45th string quartet Erik Carlson 2017

A series of 8-note chords.

For each chord, each player chooses 2 pitches that they play softly on 2 adjacent strings. Microtones encouraged. Different notes for each chord, but perhaps sometimes only a subtle difference.

One player leads the beginning and the end of the chord, which should last for about one slow bow-length (exact length determined by the leader). The leading of the chords rotates through the quartet, a different leader on each chord.

Between each chord, a rest of a few seconds. (exact length determined by the leader of the following chord).

Play softly. Blend well. Play for as long as desired.