

The Quartet

A lone violin softly plays
penetrating the depressing silence
light notes slowly and thoroughly
playing its tune.

Vibrato
punctuating the end of its notes
that repeat a resounding, soft melody.

A piano joins the music
adding its ringing tone to the song.

Creating a delightful duo
its plain, vibrant notes
so much in contrast with
the violin's rich, dramatic sound
filled with emotion.

Each instrument
cooperating in synch with the other
among the various
lines and phrases
intonations and dynamics
shaping the music.

Before long a guitar joins
twangy chords representing
the base of the tune
blending in with the instruments
supporting them in the melody.

Then later a flute jumps in,
piping and trilling its high-pitched notes
playing its own individual, complex tune
weaving its fast-paced, short staccato notes
in between the spaces in the music.

Both instruments add their voices
to the music and the four instruments
join together
in harmony

Together
having perfect understanding of each other
playing in harmony and solo
up and down the scales
louder and softer in dynamics

Until finally
they finish the song.

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