

## The 5th String

Lightness and Quickness are at the top of Italo Calvino's interesting list of values in his "Six Memos for the Next Millenium" that he wrote for lectures at Harvard 1985. The list continues with Exactitude, Visibility and Multiplicity. I like his list.

The 5th String for solo violin is the last one in a family of works that I call Rhythm and Sound. These works are all built on arpeggiation on harmonics and in this solo piece the length of the arpeggiation, the number of pitches in every stroke of the bow, is one of the rhythmic and technical things that I focused on. The 5th String was composed in collaboration with the young amazing violinist Karin Hellqvist.

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