



Threnody to the Victims of Hiroshima

On Monday, August 6, 1945, at 8:15 AM, the Atomic Bomb "Little Boy" was dropped on Hiroshima by an American B-29 bomber directly killing an estimated 80,000 people. By the end of the year, injury and radiation brought total casualties to 90,000–140,000. Krzysztof Penderecki, a Polish composer dedicated his piece 'Threnody to the Victims of Hiroshima' to these people.

When you are played this piece of music...

1. Complete the table. You may have to research some of the terms to do this task.
2. Answer the question on the back of this page.

Musical Element	How has this musical element been used?	What effect does this have?
Pitch		
Harmony (The types of chords used)	Is this piece harmonious , or dissonant ?	
Tempo		
Dynamics		
Texture		
Tonality	Is it major , minor or atonal ?	
Timbre		
Rhythm		
Silence		

Describe the images that come to your mind when you listen to this piece, and explain how the music does this. Make sure you refer to the elements of music and what you wrote in the table in your answer.

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