

UHELSSIGU TARYENG, Lee
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piano

얼씨구 타령

uhelssigu Taryeng

by
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About the composer

Jinsil Lee (b. 1983) is a Korean composer and arranger based in New York. She is active across a wide range of genres, including sacred and secular choral music, theater music, orchestral works, and electronic music, showcasing a broad musical language that bridges classical and contemporary art music.

She has been consistently commissioned by various arts organizations, including the Korean National Choir, to compose large-scale ensemble works for choir and orchestra. Her musicals and cantatas have been performed by multiple choirs beyond their premieres, continuing to receive widespread appreciation.

Lee is also well known as a composer for theater, demonstrating an exceptional ability to express the emotions and drama of the stage through music. Her compositions—such as a piano concerto for string orchestra, percussion ensemble works, and electronic music for contemporary dance—have been performed internationally in cities such as Vienna (Austria), and in New Jersey and New York (USA), expanding her global presence.

Her music is characterized by a delicate sensitivity, experimental soundscapes, and profound philosophical depth, establishing her as a distinctive voice in the contemporary music scene across genres and borders.

Composer Notes

Uelssigu Taryung (2022) is an upbeat piece with many combinations of various rhythmic motives. Taryung is one form of traditional Korean performance - a type of folk art characterized by colloquial language and rhythmic refrains. Originally, Taryung referred to the performances by itinerant musicians or folk entertainers who, in village festivals or marketplaces, sang and acted in ways that reflected everyday life and emotions of ordinary people. In this context, "Uelssigu", "Jeolssigu", "Aehediya", and "Dehediya" are known as refrains or exclamatory expressions that frequently appear in traditional Korean folk performances, especially in Taryung. These exclamatory interjections enhance the rhythm and atmosphere of the performance rather than conveying a specific meaning.

The composer used the rhythmic repetitive element with its resonance of the sounds, the rhythm, and the repetitive structure as the motivic idea to enhance the piece by the interplay between each voice. The upbeat motifs fuse the vibrancy and spontaneity of art with the repetitive rhythmic refrain elements of the Taryung, and the song develops and builds to a climactic end. The key is to play with the vibrant rhythmic nuances of the repeated words. Since the accent of all the words is on the long notes, it is effective to sing with a swinging tone by emphasizing the long notes.

Uhelssigu ssigu Jeolssigu ssigu (exclamatory refrain)

Aehediya Dehediya (exclamatory refrain)

Ulssigu Jeolssigu (exclamatory refrain)

Droganda (Goes in)

written in Korean traditional style with traditional text)

얼씨구, 절씨구, 에헤디야 들어간다

(unknown meaning, likely an interjection expressing joy), I am coming back

Ranges



recording, Korean pronunciation MP3
and rehearsal tracks available at sbmp.com

Uhelssigu Taryeng

Jinsil Lee

PREVIEW

$\text{♩} = 152$

Soprano (S): Treble clef, 4/4 time, dynamic f.

Alto (A): Treble clef, 4/4 time, dynamic f.

Tenor (T): Treble clef, 8th note duration.

Bass (B): Bass clef, 4/4 time.

Piano: Treble clef, 4/4 time, dynamic pp.

Lyrics:

- Uh - el - ssi - gu, ssi - gu Jeo - el ssi - gu, ssi - gu Uh - el - ssi - gu, ssi - gu, ssi - gu
- Jeo - el - ssi - gu, ssi - gu Uh el - ssi - gu, ssi - gu Jeo - el ssi - gu, ssi - gu
- Ae
- Ae

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he Ae

Uh - el - ssi - gu, ssi - gu, ssi - gu Jeo - el - ssi - gu, ssi - gu, ssi - gu Uh el - ssi - gu, ssi - gu

8 he Ae

he Ae

10

(ae) - hey Ae - hey

Jeo - el - ssi - gu, ssi - gu Uh el - ssi - gu, ssi - gu, ssi - gu

8 hey - - - ya

hey - - - ya

12

Ae - - - - - hey - di - ya - - -

molto

Jeo - el ssi - gu, ssi - gu, ssi - gu Uh - el - ssi - gu, ssi - gu Jeo - el - ssi - gu, ssi - gu

Uh - el ssi - gu, ssi - gu Jeo - el ssi - gu, ssi - gu

Ae - - - - - hey - i - ya - - -

PREVIEW

15

Ae - - - - - hey - di - ya - - - Ae - - - - - hey -

Ae - - - - - hey - di - ya - - -

Uh el ssi - gu, ssi - gu, ssi - gu, Jeo - el - ssi - gu, ssi - gu, ssi - gu Uh - el - ssi - gu, ssi - gu

Uh el ssi - gu, ssi - gu, ssi - gu, Jeo - el - ssi - gu, ssi - gu, ssi - gu Uh el - ssi - gu, ssi - gu

Ae - - - - - hey - - - - -

18

ff

di - ya

ff

Jeo - el - ssi - gu, ssi - gu Uh - el - ssi - gu, ssi - gu, ssi - gu Jeo - el - ssi - gu, ssi - gu, ssi - gu

ff

Jeo - el - ssi - gu, ssi - gu Uh - el - ssi - gu, ssi - gu, ssi - gu Jeo - el - ssi - gu, ssi - gu, ssi - gu

Ae - hey - di - ya.

ff

In two ($\text{♪} = \text{♪}$)

21

ff

Uh - el - ssi - gu, ssi - gu Jeo - el - ssi - gu, ssi - gu

ya Ae he - di - ya De - he - di ya

p

mp

p

p

p

25

mp

Uh - el - ssi - gu Jeo - el - ssi - gu
Ae he - di - ya De - he - di ya Ae he - di - ya De - he - di ya

PREVIEW

29

mf

Ul - ssi - gu, jeol - ssi - gu d - ro - gan - da

mp

Uh - el - ssi - gu,
Ae he - di - ya

mf

p

32

Jeo - ul - ssi - gu Ul - ssi - gu, jeol - ssi - gu d - ro - gan - da

De - he - di - ya Ae - he - di - ya d - ro - gan - da

PREVIEW

35

Ae - ya, di - ya, ae - ya, di - ya

Ae - ya, di - ya, ae - ya, di - ya

Ae - ya.

37

Two blank staves for musical notation, starting at measure 37.

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Two blank staves for musical notation, starting at measure 38.

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39

f *fp*

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40

Jeo - el - sssi - gu, sssi - gu Uh - el - ssi - gu, ssi - gu, ssi - gu

Ae - he - di - ya

p

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trb *trb*

42

Jeo - el - - ssi - gu, ssi - gu, ssi - gu Uh - el - ssi - gu, ssi - gu

Nan ni na____ ni na_____

De - he - di - ya____ Ae - he - di - ya____

44

Jeo - el - ssi - gu, uh - el - ssi - gu, ssi - gu, ssi - gu

na na na na ni

De - he - di - ya____ Ae - he - di - ya____

46

Jeo - el - ssi - gu, ssi - gu, ssi - gu Jeo - el - ssi - gu, ssi - gu, ssi - gu

Ae - he - di - ya, ae - he - di - ya

na ni na.

De - he - di - ya Ae - he - di - ya

PREVIEW

48

f

Ae - ya, di - ya Ae - ya, di - ya Ul - ssi - go jeol - ssi - gu d - ro - gan -

f

Na na na na na na na na

f

Na na na na na na na na

52

da

mf

Uh - el - ssi - gu, ssi - gu, ssi - gu Jeo - el - ssi - gu, ssi - gu, ssi - gu

mf

Ae - he - di - ya Ae - he - di - ya

p

trb

mf

Nan ni na

p

Uh - el - ssi - gu, ssi - gu Jeo - el - ssi - gu, ssi - gu

p

Ae - he - di - ya Ae - he - di - ya

p

56

na na na na ni na ni na ni na

Uh - el - ssi - gu, ssi - gu, ssi - gu Jeo - el - ssi - gu, ssi - gu, ssi - gu

Ae - he - di - ya Ae - he - di - ya

PREVIEW

58

Ae - ya Ae - ya

Ae - ya, di - ya, Ae - ya, di - ya

Jeo - el - ssi - gu, ssi - gu, ssi - gu Na na na na

Ae - he - di - ya Na na na na

61

Ae - ya, di - ya Ae - ya, di - ya, ae - ya, di - ya Ae - ya, di - ya,
 Ul - ssi - gu, Jeol - ssi - gu d - ro - gan - da Ae - ya, di - ya,
 na na na an an na na
 na na na na na

PREVIEW

64

Ae - ya, di - ya Ul - ssi - gu, jeol - ssi - gu d - ro - gan - da
 Ae - ya, di - ya, Ul - ssi - gu, -jeol - ssi - gu d - ro - gan - da
 na na na Na na na, ssi - gu, ssi - gu
 na na na Na na na, see - gu, see - gu

PREVIEW

67

PREVIEW

71

74

p

mp

Ul - ssi - gu, jeol - ssi - gu

Ae - he - di - ya, De - he - di - ya.

PREVIEW

77

p

Ae - he - di - ya, De - he - di - ya.

p

Uh - el - ssi - gu Uh - el - ssi - gu

p

Ae - he - di - ya De - he - di - ya.

81

mp

Ae - he - di - ya, De - he - di - ya.

mp

Uh - el - ssi - gu, ssi - gu Jeo - el - ssi - gu, ssi - gu

mp

Ae - ya, di - ya, ae - ya, di - ya Uh - el - ssi - gu, ssi - gu

tr

PREVIEW

83

mf

Ae - he - di - ya, De - he - di - ya.

mf

Ae - ya, di - ya, ae - ya, di - ya Uh - el - ssi - gu, ssi - gu

mf

Jeo - el - ssi - gu, ssi - gu Uh - el - ssi - gu, ssi - gu

fp

85

Nan - na, nan - na, nan - na, Nan - na
Ae - ya, di - ya, ae - ya, di - ya Nan - na na na d - ro - gan -
8 Jeo - el - ssi - gu, ssi - gu Nan - na, nan - na, nan - na, Nan - na
Jeo - el - ssi - gu, ssi - gu Nan - na, nan - na, nan - na,
Nan - na - na - na Uh - el - ssi - gu, Jeo - el - ssi - gu,
da Uh - el - ssi - gu, Jeo - el - ssi - gu,
Nan - na - na - na Ul - ssi - gu, jeo - ssi - gu

PREVIEW

88

Nan - na - na - Uh - el - ssi - gu, Jeo - el - ssi - gu,
da Uh - el - ssi - gu, Jeo - el - ssi - gu,
Nan - na - na - na Ul - ssi - gu, jeo - ssi - gu
Ae - he - di - ya

ff Nan - na - na - na Uh - el - ssi - gu, jeo - ssi - gu, Ae - he - di - ya

91

Uh - el - ssi - gu, Nan - na Uh - el - ssi - gu, Jeo - el - ssi - gu,
 Uh - el - ssi - gu, Nan - na Uh - el - ssi - gu, Jeo - el - ssi - gu,
 d - ro - gan - da
 Ae - he - di - ya d - ro - gan - da

poco cresc.

95

Ul - ssi - gu, jeol - si Nan na Uh - el - ssi - gu,
 Ul - ssi - gu, jeol - ssi - gu, Nan na Uh - el - ssi - gu,
 Nan na Ae - he - di - ya
 Nan na Nan na Nan na

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accel. poco a poco