## OVERTURE TO THE VIRGINIAN VOYAGE

WALTER ROSS

## instrumentation

3 trumpets in C

3 trombones

tuba

piccolo
2 flutes
2 oboes
english horn
2 Bbclarinets
bass clarinet
2 bassoons
contrabassoon
4 horns in F

timpani (4)
2 percussion
bells
snare drum
suspended cymbal
bass drum
strings

You brave heroique minds, Worthy of your countries name; That honor still pursue, Go, and subdue, Whilst loitering hinds Lurk here at home, with shame.

Britians, you stay too long, Quickly aboard bestow you, And with a merry gale Swell your stretched sail, With vows as strong, As the winds that blow you.

Your course securely steer, West and by south forth keep, Rocks, lee-shores, nor shoals, When Eolus scowls, You need not fear, So absolute the deep.

And cheerfully at sea, Success you still entice, To get the pearl and gold, And ours to hold, Virginia, Earth's only paradise.

Where nature hath in store Fowl, venison, and fish, And the fruitfull'st soil, Without you toil, Three harvests more, All greater than your wish.

And the ambitious vine Crowns with his purple mass, The cedar reaching hie To kiss the sky, The cypress, pine And usefull sassafrass. To whose, the golden age Still natures laws doth give, No other cares that tend, But them to defend From winter's rage, That long there doth not live.

When as the luscious smell Of that delicious land, Above the seas that flows, The clear wind throws, Your hearts to swell Approaching the dear strand.

In kenning of the shore, (Thanks to God first given,) Oh you happy st men, Be frolic then, Let cannons roar, Frightening the wide heaven.

And in regions far
Such heroes bring yee forth,
As those from whom we came,
And plant our name,
Under that star
Not known unto our north.

And as there pleanty grows
Of laurel everywhere,
Apollo's sacred tree,
You may it see,
A poet's brows
To crown, that may sing there.

Thy voyages attend, Industrious Hackluit, Whose reading shall inflame Men to seek fame, And much commend To aftertimes thy wit.

Michael Drayton



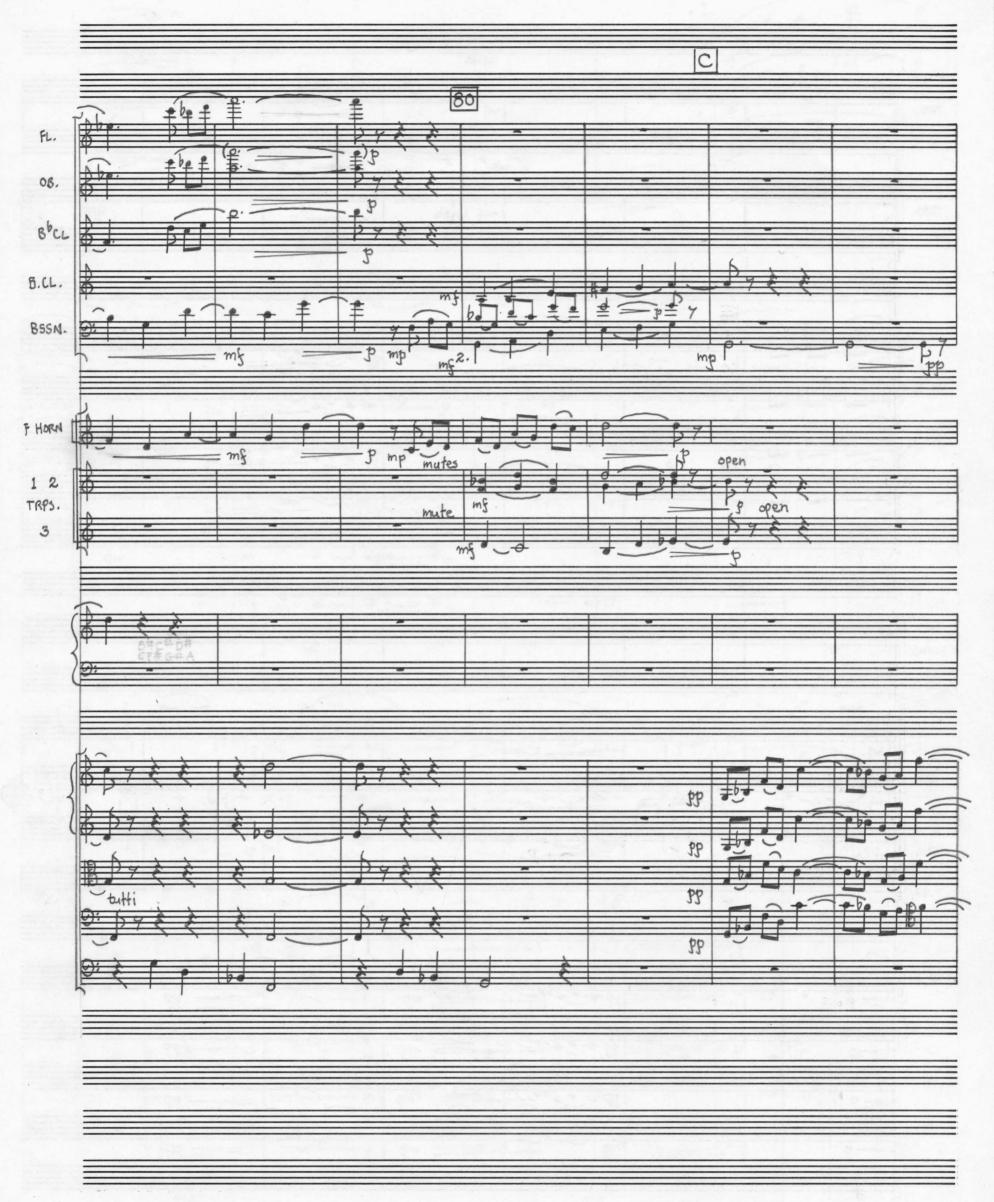




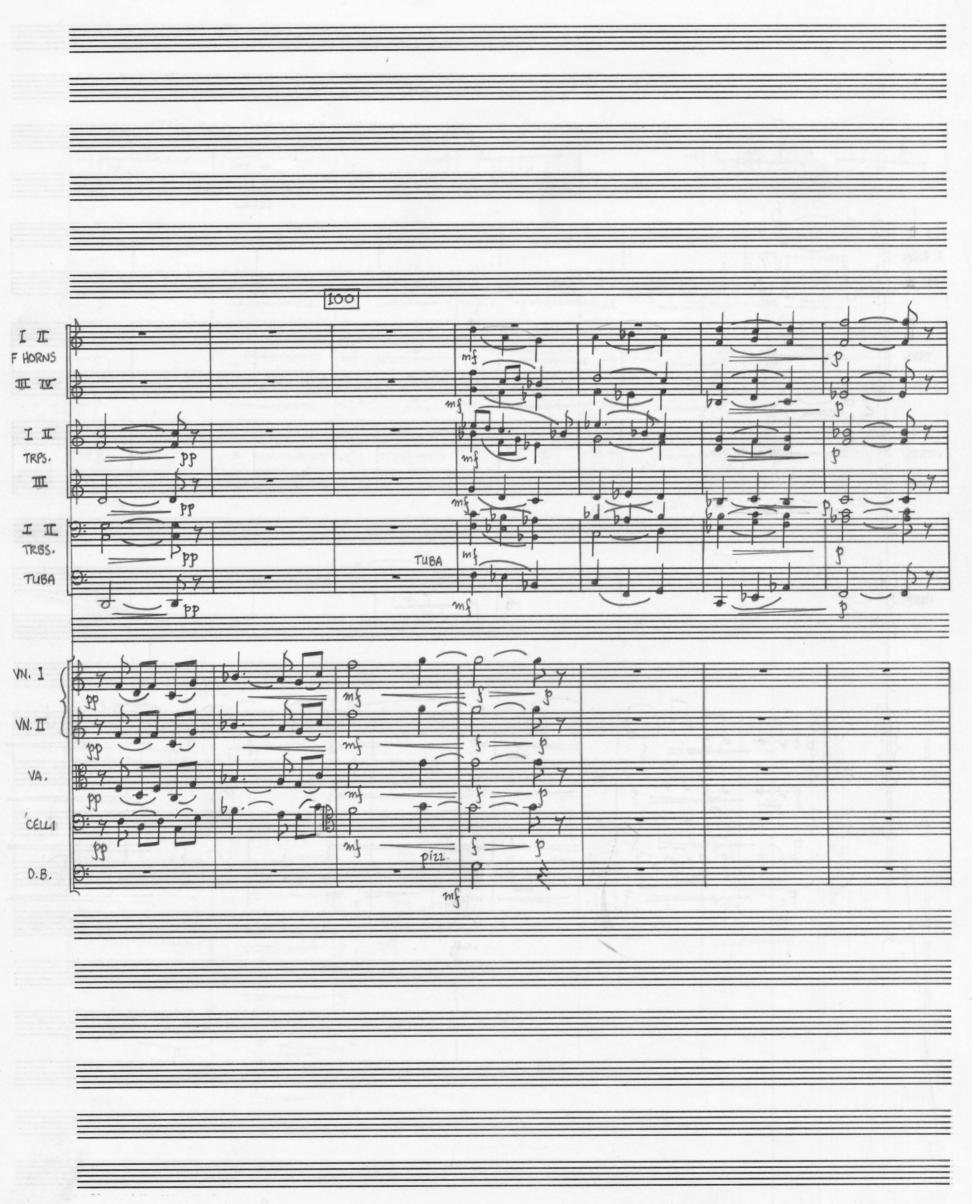




















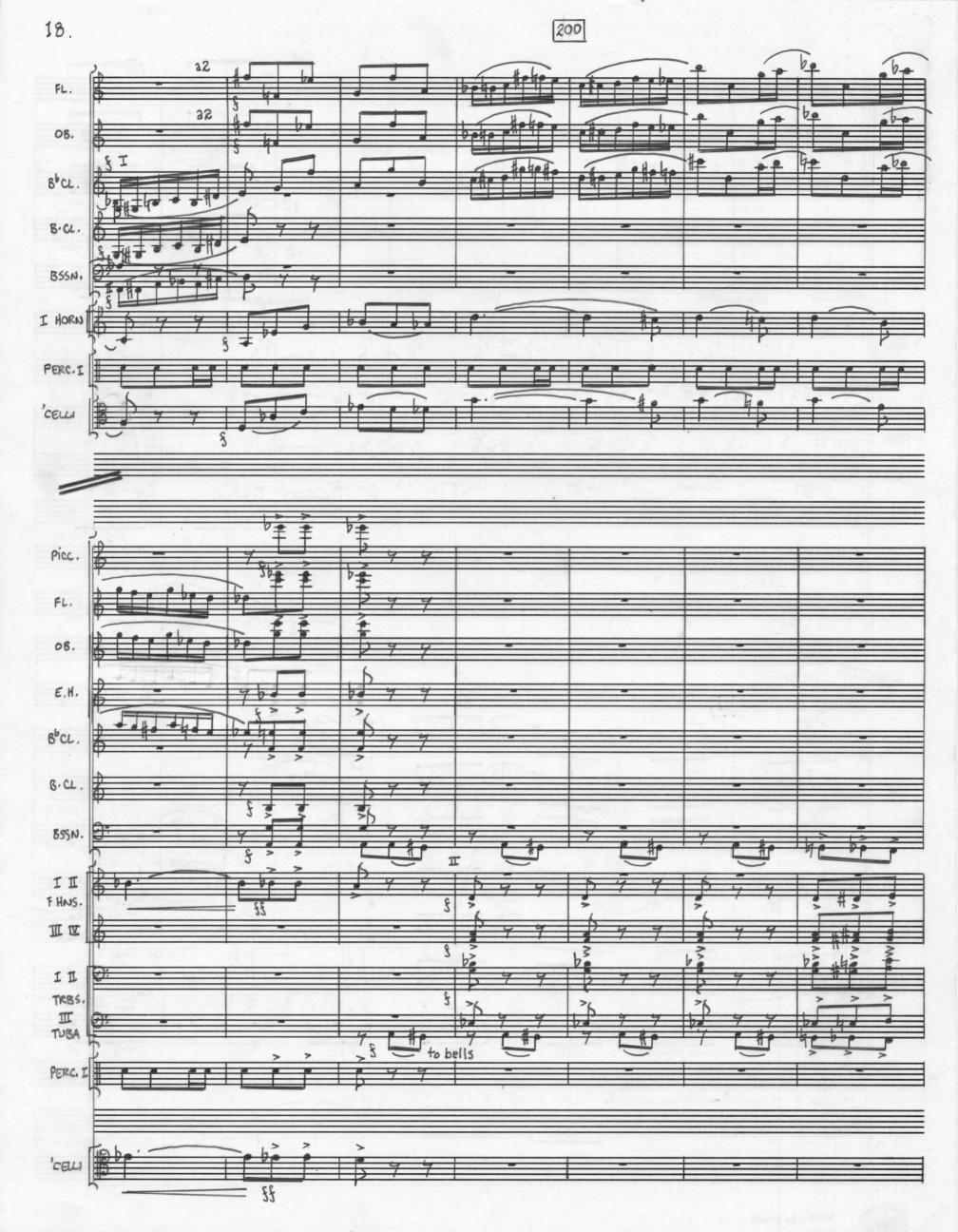




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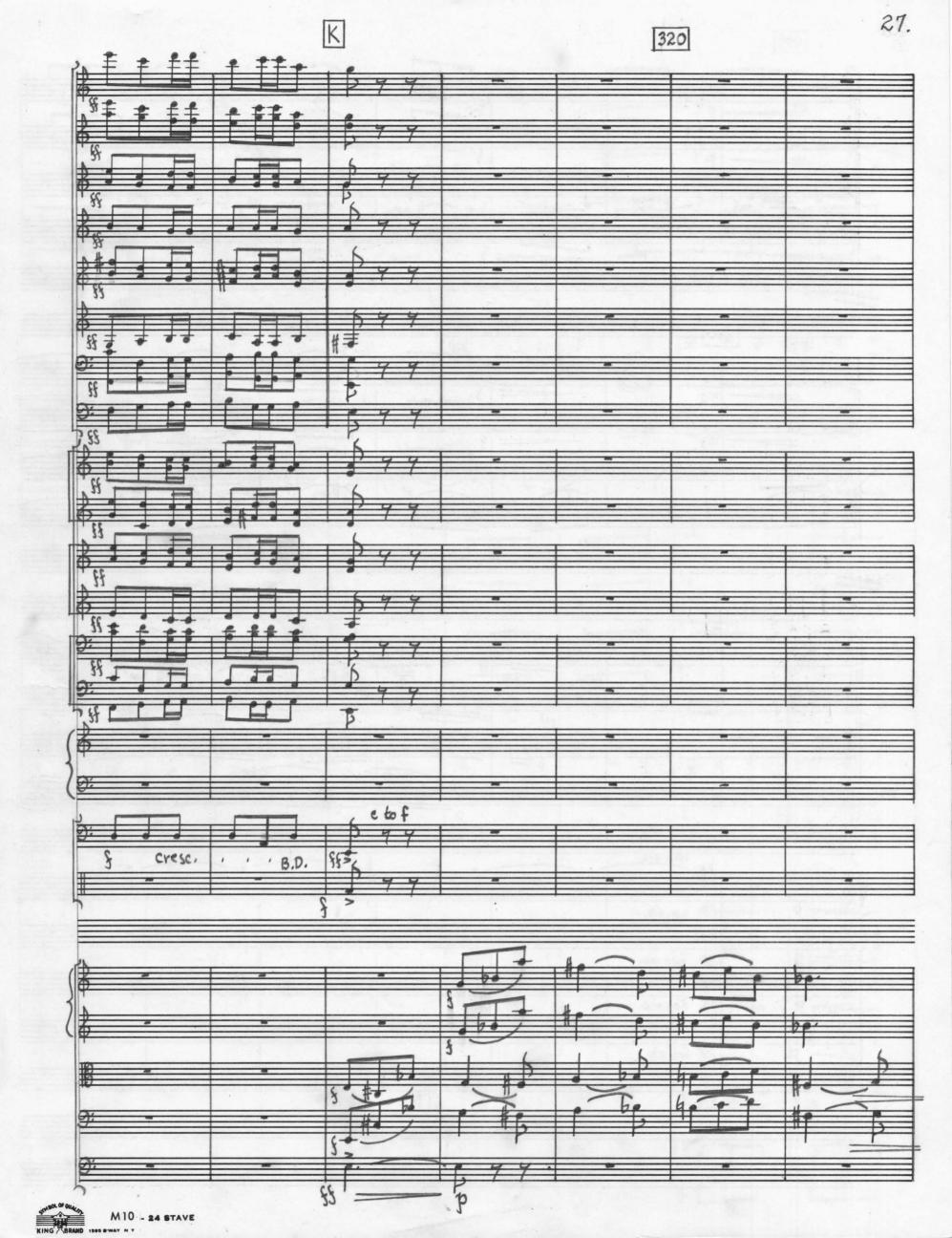




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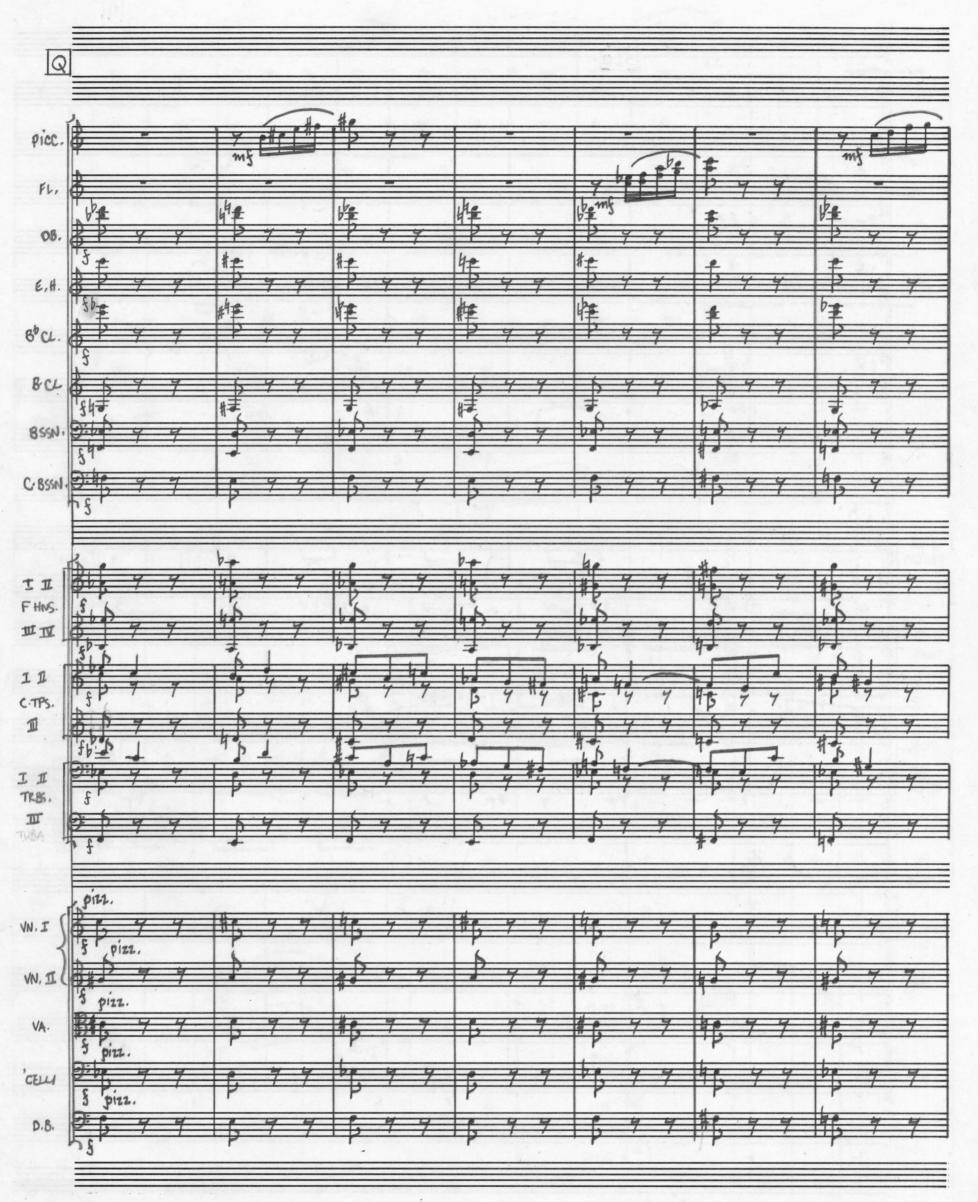


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