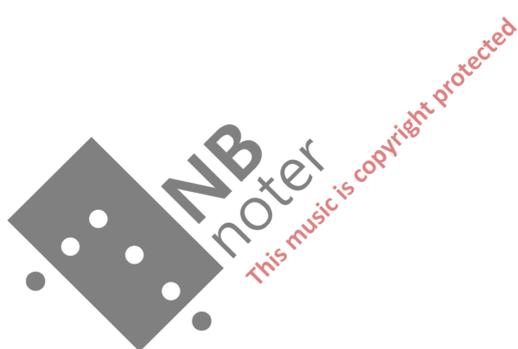


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Poems

Your voice

Ambushed in my writing
you are singing in my poem.
Captive of your sweet voice
engraved in my memory.
Bird intent on its flight.
Air tattooed by an absence.
Clock that keeps time with me
so I never wakeup.

Naming you

Not the poem about your absence,
just a drawing, a crevice in the wall,
something in the wind, a bitter taste.

Daybreak

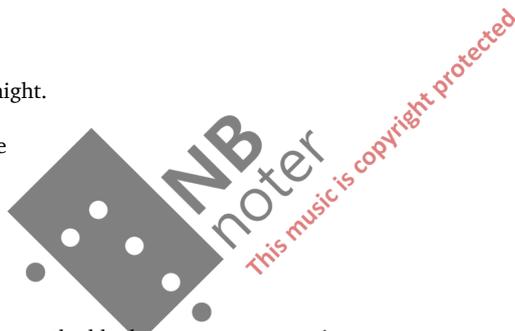
Naked and dreaming of a solar night.
I've lain through animal days.
The wind and the rain erased me
as they might a fire, or a poem
written on a wall.

The word that heals

While waiting for a world to be unearthed by language, someone is singing about the place where silence is formed. Later it'll be shown that just because it displays its fury doesn't mean the sea — or the world — exists. In the same way, each word says what is says — and beyond that, something more and something else.

Acknowledgement

You made the silence of the lilacs fluttering
in the tragedy of wind that is in my hearth.
You turned my life into a children's tale
where shipwrecks and death
are an excuse for beloved ceremonies.



7

S. *mp* Cap - tive of your sweet voice *p* en -

M.S. *mp* Cap - tive of

A. *mp* Cap - tive of

T. *mp* Cap - tive of

Bar. *mp* Cap - tive of

B. *mp* Cap - tive of

9

S. - gra - - ved in my me - - mo - ry.

M.S. *p* my me - mo - ry

A. *p* my me - mo - ry

T. *p* my me - mo - ry

Bar. *p* my me - mo - ry

B. *p* my me - mo - ry

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Larghetto

12 *p* *p* *p*

S. Bird in - - tent on it's

M-S. Bird in - tent on

A. Bird in - tent on

T. Bird in - tent on

Bar. Bird in - tent on

B. Bird in - tent on

15 *dolce* *mp*

S. flight. Air ³ tat - tooed by an ab - sence

M-S. an ab - scene

A. an ab - scene

T. an ab - scene

Bar. an ab - scene

B. an ab - scene



Largo ♩ = c. 40

18 *p*

S. Clock that ke - eps _____ time _____ with me _____

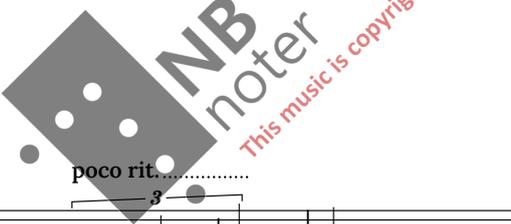
M-S. Clock _____ that keeps _____

A. Clock _____ that keeps _____

T. Clock _____ that keeps _____

Bar. Clock _____ that keeps _____

B. Clock _____ that keeps _____



21 *poco rit.*

S. _____ so I ne - ver wake - - - up. _____

M-S. me _____ wake - - - up

A. me _____ wake - - - up

T. me _____ wake - - - - - up

Bar. me _____ wake - - - up

B. me _____ wake - - - - - up

01.04.24
Easter Monday

Naming you

Andante ♩ = 63

Soprano

Mezzo-soprano *pp* * sempre
(o)**

Alto
Not the

Tenor

Baritone

Bass

5

S. *pp* * sempre

M-S.

A.
po - em a - bout your

T. *pp* * sempre

Bar.

B.

* Hold your hand like a small cup covering the mouth.

** Pick up vowels from alto

10

S.

M-S.

A.

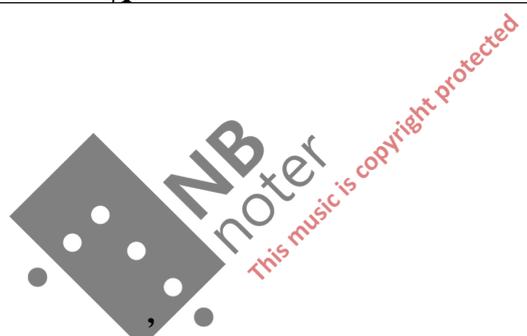
T.

Bar.

B.

ab - scense_ just. a_

pp * sempre



14

S.

M-S.

A.

T.

Bar.

B.

draw - ing_ a_ cre - vice_

pp * sempre

pp * sempre

19

S.

M-S.

A.
in the

T.

Bar.
pp * sempre

B.



23

S.

M-S.

A.
wall some - thing in the wind

T.

Bar.

B.

accelerando a tempo

27

S.

M-S.

A.

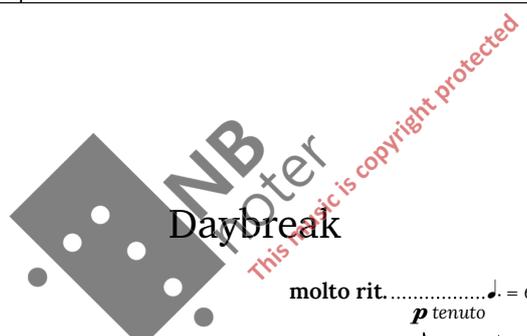
T.

Bar.

B.

a bit - ter taste.

24.02.24



Daybreak

Vivo ♩ = 84

molto rit. ♩ = 60

p tenuto

Soprano

I've lain through a - - ni - mal

Mezzo-soprano

mf Na - ked and dream - ing of a sol - ar night. *p*

Alto

I've lain through a - - ni - mal

Tenor

mf Na - ked and dream - ing of a sol - ar night. *p*

Baritone

p tenuto

I've lain through a - - ni - -

Bass

p tenuto

I've lain through a - - ni - mal

a tempo **molto rit.**.....

p

S. *mf* *p*
 _days as they

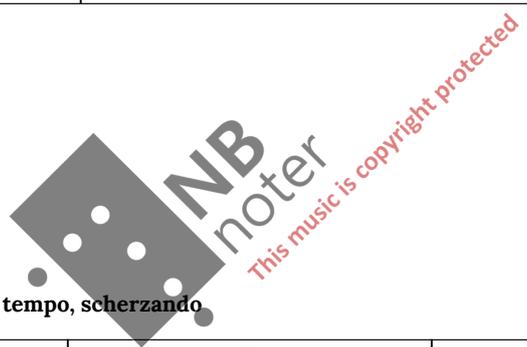
M-S. *mf* *p*
 The wind and the rain e - rased me

A. *mf* *p*
 _days as they

T. *mf* *p*
 The wind and the rain e - rased me

Bar. *p*
 -days as they

B. *p*
 _days as they



♩. = 60 **a tempo, scherzando**

S. *p*
 might a fi - re, the wind

M-S. *p*
 or a po - em

A. *p*
 might a fi - re, or a po - em

T. *p*
 the wind the wind and the rain

Bar. *p*
 might a fi - re,

B. *p*
 might a fi - re, or a

8

S. and the rain or a poe - - em

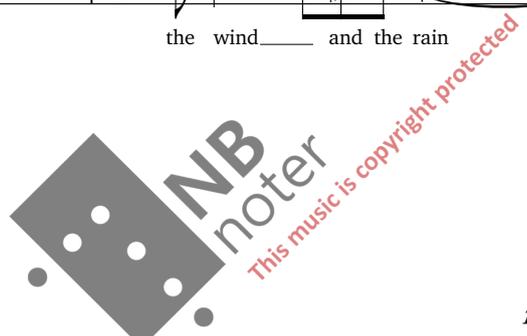
M-S. e - ra - - - - sed me

A. e - rased me as they might a fi - re, -

T. or a po - em e - ra - sed

Bar. or a po - em the wind and the rain

B. po - em the wind and the rain e -



11

S. writ - ten on the wall

M-S. or a po - em wall

A. writ - ten on the wall

T. me writ - ten on the wall

Bar. or a po - em wall

B. - rased me writ - ten on the wall

05.03.24

The word that heals

Leggerissimo, liberamente (♩ = c. 52)

rit.....

accelerando.....

Calmo ♩ = c. 42

Soprano *pp* O → a → o

Mezzo-soprano *pp* O → a → o

Alto *pp* O → a → o

Tenor *pp* O → a → o

Baritone *pp* a

Bass *pp* a → o While

S. *p* O *p* *pp* *pp*

M.S. *p* O *p* *pp* *pp*

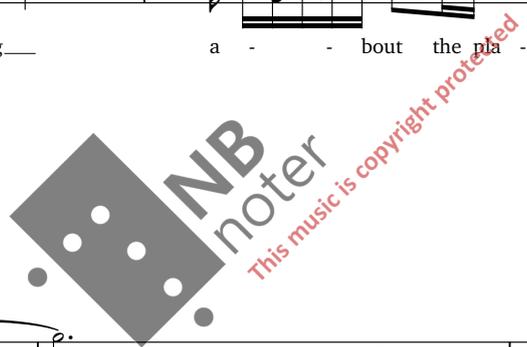
A. *p* O *p* *pp* *pp*

T.

Bar.

B. wait - ing_ for_ a world_ to be un - earth-ed by lan - guage, -

7 *p*
 S. *O*
 M-S. *O*
 A. *p*
 O
 T.
 Bar.
 B. *3* *5* *5* *5*
 some - one is sing - ing — a - - bout the pla - - ce where



10
 S. *O*
 M-S. *O*
 A. *O* dis -
 T. *p*
 La - ter it'll be shown that just be - cause — it — dis - plays — it's —
 Bar. dis - -
 B. si - lenze — is formed — dis - plays —

13

S. *pp*
or the world ex -

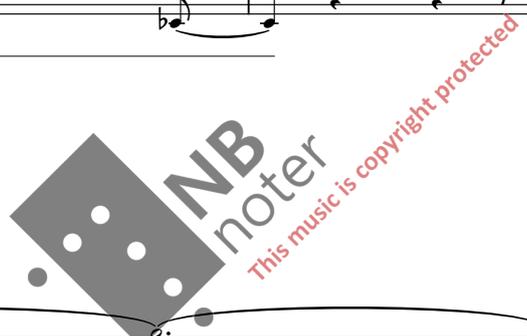
M-S. *pp*
or the world ex -

A. *pp*
- plays fu - ry or the world ex -

T. *pp*
fu - ry doesn't mean the sea ex -

Bar. *pp*
- plays fu - ry or the world ex -

B. *pp*
it's fu - ry or the world ex -



Piu mosso ♩ = 48
(non vib.)

16

S. (non vib.)
- ists

M-S. (non vib.)
- ists

A. - ists

T. - ists

Bar. *p* espressivo
- ists In the same way

B. - ists

Liberamente

pp *leggero*

19

S. *pp* *leggero*
à _____ o

M-S. *pp* *leggero*
à _____ o

A. *pp* *leggero*
à _____ o

T. *pp* *leggero*
à _____ o

Bar. _____
each word says what is says _____

B. *p* *dolce*
and be - yond that, _____

20

S. _____

M-S. _____

A. _____

T. _____

Bar. _____

B. *sotto voce*
some - ting more and some - thing else.

Acknowledgement

Tenero sostenuto ♩ = 80

f ma non troppo

Soprano
You _____ made the

Mezzo-soprano
f ma non troppo
You _____ made _____ the _____

Alto
f ma non troppo
You _____ made _____ the _____

Tenor
f ma non troppo
You _____ made _____ the _____

Baritone
f ma non troppo
You _____ made _____ the _____

Bass
f ma non troppo
You _____ made _____ the _____

6 *p sub.* *pp* *percipitando* *a tempo* *mf*

S. si - - - - - lence _____ flut - ter - ing

M-S. *p sub.* *pp* *p* *mp* _____ *mf*
(s)i - - - - - lence _____ of li - - - - - ing

A. *p sub.* *pp* *p* _____ *mf*
(s)i - - - - - lence _____ - lacs - - - - - ing

T. *p sub.* *pp* *p* _____ *mf*
(s)i - - - - - lence _____ the _____ flut - - - - - ing

Bar. *p sub.* *pp* *mp* _____ *mf*
(s)i - - - - - lence _____ li - - - - - ing

B. *p sub.* *pp* *mp* _____ *mf*
si - - - - - lence _____ - lacs _____ - ter - ing _____

10 **Meno mosso** $\text{♩} = c. 72$ *p* *smorzato* *p*

S. (i) (i)

M-S. *mp poco drammatico* *p* *smorzato* *mf-pp*
tra - ge - dy (i) hearth.

A. *p* *mp tenebroso* *p* *smorzato*
(i) of wind (i)

T. *p* *smorzato* *mp*
(i) in_ my_

Bar. *mp* *p* *smorzato*
In the_ (i)

B. *p* *mp*
_ (i) that is_

15 **Tempo primo** $\text{♩} = c. 80$ *f*

S. *f*
You_ turned_

M-S. *f*
You_ turned_ my_

A. *f*
You_ you_

T. *f*
You_ turned

Bar. *f*
You_ turned_

B. *f*
You_ my

percipitando.....

19

S. turned life - ren's tale

M-S. in child -

A. turned life - to tale

T. turned life a - ren's

Bar. my life child -

B. life a

mp

23

S. where e(x)-

M-S. where - wrecks an ex - cu -

A. where ship - death

T. where a - - - re

Bar. where ship - wrecks and death are

B. where death

a tempo *p* Perdendosi ♩ = 72 *p*

fp *p* *poco* *p* *p*

fp *mp con urgenza* *p* *poco*

27

S. *poco* *p* *leggero* *fr*
e(x)- ce - re - mo - nies.

M-S. *pp* *poco*
- se for - cuse

A. *pp*
be - loved - loved

T. *pp*
be -

Bar. *poco*

B. *pp* *poco*
for

