

*Govinda Sonata*  
*for Violin and Piano*

*Violin Part*



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Duration: about 16 minutes                    for Eric Pritchard

In 2006 I was inspired to write a piece for flute and piano, as I had nothing like that in my list of compositions to date. I have been involved with devotion to Krishna (among many other spiritual paths) for decades and thought this would be a good vehicle for making music in the manner of bhakti yoga. I was in contact with two friends who are flutists, and originally devoted this flute sonata to them; however, they never performed the work.

Historically, there has been much interplay between flute and violin music, and here is no exception. I started making music with violinist Eric Pritchard in early 2006, and so I made a version for violin and piano for him to play.

About some of the terms used in the score; *Govinda* is another name of Krishna, which means literally “protector of cows”. *Bhagavata* means a devotee of Bhavavan, a name of God, as well as a tradition of devotion to Krishna. *Shivaratri* is an annual Hindu festival in reverence to Shiva.

The violin and piano edition was first performed at Duke University on March 1, 2008, by Eric Pritchard, violin, and Randall Love, piano. They recorded the sonata at Duke in October 2009.

Accidentals hold through the measure and not beyond, and do not refer to other octaves. Eric Pritchard edited the violin part. In 2022 I changed the format from legal-size to letter-size.

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edited by Eric Pritchard

## I. Flavors of Devotion

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**Allegro bhagavata** ♩ = 80

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## Govinda Son. Mov. 1

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<img alt="Musical score for Govinda Son. Mov. 1, page 2. The score consists of ten staves of music for a solo instrument. Measure 64 starts with a dynamic pp and a tempo marking '2'. Measures 65-66 show a transition with various time signatures (4/4, 3/4, 2/4) and dynamics (V, 1, p). Measure 67 begins with a dynamic ff. Measure 68 shows a ritardando with a tempo marking 'molto rit.'. Measure 69 continues with a dynamic ff. Measure 70 shows a dynamic ff. Measure 71 shows a dynamic ff. Measure 72 shows a dynamic ff. Measure 73 shows a dynamic ff. Measure 74 shows a dynamic ff. Measure 75 shows a dynamic ff. Measure 76 shows a dynamic ff. Measure 77 shows a dynamic ff. Measure 78 shows a dynamic ff. Measure 79 shows a dynamic ff. Measure 80 shows a dynamic ff. Measure 81 shows a dynamic ff. Measure 82 shows a dynamic ff. Measure 83 shows a dynamic ff. Measure 84 shows a dynamic ff. Measure 85 shows a dynamic ff. Measure 86 shows a dynamic ff. Measure 87 shows a dynamic ff. 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## Govinda Son. Mov. 1

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*molto rit.* *a tempo*

*attacca*

*II. Largo Govinda*

[5']

**Dark and Lovely**

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♩ = 52

The sheet music consists of six staves of violin music. Staff 1 (measures 1-9) starts with a dynamic *p* and a 4/4 time signature. Staff 2 (measures 10-18) begins with a dynamic *f*. Staff 3 (measures 19-27) begins with a dynamic *p*. Staff 4 (measures 28-36) begins with a dynamic *pp*. Staff 5 (measures 37-45) begins with a dynamic *p*. Staff 6 (measures 46-54) ends with a dynamic *pp*.

## Govinda Son. Mov. 2

5

48

51 *rit.* ----- *a tempo*

*p*

57

61

*f*

64

*f dim. p. a p.*

67

*(p)*

*rit. ----- a tempo*

*pp*

73 *rit. p. a p.*

*f*

**Vivace shivaratri**  $\text{♩} = 68$

The sheet music contains eight staves of musical notation for violin. The first staff begins with a dynamic of ***ff***. Subsequent staves include dynamics such as ***mp***, ***mf***, ***f***, ***cresc.***, and ***ff***. Articulations include slurs, grace notes, and fingerings (1, 2, 3, 4). Performance instructions like ***V*** and ***o*** are also present. The music is set in 8/8 time throughout.

1 ***ff***

5

9

14

19 ***mp*** ***mf***

26 ***f*** ***cresc.*** - - - ***ff***

31

35 ***pp*** ***p***

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## Govinda Son. Mov. 3

7

46

52

56

61

65

**Adagio goloka**       $\text{dotted } 32$

68

71

74

79

## Govinda Son. Mov. 3

8 **Vivace shivaratri**  $\text{♩} = 68$

87  $\text{ff}$

91  $pp$   $p$

95

98 2

104  $ff$

110

115  $mp$   $mf$   $f$

124 *cresc.*  $ff$

129  $ff$

133  $fff$   $pp$