

Andante ♩ = 80

J.S. Bach

The image shows a musical score for four woodwind instruments: Flute 1, Oboe 1, Clarinet in Bb 1, and Bassoon 1. The score is in common time (C) and features a key signature of one flat (Bb). The tempo is marked 'Andante' with a quarter note equal to 80 beats per minute. The dynamics are marked 'p' (piano) and 'pp' (pianissimo). The Flute 1 part starts with a 'p' dynamic and ends with a 'pp' dynamic. The Oboe 1 part starts with a 'p' dynamic and ends with a 'pp' dynamic. The Clarinet in Bb 1 part starts with a 'p' dynamic and ends with a 'pp' dynamic. The Bassoon 1 part starts with a 'p' dynamic and ends with a 'pp' dynamic. The score is divided into four measures, with phrasing slurs and dynamic markings indicating the intended performance.

This is a typical first attempt by a beginner. There are numerous problems:

- the flute is too low, and therefore too soft, to take the main line here.
- the oboe is too loud in this low register, which makes its (rather boring) part stick out too much.
- the overall effect is not of blended harmony, but of badly balanced counterpoint.