

# Adagio for Strings

Violin I

Samuel Barber, Op. 11

Molto adagio  
*espress. cantando*

The musical score for Violin I of "Adagio for Strings" by Samuel Barber, Op. 11, is presented in seven staves. The key signature is G minor (three flats). The tempo is "Molto adagio" and the performance style is "espress. cantando". The score begins with a 4/4 time signature and includes dynamic markings of *pp*, *mf*, and *p*. The music is characterized by a long, sweeping melodic line with various articulations and phrasing marks. The score includes three first endings, marked with boxed numbers 1, 2, and 3. The time signature changes to 3/2, 6/2, and 4/2 throughout the piece.

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Vln. II *with increasing intensity*

[4] Vln. I *mf espress.*

*f* *cresc. sempre*

*ff*

Sul G [5] *pp*

Tempo I° (sord. ad lib.) unis. *mf espress.*

[6] *p*

*mf* *molto espress.* *pp*