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DEAR NARA

I always loved the feel you could create with slower/odd-tempo tunes. "Dear Nara" was an experiment in writing a tune based on a slower 7/4 groove that I used to imagine melodies weaving over the bar line rhythmically. As the melody started to develop in the writing process, I noticed that it didn't always fit into a 7/4 pulse but I let it dictate the time signature and you will notice the occasional 6/4 and 4/4 bar every now and then. The key to this tune is to really explore the groove dynamically. It's delicate in the Intro and A sections, then goes up a gear in the B section and again at C. Be sure to bring it down again for the solo section to be able to build through it.



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