

For 2 violas
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Both violists play from the same list of pitches, randomly generated over a 2-octave range C3 - B4.

Viola 1 plays each pitch in order, one pitch per bow, 10 seconds per note, very softly, without pause.

Viola 2 also plays each pitch in order, but joining Viola 1 partway through each note, very softly, starting and stopping almost unnoticeably.

Viola 2's start times are randomly generated, anywhere from 0.0 seconds to 8.0 seconds from the beginning of each note.

For each pitch, there is a 1/2 chance that Viola 2 will hold the pitch until the end (the 10 second mark).

There is a 1/2 chance that Viola 2 will end the pitch before Viola 1, at a randomly chosen time at least 2 seconds after the start time.

Play for as long as desired.