Just A Dream

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for chamber orchestra,
electronic soundtrack,
and video

based on the book
“Just A Dream”,
by Chris Van Allsburg
INSTRUMENTATION:

Flute, doubling Piccolo
Oboe
Clarinet in Bb
Bassoon, doubling Contrabassoon
Alto Sax, doubling Baritone Sax

Horn
Trumpet in C
Trombone
Tuba

Harp
Piano
Percussion: Marimba, Vibraphone
with motor, Xylophone, Low Tom

Violin 1
Violin 2
Viola
Cello
Contrabass

CD of electronic sounds, with click track
Introduction:
electronic sounds

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Just A Dream
for Stephen Burns
[Music notation]
Click has rubato from here to m. 34
Click
Fl.
Ob.
Cl.
Alto
Sx.
Bsn.
Hn.
Tpt.
T. Tbn.
Tba.
Mar.
Hp.
Pno.
Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vcl.
Cb.
Hp.
Pno.
Flute and Harp continue in the previous tempo. The conductor stops in m. 46, and listens for the new click.
Click

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Alto Sx.

Cbsn.

Hn.

Tpt.

T. Tbn.

Tbn.

Mar.

Hp.

Pno.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Ch.
Narration:

"Walter woke up in the middle of a huge dump... (narr. continues) This can't be the future, he thought. I'm sure it's just a dream. He went back to sleep. But not for long..."
Narration:
"Walter peered over the edge of his bed, which was caught in the branches of a tall tree..."
Narration:
“Walter sighed and slid back under his blankets. Until…”
dream score 3.3

Molto Rit.

Click

Pno.

Tbn.

Tba.

Vcl.

Vla.

Picc.

Ob.

Sx.

Cl.

 Narration:

*Walter couldn’t stop coughing... (narr. continues)*

He buried his head in his pillow and, when his coughing stopped, fell asleep. But then...
Click

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Alto Sx.

Chsn.

Hn.

Tpt.

T. Tbn.

Tba.

Vib.

Hp.

Pno.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vcl.

Cb.

Hp.

Pno.

Vln. II

Vla.
The 8th notes in the click are there only to help establish the beat for the conductor. You need not beat the 8ths.
Click

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Alto

Sx.

Chsn.

Hn.

Tpt.

T. Tbn.

Tba.

Vib.

Hp.

Pno.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vcl.

Cb.

Hp.

Pno.
Narration:
"Walter's hand was wet and cold... (narr. continues)"
Narration:
“Soon the rocking of the bed put him to sleep. But only for a moment”
Narration:
“The honking continued into the night, until finally, one by one, the cars became quiet as their drivers, and Walter, went to sleep.”
Click

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Alto

Sx.

Chsn.

Hn.

Tpt.

T. Tbn.

Tbn.

Vib.

Hpt.

Pno.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Ch.
dream score 3.3
Narration:
"Walter looked up.
A horse stood right over his bed..."
Narration:
"It's just a dream, he told himself. I know I'll wake up soon, back in my room. But he didn't..."

"I'm so tired, so tired..."

"But he didn't..."

"He didn't say anything..."

"..."
dream score 3.3

Click

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Alto Sax.

Bsn.

Vln. II

Vln. I

Tbn.

Tba.

Cb.

Sx.

Cl.

Fl.

Hn.

Tpt.

T. Tbn.

Tba.

Vib.

Hp.

Pno.

Vla.

Vln.

Vc.

Ch.
“It’s just a dream,” he whispered, and wondered if it would ever end.

**Narration:**

260

CONCLUSION

52

dream score 3.3
Flute continues in the previous tempo. The conductor stops in m. 270, and listens for the new click, which starts with 6 eighth-notes before the downbeat.