Dedicated to
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The Forbidden City
(2019)
for accordion solo

Mistico ($q = c. 100$)

*The Dragon flies among the clouds over the Forbidden City*

(Keep playing with the "detuned register": between the 8' and the 16')

*The monks choir sings "Descendants of the Dragon" while they parade through the Forbidden City*
*The sound of the awareness of the Emperor*

*Strange thoughts flutter the emperor's mind*

*While the choir of monks follows its melody*
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*The fear of the coming back of the Dragon*

*The comforting sound of the tranquility of believing that the Dragon is not coming*
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(“normal” 8’ register)
*... but the strange thoughts return this time even more disturbing*

*The emperor's son has disappeared*

*The Dragon took him*

*There is nothing to do against the designs of the Dragon*

*The emperor falls evicted, heartless and without hope*
OPTIONAL PART No. 1: THEATRICAL PART

If you prefer not to play this part you can go to Optional par No.2 (Singing part) or directly to measure 70 (Tragico).

Inspire with the nose

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Inspire while you put your right hand on your head, while, at the same time, you take out your left hand of the belt of the bellows

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Look at the sky with fists closed as saying "but... why?"

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Return to low the head to support it with the right hand doing the gesture of negation, and while this, go with left hand to the belt of the bellows

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Put the two hands on your face and do the gesture of denial as crying, while you go up your neck for look towards up. Then, start slipping down your hands through the face till leaving them down from it.

OPTIONAL PART No. 2: SINGING PART

If you prefer not to play this part you can go to measure 70 (Tragico).

Gù lão de dōng fāng yǒu yī tiáo lóng, Yǒng yú yuán yuán dì cǎ liáng yǎn
"古老的东方有一条龙，永永远远地擦亮眼"
It also could be sang in English: "There is - a - Dragon - in - the - ancient - East, - Keep - your - e - yes - o - pen - for - e - ver". Or do just: "Mmmm".

VOICE

ACCORDION
*The madness of anger*
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*Ricochet*

simile

*The questions fly over the emperor's head*
*He tries to convince himself to be solemn*

*But the pain wins*
Mistico (♩ = c. 100)

*The Dragon is seen flying over again, fleeting this time*

*Now there’s only disturbance and hopelessness in the forbidden city*

*While far the monks sing*
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Or do just: "Mmmm".

永永远远地擦亮眼
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