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A Plastic Theatre

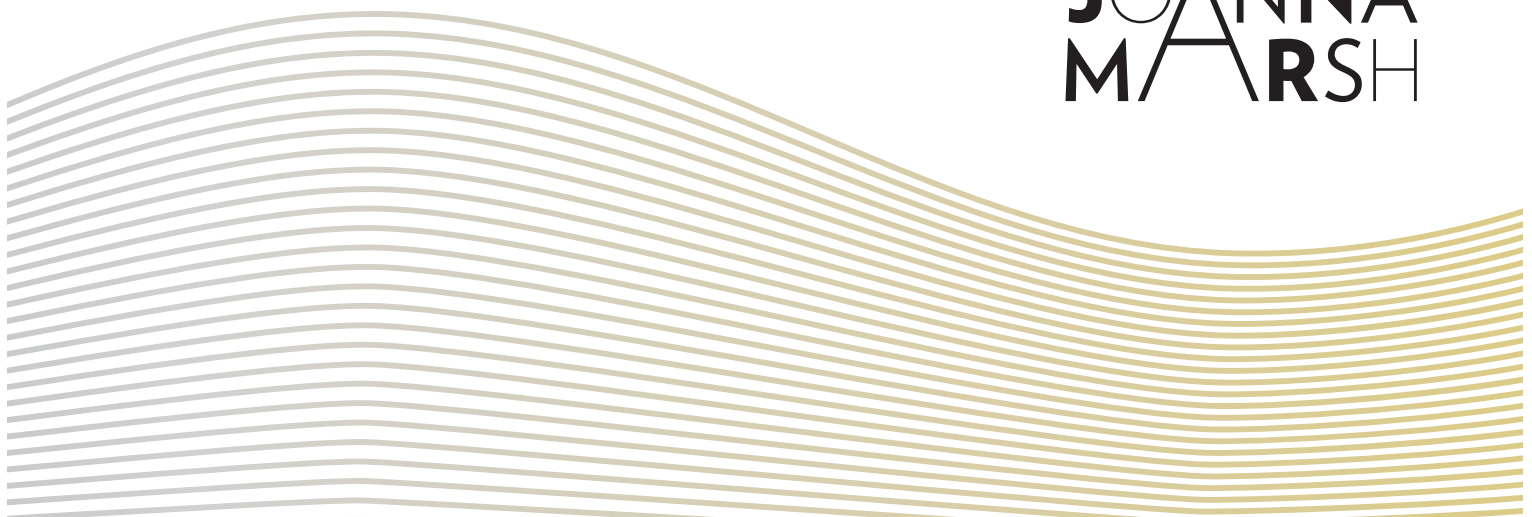
for Mezzo Soprano, SATB choir and orchestra

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ACT I

In the end there is not nothing. In the end there is endless everything. The silence a deafening roar of white noise, the landscape a bottomless oasis of plasticine deathlessness. Abandoned plastic objects longing for a home.

ACT II

Plastic snaps its fingers. Plastic doesn't have time for your considered reservations, your platitudes. Plastic has business to do. Plastic believes in the ABC ethos, and plastic is always selling, always closing. Plastic is sinister and sexy, enamored of its own slick planes and glittering prisms. Believes in its own myths. Doesn't believe in yours. Don't blame plastic, blame its instrumentalizers. Plastic wants what it wants. Plastic wants what you want: utopia. Infinity. Plenitude for all. Ownership of a finely hewn bubblesphere, a delicately patterned cube, a deceptively minor key. What do we talk about when we talk about plastic? Climate of synthesizers and wax. Ecology of vinyl and bubble wrap. Dinosaur fossil fuels and robotics. Squeaky clean death. Flesh transmuted into silicone. Sophisticated preservative, bright and fresh. Its vision exceeds our attempts to restrain it. The material becomes its own promise, sliming into the horizon, blossoming onto the screen, ballooning into our hearts. Staticky it resonates. Stickily it moans. Sturdily it propogates. Silently it roams. Be still, oh dream plastic of our very own image, oh nightmare plastic of our very own dawn. Sampling a densely layered sequence, a pattern of deathly echoes.

ACT III

Just before it falls asleep, plastic has been said to make a sound that is nearly human. The horns in unison, cue the strings. Cue the rubber duckies, now the storage bins. Cue the packing peanuts, now the vegan pleather shoes. Saran-wrapped ocean waves, screeching polyethylene pill bottle seagulls, styrofoaming wind. Polymer clay starfish belly up, its soft middle, its sensitive touch.

ACT IV

A shiny plastic animal spawns a soft fleshy animal. A sinuous textured animal spawns a fleshy plastic animal. The study of animal behavior includes the recognition of diverse characteristics embedded within perceptual fields. Plastic spawns a bewildering variety of aquatic life. From one spawn to another: the progeny too great. The brood too vast. Infinite in its swaying hopefulness. Embarrassing in its persistent largess. Reverberating echo buried deep within the monstrous child. Birth as a grim oath to escape the deafening mesh. Being alive an exercise in forgetting the body, remembering the image. Being alive an exercise in remembering how to die.

ACT V

We the spurned animals full of sensations. We the spawned animals eating our fill. We the mutant mineral-vegetable-plastic-animals building our kingdom. Waiting to be called beautiful. Smooth pebbles massaging our aching limbs, sun warming our grotesque faces. No terrestrial zone is bounded by fixed geographical coordinates. When we stretch our toes, the web imperceptibly opens. We leap into the rushing current. We fix our gaze on the depths.

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vocal score

Duration c.23'

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ACT I

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Stately ♩ = 48

SOPRANO

ALTO

TENOR

BASS

PIANO
(for rehearsal only)

p (brass, sliding morphing soup)

con Ped.

7

pp sotto voce

In the end, the end, the end there is not

pp sotto voce

In the end, the end, in the end there _____ is not

pp sotto voce

In the end there _____ is not

ppp

13

p

no-thing, in the end, in the

mp

no-thing, the end there is not no-thing,

mp *p*

no-thing, in the end there is not no-thing, in the

pp sotto voce *mp* *p*

Not no-thing, in the end there is not no-thing, in the

19

mp

end there is not no-thing. In the end there is

mp

in the end there is not no-thing. There is

mp

end, there is not no-thing. There is

mp

end, the end there is not no-thing. In the end there is

$d = 54$

$$d = 54$$

33

f

ah

f

end - - less ev - - - - - 'ry -

f

end - less - - - - - ev - - - - - 'ry -

f

end - less - - - - - ev - - - - - 'ry -

3

36

ff

mf

The si - lence -

ff

mf

- thing. The si - lence -

ff

mf

- thing. The si - lence -

ff

mf

- thing. The si - lence -

3

40

ff

a deaf-en - ing roar of

ff

a deaf-en - ing roar of

ff

a deaf-en - ing roar of

ff

a deaf-en - ing roar of

mf

f

43

white noise,

white noise,

white noise,

white noise,

ff

47 *mf*

a bot-tom-less _____ of plas - ti - cine, —

mf

a bot-tom-less _____ o - a - sis _____ of plas - ti - cine, —

mf

a bot-tom-less _____ o - a - sis _____ of

mf

a bot-tom-less _____ o - a - sis _____ of

mf

52 *mp*

_____ plas - ti - cine _____ death - - - - less - ness. —

mp

_____ plas - ti - cine _____ death - - - less - ness.

mp

plas - ti - cine, plas - ti - cine death - - - less - ness.

mp

plas - ti - cine, plas - ti - cine death - - - less - ness.

mf

57

mf

63

p

A - ban-doned plas - tic ob - jects

p

A - ban-doned plas - tic ob - jects

p

A - ban-doned plas - tic ob - jects

p

A - ban-doned plas - tic ob - jects

p

mf

73

The musical score for Example 12-12, measures 73-76, is presented in a four-staff format. The notation includes various musical symbols such as treble and bass clefs, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a common time signature. The score features a complex rhythmic pattern with triplets and a crescendo leading to a piano (*pp*) dynamic. The notation is written in a standard musical notation style, with notes, rests, and other musical symbols clearly visible. The score is divided into measures, with measure numbers 73, 74, 75, and 76 indicated. The notation includes various musical symbols such as treble and bass clefs, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a common time signature. The score features a complex rhythmic pattern with triplets and a crescendo leading to a piano (*pp*) dynamic. The notation is written in a standard musical notation style, with notes, rests, and other musical symbols clearly visible. The score is divided into measures, with measure numbers 73, 74, 75, and 76 indicated.

ACT II

Risoluto ♩ = 130

MEZZO-SOPRANO

SOPRANO

ALTO

TENOR

BASS

PIANO
(for rehearsal only)

f Pla-stic snaps its fin-gers.

f Pla-stic snaps its fin-gers.

f *mf* *f*

4

mf for your _____ con-si-dered re-ser-va-tions, your

mf for your _____ con-si-dered re-ser-va-tions, your

f Pla-stic does - n't have time _____ for your _____ con-si-dered re-ser-va-tions, your

f Pla-stic does - n't have time _____ your

mf *f* *mp* *f*

8

pla-ti-tudes. *f* Pla-stic has bus-iness to do.

pla-ti-tudes. *f* Pla-stic has bus-iness to do. *mp* ha-ha-ha

pla-ti-tudes. *f* Pla-stic has bus-iness to do. *mp* ha-ha-ha

pla-ti-tudes. *f* Pla-stic has bus-iness to do.

mf *sfz* *f*

12

mp *mf* *mf* *mf*

ha-ha-ha Plas-tic be-lieves in the

ha-ha-ha Plas-tic be-lieves in the

ha-ha-ha bus-iness to do in the

ha-ha-ha bus-iness to do in the

mp *mf* *mf* *mf*

12

16

mp lightly

A. B. C. e - thos, and plas-tic is al-ways sel-ling, al-ways

mp lightly

A. B. C. e - thos, and plas-tic is al-ways sel-ling, al-ways

mp lightly

A. B. C. e - thos, is al-ways sel-ling, al-ways

A. B. C. e - thos, al-ways

mf *p*

20

f (no breath)

clo-sing, al-ways clos-ing. Plas - tic, ___

p lightly *mf* *f* (no breath)

clo-sing, al-ways sel-ling, al-ways clos-ing. Plas - tic, ___

p lightly *mf* *f* (no breath)

clo-sing, al-ways sel-ling, al-ways clos-ing. Plas - tic, ___

mf *f* (no breath)

clo-sing, al-ways clos-ing. Plas - tic, ___

p *f*

28

Led.

Musical score for measures 32-36. The score is written for five staves: four vocal staves (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and one piano accompaniment staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The vocal parts enter in measure 32 with a half note G4, followed by a quarter rest. In measure 33, they sing "plas - tic," with a half note G4 and a quarter rest. The piano accompaniment features a complex rhythmic pattern in measures 32-33, followed by a more melodic line in measures 34-35. The piano part is marked *ff* (fortissimo) in measure 32 and *f* (forte) in measure 34.

Musical score for measures 37-41. The score is written for five staves: four vocal staves (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and one piano accompaniment staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The vocal parts are silent in measures 37-40, with a quarter rest in each measure. In measure 41, they sing "plas - tic," with a half note G4 and a quarter rest. The piano accompaniment features a complex rhythmic pattern in measures 37-40, followed by a more melodic line in measure 41. The piano part is marked *ff* (fortissimo) in measure 37.

42

42

mf e - na-mored of its own slick planes *p* and glit-ter-ing

mf e - na-mored of its own slick planes *p* and glit-ter-ing

ff

47

47

mp *mf* *p* G.P.

glit - ter-ing pri - sms.

mf *p*

pri - sms, glit-ter-ing pri - sms.

pri - sms.

pri - sms.

mf *pp* G.P.

51 $\text{♩} = 120$ *f*

Be - lieves in its own myths. Does - n't be - lieve in

$\text{♩} = 120$
(brass)
f *mf*
con Ped.

58 *mf* port. *f*

yours. Don't blame plas - tic, blame its in - stru - men - tal -

66 $\text{♩} = 130$
mp

- iz - ers. _____

p
Plas-tic wants what it wants. Plas-tic wants what you want.

p
Plas-tic wants what it wants. Plas-tic wants what you want.

p
Plas-tic wants what it wants. Plas-tic wants what you want.

p
Plas-tic wants what it wants. Plas-tic wants what you want.

$\text{♩} = 130$
pp

71

Plas-tic wants what it wants, wants what you want. Plas-tic wants what

Plas-tic wants what it wants, wants what you want. Plas-tic wants what

Plas-tic wants what it wants, wants what you want. Plas-tic wants what

Plas-tic wants what it wants, wants what you want. Plas-tic wants what

you want, wants what it wants, what you want, what it wants. Plas-tic wants what

you want, wants what it wants, what you want, what it wants. Plas-tic wants what

you want, wants what it wants, what you want, what it wants. Plas-tic wants what

you want, wants what it wants, what you want, what it wants. Plas-tic wants what

mp *mf* *mp* *mf* *mp* *mf*

you want, wants what you want, what it wants, what you want. U -

you want, wants what you want, what it wants, what you want.

you want, wants what you want, what it wants, what you want.

you want, wants what you want, what it wants, what you want.

f *ff* *f* *ff* *f* *ff* *cresc.* *ff*

85 **Poco meno mosso** ♩ = 120

- to - pi - a. _____ In - fi - ni - ty. _____ Ple - ni - tude _____ for

Poco meno mosso ♩ = 120

ff

92 **Tempo primo** ♩ = 132

all. _____

f Pla - stic snaps its fin - gers.

f Pla - stic snaps its fin - gers.

f Pla - stic snaps its fin - gers.

f Pla - stic snaps its fin - gers.

Tempo primo ♩ = 132

f

Pla - stic does - n't have time ___ for your ___ con - si - dered re - ser - va - tions, your

Pla - stic does - n't have time ___ for your ___ con - si - dered re - ser - va - tions, your

Pla - stic does - n't have time ___ for your ___ con - si - dered re - ser - va - tions, your

Pla - stic does - n't have time ___ for your ___ con - si - dered re - ser - va - tions, your

ff
pla - ti - tudes. Plas - tic has bus - iness to do.

ff
pla - ti - tudes. Plas - tic has bus - iness to do.

ff
pla - ti - tudes. Plas - tic has bus - iness to do.

ff
pla - ti - tudes. Plas - tic has bus - iness to do.

f menacing

104

mf (semi-chorus)

What do we talk a - bout _

8va

mp

108

when we talk a - bout plas - tic?

mf (semi-chorus)

Cli - mate of synth - e - siz - ers and wax.

mf (semi-chorus)

E - co - lo - gy of

vi - nyl and bub-ble wrap.

mf

8va

120

120

mf

Di - no - saur _____ fos - sil fuels _____

mf

Di - no - saur _____ fos - sil fuels _____

mf *f* *mp* *mf* *f* *mp*

124

124

mp

Squeak - y clean

mp

Squeak - y clean

mp

and ro - bo - tics. Squeak - y clean

mp

and ro - bo - tics. Squeak - y clean

mf *f* *mp* *f* *mp* *f* *mp*

f
Flesh

fp
death.

fp
death.

fp
death.

fp
death.

mf

132

trans - mu - ted in - to si - li - cone.

136

So - phis - ti - ca - ted pre - ser - va - tive, _

140

f bright, bright and
f bright, bright and
f bright, bright and
f bright, bright and

mf

Its

fresh. _____

fresh. _____

fresh. _____

fresh. _____

ff *mf* *mp*

vi - sion ex - ceeds _____ our at - temps to res - train it. The ma -

155

- ter - i - al _____ be - comes _____ its own prom - - - - ise.

162

p Sta-tic-ky it re-so-nates. Stic-ki-ly it moans. Stur-di-ly it

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p Sta-tic-ky it re-so-nates. Stic-ki-ly it moans. Stur-di-ly it

p Sta-tic-ky it re-so-nates. Stic-ki-ly it moans. Stur-di-ly it

mf Be —

pp *mp*

pro-po-gates. Si - lent - ly it roams. Sta-tic-ky it re-so-nates.

pp *mp*

pro-po-gates. Si - lent - ly it roams. Sta-tic-ky it re-so-nates.

pp *mp*

pro-po-gates. Si - lent - ly it roams. Sta-tic-ky it re-so-nates.

pp *mp*

pro-po-gates. Si - lent - ly it roams. Sta-tic-ky it re-so-nates.

still, oh,

3

Stick-i - ly it moans. Stur-di - ly it pro-po - gates. Si - lent -

Stick-i - ly it moans. Stur-di - ly it pro-po - gates. Si - lent -

Stick-i - ly it moans. Stur-di - ly it pro-po - gates. Si - lent -

Stick-i - ly it moans. Stur-di - ly it pro-po - gates. Si - lent -

177

oh dream plas - - - - - tic, —

- ly it moans. —

- ly it moans, — it moans. —

- ly it moans. —

- ly it moans, — it moans, —

ff *ff* *mf* *ff* *ff* *mf*

Dynamic markings: *ff* (fortissimo), *mf* (mezzo-forte).

183

plas - - - tic of — our —

it moans. —

it moans. —

it moans. —

mf *mp* *mf* *p* *mp* *mf* *p*

Dynamic markings: *mf* (mezzo-forte), *mp* (mezzo-piano), *p* (piano).

188

ve - ry own im - - - age, *p*

p legato
Oh night-mare

p legato
Oh night-mare

mp it *pp* moans.

mp

193

p legato
Oh night-mare plas - tic, oh night-mare plas - tic of our

plas - tic of our ve-ry own dawn, oh night-mare of our ve-ry own dawn, —

plas - tic of our ve-ry own dawn, oh night-mare plas - tic

p legato
Oh night-mare of our ve-ry own dawn. —

198

ve - ry own dawn. Samp - ling a lay - ling a

our ve - ry own dawn. Samp - ling a

of our ve - ry own dawn. Samp - ling a

Samp - ling

204

ered, dense - ly lay - ered se - quence.

dense - ly lay - ered se - quence.

dense - ly lay - ered se - quence.

a dense - ly lay - ered, lay - ered

210

mf

se - quence. _____

a pat - - - tern of

This musical system covers measures 210 to 213. It features a vocal line with lyrics and a piano accompaniment. The piano part includes a melodic line in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand. The lyrics are 'se - quence.' and 'a pat - - - tern of'. The dynamic marking *mf* is present.

214

death - ly ech - oes. _____

legato 3

mp *pp*

This musical system covers measures 214 to 217. It features a vocal line with lyrics and a piano accompaniment. The piano part includes a melodic line in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand. The lyrics are 'death - ly ech - oes.'. The dynamic markings *mp* and *pp* are present. The piano part includes a triplet marked 'legato 3'.

ACT III

Grazioso ♩ = 82

MEZZO-SOPRANO

SOPRANO

ALTO

TENOR

BASS

PIANO
(for rehearsal only)

mf

mf

Just be - fore it falls a - sleep,

Just be - fore it falls a - sleep

p

sim.

4

Musical score for measures 7-9. The score is written for a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line starts with a rest in measure 7, followed by a half note in measure 8, and a half note in measure 9. The piano accompaniment consists of a continuous eighth-note pattern in the right hand and a half-note pattern in the left hand. The lyrics are: "Just _____", "Plas-tic, _____", "plas-tic, _____", "plas-tic, _____". The dynamic markings are *mf* for the vocal line and *pp* for the piano accompaniment.

Musical score for measures 10-12. The score is written for a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line starts with a half note in measure 10, followed by a half note in measure 11, and a half note in measure 12. The piano accompaniment consists of a continuous eighth-note pattern in the right hand and a half-note pattern in the left hand. The lyrics are: "be-fore _____ it falls a-sleep, _____", "plas-tic, _____", "plas-tic, _____", "plas-tic, _____", "be-fore _____ it falls a-", "plas-tic, _____ it falls a-". The dynamic markings are *mp* for the vocal line and *p* for the piano accompaniment.

13 *mp*

plas - tic has been said to make a sound

pp

plas - tic, plas - tic,

pp

plas - tic, plas - tic,

pp

plas - tic, plas - tic,

p

7

16 *rit.* **Tempo primo**

that is near - ly hu - - man,

mp

to make a sound

mp

a

Tempo primo

rit.

p

7

First system of music (measures 20-23). It features a vocal line with lyrics "a sound _____ that is" and "hu - - - man." with dynamic markings *mf* and *mp*. A piano accompaniment is present in the bottom two staves, with lyrics "sound that is near - ly hu - - man, _____ to make a sound" and "that is near - ly hu - - man, _____ to make a sound." in the bass line. The piano part includes a watermark "www.joannamarsh.co.uk".

Second system of music (measures 24-27). It continues the vocal line with lyrics "near - ly hu - man." and "near - ly hu - man." with dynamic markings *mf* and *mp*. The piano accompaniment continues in the bottom two staves, with a brass section indicated by "(brass)" in measure 26. The piano part includes a watermark "www.joannamarsh.co.uk".

28

mf
The horns _____ in u - ni - son, ____

mf
The horns _____ in u - ni - son, ____

mf
The horns _____ in u - ni - son, ____

mf
The horns _____ in u - ni - son, ____

f *mp* *f* *mf* *f*

32

cue the strings. _____

cue the strings. _____

mf

mf
Cue the rub - ber duck-ies,

mf
Cue the rub - ber duck-ies,

mf
rub-ber duck - ies,

f *mp*

f
now the stor - age bins.

f
now the stor - age bins.

f
now the stor - age bins.

f
now the stor - age bins.

mf

42

42

mf Cue the pack-ing pea-nuts,

mf Cue the pack-ing pea-nuts,

mf Cue the pack-ing pea-nuts,

mf Cue the pack-ing pea-nuts,

f *mp* *mf*

45

45

f now, now the ve-gan plea-ther shoes.

f now, now the ve-gan plea-ther shoes.

f now, now the ve-gan plea-ther shoes.

f now, now the ve-gan plea-ther shoes.

mf (brass)

Plas - - tic has been said to make a sound

Plas - - tic has been said to make a sound

Plas - - tic has been said to make a sound

Plas - - tic has been said to make a sound

make a sound

that is near - ly hu - man. a sound

that is near - ly hu - man.

sound that is near - ly hu - man. a

* Three or four clear voices.

55

that is near - ly hu - - man. Sa - ran -

that is near - ly hu - - man. Sa - ran -

Sa - ran-wrapped o - cean waves, sa - ran -

sound. Sa - ran-wrapped o - cean waves,

58

- wrapped o - cean waves, po - ly - e - thy - lene

- wrapped o - cean waves, screech - - - ing po - ly - e - thy - lene

- wrapped o - cean waves, screech - ing po - ly - e - thy - lene,

screech - ing po - ly - e - thy - lene,

pill bot-tle sea - gulls, sty-ro - foam - ing wind. Ah

pill bot-tle sea - gulls, sty - ro - foam - ing wind. Po - ly - mer

sty-ro - foam - ing wind.

sty - ro - foam - ing wind. Po - ly - mer

star - fish bel - ly up, its

clay star - fish bel - ly up, soft mid - dle, its

clay star - fish bel - ly up, its soft mid - dle, its

clay star - fish its soft mid - dle, its

70

Musical score for measures 70-73. The score features four vocal staves and a piano accompaniment. The vocal parts are in treble clef, and the piano part is in bass clef. The lyrics are "sen - si - tive touch, touch." repeated four times. The piano part includes dynamic markings *p*, *mf*, *p*, and *mp*. The vocal parts include dynamic markings *pp* in measures 72 and 73.

sen - si - tive touch, touch. *pp* touch.

sen - si - tive touch, touch. *pp* touch.

sen - si - tive touch, touch. *pp* touch.

sen - si - tive touch, touch. *pp* touch.

p *mf* *p* *mp*

74

Musical score for measures 74-77. The score features four vocal staves and a piano accompaniment. The vocal parts are in treble clef, and the piano part is in bass clef. The vocal parts are mostly rests, with a final note in measure 77. The piano part includes dynamic markings *ppp* in measure 75 and a final chord in measure 77.

ppp

ACT IV

With a leisurely gait ♩ = 104

Solo/Small group
mf

SOPRANO

ALTO

TENOR

BASS

PIANO
(for rehearsal only)

mf *mp*

A shi-ny plas-tic a-ni-mal spawns a

5

soft fle-shy a-ni-mal.

Solo/Small group
mf

A si-nu-ous tex-tured a-ni-mal spawns a

9

Tutti mp

in -

Tutti mp

The stu-dy of a - ni-mal be-hav - ior in -

fle - shy plas - tic a - ni-mal.

13

Tutti mp

em -

mp

- cludes the re - cog - ni - tion of di - verse cha - rac-ter - is - tics em -

mp

- cludes the re - cog - ni - tion of di - verse cha - rac-ter - is - tics em -

Tutti mp

mp

of di - verse cha - rac-ter - is - tics em -

17 *mf* *f* jubilant

bed-ded with-in per - cep - tual fields. Plas - - - tic spawns

mf *f* jubilant *mf*

bed-ded with-in per - cep - tual fields. Plas - tic spawns a be -

mf *f* jubilant *mf*

bed-ded with-in per - cep - tual fields. Plas - - - tic spawns a be -

mf *f* jubilant

bed-ded with-in per - cep - tual fields. Plas - tic spawns

21 *f* *mp*

va - ri - e - ty of ac - qua - tic life. From

f

wil - der - ing va - ri - e - ty of ac - qua - tic life.

f *mp*

wil - der - ing va - ri - e - ty of ac - qua - tic life. From

mf *f*

of ac - qua - tic life.

25

f

one spawn to an - o - - ther: _____

mp *f*

from one spawn to an - o - - ther: _____ the

f

one spawn to an - o - - ther: _____ the

mp *f*

from one spawn to an - o - - ther: _____ the

mp *f*

29

ff

too vast. _____ In - - -

ff

pro - ge - ny too great. The brood too vast. _____ In - -

ff

pro - ge - ny too great. The brood too vast. _____ In -

ff

pro - ge - ny too great. The brood too vast. _____

32

mf $\rightrightarrows$ *mp*

- fi - nite in its sway - ing hope - ful - ness.

mf $\rightrightarrows$ *mp*

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mf $\rightrightarrows$ *mp*

- - fi - nite - - hope - - ful - ness.

mf $\rightrightarrows$ *mp*

In its sway - - ing hope - - ful - ness.

f $\rightrightarrows$ *mf*

36

p

Em - ba - rass - ing in its per - sis - tent

p

Em - ba - rass - ing in its per - sis - tent

p

40

mp Re - ver - be - ra - ting e - cho *p* bu - ried deep

p Bu - ried deep

mp larg - ess. *p* Bu - ried deep

mp larg - ess. *p* Bu - ried deep

45

f in the mon - strous child *p*

f in the mon - strous child *p*

f in the mon - strous child *p*

f in the mon - strous child *p*

Birth as a grim oath to es -

to es - cape the deaf-en-ing mesh. the deaf-en-ing

Solo/Small group

58 *mf*

Be-ing a - live an ex - er - cise in for-

f mesh. _____

f mesh. _____

62

- get - ting _____

mp for - get - ting the bo - dy, _____ re - mem - ber - ing the

mp for - get - ting the bo - dy, _____ re - mem - ber - ing the

mp for - get - ting the bo - dy, _____ re - mem - ber - ing the

mp

Tutti
p perky

66

im-age. ____ Be - ing a-live is an ex - er - cise in re-

im-age. ____ Be - ing a-live is an ex - er - cise in re-

im-age. ____ Be - ing a-live is an ex - er - cise in re-

im-age. ____ Be - ing a-live is an ex - er - cise in re-

f *mp* *p*

70 *mf* *molto rall.* *Tempo primo*

- mem - ber-ing how. ____

- mem - ber-ing how. ____

- mem - ber-ing how. ____ to die. ____

- mem - ber-ing to die. ____

mf *p* *pp*

ACT V

Mournful ♩ = 66

MEZZO-SOPRANO *mf* *mp*

We the spurned, the spurned

SOPRANO

ALTO

TENOR

BASS

PIANO (for rehearsal only)

Mournful ♩ = 66

mf *mp*

4

mf

a - ni - mals full of sen - sa - tions, full of sen -

7 *f*

- sa - tions _____

mp

The spawned a - ni - mals _____

mp

We the spawned _____ a - ni - mals _____

mp

The spawned a - ni - mals _____

mp

The spawned a - ni - mals _____

10 *f*

eat - ing our

f

fill, _____ our

f

eat - ing our fill, _____ our

f

eat - ing our fill, _____ eat-ing our

mp

eat - ing _____ our fill, _____ eat - ing our fill, _____ eat-ing our

mf

13 *ff*

fill. a - - - ni-mals

ff *f*

fill. We the spawned, the spawned a - - - ni-mals

ff *f*

fill. We the spawned, the spawned a - - - ni-mals

ff *f*

fill. We the spawned a - - - ni - mals

ff *f*

fill, the spawned, the spawned a - - - ni - mals

f *mf*

16 *mf* *mp*

eat - - - ing our fill. *mp*

mf *mp*

eat - - - ing our fill. *mp*

mf *mp*

eat - - - ing our fill.

mf

mp

mf
We the mu-tant min-er-al-vege-ta-ble-plas-tic -

mf
We the mu-tant min-er-al-vege-ta-ble-plas-tic - a-ni-mals,

mp
♩ = 69

mf
We the mu-tant min-er-al-vege-ta-ble-plas-tic - a-ni-mals

- a-ni-mals, we the mu-tant min-er-al-vege-ta-ble-plas-tic-

mf
We the mu-tant min-er-al-vege-ta-ble-plas-tic - a-ni-mals

mf
we the mu-tant min-er-al-vege-ta-ble-plas-tic-

23

mf *f* *ff*

build - ing our king - dom our king - dom.

build-ing our king - dom, build - ing our king - dom, our king - dom.

- a-ni-mals, our king - dom, build - ing our king - dom, our king - dom.

build-ing our king - dom, build - ing our king - dom, our king - dom.

- a-ni-mals, our king-dom, build - ing our king - dom, our king - dom.

f *ff* *f* *ff*

26



Measures 28-30 of a musical score. The score consists of five staves. The first four staves are empty, each ending with a 5/4 time signature. The fifth staff is a grand staff (treble and bass clef) containing musical notation. It begins with a forte (*f*) dynamic and features complex rhythmic patterns, including sixteenth and thirty-second notes. The section concludes with a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic and sustained chords.



Measures 31-33 of a musical score. The first four staves are empty, each ending with a 5/4 time signature. The fifth staff is a grand staff (treble and bass clef) containing musical notation. It begins with a mezzo-piano (*mp*) dynamic and a legato marking. The notation includes sustained chords and moving lines in both hands. The section concludes with a 'Wait -' instruction.

34

mp legato
Wait - - ing to be called

mp legato
Wait - - ing to be called

ing, wait - ing to be called

mp

37

mf dolce
beau - ti - ful.

mf dolce
beau - ti - ful.

mf dolce
beau - ti - ful.

mf dolce
beau - ti - ful.

mp
Smooth

mp
Smooth

mf
ff
mf
mp

40

mp Smooth peb-bles mas-sag - - ing our ach - ing limbs,

mf peb-bles mas - sag - - ing our ach - ing limbs,

mf peb-bles mas - sag - ing our ach - ing limbs,

43

43

mp sun warm-ing our gro-tesque fa - ces.

f sun warm-ing our gro-tesque fa - ces.

mp sun warm-ing our gro-tesque fa - ces.

f sun warm-ing our gro-tesque fa - ces.

mp sun warm-ing our gro-tesque fa - ces.

f sun warm-ing our gro-tesque fa - ces.

46

46

mp *f*

No ter - res - tri - al zone is

mp *f*

No ter - res - tri - al zone is

f *ff* *f*

49

mf *f*

bound - ed by fixed ge - o - gra - phi - cal,

mf *f*

No ter - res - tri - al zone is bound - ed by fixed ge - o - gra - phi - cal co -

mf *f*

bound - ed by fixed ge - o - gra - phi - cal,

mf *f*

No ter - res - tri - al zone is bound - ed by fixed ge - o - gra - phi - cal co -

mf

52

f ah

mf by fixed ge - o - gra - phi - cal co - or - din - ates.

mf - or - din - ates, ge - o - gra - phi - cal co - or - din - ates.

f by fixed ge - o - gra - phi - cal co - or - din - ates.

mf - or - din - ates, ge - o - gra - phi - cal co - or - din - ates.

f

54

ff When we stretch our toes, the web o - pens, the

ff When we stretch our toes, the web o - pens, the

ff When we stretch our toes, the web o - pens, the

ff When we stretch our toes, the web o - pens, the

56

web im - per - cep - ti - bly o - pens. im - per - cep - ti - bly

web im - per - cep - ti - bly o - pens. im - per - cep - ti - bly

web im - per - cep - ti - bly o - pens, im - per - cep - ti - bly

web im - per - cep - ti - bly o - pens, im - per - cep - ti - bly

58

f We leap, we leap in-to

f We leap, we leap in-to

f o - pens. We leap, we leap in-to

f o - pens. We leap, we leap in-to

* Singers choose which pitch is more comfortable.

64

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67

Musical score for measures 67-69. The score features four vocal staves (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "our gaze on the". The vocal parts have long notes with ties across measures. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and arpeggiated figures.

our gaze on the

our gaze on the

our gaze on the

our gaze on the

70

Musical score for measures 70-72. The score features four vocal staves and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "depths.". The vocal parts have long notes with ties across measures. The piano accompaniment features a strong, rhythmic pattern in the bass and chords in the treble.

depths.

depths.

depths.

depths.

fff

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