The composer’s children, Lucas and Ashton, are his inspiration for a lot of his musical compositions. He has written duets, quintets and solos for the boys to help show their talents as musicians. Ashton is a percussionist and Lucas is a French Horn player.

*Ashtilian* is no exception to the above statement in regard to inspiration. Ashton loves playing percussion, and timpani is one of his favorite areas in which to excel. *Ashtilian* pushes Ashton to the edge with his sticking, rhythm changes, and using his perfect pitch to change pitches within the music. You will notice in some unique techniques used with pitch change and sounds occurring with the pitch change. Measure 28 has 2 half notes, a gliss between the two notes, and a roll symbol over the gliss. This is how I notated a continual roll between the two notes as the pitch is changing.

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