



Luther: in Canon

for concert wind band
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Luther: In Canon was commissioned by a consortium of wind bands at the collegiate, high school, and professional levels to commemorate the 500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation.

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duration: 6 minutes.

instrumentation:

piccolo, 3 flutes, 2 oboes, english horn, 2 bassoons (cross-cued where needed)
E♭ clarinet (opt but preferred), 3 B♭ clarinets, bass clarinet
soprano (cross-cued where needed), alto, tenor, bari saxophones
4 horns, 3 B♭ trumpets, 2 tenor trombones, bass trombone
euphonium (2 players), tuba
harp (may use piano as substitute), double bass (cross-cued where needed)
timpani + percussion (6 players) [Perc 6 cued in other parts, in case of player shortage]
Chimes, Vibes, Marimba (5-octave), Orch Bells, Xylophone
Cymbals: Sus Cymb, Cymb a2, Splash Cymb
TamTam, Triangle, Tambourine, Wood Block
Snare Drum, Bass Drum, 2 mid-Toms

Program notes -- from the composer:

When approached by Bill Perrine (lead consortium member) to compose a 2nd work in honor of the Lutheran 500th Anniversary (the other being "**this is most certainly true**", commissioned by another consortium led by Jim Ripley), I agreed immediately.

I knew that I had more to say about the subject, and given that the aforementioned was an introspective, somber, what tortured work, I felt I could add some uplifting nature to the celebration as well.

I will confess that the inspiration for "*Luther: in Canon*" comes directly from the finale of Holst's 2nd suite for band (IV. "Fantasia on the Dargason"). Like so many others, I have always loved his compositional process of opening with the canon-like figure, only to reveal the true hymn later in the work. And so - in "*Luther: in Canon*", I do the same. The process of coming up with unique sounds, colors, harmonies and rhythms to accompany the canon is both daunting and exciting, especially since there are already so many settings of Luther's most famous hymn, "A Mighty Fortress" (Ein feste Burg). It is the surprise textures that give me the most pleasure, as composer, and therefore, hopefully the players and audience as well.

I tried to give most everyone a shot at the canonic material. I also scored the woodwind section quite liberally, hoping to use it as a tool to symbolize the hammering of the 95 theses, but also, in conjunction with other percussion, to give the work a bit of a busy nature, so as to suggest that though the Lutheran practice has been around now for 500 years, there is, and always will be, work to be done.

Lastly - the title. I had decided to write the work in canon long before deciding on a title. The title actually came last.

It occurred to me that the obvious pun ("Lutheran canon") might not be so bad, given that "canon" has both liturgical and musical meanings. I hope others take it in the spirit it is intended, and don't find the word-play at all demeaning to the seriousness of the celebration of 500 years!

Jim Stephenson, June 29, 2017

I would like to extend a special thank you to those who participated in bringing this consortium together:

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Allegro spirto ($\text{♩} = \text{c. } 128-132$)
may be conducted in 2 or 4, as per discretion

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Tempo: 120 BPM

Key Signature: C Major

Instrumentation: Piccolo, Flute 1 & 2, Flute 3, Oboe 1 & 2, English Horn, Bassoon 1 & 2, E Clarinet (can be optional), B Clarinet 1, B Clarinet 2-3, Bass Clarinet, Soprano Saxophone (cross-cued), Alto Saxophone, Tenor Saxophone, Baritone Saxophone, Horn in F 1-2, Horn in F 3-4, B Trumpet 1 & 2, B Trumpet 3, Trombone 1 & 2, Bass Trombone, Euphonium (2 players), Tuba, Harp (or substitute piano)

Dynamic Markings: f, ff, p, piano - tacet, Major

Performance Notes: Solo for Flute 1 & 2. The piece consists of two staves of 16 measures each. Measures 1-8 are for woodwind instruments. Measures 9-16 are for brass instruments. The piece concludes with a final section for the Harp (or substitute piano) in C Major.

Allegro spirto (\bullet = c. 128-132)

Allegro spiritus (♩ = c. 128)
may be conducted in 2 or 4, as per discretion

Timpani

Orch Bells

Percussion 1

Xylo

Percussion 2 (mallets)

very quick scrape w/ trgl. beater
Sus. Cymb.

Percussion 3

S.D.

Percussion 4

B.D.

Bass Drum
Perc. 5

Double Bass

A

Picc.

Fl. 1
2

Fl. 3

Ob. 1
2

E. Hn.

Bsn. 1
2

E. Cl.

1 B. Cl.
2
3

B. Cl.

S. Sx.

Alto Sax.

Tenor Sax.

Bar. Sax.

Hn. 1
2
3
4

B. Tpt. 1
2

B. Tpt. 3

Tbn. 1
2

B. Tbn.

Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Perc. 1

Mal

Perc. 2

very quick scrape w/ trgl. beater
Sus. Cymb.

Triangle

Perc. 3

f

p

S.D.

Perc. 4

f

B.D.

Perc. 5

B. Dr.

Perc. 5

9 f

pp

A

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B

Picc.

Fl. 1
2

Fl. 3

Ob. 1
2

E. Hn.

Bsn. 1
2

E. Cl.

1
B. Cl.
2
3

B. Cl.

S. Sx.

Alto Sax.

Tenor Sax.

Bar. Sax.

Solo

mf

play if no Sop. Sax.

p

mp

16

B

16

B

Timp.

(Perc. 6)

Vibes

Perc. 1

Marimba

p

Mal

Perc. 2

p

Perc. 3

Perc. 4

B. Dr.

Perc. 5

B.D.

16

pizz.

p > pp p > pp

pp

25

Picc. *f*

Fl. 1 *p* *f*

Fl. 3 *f*

Ob. 1 *f*

E. Hn. *f*

Bsn. 1 *b*
2 *b*
mf

E. Cl. *f*

1 B. Cl. *a2* *f*

2 B. Cl. *f*

3 B. Cl. *f*

S. Sx.

Alto Sax. *mf*

Tenor Sax. *mf*

Bar. Sax. *mf*

25

Hn. *mf*

1 B. Tpt. *p*

2 B. Tpt. *Open* *mf*

3 B. Tpt. *mf*

4 B. Tpt. *mf*

B. Tpt. 1 *Open* *mf*

B. Tpt. 3 *mf*

Tbn. 1 *mf*

Tbn. 2 *mf*

B. Tbn.

Euph. *mp*

Tuba *p*

Crip. *p*

Tim. *mf*

Vib.

Mal

Perc. 2 (hard stick) Sus. Cymb.

Perc. 3 *mf*

Perc. 4 2 mid-Toms *mf*

Perc. 5 B.D. *mf*

B. Dr. Perc. 5 *p*

D.B. *p* *pp* *f*

25

COMPOSED BY

33

D

Picc.

Fl. 1

Fl. 3

Ob. 1

E. Hn.

Bsn. 1

E. Cl.

1

B. Cl.

2

3

B. Cl.

S. Sx.

Alto Sax.

Tenor Sax.

Bar. Sax.

33

f

Hn.

3

4

B Tpt. 1

B Tpt. 3

Tbn. 1

B. Tbn.

Euph.

Tuba

Hp.

Timp.

Bells

Perc 1

Marimba

p

Mal.

Perc. 3

Tamb.

f

Perc. 4

B. Dr.

Perc. 5

D.B.

33

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f

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Luther: in Canon

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Picc. *f* Solo [E]

Fl. 1 *f* *mf*

Fl. 2 *f* *mf*

Fl. 3 *f* Solo *mf*

Ob. 1 *f* *mf* *mf*

E. Hn.

Bsn. 1 *f*

E. Cl. *f*

B. Cl. 1 *f* *mf*

B. Cl. 2 *f*

B. Cl. 3 *p* *f*

B. Cl. *f*

S. Sx. *f*

Alto Sax. *f* *mf* *legato*

Tenor Sax. *f*

Bar. Sax. *f*

39

Hn. 1 *p* *f*

Hn. 2 *p* *f*

Hn. 3 *p* *f*

Hn. 4 *p* *f*

B. Tpt. 1 *f*

B. Tpt. 2 *f*

B. Tpt. 3 *f*

Tbn. 1 *f*

B. Tbn. *f* 1 player

Euph. *f* *mf* *legato*

Tuba *f*

Hp. *f*

39

Tim. *f* [E]

Bells *f* Vibes (Perc. 6)

Perc. 1 (if poss.) *mf*

Mal. - P2 Xylo

very quick scrape w/ trgl. beater Sus. Cymb.

Perc. 3 *f* soft mallet Splash Cymb.

S.D. W.B. *pp*

Perc. 4 *f* B.D. *p*

B. Dr. *f* *pp*

Perc. 5 *f* *p*

39

D.B. *f* *p*

46

Picc.

Fl. 1
2

Fl. 3

Ob. 1
2

E. Hn.

Bsn. 1
2

E. Cl.

B. Cl.
1
2
3

B. Cl.

S. Sx.

Alto Sax.

Tenor Sax.

Bar. Sax.

F

mf Ob. 1 -- play if no E. Cl.

f

pp

mf

pp

pp play if no bassoons

pp play if no bassoons

pp

46

Hn.
1
2
3
4

B. Tpt. 1
2

B. Tpt. 3

Tbn. 1
2

B. Tbn.

Euph.

Tuba

Hp.

p

pp

2 - play con sord.
no Eng. Horn

Cup Mute

p

Timp.

Bells
Perc 1

Mal.

Perc. 3

Perc. 4

B. Dr.
Perc. 5

D.B.

F

pp

Orc Bells

p

p

46

54

Picc. *mf*

Fl. 1 2

Fl. 3

Ob. 1 2 *mp* *mf* *f* *p*

E. Hn.

Bsn. 1 2

E. Cl. *mp*

1

B. Cl. *mf* *f*

2

B. Cl. *mf* *f* *p* *fp*

S. Sx.

Alto Sax. *mf*

Tenor Sax.

Bar. Sax.

54

1 2 *p* *fp*

Hn. 3 4 *p* *fp*

B. Tpt. 1 2 (Open) *p* *f* *p*

B. Tpt. 3 *p* *f* *p*

Tbn. 1 2 Open *p* *f* *p*

B. Tbn. *p* *f* (stems down - alt. option)

Euph. *p* *f* (stems down - alt. option)

Tuba *p* *f*

Hp. *f*

54

Tim. *f* *p*

Bells

Perc 1 Xylo

(Perc. 6) Chimes

Mal. very quick scrape w/ trgl. beater
Sus. Cymb. *p* *p*

Perc. 3 S.D.

Perc. 4 B.D. *p* *p* *mf*

B. Dr. Perc. 5

54

D.B. *p* *f*

70 [H]

Picc.

Fl. 1
2

Fl. 3

Ob. 1
2

E. Hn.

Bsn. 1
2

E. Cl.

1
B. Cl.
2
3

B. Cl.

S. Sx.

Alto Sax.

Tenor Sax.

Bar. Sax.

70

1
2
3
4

Hn.

B. Tpt. 1
2

B. Tpt. 3

Tbn. 1
2

B. Tbn.

Euph.

Tuba

Hp.

70 [H]

Timp.

Bells

Perc 1

Vibes

Mal

Perc 2

p soft mallet

Splash Cymb.

Perc 3

(Perc. 6) pp

W.B.

Perc 4

pp

B. Dr.

Perc 5

D.B.

70 pp

78

Picc.

Fl. 1 2

Fl. 3

Ob. 1 2

E. Hn.

Bsn. 1 2

E. Cl.

B. Cl. 1

B. Cl. 2 3

B. Cl.

S. Sx.

Alto Sax.

Tenor Sax.

Bar. Sax.

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p

E-Clar.

p

p

p

p

p

p

p

p

p

p

p

78

Hn. 1 2

Hn. 3 4

B. Tpt. 1 2

B. Tpt. 3

Tbn. 1 2

B. Tbn.

Euph.

Tuba

Hp.

78

Timp.

COMPOSE JUNIOR

a2 Cup Mute

Cup Mute

mf

mf

mf

p

p

Bells

Perc. 1

Mal

Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Perc. 4

B. Dr.

Perc. 5

D.B.

78

COMPOSE JUNIOR

p

p

p

p

p

p

p

p

p

p

86 I

Picc.

Fl. 1
2

Fl. 3

Ob. 1
2

E. Hn.

Bsn. 1
2

E. Cl.

B. Cl.
1
2
3

B. Cl.

S. Sx.

Alto Sax.

Tenor Sax.

Bar. Sax.

86

Hn.
1
2
3
4

B. Tpt. 1
2

B. Tpt. 3

Tbn. 1
2

B. Tbn.

Euph.

Tuba

Hp.

86 I

Timp.

Bells
Perc 1

Mal
Perc. 2

Perc. 3

Perc. 4

B. Dr.
Perc. 5

D.B.

J

Picc. *f*

Fl. 1 *f*

Fl. 3 *f*

Ob. 1 *f*

E. Hn. *f*

Bsn. 1 *f*

E. Cl. *f*

B. Cl. 1 *f*

B. Cl. 2 *f*

B. Cl. 3 *f*

S. Sx. *f*

Alto Sax. *f*

Tenor Sax. *f*

Bar. Sax. *f*

94

Hn. 1 *f*

Hn. 2 *fp*

Hn. 3 *f*

Hn. 4 *fp*

B. Tpt. 1 *f*

B. Tpt. 2 *fp*

B. Tpt. 3 *f*

Tbn. 1 *f*

B. Tbn. *f*

Euph. *f*

Tuba *f*

Hp. (piano - tacet) (B^b)

94

Timp. *f*

Bells *f*

Perc 1 *f*

Mal *8*

Perc 2 *f*

Perc 3 *f*

Perc 4 *f* [Cymb a2]

Perc 5 *f*

B. Dr. *f*

D.B. *f* *arc*

94

CONPOSE

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rit.

K a tempo

102

Picc.

Fl. 1

Fl. 3

Ob. 1

E. Hn.

Bsn. 1

E. Cl.

B. Cl. 1

B. Cl. 2

B. Cl. 3

S. Sx.

Alto Sax.

Tenor Sax.

Bar. Sax.

102 *f*

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

Hn. 3

Hn. 4

B. Tpt. 1

B. Tpt. 2

B. Tpt. 3

Tbn. 1

B. Tbn.

Euph.

Tuba

Hp.

(piano - tacet)

(A Major)

102 *rit.*

K a tempo

Tim.

Bells

Perc 1

S.D.

Mal

Perc 2

Sus. Cymb.

Perc 3

Perc 4

B. Dr.

Perc 5

D.B.

Musical score page 110. The score includes parts for Picc., Fl. 1, Fl. 2, Fl. 3, Ob. 1, E. Hn., Bsn. 1, E. Cl., B. Cl. 1, B. Cl. 2, B. Cl. 3, S. Sx., Alto Sax., Tenor Sax., and Bar. Sax. The instrumentation is as follows:

- Picc.
- Fl. 1
- Fl. 2
- Fl. 3
- Ob. 1
- E. Hn.
- Bsn. 1
- E. Cl.
- B. Cl. 1
- B. Cl. 2
- B. Cl. 3
- S. Sx.
- Alto Sax.
- Tenor Sax.
- Bar. Sax.

The score consists of 12 staves of music. The first six staves (Picc., Flutes, Oboe, English Horn, Bassoon, Clarinet) have dynamics such as *p*, *mp*, *f*, *pp*, and *mf*. The last six staves (Bassoon, Clarinet, Bassoon, Bassoon, Bassoon, Alto/Soprano Saxophone, Tenor Saxophone, Bassoon) also have dynamics like *p*, *mp*, *f*, *mf*, and *p*. There are performance instructions: "play if no Sop. Sax." above the Bassoon 1 staff and "a2" above the Bassoon 2 staff. A large diagonal watermark "IMC.COM" is overlaid across the page.

110

Hn. 1
Hn. 2

B. Tpt. 1
B. Tpt. 2

B. Tpt. 3

Tbn. 1
Tbn. 2

B. Tbn.

Euph.

Tuba

Hp.

Contra

f

p

p

p

p

p

p

pp

1 player (tuba 1)

1 player (tuba 2)

pp

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L

Tim.  *pp*

Bells
Perc 1

Mal
Perc. 2

(Perc. 6)
Triangle

Perc. 3

(hard stick)
Sus. Cymb.

Perc. 4

Tamb.
p

2 mid-Toms
p

B. Dr.
Perc. 5

p

D.B.  *pp*

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Picc. *p*
Fl. 1 *mf*
Fl. 3 *mf*
Ob. 1 *mf*
E. Hn.
Bsn. 1 *p* *mf*
E. Cl. *p* *f*
B. Cl. 1 *mf*
B. Cl. 2 *f*
B. Cl. 3 *mf* *f*
S. Sx. *p* *p*
Alto Sax. *mf*
Tenor Sax.
Bar. Sax. *p* *mp*

M

119

Hn. 1
Hn. 2
Hn. 3
Hn. 4 Open *p*
B. Tpt. 1 *p*
B. Tpt. 2
B. Tpt. 3
Tbn. 1 *p*
B. Tbn.
Euph. *mf*
Tuba *pp* *mp*
Hp.

119

Timp. *p*
Bells
Perc 1
Mal
Perc 2
Perc 3
Perc 4
B. Dr.
Perc 5
D.B. *mp*

M

rit.

127

Picc. -

Fl. 1 2 f

Fl. 3 -

Ob. 1 2 p

E. Hn. p

Bsn. 1 2 p

E. Cl. -

1 B. Cl. 2 3 -

B. Cl. - p

S. Sx. -

Alto Sax. - mf

Tenor Sax. -

Bar. Sax. - mf

127

Hn. 1 2 p

3 4 -

B. Tpt. 1 2 p

B. Tpt. 3 - p

Tbn. 1 2 - p

B. Tbn. - p

Euph. - p

Tuba - p

Hp. -

127

rit.

Timp. - p

Bells
Perc 1 -

Mal
Perc. 2 -

Perc. 3 -

Perc. 4 > p

B. Dr.
Perc. 5 -

127

D.B. - p

a tempo N

133 *f*

Picc.

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Fl. 3

Ob. 1

E. Hn.

Bsn. 1

E. Cl.

B. Cl. 1

B. Cl. 2

B. Cl. 3

S. Sx.

Alto Sax.

Tenor Sax.

Bar. Sax.

133

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

Hn. 3

Hn. 4

B. Tpt. 1

B. Tpt. 2

B. Tpt. 3

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

B. Tbn.

Euph.

Tuba

Hp.

133 *a tempo N*

Tim. *fp* *p* *f*

Bells

Perc 1

Cymb a2

Mal

Perc 2

f

W.B. (Perc. 6)

Perc 3

f

p *f*

S.D.

Perc 4

fp *p* *f*

f

B. Dr.

Perc 5

f

D.B. *f*

133 *p* *f* *f*

141

O

Picc.

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Fl. 3

Ob. 1

E. Hn.

Bsn. 1

E. Cl.

1

B. Cl.

2

3

B. Cl.

S. Sx.

Alto Sax.

Tenor Sax.

Bar. Sax.

141

1

Hn.

2

3

4

B. Tpt. 1

2

B. Tpt. 3

Tbn. 1

2

B. Tbn.

Euph.

Tuba

Hp.

141

O

Timp.

Bells

Perc 1

Xylo

Perc 2 - Mal

W.B.

Perc. 3

S.D.

Perc. 4

B. Dr.

Perc. 5

D.B.

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Picc.

Fl. 1
Fl. 2

Fl. 3

Ob. 1
Ob. 2

E. Hn.

Bsn. 1
Bsn. 2

E. Cl.

B. Cl.
1
2
3

B. Cl.

S. Sx.

Alto Sax.

Tenor Sax.

Bar. Sax.



a2

f

f

f

f

f

149

Hn.
1
2

Hn.
3
4

B Tpt. 1
2

B Tpt. 3

Tbn. 1
2

B. Tbn.

Euph.

Tuba

Hp.



a2

f

f

f

f

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Timp.

Bells
Perc 1

Xyl.

W.B.

Perc. 3

Cymb a2

Perc. 4

mf

B. Dr.
Perc. 5

D.B.

mf

mf

mf

mf

mf

157

P

Picc.

Fl. 1
2

Fl. 3

Ob. 1
2

E. Hn.

Bsn. 1
2

E. Cl.

1

B. Cl.
2
3

B. Cl.

S. Sx.

Alto Sax.

Tenor Sax.

Bar. Sax.

157

Hn.
3
4

B. Tpt. 1
2

B. Tpt. 3

Tbn. 1
2

B. Tbn.

Euph.

Tuba

Hp.

157

P

Timp.

Bells
Perc 1

Mal
Perc 2

Sus. Cymb.
(hard stick)

Perc. 3

Perc. 4

B. Dr.
Perc. 5

D.B.

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p — *f*

f [2 mid-Toms]

mf very quick scrape w/ trgl. beater

mf [S.D.] *f* *f*

f *f*

p — *mf* — *f* *f*

Musical score for orchestra and band, page 165, section Q. The score includes parts for Picc., Fl. 1 & 2, Fl. 3, Ob. 1 & 2, E. Hn., Bsn. 1 & 2, E. Cl., B. Cl. 1 & 2, S. Cl., S. Sx., Alto Sax., Tenor Sax., and Bar. Sax. The score features various musical markings such as dynamics (f, p, mf), articulations, and performance instructions. A large, semi-transparent watermark "drum.com" is diagonally across the page.

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Hn.

B. Tpt. 1

B. Tpt. 3

Tbn. 1

B. Tbn.

Euph.

Tuba

Hp.

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Timpani: Bass clef, 2 sharps, eighth-note sustained notes.

Bells Perc 1: Treble clef, eighth-note patterns.

Chimes Chm.: Treble clef, eighth-note patterns.

Percussion 3 Perc. 3: Four horizontal bars, each with a short vertical stroke.

Percussion 4 Perc. 4: Four horizontal bars, each with a short vertical stroke.

Bass Drum Perc. 5: Bass clef, eighth-note patterns.

Double Bass D.B.: Bass clef, eighth-note sustained notes.

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Picc.

Fl. 1
2

Fl. 3

Ob. 1
2

E. Hn.

Bsn. 1
2

E. Cl.

B. Cl. 1

B. Cl. 2
3

S. Sx.

Alto Sax.

Tenor Sax.

Bar. Sax.

187

Hn. *p* cresc.

B Tpt. 1

B Tpt. 3

Tbn. 1 *p* cresc.

B. Tbn.

Euph.

Tuba *p* cresc.

Hp. (C Major) *f*

The score consists of ten staves, each representing a different instrument. The instruments listed from top to bottom are: Horn (Hn.), Bass Trombone 1 (B Tpt. 1), Bass Trombone 3 (B Tpt. 3), Bass Trombone 1 (Tbn. 1), Bass Trombone 2 (B. Tbn.), Euphonium (Euph.), Tuba, and Double Bass (Hb.). The music is in common time (indicated by '2'). Various dynamics are marked throughout the score, including 'p' (piano), 'f' (forte), and 'cresc.' (crescendo). A large, semi-transparent watermark reading 'COMPOSED' is diagonally across the page.

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