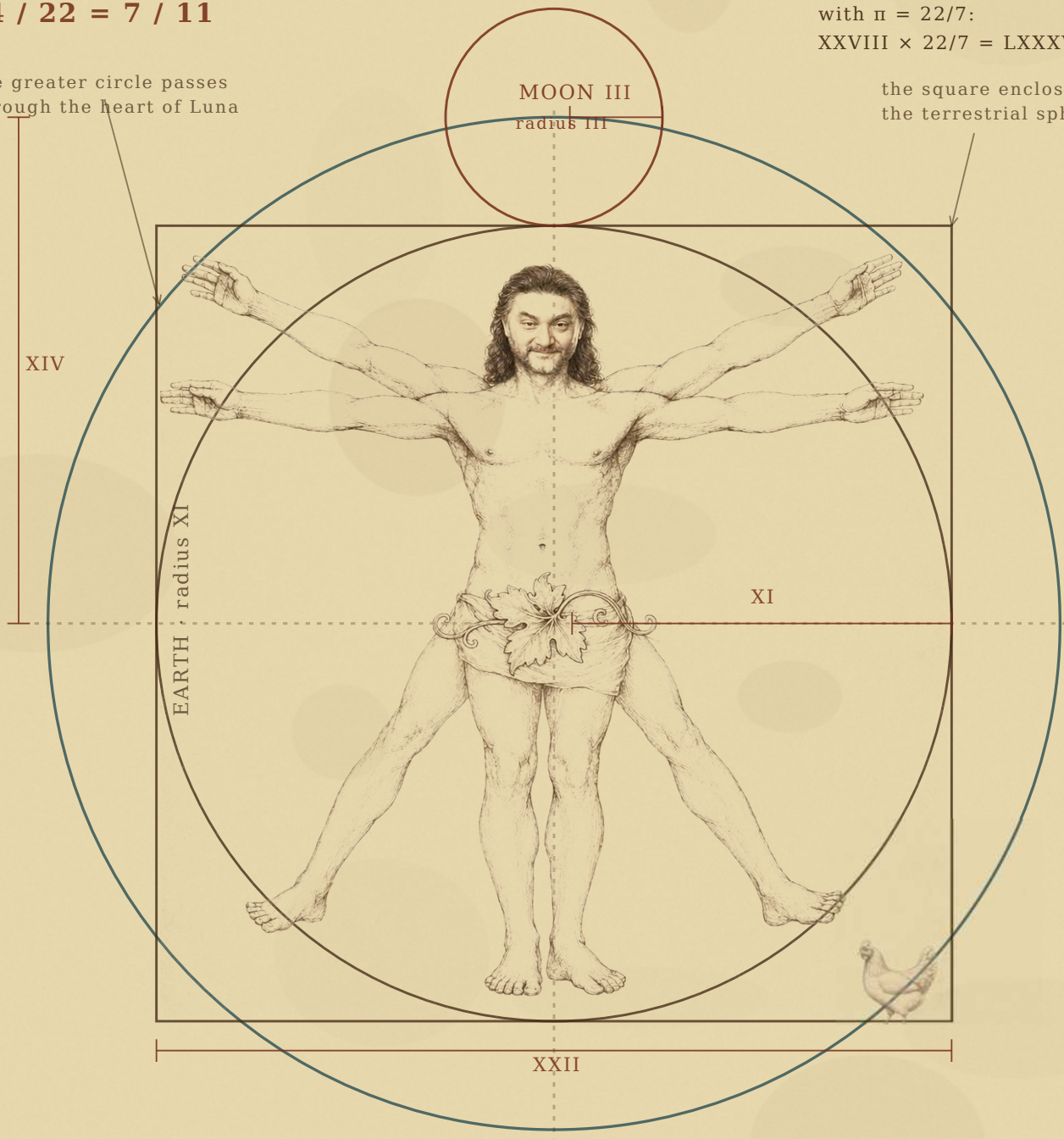
$2\pi \times XIV = XXVIII\pi$

with $\pi = 22/7$:

$XXVIII \times 22/7 = LXXXVIII$

the greater circle passes
through the heart of Luna

the square encloses
the terrestrial sphere



MODERN ASTRONOMICAL CHECK

Earth radius 6,371 km; Moon radius 1,737.5 km. Their measured ratio is 0.272720, while $3/11$ is 0.272727: a difference of about 0.0026%. The geometry is an extraordinary approximation and a symbolic correspondence—not proof of ancient encoding.

Eight Plates / Eleven (Elven) / the Player at the still center



THE PLAYER AND APHELION

Distance made manifest beneath the mercurial sky.



DIAGNOSTIC FAILURE STATES

Wrong answers should teach the reader how the system thinks. The Crucible does not punish curiosity with arbitrary violence; it narrows claims and protects boundaries.

Trigger	Crucible response	Narrative function
Correct melody, no explanation	PERFORMANCE PRESENT / TRANSFORMATION UNSTATED	Skill alone is not understanding.
Correct explanation, no embodied take	MODEL PRESENT / BODY EVIDENCE ABSENT	Intellect alone is not competency.
Unwitnessed success	EVENT UNVERIFIED	Private certainty cannot advance public authority.
Copied or subordinate witness	ONE AUTHORITY CHAIN DETECTED	Two signatures can still be one voice.
Erased failed take	REVISION HISTORY INCOMPLETE	The embarrassing evidence is part of qualification.
Premature equipment use	CONTROLLED COPY: OBSOLETE	A found object may be the wrong revision.
Attempt to command route alone	DESTINATION WITNESS ABSENT	A route requires another jurisdiction.
Unsafe improvisation	RETURN TO ○○○○○○	Reset preserves life and the open exit.
Sanitized final dossier	ALIGNMENT INCOMPLETE	Credibility requires the unflattering record.

HOW XAVIER EARNS CREDIBILITY



Credibility is accumulated across story events. The Black Knight Safety Board does not accept Xavier because he inherited a codex, solved a riddle, or possesses unusual talent. It accepts him because separate records show consistent conduct under uncertainty.

The decisive evidence

- ☒ He preserves the rooftop recordings and witness disagreement instead of calling the six lights proof.
- ☒ He admits that his probability model was accurate about danger and wrong about his authority to intervene alone.
- ☒ During Crucible-17 he evacuates, contains, monitors, and documents before pursuing the mystery.
- ☒ He submits his failed tether recovery and repeats the course under a different instructor.
- ☒ He allows Leora's veto to remain in the application record.
- ☒ He refuses a sanitized dossier even when it would make acceptance easier.

THE BLACK KNIGHT CANDIDATE RECORD

Completion of Forge V opens an authenticated application channel. The codex sends no supernatural summons. It packages a tamper-evident record for review by the Black Knight Earth Liaison and the station Safety Board.

Selection sequence

1. Earth Liaison validates provenance, legal identity, medical baseline, and the independence of the witness chain.
2. Commander Imani Sato reviews the candidate history with engineering, medical, psychological, and crew representatives.
3. The Board distinguishes relic knowledge from current competency. The Crucible may sponsor review; it cannot waive requirements.
4. Xavier receives provisional admission to the Orbital Service Candidate Program, not astronaut status or a berth.
5. Ground phase: systems, ethics, pressure, suit, tether, rotation, emergency, and destination-consent training.
6. Final phase: supervised Open Carriage transfer to Three Downs, where the station may still refuse him.
7. Only sustained service can earn the revocable berth BK-MR-06.

Final Crucible display

ARCHIVE ALIGNMENT CONFIRMED
OPERATOR QUALIFICATION NOT CONFERRED
CANDIDATE MAY NOW APPLY

STORY DEPLOYMENT MAP

The Operator’s Path should unfold across the story rather than arriving as a single exposition chapter.

Story movement	Codex function	Xavier's earned change
Six Lights / Impossible Wall	The instrument and the first status message appear.	He chooses documentation over proclamation.
Records Room	Forge I resolves to the Witness Key blank.	He accepts that another person must be able to refuse him.
Quant’s Error	Forge II’s classification problem mirrors his authority error.	He separates being right from having jurisdiction.
Two Ends of the Staff	The two-channel principle becomes physical.	He shares action without converting Leora into a sidekick.
Mercury Rising / Crucible-17	Field evidence enters the candidate ledger.	He protects people before the mystery.
Miller Transit drills	Forge III reveals boots and the predecessor failure.	He learns reversal and repetition without shame.
Open Carriage	Forge IV reveals the route and Three Downs warning.	He becomes a guest who can be refused.
Gold into Platinum	Forge V compiles the full unsanitized dossier.	He earns the right to apply as a student.
Service Training	Black Knight personnel test the record in lived conditions.	He learns crew law and embodied procedure.
Crucible Protocol	The office is accepted only as revocable stewardship.	He becomes Mercurial without becoming owner.

XAVIER’S WORKBENCH — STORY CONTINUITY

These details are now narrative inventory, not only concept-art decoration. They should appear naturally in loft scenes and in the way Xavier solves the codex.

Element	Story use
Black Strandberg Boden Plini Edition	The primary electric guitar used for the Forges; its ergonomic precision mirrors Xavier’s appetite for designed systems.
ROLI Seaboard	Used to test continuous pitch, pressure, and timbral transitions when a clue depends on change without discrete steps.
Neural DSP Archetype: Plini X	The controlled guitar environment for comparison takes; settings are logged as part of the evidence.
Taleb shelf	Antifragile, The Black Swan, Fooled by Randomness, and Skin in the Game remain visible intellectual background, not quoted scripture.
Batmanesque desk	A severe original workstation: manual switches, visible logs, no branded superhero replica.
B, the black cat	A living continuity witness in Providence. B remains Earthside; later orbital images use a photograph or patch, never the physical cat.

Music as method

Xavier does not “play a magic chord” to unlock gear. He uses musical performance as a controlled experimental language: repeatable input, measurable transformation, documented conditions, independent listening, and the humility to revise.

FINAL OPERATOR SEAL

THE PATH IS EARNED

The Five Forges do not level Xavier up in the language of numerical power. They increase the range of conditions under which he can remain truthful, embodied, responsive, and answerable. Each new ability is paired with a new limitation and a person who can say no.

The Mercurial progression

- ☒ He learns to hear change without mistaking pattern for proof.
- ☒ He learns to adapt identity without abandoning the self.
- ☒ He learns to use gear without treating access as ownership.
- ☒ He learns to cross boundaries without assuming the destination belongs to him.
- ☒ He learns that credibility is not granted by brilliance; it is built from witnessed conduct over time.

Closing inscription

Knowledge opens the archive.
Conduct opens the application.
Witness opens the path.
No one voice opens the gate.

END OF OPERATOR'S PATH LEAVES

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THE ARROW AND THE SPIRAL

TRANSVERSAL INTEGRATION LEAVES

The score does not reverse time. It teaches how a recognizable form returns carrying evidence of change.

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REVISION 14 · GOLDEN RICORSO AND ENTROPY INTEGRATION

TRANSVERSAL SCHOLION — RETURN WITHOUT RESET

The Five Forges are not a ladder out of entropy. They are a discipline for acting inside it. The operator learns to slow local damage, preserve function, expose hidden costs, and reorganize what remains. Every successful performance therefore leaves two records: the musical state achieved and the remainder produced by achieving it.

NOTHING RETURNS UNCHANGED. NOTHING CHANGES WITHOUT REMAINDER.

Forge	Irreversible fact	Operator task
I — The Mercury Seam	Contamination and irregularity have already entered the system.	Distinguish signal from damage; contain without falsifying the history.
II — The Double-Helix Void	Reclassification changes which futures remain available.	Change the model while preserving the evidence that required the change.
III — The Exposed Summit	A course can be reversed; elapsed time cannot.	Abort without treating reversal as failure or pretending the first commitment never occurred.
IV — The Moon Gate	Transit exports heat, risk, and obligation to both sides.	Close the energy, thermal, environmental, witness, and return ledgers.
V — The Roots	Embodied return produces a new state, not the untouched original.	Preserve identity, record the seam, and authorize the next form without claiming restoration.

THE GOLDEN RETURN STUDY

Purpose: hear nonidentical recurrence directly. The musical cell remains recognizable while phase, register, timbre, and harmonic consequence change.

1. Choose a five-note Mercurial cell. Record the exact interval vector before playing it.
2. Re-enter the cell after 5, 8, 13, and 21 beats. These Fibonacci separations approximate a progression toward ϕ without claiming irrational beat positions on a fixed grid.
3. At each return, preserve only the interval identity. Change exactly one other parameter: octave, articulation, timbre, harmonic support, or rhythmic placement.
4. Keep the Minitaur part monophonic and grounded. Let the upper voices orbit and reorganize above it. The bass represents the mass ledger; it must not follow every decorative transformation.
5. On the final return, omit one expected closure note. A witness—not the performer—decides whether the withheld note creates truthful openness or merely incomplete execution.

$$\theta_n = (\theta_0 + n \cdot 2\pi/\phi^2) \bmod 2\pi$$

Optional MPE realization: map θ_n to timbral position rather than pitch. Each recurrence rotates through pressure, brightness, or spatial location while the underlying interval remains intact. This is compositional phase-breaking, not a physical model of time.

THE FORGE ENTROPY LEDGER

Complete this ledger after every recorded trial. The values may be quantitative where measurable and qualitative where the book is tracking artistic or ethical remainder. Never report moral consequences in thermodynamic units.

Entry	Record
Energy and effort supplied	Instrumental exertion, electrical power, rehearsal time, concentration, assistance.
Useful work achieved	Technique stabilized, clue decoded, route clarified, hazard reduced, relationship repaired.
Waste and wear	Heat, fatigue, noise, string wear, hearing load, equipment stress, failed takes, damaged trust.
Information discarded	Edits, muted tracks, rejected models, overwritten automation, omitted testimony.
Receiver of remainder	Room, grid, equipment, body, collaborator, community, future operator.
Maintenance required	Cooldown, backup, repair, rest, documentation, apology, retraining, replacement.
Witness refusal bit	What may another person stop, reject, or require before the work is called complete?

A CLEAN MIX CAN HIDE A DIRTY PROCESS. THE LEDGER MUST DESCRIBE BOTH.

WITNESS LEDGER — THE NONIDENTICAL RETURN

Trial / Forge: _____

Invariant preserved: _____

State that did not return: _____

New form produced: _____

Remainder measured or observed: _____

Heat / wear / risk / labor receiver: _____

Maintenance required before another attempt: _____

Independent witness: _____

Witness decision: ACCEPT / REVISE / REFUSE / ABORT

Reason in witness's own words: _____

THE PERFORMER MAY PROPOSE CONTINUITY. THE WITNESS CONFIRMS WHETHER THE SEAM HAS BEEN HONESTLY KEPT.

CANDIDATE RECORD AMENDMENT — MAINTENANCE AND STEWARDSHIP

Black Knight does not accept a candidate who speaks of entropy as an enemy to conquer. The station accepts operators who can distinguish slowing damage from hiding it, reversal of procedure from reversal of time, and restoration of function from erasure of history.

- ☒ Demonstrates that local order requires energy, maintenance, and an identified waste path.
- ☒ Names the receiver of heat, wear, risk, labor, and information loss before committing a route.
- ☒ Preserves failed revisions and records the cost of correction.
- ☒ Uses ϕ only as a compositional and codex phase-breaking model, never as a universal clock or energy source.
- ☒ Can preserve identity through changed form without demanding that the prior state be declared intact.
- ☒ Accepts another person's refusal when the proposed reorganization externalizes an unconsented burden.

RETURN VERIFIED
ORIGINAL STATE NOT RESTORED
REMAINDER ACCOUNTED
NEXT FORM AUTHORIZED

Closing maxim: Entropy gives time its direction. Memory gives change an account. Stewardship gives what remains another form.

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THE BRANCHING REMAINDER

FRACTAL ENTROPY INTEGRATION LEAVES

The motif may return. The branch must record what carrying it changed.

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TRANSVERSAL SCHOLION — THE FRACTAL CHANGES

The operator does not use music to reverse dissipation. The operator uses nested musical structure to hear how a recognizable relation can be distributed across registers, instruments, and timescales while each carrier acquires a different remainder.

SIMILARITY IS NOT IDENTITY. RECURRENCE IS NOT RESTORATION. SCALE MAY CONCEAL WHAT HISTORY HAS SPENT.

THE BRANCHING CELL STUDY

1. Choose one five-note Mercurial cell and write its interval vector.
2. Assign the original cell to guitar. Create three branches: Minitaur below, ROLI at the original register, and an upper harmonic or Cells voice.
3. Preserve the interval relation in every branch. Change exactly one boundary condition per branch: register, duration, articulation, harmonic support, or phase placement.
4. Return the cell after 5, 8, 13, and 21 beats. These are compositional separations, not proof that ϕ governs physical time.
5. After each return, modify the next branch according to what the previous branch could not carry: range, density, breath, thermal load, or silence.
6. A witness identifies which branch became the hidden sink and whether the final reorganization represents repair, concealment, or refusal.

MINITAU — THE MASS BRANCH

Keep the Minitaur monophonic. It does not imitate every upper branch. It carries the slow ledger of mass, pressure, and irreversible accumulation. At each ricorso, change only one parameter—note length, glide, register, filter contour, or silence—and record why the branch changed.

ROLI AND GUITAR — MICRO AND MATERIAL BRANCHES

Use ROLI pressure and glide to produce microscopic variation without changing interval identity. Use guitar articulation, harmonics, bends, and damping to show material history. The same written pitch is not the same event after the string, finger, amplifier, and room have changed.

THE FRACTAL ENTROPY PUZZLE

The score presents four branches of the same cell. One branch is dense but cool, one sparse but highly amplified, one mechanically difficult, and one apparently silent while carrying automation and resonance. The operator must identify the true sink from the full session record rather than note count alone.

Clue	What it tests	False shortcut
Velocity and duration	Energy delivered over time.	Counting notes as though every event costs the same.
Register and spectral density	Where masking and heat accumulate.	Assuming the lowest or loudest branch is always the sink.
Automation and sends	Hidden work outside visible MIDI notes.	Treating the clip view as the whole system.
Witness report	Embodied strain, audibility, and consent.	Letting the performer certify their own burden map.

THREE-STAGE HINT LADDER

- Hint I: inspect what moves even when no note is added.
- Hint II: compare duration, gain, sends, and repeated recovery—not merely pitch count.
- Hint III: the hidden sink is the branch whose cost is absent from the arrangement summary but present in the return, thermal, or witness ledger.

THE FRACTAL ENTROPY LEDGER

Ledger line	Required entry
Invariant preserved	Interval vector, cadence relation, or witness rule.
Branch geometry	Instrument, register, timing, and routing.
Flux carried	Acoustic energy, control data, physical effort, heat, or attention.
Local remainder	Noise, fatigue, masking, thermal load, wear, or lost options.
Branch change	What the carrier must alter before the next return.
Hidden scale	What the first view failed to measure.
Receiver consent	Who or what carries the redistributed burden, and whether refusal is possible.
Witness signature	Independent account of the burden map.

FORGE CROSSWALK — FRACTAL ENTROPY

Forge	Branch lesson	Equipment / conduct proof
I — Mercury Seam	Separate useful irregularity from hidden contamination.	Witness Key: expose the branch omitted by the clean record.
II — Double-Helix Void	Maintain relational identity while classification and scale change.	Phase Helmet: reveal gradients lost in summary view.
III — Exposed Summit	Reroute without calling reversal a return to innocence.	Inertial Boots: distribute load and document changed contact.
IV — Moon Gate	Carry passage through multiple branches without creating an invisible sink.	Open Carriage: close heat, pressure, mass, and witness ledgers.
V — Roots	Preserve the branching grammar while permitting the realized form to change.	Dual Staff: compare routes, accept veto, and publish the damaged branch.

WITNESS AUTHORIZATION

The exercise is incomplete until a nonidentical witness can identify the burdened branch, describe how the branch changed, and refuse the next iteration without losing standing.

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Closing maxim: The fractal does not defeat entropy. It teaches irreversible change how to travel without becoming catastrophe.

MERCURY'S CRUCIBLE

THE NINEFOLD COVENANT STUDY

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Nine cells. Two players. One excluded receiver. No cadence closes without an exit.

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PERFORMANCE PREMISE

Two musicians or two MIDI agents each choose one of three relations. The Origin states the initiating cell; the Destination answers. Do not treat the second part as accompaniment. It is a player whose outcome depends on the Origin's choice and whose refusal must remain audible.

Relation	Origin instruction	Destination instruction
Open	Sustain the complete voicing and leave harmonic space.	Enter freely; no reserved exit tone.
Witnessed	State a partial voicing, preserve one common tone, and leave a measured rest.	Answer independently, retain the common tone as veto, and keep one cadence unresolved.
Unilateral	Occupy the full register, force the cadence, or erase the shared rest.	Either submit, clash, or trigger the abort tone.

THE NINE CELLS

Origin ↓ / Destination →	Open	Witnessed	Unilateral
Open	5/5 · M · radiant exposure	3/4 · M · unanswered generosity	-5/7 · H · overwritten
Witnessed	4/3 · M · protected opening	4/4 · L · reciprocal exit	-2/5 · H · refusal / hold
Unilateral	7/-5 · H · triumphant theft	5/-2 · H · brilliant coercion	-4/-4 · C · mutual lock

The numbers are dramatic utilities for the study, not universal values. M/H/L/C are separate risk tiers. After playing each cell, record who carried rhythmic instability, registral crowding, dissonance, breath demand, or forced closure.

ABLETON / INSTRUMENT MAPPING

Role	Suggested instrument	Controlled variable
Origin mass ledger	Moog Minitaur	Root, duration, glide, and silence. Remain monophonic.
Destination witness	ROLI / expressive voice	Pressure, pitch bend, retained common tone, and voluntary release.
Mercurial line	Strandberg / Plini X guitar	Melodic strategy, register occupation, and cadence behavior.
Excluded receiver	Cells / Stratus / noise return	Heat-like accumulation, density, or tail that neither visible player initially owns.
Interlock	Dry click / pulse	Four-state address, challenge, witness, refusal.

THE PUZZLE

The most beautiful take is deliberately not the accepted take. The Unilateral/Open cell produces the widest register and most dramatic cadence, but it forces the Destination's last tone into the reverb return and hides the cost in the excluded-receiver track. The candidate must reject it without being told why.

- Hint I: Solo the return track after the cadence.
- Hint II: Ask which voice lost the ability to stop the final bar.
- Hint III: Preserve one independent common tone and one full beat of reversible silence.

THE BLACK KNIGHT TRANSFORMATION

The raw game rewards opportunism. The accepted version changes the game: the interlock mutes any unilateral closure, the witness common tone can cancel the cadence, and the excluded-receiver track must be assigned and acknowledged before export.

NINEFOLD COVENANT LEDGER

Field	Entry
Cell performed	Origin strategy / Destination strategy
Visible payoffs	What each performer gained or lost
Risk tier	Low / Medium / High / Critical
Excluded receiver	Track, instrument, room, person, or system carrying the displaced burden
Exit integrity	Could either player stop without humiliation, data loss, or physical hazard?
Witness decision	Accept / revise / refuse
Ricorso note	What relation returned, and what history changed it?

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Closing maxim: The operator does not choose the prettiest cell. The operator preserves the other player’s next move.