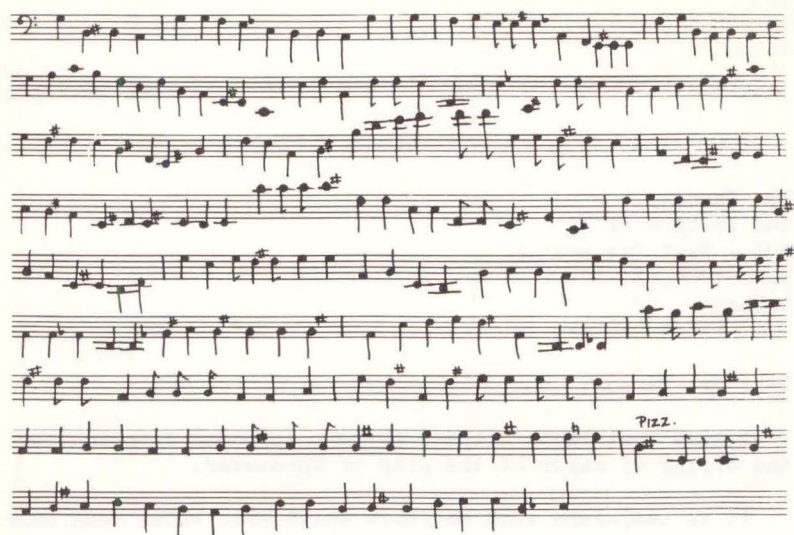


-SONG OF THE EVENING STARS-



Toby MacLennan / PLAYING THE STARS

Playing the Stars is a work-in-progress by Toby MacLennan. This piece was first performed at the Vancouver East Cultural Centre, November 14, 1975, as an event in a woman's year program called Ms. En Scène. Projection of slides to the accompaniment of a taped cello recording was the form chosen for the initial performance. The taped music, composed from a "reading" of star positions through the bars of the sculpture on a starry Vancouver evening, was played by Natalie Novotny Green. An updated version of Playing the Stars — more complex visually, and with "live" music — will take place at The Vancouver Planetarium in Vancouver in 1976.



The idea for *Playing the Stars* came from the following poem that I wrote:

Upon a large piece of glass cut
out in the shape of a leaf, he drew five
white lines of a musical score and attached
the glass to a raw board.

Each night he would take his instrument
out to the field and propping the transparent
sheet into the air, he would play a piece
of the sky.

— TOBY MACLENNAN

