

Bielbah - Double Helix

A song - story in 20 scenes
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Scored for: 10 singer/actors, SATB chorus, string orchestra, piano, didgeridoo (on-stage), & 4 percussionists:
4 timpani, marimba, xylophone, vibraphone, glockenspiel, chimes, drum set, snare drum, cymbals, bass drum, claves,
clap sticks (on-stage), tambourine, castanets, 2 congas, bongos, maracas, temple blocks, slapstick, tam-tam, large gong

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The following abbreviations are used in this score:

B - Bielbah, Ip - Ipeta, KA - Kilmeister Anderson, We - Wessie,
WF - William Fraser, MF - Martha Fraser, EF - Elizabeth Fraser,
Ba - Baulie, PW - Peawaddy, Cl Wn - clan woman

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Scene 1

Rhythmic ♩=150

Violin I *col legno*
mp

Violin II *col legno*
mp

Viola *col legno*
mp not 1st time

Violoncello *col legno*
mp not 1st time



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Clv. *vamp if req.* *lx up & shadowy movement*
p

Cast.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Db. *col legno*
mp not 1st time



34

Clv.

Cast.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Db.

49

Clv.

Cast.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Db.

arco

mf

66

Clv.

Cast.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Db.

G.P.

mp

ff

p

col legno

p

pizz.

ff

p

ff

p

ff

p

ff

p

ff

p

ff

p

ff

p

Too late now, Pet. We're here.
There's no going back now

A low thud

Fuck, what was that?
Did you hear anything?

80

Clv.

Cast.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Db.

All shrug

Hey if anything...maximum damage.

All: Yeah!

pizz.

96 *lp: Hey, I didn't sign up for this.* *lx up. cops enter* *(cop chorus)* *ff*

S. *G.P.* *trig-ger*

A. *trig-ger*

T. *trig-ger*

B. *trig-ger*

Xyl. *ff*

S. D. *f*

Clv.

Cast.

B. D. *ff*

Vln. I *arco divisi* *ff*

Vln. II *arco* *ff*

Vla. *arco divisi* *ff*

Vc. *arco* *ff*

Db. *divisi* *pizz.* *ff* *arco*

1st Cop: Get on the
fucking floor! Hands
in the air!

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S. G.P. pull the trig-ger *mf* trig-ger trig-ger trig-ger pull the trig-ger *ff* trig-ger trig-ger

A. pull the trig-ger *mf* trig-ger trig-ger trig-ger pull the trig-ger *ff* trig-ger trig-ger

T. pull the trig-ger *mf* trig-ger trig-ger trig-ger pull the trig-ger *ff* trig-ger trig-ger

B. pull the trig-ger *mf* trig-ger trig-ger trig-ger pull the trig-ger *ff* trig-ger trig-ger

Xyl. *f* *mf* *ff*

S. D. *f*

Vln. I *mf* *f*

Vln. II *mf* *f*

Vla. *mf* *f*

Vc. pizz. *f* arco *mf* *f*

Db. pizz. *f*