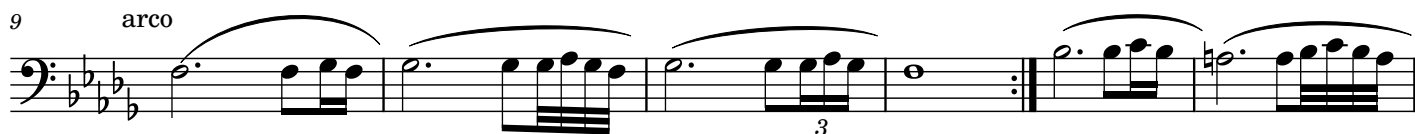


Before the King

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For looping 5-string cello. Each repeat sign means hit the loop pedal to add more loops.

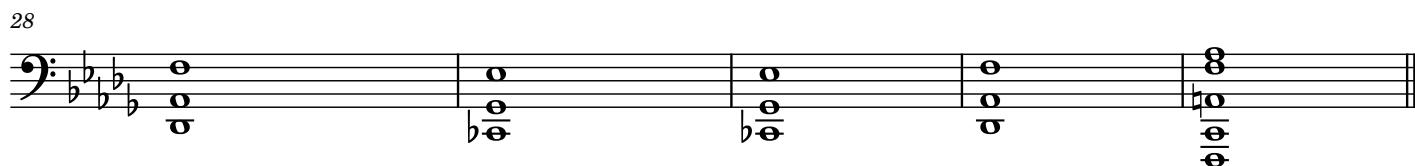
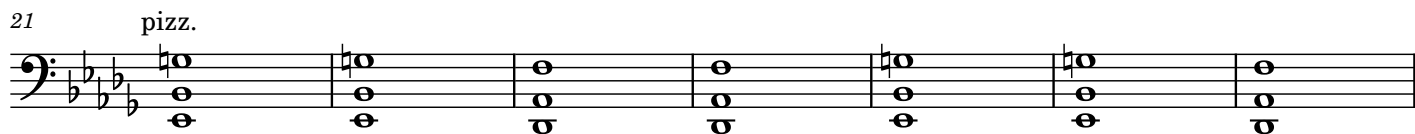
♩ = 100



(8ve up if you lack a low F string)



BRIDGE - NO LOOP



rest, then resume loop till end,
add cello solo or more choruses

[Loop notes in bold]

(song structure notes in italics)

*I didn't print the music for this
because there are too many notes.*

[start cello loop]

(bar 5, this is the Chorus:)

I have appeared at last before the king
And while I still can, I must sing
I sing through smiling lips and pretend
I don't know it's the end

(vs 1)

I can't stop this gift of vision
I can't help but see what's coming
And I've never been given
A faustian bargain
'Cause no one wants what I'm selling
(Souls are a dime a dozen)

(CHORUS, add Tralalas)

(cello solo)

(vs 2)

Everything happens
Not for a reason
But it has to happen to someone
I used to have a potion
To quiet the visions
But now even our poison is poisoned

[STOP LOOP]

(Bridge:)

And I was never aspirational
Only living as a cautionary tale
Having to dance and beg on my knees
My only chance at dignity
And to pretend these scraps are enough
To appease the lords above

[rest one bar, START LOOP]

(Cello OR vocal chorus)

[ADD VOCAL LOOPS: 1st Bb, then Db, ascending)]

Of my own space and time I am queen
And while I still can, I must sing

(Final chorus:)

Of my own space and time I am queen
And while I still can, I must sing
I sing the truth: Death comes for us all
And now she stands in your great hall!