

Transcendental Sonnets

on poems by Jones Very (1813-1880)

*For SATB Chorus,
Soprano and Tenor Soloists, and Orchestra*

by Kyle Gann (2001-2)

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Score is in C

Duration: 35 minutes

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Jones Very (1813-1880) was the son of two cousins who never married: his father a roving sea captain, his mother an outspoken atheist. This was a difficult beginning for a young man in 19th-century Salem, Massachusetts, and Very compensated by becoming intensely religious, and by enrolling at Harvard, where he won the distinguished Bowdoin prize for his essays, graduated second in his class, and was afterward hired as a Greek tutor. In September of his third year as tutor, 1838, he began telling his students that the Holy Spirit was speaking through him. The President of Harvard immediately removed him, and Very was placed in an asylum for a month, released when his caretakers confirmed that he was harmless. In the next year and a half, Very wrote over 300 poems of an ecstatic nature, some of them written from the points of view of God, Christ, and the Holy Ghost. "[N]one can hear," he wrote with touching poignancy, "the man grown silent in the praise of God."

Luckily, before the onset of his madness - if madness it was - Very had been befriended by several members of the Transcendentalist movement, including especially Ralph Waldo Emerson, Bronson Alcott, and Elizabeth Palmer Peabody. His supporters were struck with the insight with which Very dissected and deconstructed the souls of the people he met and harangued, prominent ministers among them. As the redoubtable Transcendentalist scholar Perry Miller puts it, "By 1839 insanity was a hazard the Transcendentalists were prepared to run.... The Transcendental theory of genius practically demanded one or two mad poets; most Transcendentalists were not quite prepared to sacrifice themselves, and Very vindicated the theory by proving a willing victim." In 1839 Emerson collected and edited some sixty of Very's poems and essays and had them published in book form.

Very's poetic output from this period comprises a little-known and fertile fount of Western mysticism. As a poet he has been aptly criticized for the narrowness of his range and the monochromaticism of his tone - and yet the elegantly natural concision of his language and the penetrating power of his metaphors result in many unforgettable passages. The intensity of his ecstatic state sometimes melts away syntax, leaving behind passages worthy of a post-Calvinist Gertrude Stein. Very foresaw that his ecstasy would last not much more than a year. In late 1839 it faded, and although he was finally licensed to preach, he had retired by 1843, and lived out his last four decades in shadowy obscurity, still writing poetry that by then, devoid of the Holy Spirit's infusions, had become mechanical and pedestrian.

A regular pilgrim to Walden Pond since the early 1980s, I have nurtured a lifelong fascination with Transcendentalism; this is not the first time I have set its poetry. All of the poems by Very I chose for Transcendental Sonnets are from the 1838-39 period, and all of them are sonnets - overwhelmingly Very's favorite genre, and the one in which he did his most eloquent work. "The Son" is one of his best-known, most widely reprinted verses. Many of his finest poems are dark portrayals of an earth peopled by the walking dead, those who live outside daily communion with God: I felt that I should impose on the audience no more than two of these, "Enoch" and "Faith." I was touched by "Enoch"'s sad image of a lonely God walking on the earth, and its quintessentially Transcendentalist point that the true temple of God isn't churches of stone and wood, but the human soul. "Love" appealed to me for its very musical image of a long journey

brought around again to its starting point. The final song is made up from two of his most mystical sonnets, both titled "The Word"; I omit the last six lines from the first poem, which paint too contrasting a mood.

In setting texts I always allow the text to lead, and to suggest the style of the music, with the result here that the songs suggest historical idioms more directly than anything else I've written. The project, as I saw it, was to find within the context of postminimalism a style, or several styles, of contrapuntal choral singing which would be gratifying to sing. The first movement, "The Son," was drawn very much from the structure of the poem, with the addition that the four parts of the choir each introduce their lines of text independently, in echoing but contrasting melodies. The remaining four movements follow - though always within a postminimalist context, with its limitation of harmonic materials - a stylistic progression from the music of Very's youth to the present day. "Enoch" represents the 18th-century American hymn and fusing tune (one might say a "Stravinskyized" William Billings); "Love" a 19th-century romantic choral style; "Faith" a more dissonant, modernist relationship of harmonies; and "The Word" a postmodern conception fusing aspects of minimalism with the rhythmic ideas of Henry Cowell and Conlon Nancarrow, attempting more than the others to capture Very's ecstatic state. I hope that this symphony of American psalms will be a testament to our native, Yankee brand of spirituality.

I offer my inexpressible thanks to James Bagwell and the Indianapolis Symphonic Choir for making the composition and performance of this work possible. While working on it, I had a feeling that I was born to write this piece: that the spirit of Jones Very had been following me for many years, impelling me toward Walden Pond, to Emerson's house, to the bookstores of Concord, Massachusetts, endlessly asking, When are you going to write my songs? I can dedicate the piece to no one more appropriate than my father, who has sung in choruses his entire life, and who especially loves music for chorus and orchestra.

- Kyle Gann
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Lewisburg, PA

The Son (November 1838)

Father, I wait thy word. The sun doth stand
Beneath the mingling line of night and day,
A listening servant, waiting thy command
To roll rejoicing on its silent way;
The tongue of time abides the appointed hour,
Till on our ear its solemn warnings fall;
The heavy cloud withholds the pelting shower,
Then every drop speeds onward at thy call;
The bird reposes on the yielding bough,
With breast unswollen by the tide of song;
So does my spirit wait thy presence now

To pour thy praise in quickening life along,
Chiding with voice divine man's lengthened sleep,
While round the Unuttered Word and Love their vigils keep.

Enoch (November 1838)

I looked to find a man who walked with God,
Like the translated patriarch of old; -
Though gladdened millions on his footstool trod,
Yet none with him did such sweet converse hold;
I heard the wind in low complaint go by
That none his melodies like him could hear;
Day unto day spoke wisdom from on high,
Yet none like David turned a willing ear;
God walked alone unhonored through the earth;
For him no heart-built temple open stood,
The soul forgetful of her nobler birth
Had hewn him lofty shrines of stone and wood,
And left unfinished and in ruins still
The only temple he delights to fill.

Love (November 1838)

I asked of Time to tell me where was Love;
He pointed to her foot-steps on the snow,
Where first the angel lighted from above,
And bid me note the way and onward go;
Through populous streets of cities spreading wide,
By lonely cottage rising on the moor,
Where bursts from sundered cliff the struggling tide,
To where it hails to sea with answering roar,
She led me on; o'er mountain's frozen head,
where mile on mile still stretches on the plain,
Then homeward whither first my feet she led,
I traced her path along the snow again;
But there the sun had melted from the earth
The prints where first she trod, a child of mortal birth.

Faith (late 1838-early 1839)

There is no faith; the mountain stands within
Still unrebuked, its summit reaches heaven;
And every action adds its load of sin,
For every action wants the little leaven;
There is no prayer; it is but empty sound,

That stirs with frequent breath the yielding air,
With every pulse they are more strongly bound,
Who make the blood of goats the voice of prayer;
Oh heal them, heal them, Father, with thy word,--
Their sins cry out to thee from every side;
From son and sire, from slave and master heard,
Their voices fill the desert country wide;
And bid thee hasten to relieve and save,
By him who rose triumphant o'er the grave.

The Word (1838-9)

There is no voice but that which speaks in Thee;
For This the world created and creates;
This was, before it bade the light to be;
It is; and is to come; it knows no dates;
By it, spring forth the time-born sons of earth,
That as the grass before the mower falls;
In it, are born the sons of heavenly birth,
And to itself their weary feet it calls;....

The Word (1838-9)

The voice that speaks when thou art in thy tomb,
And spoke before thou sawst the morning light;
This is the Word! of all that is the womb,
Of all that see the never failing sight;
Speechless yet ever speaking, none can hear
The man grown silent in the praise of God;
For they within him live to hope and fear;
They walk and speak, but he the grass-green sod;
Its presence round them calls them hence to It,
A Voice too great for murmur or reproof;
A sun that shines till they are of it lit,
Itself the utterance of Eternal Truth;
Perfect, without a blemish; never found
Save through the veil that wraps thy being round.

from *Jones Very: The Complete Poems*, Helen R. Deese, editor (Athens and London: University of Georgia Press, 1993)

to my father

Transcendental Sonnets:

The Son

Jones Very
1838

Commissioned by the Indianapolis Symphonic Choir

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A musical score for 'The Son' by Kyle Gann, featuring multiple staves for various instruments. The score includes parts for Flute, Oboe, Clarinet in B♭*, Bassoon, Horn in F*, Trumpet in B♭*, Harp, Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass, Glockenspiel, Violin I, Violin II, Viola, Violoncello, and Contrabass. The score is set in common time with a key signature of one flat. The instrumentation is divided into two sections: woodwind/bassoon and vocal/orchestra. The vocal parts (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) sing the words 'Father' at different points. The score includes dynamic markings such as *p*, *pp*, and *div.*. The tempo is marked as $\text{♩} = 69$.

*Score in C

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Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Bsn.

Hp

S.

A.

T.

B.

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

Cb.

1.

1.

p

div.

Father

Father

Father

I wait Thy word

Father

Father

I wait Thy word

Father

Father

I wait Thy

12

Ob.

Cl.

Bsn.

Hp

S.

A.

T.

B.

Glock.

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

Cb.

unis. *The sun doth stand be - neath the ming - ling line of night and day*

I wait Thy word *The sun doth stand be - neath the ming - ling line of night and day*

The sun doth stand be - neath the ming - ling line of night and day

word *The sun doth stand the ming - ling line of night and day*

mp

unis. *p*

mp

p

mp

unis. *p*

mp

p

mp

17

Fl. *mp*

Cl. *mp*

Bsn

Hp

S. *mp*
A list'ning ser-vant wait - ing Thy com - mand To roll re - joi - cing

A. *mp*
A list'ning ser-vant wait - ing Thy com - mand To roll re - joi - cing

T. *mp*
A list'ning ser-vant wait - ing Thy com - mand To roll re -

B. *mp*
To roll re -

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc. *arco*

Cb.

21

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Hp

S.

A.

T.

B.

Glock.

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

Cb.

p
div.
p
div.
p
on its si - lent way
The tongue of time a bides.
p
on its si - lent way
joi - cing on its si - lent way
joi - cing on its si - lent way
The tongue of
p
pp
pp
pp
p

15

30

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Hn

Tpt

Hp

S.

A.

T.

B.

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

Cb.

Flute: - (measures 1-2), then *mf*, *f*.
 Oboe: - (measures 1-2), then *mp*, *f*.
 Clarinet: - (measures 1-2), then *mp*.
 Horn: *div.*
 Trumpet: *mf*.
 Bassoon: - (measures 1-2), then *sub p*, *f*.
 Soprano: *mf*, *sub p*, *f*.
 Alto: *mf*, *sub p*, *f*.
 Tenor: *mf*, *sub p*, *f*.
 Bass: *mf*.
 Violin I: - (measures 1-2), then *p*, *f*.
 Violin II: - (measures 1-2), then *p*, *f*.
 Cello: *mf*, *sub p*, *pizz.*
 Double Bass: *pp*, *mf*.

lemn war - nings fall_ The hea - vy cloud_ with - holds the pel - ting sho - wer
mf *sub p* *f*
 lemn war - nings fall_ The hea - vy cloud_ with - holds the pel - ting sho - wer
mf *sub p* *f*
 lemn war - nings fall_ The hea - vy cloud with - holds the pel - ting sho - wer
mf *sub p* *f*
 lemn war - nings fall_ The hea - vy cloud with - holds the pel - ting
f

39 div.

Fl. a 2

Bsn 1. *mf*

Hn

Hp

S. — re - po - - ses on the yiel - ding bough

A. — re - po - - ses on the yiel - ding bough

T. — re - po - - ses on the yiel - ding bough

B. — re - po - - ses on the yiel - ding bough

Vln I

Vln II 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3

Vla *mf*

43

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Bsn.

Hn.

Hp

S.

A.

T.

B.

Glock.

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

f

1.

div.

mp

div.

with breast un - swol - - len by the tide of song

with breast un - swol - - len by the tide of song

with breast un - swol - - len by the tide of song

with breast un - swol - - len by the tide of song

mf

3

f

f

47 div.

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Bsn.

Hp.

S.

A.

T.

B.

Glock.

Vln I

Vln II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

pp as before

pp as before

(pizz.)

p (pizz.)

p

52

Ob.

Cl. 1.
p

Bsn

S. p
So does my spi - rit wait thy pre - sence now—

A. p
So does my spi - rit wait thy pre - sence now—

T. p
So does my spi - rit wait thy pre - sence

B. p
So does my

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

Cb.

56

Fl.

Ob. *mf*

Cl.

Bsn

S. To pour thy praise in quick' - ning life a long

A. To pour thy praise in quick' ning life a - long

T. now To pour thy

B. spi - rit wait thy pre - sence now To pour thy praise in quick' - ning life a -

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

Cb.

60

Fl.

Cl.

Hp.

S.

A.

T.

B.

Glock.

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

Cb.

1.

div.

Chi-ding with voice di vine man's leng-thened sleep

Chi-ding with voice di vine man's leng-thened sleep

praise in quick'-ning life a long Chi-ding with voice di vine man's leng-thened sleep

long Chi - ding with voice di vine man's leng-thened sleep

mp

mp

mp

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Fl. div.

Ob. div. mf

Cl. mf

Hp C# D# E F# G A B pp

S. Mysterious While round the Un-ut - tered Word and Love their vi - gils keep—

A. While round the Un-ut - tered Word and Love their vi - gils keep,—

T. While round the Un-ut - tered Word and love the Un-ut - tered Word and

B. while round the Un-ut - tered Word and Love their vi - gils keep—

Glock. mp p

Vln I p div. pp

Vln I pp

Vln II p div. pp

Vln II pp

Vla p f

Vc. pp

Cb. pp

70

Fl.

Ob.

Hp

S.

The Un-ut - tered Word and Love their

A.

The Un-ut - tered Word and Love their vi-gils keep The Un-ut-tered Word

T.

Love their vi gils keep The un - ut - tered Word and Love their

B.

The Un-ut - tered Word and Love their vi-gils keep The Un-ut - tered

Vln I

Vln I

Vln II

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

Cb.

74

Fl.

Ob.

Hp

S.

A.

T.

B.

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

Cb.

p

D# - D

vi - gils keep

and Love their vi - gils keep

vi - gils keep_

Word and Love their vi - gils keep_

mf

78

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Bsn.

Hp

S.

A.

T.

B.

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

Cb.

p

1.

p

5

D - D#

C# - C
G# - G

5

Fl. ritard..... a tempo div. slight ritard.

Ob.

Cl.

Bsn. 1. p

Hp B - B_b
E - E_b
D# - D 5 pp

S.

A.

T. 8

B.

Vln I ritard..... a tempo slight ritard. July 1-14, 2001
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Vln II

Vla mp

Vc. pp

Cb. pp

Transcendental Sonnets:

Enoch

Jones Very
1838

♩ = 88

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Flute

Oboe

Clarinet in B♭

Bassoon

Horn in F

Trumpet in B♭

Trombone

Harp

Soprano

Alto

Tenor

Bass

Glockenspiel

Violin I

Violin II

Viola

Violoncello

Contrabass

7

Hp

S.

A.

T.

B.

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

Cb.

F - F# F# - F

Like the trans - la - ted pat - ri - arch of old; Though glad - dened

Like the trans - la - ted pat - ri - arch of old; Though glad - dened

Like the trans - la - ted pat - ri - arch of old; Though glad - dened

Like the trans - la - ted pat - ri - arch of old; Though glad - dened

13

Hp

S.

mil - lions on his foot - stool trod, Yet none with him did such sweet

A.

mil - lions on his foot - stool trod, Yet none with him did such sweet

T.

mil - lions on his foot - stool trod, Yet none with him did such sweet

B.

mil - lions on his foot - stool trod, Yet none with him did such sweet

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

Cb.

19 a 2

Fl. *p*

Cl. 1.
p

Bsn 1.
p

Hp

S. *p*
con - verse____ hold; I heard the wind in low com -

A. *p*
con - verse____ hold. I heard the

T. *p*
con - verse____ hold. I heard the wind in low com -

B. *p*
con - verse hold. I heard the

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

Cb.

Fl.

Cl.

Bsn.

S.

A.

T.

B.

Vla.

Vc.

25

plaint go by com - plaint go by That none his

wind in low com - plaint go by

8

plaint go by

Fl. 30

Ob.

Cl.

Bsn.

Hn.

Hp. F - F#

S. me - lo - dies like him could hear, Day un - to f

A. me - lo - dies like him could hear, Day un - to f

T. That none his me - lo - dies like him could hear Day un - to f

B. That none his me - lo - dies like him could hear Day un - to f

Vln I

Vln II

Vla. p f

Vc. p f

Cb.

35

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Bsn

Hn

Hp

F# - F
C - C#
Eb - E
F - F#
F# - F

S.

day spoke wis - dom from on high, Yet none like Da - vid

A.

day spoke wis - dom from on high, Yet none like Da - vid

T.

day spoke wis - dom from on high, Yet none like Da - vid

B.

day spoke wis - dom from on high, Yet none like Da - vid

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

Cb.

A

 $\text{d} = 50$

41

Fl. Ob. Cl. Bsn.

Hn. Hp.

T.S.

S.

A.

T.

B.

Glock.

Vln I

Vln II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

1. $\frac{2}{4}$ - $\frac{3}{2}$ *mf*

$\frac{2}{4}$ - $\frac{3}{2}$

$\frac{2}{4}$ - $\frac{3}{2}$

$\frac{2}{4}$ - $\frac{3}{2}$

f with much freedom and feeling

God walked a - lone un - ho - nored through the earth

turned a wil - ling ear.

15

mf

46

Fl.

Hp.

T.S.

Glock.

For him no heart - built
tem - ple o - pen stood
The soul for - get - ful of her
no - bler birth
Had



50

Fl.

Hp.

T.S.

S.

A.

T.

B.

Glock.

hewn him lof - ty shrines of stone and wood, and left un - fin - ished and in ru insstill The on - ly tem - ple he de - lights to fill.

slow down... in tempo and without ritard.

mf

God

B

55

T.S.    - - - - - | - - - - - | - - - - - | - - - - - | - - - - - | - - - - - |

S.    walked a - lone un - hon - ored through the earth a - lone un - ho - - |

A.    - - - - - | *mf* - - - - - | God walked a - lone un - ho - nored through the earth - - - - - |

T.    - - - - - | - - - - - | - - - - - | *mf* - - - - - | God - - - - - |

B.    - - - - - | - - - - - | - - - - - | - - - - - | - - - - - |

Glock.    - - - - - | - - - - - | - - - - - | - - - - - | - - - - - |

Vln I    - - - - - | - - - - - | - - - - - | - - - - - | > *mf* - - - - - |

Vln II    - - - - - | - - - - - | - - - - - | - - - - - | > *mf* - - - - - |

Vla    - - - - - | - - - - - | - - - - - | - - - - - | > *mf* - - - - - |

Vc.    - - - - - | - - - - - | - - - - - | - - - - - | - - - - - |

57

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn. a 2
mf

T.S. f
8 God walked un -

S. nored on the earth, a - lone un - ho - nored

A. God walked a - lone un - ho - nored through the earth

T. 8 walked a - lone un - ho - nored through the earth. walked a - lone through the

B. mf
God walked a - lone un - ho - nored through the earth,

Vln I

Vln II

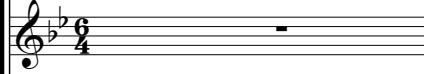
Vla

Vc. mf

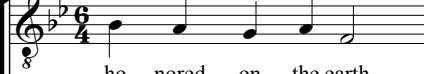
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Fl. a 2 

Ob. a 2 

Cl. 

Bsn. 

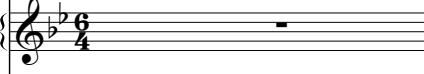
T.S. 

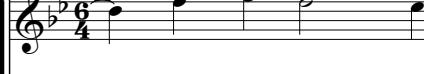
S. 

A. 

T. 

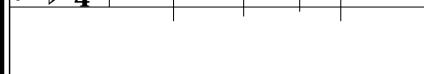
B. 

Glock. 

Vln I 

Vln II 

Vla. 

Vc. 

Cb. 

ho - nored on the earth For him no
— on the earth, For him no heart - built tem - ple o - pen stood; no heart - built
For him no heart - built tem - ple o - pen
earth walked a - lone un - ho - nored through the earth For him no heart - built tem - ple o - pen
un - ho - nored on the earth, God walked a - lone;

62

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Bsn.

T.S.

S.

A.

T.

B.

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

heart - built tem - ple stood
 temple o - pen stood, no temple o - pen stood _____ The
 stood, no temple o - pen stood, no temple o - pen stood; The soul for-get-ful of her no - bler birth, for
 stood; The soul for-get-ful of her no - bler birth, for-get-ful of her no - bler
 For him no heart - built temple o - pen stood, no temple o - pen stood, no heart - built temple

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Fl. 65

Ob.

Cl.

Bsn

T.S. 8 The soul for - get - ful of its no - bler birth Hewn him

S. soul for - get - ful of her no - bler birth, for - get - ful of her no - bler birth Had hewn him lof - ty shrines of

A. get - ful of her no - bler birth, the soul for - get - ful Had

T. birth, the soul for - get - ful, the soul for - get - ful of her birth

B. o - - - pen stood; The soul for - get - ful of her no - bler birth, for - get - ful

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

68

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Bsn.

Hn

Tpt

Tbn.

T.S.

S.

A.

T.

B.

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

Cb.

lof - ty shrines of stone and wood,
 stone and wood, lof - ty shrines of stone and wood, of stone and wood,
 hewn him lof - ty shrines of stone and wood, of stone and wood,
 Had hewn him lof - ty shrines of stone and wood, of stone and wood,
 of her birth Had hewn him lof - ty shrines of stone and wood,

C

S. And left un - fi - nished and in ru - ins still, in ru - ins still, in ru - ins still, The

A. And left un - fi - nished and in ru - ins still, in ru - ins still,

T. And left un - fi - nished and in ru - ins still,

B. And left un - fi - nished and in ru - ins still,



D

Fl.

Ob.

S. on - ly tem - ple he de - lights to fill.

A. Theon - ly tem - ple he de-lights to fill.

T. Theon - ly tem - ple he de-lights to fill.

B. Theon - ly tem - ple he de-lights to fill.

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

Cb.

80

Fl. 1.

Ob. f

Cl. 1.

Bsn. f

Hn. a 2 f

Tpt. 1. f

Tbn. f

T.S.

S.

A.

T.

B. f God walked un - ho - nored through the earth

Glock.

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

Cb. f

85

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Bsn

Hn

Tpt

Tbn.

T.S.

S.

A.

T.

B.

Glock.

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

Cb.

a 2

f

The

For him no heart - built temple op - en stood

90

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

Hn.

Tpt.

Tbn.

T.S.

S.

soul for - get - ful of her nob - ler birth

A.

T.

B.

Glock.

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

Cb.

a 2

Had

Measure 90 starts with woodwind entries (Flute, Oboe, Bassoon) followed by a vocal entry (Tenor Soprano). The vocal part continues through the end of the measure, singing the words "soul for - get - ful of her nob - ler birth". The vocal line is supported by the orchestra, including the Trombone, Trumpet, and various strings. Measure 91 begins with a rhythmic pattern in the brass section (Trumpet, Trombone) before transitioning to a new section.

95

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Bsn.

Hn

Tpt

Tbn.

T.S.

S.

A.

hewn him lof - ty shrines of stone and wood

T.

B.

Glock.

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

Cb.

pizz. >

Fl. Ob. Cl. Bsn. Hn. Tpt. Tbn. T.S. S. A. T. B. Glock. Vln I. Vln II. Vla. Vc. Cb.

E

104

S. God walked a - lone un - ho - nored through the earth; For him no heart - built

A. God walked a - lone un - ho - nored through the earth; For him no heart - built

T. God walked a - lone un - ho - nored through the earth; For him no heart - built

B. God walked a - lone un - ho - nored through the earth; For him no heart - built



107

S. tem - ple o - pen stood, The soul for - get - ful of her nob - ler birth Had hewn him lof - ty shrines of stone and wood,

A. tem - ple o - pen stood, The soul for - get - ful of her nob - ler birth Had hewn him lof - ty shrines of stone and wood,

T. tem - ple o - pen stood, The soul for - get - ful of her nob - ler birth Had hewn him lof - ty shrines of stone and wood,

B. tem - ple o - pen stood, The soul for - get - ful of her nob - ler birth Had hewn him lof - ty shrines of stone and wood,

112

Fl. Ob. Cl. T.S. S. A. T. B. Vln I Vln II Vla.

f

a 2

And left un - fin - ished and in ru - ins still, in ru ins still _____ The

And left un - fin - ished and in ru - ins still, in ru - ins still, ru - ins still

And left un - fin - ished and in ru - ins still, in ru - ins still

And left un - fin - ished and in ru - ins still

f

Transcendental Sonnets:

Love

Jones Very
1838 $\text{♩} = 92$

Kyle Gann
2001-2

Flute

Oboe

Clarinet in B♭

Bassoon

Horn in F

Trumpet in B♭

Trombone

Timpani

Harp

Solo Soprano

Soprano

Alto

Tenor

Bass

Violin I

Violin II

Viola

Violoncello

Contrabass

I asked of time to tell me where was Love

Fl. Ob. Bsn. Hp. S.S. tell me where was Love; S. Hepoin - ted to her foot-steps on the A. I asked of Time to tell me where was Love; T. I asked of Time to tell me where was Love; B. I asked of Time to tell me where was Love; Vln I Vln II Vla Vc.

Fl. Ob. Bsn. Hp. S.S. tell me where was Love; S. Hepoin - ted to her foot-steps on the A. I asked of Time to tell me where was Love; T. I asked of Time to tell me where was Love; B. I asked of Time to tell me where was Love; Vln I Vln II Vla Vc.

12

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn

Tbn.

Hp.

S.S.

S.

A.

T.

B.

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

He poin-ted to her foot - steps on the snow,
Where first
snow,
He poin-ted to her foot - steps on the snow
on the snow
He poin-ted to her foot - steps on the snow
on the snow

mp

mf

mp

mp

mp

pp

pp

Rit.....

18

Fl.

Bsn

S.S.

Rit.....

the An - gel ligh - ted from a - bove,

S.

p

Where first the An - gel, the An - gel light - ted from a - bove

A.

p

Where first the An - gel, the An - gel ligh - ted from a - bove

T.

p

Where first the An - gel An - gel ligh - ted from a - bove

B.

p

Where first the An - gel ligh - ted from a - bove,

Vln I

Rit.....

p

Vln II

p

Vla

p

Vc.

p

A

A tempo
♩ = 92

38

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Bsn.

S.S.

S.

A.

T.

B.

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

pp

pp

mp

p

Through po - pu-lous streets of ci-ties spre-a-ding wide,

sprea - ding wide Sprea - ding wide

sprea - ding wide, spre-a - ding wide

- ding wide, spre-a - ding wide, By lone - ly cot-tage

sprea - ding wide sprea - ding wide By

p

p

p

p

47

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Bsn.

Hn.

S.S.

S.

A.

T.

B.

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

Cb.

p

mp

By lone-ly cot-tage ri - sing
By lone-ly cot-tage ri - sing on the moor, ri - sing on
By lone-ly cot-tage ri - sing on the moor, ri - sing
ri - sing on the moor, ri - sing on the moor, lone - ly cot-tage ri - sing on the moor, ri -

B

Fl. Ob. Cl. Bsn.

Hn. Tpt. S.S. S. A. T. B.

on the moor, Where
the moor, Where bursts from sun-dered cliff the strug-gling tide
on the moor, Where bursts from sun-dered cliff the strug-gling tide
Where bursts from sun-dered cliff
sing on the moor, Where bursts from

Vln I Vln II Vla Vc. Cb.

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Bsn.

Tpt

S.S. bursts_ from sun - dered cliff the strug-gling tide____ To where it

S. from sun - dered cliff the strug - gling tide, To where it hails the sea with

A. To where it hails the sea with an-swe-ring

T. the strug-gling tide,____ the strug - gling tide, To where it hails the

B. sun-dered cliff the strug-gling tide,____ To

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

Cb.

C

55

74

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Bsn.

Hn

Tpt

Tbn.

S.S.

S.

A.

T.

B.

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

Cb.

pp

1.

pp

a 2 div.

f

mf

pp

pp

pp

pp

pp

pp

subito f

f

hails the sea with an-swe-ring roar, _____ She led me on; _____ *f*

an-swe-ring roar, _____ She *f*

roar, _____ the sea with an-swe-ring roar, _____ She *f*

sea with an-swe-ring roar, _____ She *f*

where *it* hails the sea with an-swe-ring roar, _____ She *f*

82

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Bsn.

Hn

Tpt

Tbn.

Hp

S.S.

S.

A.

T.

B.

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

Cb.

a 2

f

f

ff

O'er moun - tain's fro - zen
led me on; f O'er moun - tain's fro - zen
led me on; o'er moun - tain's fro - zen
led me on; o'er moun - tain's fro - zen head, moun - tain's
led me on; o'er moun - tain's fro - zen head,

C D E F G A Bb *f*

Fl. *mf*

Tpt

Hp *mf*

S.S. head, Where mile on mile still

S. head, where mile on mile still stretches on the plain, where

A. head, Where mile on mile still stretches on the plain,

T. fro - zen head, Where mile on mile still stretches

B. Where mile on mile still stretches on the

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

Cb.

96

a 2 **D**

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Bsn.

Hn.

Tpt.

Tbn.

Timp.

S.S.

S.

A.

T.

B.

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

Cb.

stret - ches on the plain,
mile on mile on mile on mile, Through po - pu-lous streets of ci-ties
on mile on mile, Through po - pu-lous streets of ci-ties
on the plain, Through po - pu-lous streets of ci-ties
plain, mile on mile, Through po - pu-lous streets of ci-ties

p *ff*
p *sub. ff*
p *sub. ff*
p *ff*
p *sub. ff*
p *sub. ff*
p *sub. ff*
p *sub. ff*

103

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Bsn.

Hn.

Tpt.

Tbn.

Tim.

S.

A.

T.

B.

Vln I

Vln II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

sprea - ding wide, By lone - ly cot-tage_ ri - sing
sprea - ding wide, By lone - ly cot-tage_ ri - sing
sprea - ding wide, By lone - ly cot-tage_ ri - sing
sprea - ding wide, By lone - ly cot-tage_ ri - sing

109

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Bsn.

Hn.

Tpt.

Tbn.

Timp.

S.

A.

T.

B.

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

Cb.

— on the moor, Where bursts from sun - dered cliff the strug - gling tide,
 — on the moor, Where bursts from sun - dered cliff the strug - gling tide,
 — on the moor, Where bursts from sun - dered cliff the strug - gling tide,
 — on the moor, Where bursts from sun - dered cliff the strug - gling tide,

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Bsn.

Hn.

Tpt.

Tbn.

S.

To where it hails the sea _____ with an - swe - ring roar, She

A.

To where it hails the sea _____ with an - swe - ring roar, She

T.

To where it hails the sea _____ with an - swe - ring roar, She

B.

To where it hails the sea _____ with an - swe - ring roar, She

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

Cb.

Quieter but still intense

122

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Bsn.

Hn.

Tpt.

Tbn.

Timp.

S.
led me on; o'er moun - tain's fro - zen head, Where mile on mile still

A.
led me on; o'er moun - tain's fro - zen head, Where mile on mile still

T.
led me on; o'er moun - tain's fro - zen head, Where mile on mile still

B.
led me on; o'er moun - tain's fro - zen head, Where mile on mile still

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

Cb.

129 E

Fl. *mf*

Ob. *mp*

Cl. *mp*

Bsn. *mp*

Tim. *mp*

C D E F G# A B

Hp.

S. *mp*
stretches on the plain; Then home-ward whi-ther_ first my feet she

A. *mp*
stretches on the plain; Then home-ward whi-ther_ first my feet she

T. *mp*
stretches on the plain; Then home-ward whi-ther_ first my feet she

B. *mp*
stretches on the plain; Then home-ward whi-ther_ first my feet she

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

Cb.

137 a 2 div.

Fl. *pp*

Ob.

Cl. 1. *p*

Bsn.

Hp. *p*

S. *p* *pp*
led I traced her path a - long the snow a - gain But

A. *p* *pp*
led I traced her path a - long the snow a - gain But

T. *p* *pp*
led I traced her path a - long the snow a - gain But

B. *p* *pp*
led I traced her path a - long the snow a - gain But

Vln I

Vln II

Vla *pp*

Vc. *pp*

Fl.

Cl.

Hp

S. there the sun had mel-ted from the earth The prints

A. there the sun had mel-ted from the earth The prints

T. there the sun had mel-ted from the earth The prints

B. there the sun had mel-ted from the earth The prints

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

Cb.

146

Mystical

Fl. Ob. Cl. Tim. Hp.

pp a 2 div. *pp* *ppp*

S. A. T. B. Vln I Vln II Vla Vc. Cb.

Mystical

— where first she trod, — A child — of mor - tal

— where first she trod, — A child — of mor - tal

— where first she trod, — A child — of mor - tal

— where first she trod, — A child — of mor - tal

p *pp*

pp

Musical score for orchestra and choir, page 67. The score consists of ten staves:

- Fl.**: Flute part, dynamic *ff*, measures 1-5.
- Ob.**: Oboe part, measures 1-5.
- Timp.**: Timpani part, dynamic *p*, measures 1-5.
- Hp.**: Double bass part, measures 1-5.
- S.**: Soprano vocal part, dynamic *p*, measure 1. The word "birth" is written below the staff.
- A.**: Alto vocal part, dynamic *p*, measure 1. The word "birth" is written below the staff.
- T.**: Tenor vocal part, dynamic *p*, measure 1. The word "birth" is written below the staff.
- B.**: Bass vocal part, dynamic *p*, measure 1. The word "birth" is written below the staff.
- Vln I**: Violin I part, dynamic *p*, measures 1-5.
- Vln II**: Violin II part, dynamic *p*, measures 1-5.
- Vla.**: Cello part, dynamic *p*, measures 1-5.
- Vc.**: Double bass part, dynamic *p*, measures 1-5.
- Cb.**: Double bass part, dynamic *p*, measures 1-5.

Measure 6: **Fl.** dynamic *pp*, **Ob.** dynamic *pp*, **Timp.** dynamic *p*, **Hp.** dynamic *p*, **S.** dynamic *p*, **A.** dynamic *p*, **T.** dynamic *p*, **B.** dynamic *p*, **Vln I** dynamic *p*, **Vln II** dynamic *p*, **Vla.** dynamic *p*, **Vc.** dynamic *p*, **Cb.** dynamic *p*.

169 Without ritard.

Fl.

Ob.

Hp

S.

A.

T.

B.

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

Cb.

Transcendental Sonnets:

Faith

Jones Very
1838-9Kyle Gann
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L = 144

Flute: *a* 2, *ff*, *p*

Oboe: *ff*

Clarinet in B♭: *ff*

Bassoon: *ff*

Horn in F: *ff*

Trumpet in B♭: *ff*

Trombone: *ff*

Timpani: *ff*, *mp*

Soprano: -

Alto: -

Tenor: -

Bass: -

Violin I: *ff*, *mp*

Violin II: *ff*, *mp*

Viola: *ff*, *mp*

Violoncello: *mp*

Contrabass: *ff*, *mp*

Musical score page 71 featuring ten staves of music. The instruments are:

- Fl. (Flute): Playing sustained notes with grace marks.
- Tim. (Timpani): Playing eighth-note patterns with dynamic *f*.
- S. (Soprano): Rests throughout.
- A. (Alto): Rests throughout.
- T. (Tenor): Rests throughout.
- B. (Bass): Rests throughout.
- Vln I (Violin I): Playing sixteenth-note patterns.
- Vln II (Violin II): Playing eighth-note patterns, dynamic *mp*, followed by *f*.
- Vla (Viola): Playing sustained notes with grace marks.
- Vc (Cello): Playing eighth-note patterns.
- Cb (Double Bass): Playing eighth-note patterns with dynamic *f*.

The score is in common time, with measures divided by vertical bar lines. Measure 6 is indicated at the top left of the first staff.

II

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Bsn

Timp.

S.

A.

T.

B.

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

Cb.

a 2

mf

mp

There is no faith, There is no faith, There is no faith, There is no
mp

There is no faith, There is no faith, There is no faith, There is no
mp

There is no faith, There is no faith, There is no faith, There is no
mp

There is no faith, There is no faith, There is no faith, There is no
mp

mp

mp

mp

mp

A

17 \flat C

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Bsn.

Hn.

Tpt.

Tbn.

Timp.

S.

faith, The moun - tain stands with - in still un - re - boked its sum - mit rea - ches

A.

faith, The moun - tain stands with - in still un - re - boked

T.

8 faith, The moun - tain stands with - in still un - re - boked its sum - mit rea - ches

B.

faith, The moun - tain stands with - in still un - re - boked

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

Cb.

ff

Transcendental Sonnets: Faith

23

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Bsn.

Hn.

Tpt.

Tbn.

Tim.

S.

heav - ven;

And eve - ry ac - tion adds its load of sin

For

A.

And eve - ry ac - tion adds its load of sin,

For

T.

heav - ven;

And eve - ry ac - tion adds its load of sin

For

B.

heav - ven;

And eve - ry ac - tion adds its load of sin

For

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

Cb.

28

Fl. Ob. Cl. Bsn.

Hn. Tpt. Tbn.

Tim. Hp. D# E# F# G B p

S. ev-ry ac - tion wants the lit - tle lea-ven There is no faith, There is no faith, There is no faith, The
A. eve-ry ac - tion wants the lit - tle lea-ven; There is no faith, There is no faith, There is no faith, The
T. 8 ev-ry ac - tion wants the lit - tle lea-ven There is no faith, There is no faith, There is no faith,
B. eve-ry ac - tion wants the lit - tle lea-ven; There is no faith, There is no faith, There is no faith,

Vln I p

Vln II p

Vla

Vc. 3

Cb. 3

B

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Bsn.

Hp.

S.

A.

T.

B.

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

Cb.

34

1. > >

p

1. b. b.

p

moun - tain stands with - in still un - re - buked its sum - mit rea - ches hea - ven;

moun - tain stands with - in still un - re - buked its sum - mit rea - ches hea - ven;

The moun - tain stands with - in still un - re - buked; its sum - mit

The moun - tain stands with - in still un - re - buked; its sum - mit

lightly

lightly

lightly

p

p

Fl. 39 1. *p*

Ob.

Cl.

Bsn

Hp

S. And eve - ry ac - tion adds its load of sin

A. And eve - ry ac - tion adds its load of sin,

T. 8 rea - ches hea - ven; And eve - ry ac - tion adds its load of

B. rea - ches hea - ven; And eve - ry ac - tion adds its load of

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

Cb.

45

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Bsn.

Hn.

Tpt.

Tbn.

Timp.

Hp

S.

A.

T.

B.

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

Cb.

For eve - ry ac - tion wants the lit - tle lea-ven
There is no
For eve - ry ac - tion wants the lit - tle lea-ven
There is no
sin,
For eve - ry ac - tion wants the lit - tle lea-ven; There is no
sin,
For eve - ry ac - tion wants the lit - tle lea-ven; There is no

C

79

50

Fl. ff f mp

Ob. ff mp

Cl. ff

Bsn. ff f mp

Hn. f a 2 div. smoothly

Tpt. f mp

Tbn. f f mp

Tim. ffff mf ff mp mp smoothly

S. prayer; it is but emp - ty sound, That stirs with fre - quent

A. prayer; it is but emp - ty sound, That stirs with fre - quent

T. prayer; it is but emp - ty sound, That stirs with fre - quent

B. prayer; it is but emp - ty sound, That stirs with fre - quent

Vln I ff f mp

Vln II ff f mp

Vla. ff f mp

Vc. ff f mp

Cb. ff f mp

54

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Bsn.

Hn.

Tpt.

Tbn.

Timp.

S.
breath the yiel - ding air With eve - ry pulse they are more

A.
breath the yiel - ding air With eve - ry pulse they are more

T.
breath the yiel - ding air With eve - ry pulse they are more

B.
breath the yiel - ding air With eve - ry pulse they are more

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

Cb.

58

a 2

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Bsn.

Hn

Tpt

Tbn.

Tim.

S.

A.

T.

B.

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

Cb.

hushed

p

f

f

f

p hushed

strong - ly bound Who make the blood of goats the voice of

strong - ly bound Who make the blood of goats the voice of

strong - ly bound Who make the blood of goats the voice of

strong - ly bound hushed Who make the blood of goats the voice of

p

f

f

f

mp

f mp

f

D

65

Heal them! Heal them! Heal them! Heal them!

A.
T.
B.

heal them with thy word Their sins cry out to thee from eve - ry side;

Vln I
Vln II
Vla.
Vc.
Cb.

69

Picc. Fl. Ob. Cl. Bsn. Hn. Tpt. Tbn. Timp. S. A. T. B. Vln I Vln II Vla. Vc. Cb.

Heal them! Heal them! Heal them! There is no
Heal them! Heal them! Heal them! There is no
From son and sire, from slave and mas - ter heard There is no
Heal them! Heal them! Heal them! There is no

mf

mf

mf

p

mf

73

Fl. Ob. Cl. Bsn. Tbn. Timp.

S. A. T. B. Vln I Vln II Vla. Vc. Cb.

faith, There is no faith, There is no faith, There is no faith, There is no
 faith, There is no faith, There is no faith, There is no faith, There is no
 faith, There is no faith, There is no faith, There is no faith, There is no
 faith, There is no faith, There is no faith, There is no faith, There is no

E

Fl. *mp*

Ob. *mp*

Cl. *mp*

Bsn. *mp*

Timp. *mf*

S. *mp*
prayer

A. *mp*
prayer

T. *mp*
prayer

B. *mp*
prayer

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

Cb.

1.

p it is but emp - ty sound

p it is but emp - ty sound

That

p it is but emp - ty sound

f

p lightly

f

p pizz.

mp

p

lightly

mp

mp

82

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Bsn

S.

A.

T.

B.

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

Cb.

That stirs with fre - quent breath the yiel - ding air;

That stirs with fre - quent breath the yiel - ding air;

stirs with fre - quent breath the yiel - ding air; With eve - ry

That stirs with fre - quent breath the yiel - ding air;

87

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Bsn.

S.

With eve - ry pulse they are more strong - ly bound,
Who make the

A.

With eve - ry pulse they are more strong - ly bound,

T.

⁸ pulse they are more strong - ly bound,

B.

With eve - ry pulse they are more strong - ly bound,

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

Cb.

92

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Bsn.

Hn

Tpt

Tbn.

Timp.

S.
blood of goats

A.
Who make the blood of goats

T.
Who make the blood of goats

B.
Who make the blood of goats

The voice _____ of prayer; Oh,

The voice _____ of prayer; Oh,

The voice of prayer; Oh,

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

Cb.

1.

a 2

f

f

f

F

98

Fl. ff

Ob. ff

Cl. f

Bsn. ff

Hn. ff

Tpt. ff

Tbn. f

Tim. ff f

S.

Heal them,

A.

Heal them,

T.

^{ff} Heal them, Fa - ther with thy word, their sins cry out to Thee from eve - ry

B.

Heal them,

Vln I ff

Vln II

arco
Vla. ff

Vc. ff f

Cb. ff

101

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Bsn.

Hn.

Tpt.

Tbn.

Timp.

S.

Heal them,

A.

Heal them,

T.

side; From son and sire

Heal them,

Heal them,

Heal them,

B.

Heal them,

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

Cb.

ff

f

ff

f

ff

f

G
a 2

104

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Bsn.

Hn.

Tpt.

Tbn.

Timp.

S.

A.

T.

B.

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

Cb.

f

mf

cresc. to end

Their
mf
cresc. to end

Their
mf
cresc. to end

Their
mf
cresc. to end

Their
mf
cresc. to end

mf

cresc. to end

mf

cresc. to end

mf

cresc. to end

108

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Bsn.

Timp.

S. coun - try wide, And bid Thee has - ten_

A. coun - try wide, And bid Thee has - ten_

T. coun - try wide, And bid Thee has - ten_

B. coun - try wide, And bid Thee has - ten_

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

Cb.

112

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Bsn

Timp.

S. to re - lieve and save By him who

A. to re - lieve and save By him who

T. to re - lieve and save By him who

B. to re - lieve and save By him who

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

Cb.

116

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Bsn.

Hn

Tpt

Tbn.

Tim.

S.

rose tri - um - phant o'er the grave Their

A.

rose tri - um - phant o'er the grave Their

T.

rose tri - um - phant o'er Their voi - ces fill the

B.

rose tri - um - phant o'er the grave Their

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

Cb.

a 2

f

mf

div.

120

continue crescendo

S. voi - ces fill the de - sert coun - try
 A. voi - ces fill the de - sert coun - try
 T. *continue crescendo* de - sert coun - try wide; And bid thee has - ten to re - lieve and
 B. *continue crescendo* voi - ces fill the de - sert coun - try

Vln I
 Vln II
 Vla
 Vc.
 Cb.

124

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Bsn.

Hn.

Tpt.

Tbn.

Tim.

S.

wide, And bid____ Thee has - ten_ to____ re -

A.

wide, And bid____ Thee has - ten_ to Their

T.

save, By him who rose tri - um - phant o'er the grave. Their

B.

wide, And bid____ Thee has - ten_ to____ re -

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

Cb.

128

Hn

Tpt

Tbn.

Timp.

S.

A.

T.

B.

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

Cb.

- lieve and save
By him who rose triumphant

voi - ces fill the de - sert coun-try wide;
And bid thee has - ten to re - lieve and save,

voi - ces fill the de - sert coun-try wide;
And bid thee has - ten to re - lieve and save,

- lieve and save
By him who rose triumphant

133

Picc. -

Fl. 1. switch to piccolo *f*

Ob. -

Cl. -

Bsn. -

Hn. *f*

Tpt. -

Tbn. -

Timp. *f*

S. *f*
o'er the grave Their voi - ces fill the de -
A. By him who rose tri - umphant o'er the grave. Their voi - ces fill the de -
T. By him who rose tri - umphant o'er the grave. Their voi - ces fill the de -
B. o'er the grave Their voi - ces Their voi - ces fill the de -
Vln I -

Vln II -

Vla -

Vc. -

Cb. -

138

coun - try wide, And bid Thee has - ten to re -
 coun - try wide And bid thee has - ten to re - lieve and save, By him who
 coun - try wide And bid thee has - ten to re - lieve and save, By him
 coun - try wide And bid thee has - ten to re - lieve and save, By him who

143

Picc.

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Bsn.

Hn.

Tpt.

Tbn.

Timp.

Hp. C D Eb F G# A# B

S. lieve and save Their voices fill the de - sert coun - try wide; And

A. rose tri - um - phant o'er the grave. ff their voi - ces fill the de - sert coun - try wide; And

T. 8 rose tri - um - phant o'er the grave. ff their voi - ces fill the de - sert coun - try wide; And

B. rose tri - um - phant o'er the grave. Their voi - ces fill the de - sert coun - try wide; And

Vln I

Vln II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

148

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Bsn.

Hn

Tpt

Tbn.

Timp.

Hp

S.

bid thee has - ten to re - lieve and save, *fff* By

A.

bid thee has - ten to re - lieve and save, *fff* By

T.

⁸ bid thee has - ten to re - lieve and save, *fff* By

B.

bid thee has - ten to re - lieve and save, By

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

Cb.

151

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Bsn.

Hn.

Tpt.

Tbn.

Timp.

Hp

S.
him who rose tri um - phant o'er the grave.

A.
him who rose tri um - phant o'er the grave

T.
him who rose tri um - phant o'er the grave.

B.
him who rose tri um - phant o'er the grave.

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vcl.

Cb.

Transcendental Sonnets:

The Word

Jones Very
1838-9 $\text{♩} = 40$ With quiet, sustained ecstasy

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The musical score consists of 16 staves, each with a specific instrument or voice part. The instruments include Flute, Oboe, Clarinet in B♭, Bassoon, Horn in F, Trumpet in B♭, Trombone, Soprano solo, Tenor solo, Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass, Glockenspiel, Violin I, Violin II, Viola, Violoncello, and Contrabass. The score is set in common time (indicated by a '2'). The key signature changes throughout the piece, including major keys like A major and minor keys like A minor. The dynamics are indicated by terms like 'mp' (mezzo-piano) and 'p' (pianissimo). The vocal parts (Soprano, Tenor, Alto, Tenor, Bass) sing a text in unison, with lyrics appearing below the staff. The first section of the vocal line begins with 'There is no voice but that which speaks' and ends with 'There'. The second section begins with 'There is no voice but that'. The score also includes dynamic markings such as 'With quiet, sustained ecstasy' and 'mp pizz.' (mezzo-piano pizzicato). The overall style is contemplative and ethereal, reflecting the title 'The Word'.

Fl.

Ob.

Hn.

S.S.

T.S.

S.

Thee For this the world_____ cre - a - ted and cre - ates

A.

is no voice but that which speaks in Thee_____ For this the world.

T.

mp

There is no voice_____ but that which speaks in Thee; For this, the

B.

which speaks_____ in Thee; For this_____ the world cre - a - - - ted

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

Cb.

Fl.

Ob.

Hn.

S.S.

T.S.

S.

For this the world. This was be - fore - it bade the light to

A.

cre - a - ted and cre - ates This was be fore it bade

T.

³ world cre - a - ted and cre - ates This was, be - fore

B.

and cre ates This was be - fore it bade the

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

Cb.

Fl.

Ob.

Hn.

S.S.

T.S.

S.
be _____ It is; and is to come; It is to come_ It knows no dates

A.
— the light to be It is and is to come_ It knows no dates

T.
8 it bade the light to be; It is, and is to come It knows

B.
light to be; It is, and is to come; It knows no dates;

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

Cb.

This musical score page contains ten staves of music. The vocal parts (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) are at the bottom, each with lyrics from a sonnet. Above them are staves for Flute, Oboe, Horn, and Trombone. The orchestra section includes Violin I, Violin II, Viola, Cello, and Double Bass. The music is in common time, with a key signature of one sharp. Measure numbers 16 and 3 are indicated above the vocal staves. The vocal parts sing in four-part harmony, while the orchestra provides harmonic support.

22

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob.

Hn.

S.S. *mp*

T.S. *p*

S. By it spring forth the time - born sons of earth

A. By it spring forth the time - born sons of earth the

T. no dates By it spring forth the time - born sons of earth the

B. By it, spring forth the time - born sons of earth,

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

Cb.

There is no voice but that.

By it spring forth the time - born sons of earth

By it spring forth the time - born sons of earth the

no dates By it spring forth the time - born sons of earth the

By it, spring forth the time - born sons of earth,

27

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob.

Hn.

S.S.

T.S.

S.

the sons_____ of earth That as the grass be - fore the mow_____

A.

time - born sons of earth_____ That as the grass be - fore the mo - wer falls

T.

time - born sons of earth_____ That as the grass be - fore the mo - wer

B.

the time - born sons of earth_____ That as the grass be - fore _____

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

Cb.

— which speaks in Thee

3

3

3

32

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

Hn

S.S.

T.S.

S.

A.

T.

B.

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

Cb.

For this the world cre-a - ted and cre - ates

er falls In it are born the sons of hea-ven-ly birth

the mo-wer falls In it are born the sons of hea-ven-ly birth

falls the mo-wer falls In it are born the sons of hea-ven-ly birth

the mo-wer falls In it are born the sons of hea-ven-ly birth,

37

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob. 1

Bsn.

Hn

S.S.

T.S.

S.

A.

T.

B.

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

Cb.

This was be - fore it bade the light to

the sons of hea - ven - ly birth And to it - self their wea - ry feet it calls The

of hea - ven - ly birth And to it - self their wea - ry feet it calls

And to it - self their wea - ry feet it calls The

And to it self their wea - ry feet it calls The

A

42

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Bsn.

Hn

S.S.

T.S.

S.

A.

T.

B.

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

Cb.

1.
mf

be

It is, and is to come It knows no dates

voice that speaks. when thou art in thy tomb, The voice that speaks

The voice The voice that speaks when thou art in thy tomb;—

voice speaks. when thou art in thy tomb, The voice that speaks

voice that speaks when thou art in thy tomb The

mf

mf

pizz.

mp arco

arco

47

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Bsn.

Hn.

S.S.

T.S.

S.

A.

T.

B.

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

Cb.

By it spring forth the time-born sons of earth
And spoke before though sawst the morn-ing light And
That speaks and spoke be - fore thou sawst the
That speaks and spoke be - fore thou sawst the morn-ing light the
voice that speaks and spoke be - fore thou sawst the morn-ing light And

pizz.

mf

arco

52

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Bsn.

Hn.

S.S.

T.S.

That as the grass be - fore the mo - wer

spoke This is the Word! the Word of all that is the

A. mor - ning light. This is the Word! the Word of all that is the

T. mor - ning light; This is the Word! of all that is the womb, of

B. spoke This is the Word! the Word of all that

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

Cb.

pizz.

mf

arco

57

In it are born the sons of
falls

womb; of all that see the ne - ver fai - ling sight Speech-less yet e - ver

womb; of all that see the ne - ver fai - ling sight Speech - less

all that see the ne - ver fai - ling sight Speech-less yet e - ver

is the womb of all that see the ne - ver fai - ling light; Speech - less yet

pizz.

arco

62

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Bsn.

Hn

S.S.

heav - en - ly birth

T.S.

S.

spea - king none____ can hear The man grown si - lent in the praise of

A.

yet e - ver spea - king none can hear The man grown si - lent

T.

8 spea - king none____ can hear The man grown si - lent in the

B.

e - ver speak - ing none can hear____ The man grown si - lent in the praise of

Glock.

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc

Cb.

15

pizz.

arco

67

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Bsn.

Hn.

S.S.

T.S.

And to it - self their wea - ry feet it calls

S.

God, Si - lent in the praise of God the praise of God, For

A.

in the praise of God, Si - lent in the praise of God, For

T.

⁸ praise of God Si - lent in the praise of God, For

B.

God, Si - lent in the praise of God the praise of God, For

Glock.

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc

Cb.

15

72

Fl.

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Bsn.

Bsn 1

Bsn 2

Hn

S.S.

T.S.

S.

A.

T.

B.

Glock.

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

Cb.

The voice that speaks when thou art in thy

they with - in him live to hope and fear, They walk and speak but he the

they with - in him live to hope and fear, They walk and speak but

they with - in him live to hope and fear they walk and speak but he the

they with - in him live to hope and fear They walk and speak

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

Cb.

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Bsn 1

Bsn 2

S.S.

T.S. *mf*

And spoke _____ be - fore thou sawst the mor-ning light

S. — which speaks in Thee; For this the world cre-a-ted and cre -

A. — which speaks in Thee; For this the world cre-a-ted and cre-ates, and cre ates;

T. — For this the world cre-a-ted and cre -

B. — For this the world cre-a-ted and cre-ates, and cre ates;

Glock.

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc

Cb.

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Bsn 1

Bsn 2

S.S. *mf*

This is the Word! _____ of all that is the Womb,

T.S.

S.

ates; This was, this was____ be - fore it bade the light____ to be It

A.

— This was, be - fore it bade_ the light to be It is, It

T.

ates; This was, be - fore it bade_ the light to be It

B.

— This was, this was____ be - fore it bade the light____ to be It

Glock.

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

Cb.

92

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Bsn 1

Bsn 2

S.S.

T.S.

Of all that see
is, and is to come; it knows no dates; By it spring forth

S.

A.

T.

B.

Glock.

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

Cb.

f

15

Transcendental Sonnets: The Word

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Bsn 1

Bsn 2

S.S. *Speech - less yet e - ver speak - ing*

T.S.

S. *the time - born sons of earth, of earth, That as the grass be -*

A. *the time - born sons of earth*

T. *the time - born sons of earth, of earth, That as the grass be - fore the*

B. *the time - born sons of earth*

Glock.

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc. *the time - born sons of earth*

Cb.

101

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Cl.

Bsn 1

Bsn 2

S.S.

none can hear

T.S.

the man grown

si - lent

in

3 the praise of

S.

fore the mo - wer falls; In it are born the sons of hea - ven - ly birth;

A.

mo - wer falls In it are born the sons of 3 hea - ven - ly birth;

T.

mo - wer falls In it are born the sons of hea - ven - ly birth;

B.

mo - wer falls In it are born the sons of hea - ven - ly birth; And

fore the mo - wer falls; In it are born the sons of hea - ven - ly birth; And

Glock.

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

Cb.

ff

Transcendental Sonnets: The Word

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Bsn 1

Bsn 2

S.S.

T.S.

S.

A.

T.

B.

Glock.

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

Cb.

106

ff

ff

ff

ff

si - lent in the praise of God.

God.

And to it - self their wea - ry feet it calls Their wea - ry feet it calls

And to it - self their wea - ry feet it calls it calls;

to it self their wea - ry feet it calls Their wea - ry feet it calls

to it self their wea - ry feet it calls it calls;

115

J = J

C

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Bsn 1

Bsn 2

Hn

Tpt

Tbn.

S.S.

T.S.

S.

A.

T.

B.

Glock.

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

Cb.

ff

The voice that speaks

114

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Bsn 1

Bsn 2

Hn

Tpt

Tbn.

S.

when thou art in thy tomb,

A.

when thou art in thy tomb,

T.

when thou art in thy tomb,

B.

when thou art in thy tomb,

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

Cb.

117

Fl. 1
Fl. 2
Ob. 1
Ob. 2
Cl. 1
Cl. 2
Bsn 1
Bsn 2
Hn
Tpt
Tbn.

S.
A.
T.
B.
Vln I
Vln II
Vla
Vc.
Cb.

And spake before thou sawst
And spake before thou sawst the
And spake before thou sawst
And spake before thou sawst
And spake before thou sawst

120

Fl. 1
Fl. 2
Ob. 1
Ob. 2
Cl. 1
Cl. 2
Bsn 1
Bsn 2
Hn
Tpt
Tbn.
S.
A.
T.
B.
Vln I
Vln II
Vla
Vc.
Cb.

the morning light;

the morning light;

the morning light;

the morning light;

122

Fl. 1
Fl. 2
Ob. 1
Ob. 2
Cl. 1
Cl. 2
Bsn 1
Bsn 2
Hn
Tpt
Tbn.
S.
A.
T.
B.
Vln I
Vln II
Vla
Vc.
Cb.

This is the Word! of all that is the
This is the Word! of all that is the
This is the Word! of all that is the
This is the Word! of all that is the
This is the Word! of all that is the

125

Fl. 1
Fl. 2
Ob. 1
Ob. 2
Cl. 1
Cl. 2
Bsn 1
Bsn 2
Hn
Tpt
Tbn.
S.
A.
T.
B.
Vln I
Vln II
Vla
Vc.
Cb.

womb;
womb;
womb;
womb;

Of all that see____ the ne - ver fai - ling
Of all that see____ the ne - ver fai - ling
Of all that see____ the ne - ver fai - ling
Of all that see____ the ne - ver fai - ling

128

Fl. 1
Fl. 2
Ob. 1
Ob. 2
Cl. 1
Cl. 2
Bsn 1
Bsn 2
Hn
Tpt
Tbn.
S.
A.
T.
B.
Vln I
Vln II
Vla
Vc.
Cb.

sight
Speech - less yet e - ver
sight
Speech - less yet e - ver
sight
Speech - less yet e - ver
sight
Speech - less yet e - ver

131

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob. 1

Ob. 2

Cl. 1

Cl. 2

Bsn 1

Bsn 2

Hn

Tpt

Tbn.

S.

spea - king Speech - less yet e - ver spea - king,

A.

spea - king Speech - less yet e - ver spea - king,

T.

spea - king Speech - less yet e - ver spea - king,

B.

spea - king Speech - less yet e - ver spea - king,

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

Cb.

138

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Bsn.

Hn

Tpt

Tbn.

S.S.

T.S.

S.

God The man grown si - lent in the praise of God For

A.

God The man grown si - lent in the praise of God For

T.

God the praise of God The man grown si - lent in the praise of God For

B.

God The man grown si - lent in the praise of God For

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

Cb.

144

ff

ff

f

a 2

f

f

ff

For they live to hope and fear;

they with-in him live, to hope and fear; They walk and speak but he

they with-in him live, to hope and fear; They walk and speak but he

they with-in him live, to hope and fear; They walk and speak but he

Vln I

ff

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

Cb.

150

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

Tpt.

Tbn.

S.S.

T.S.

A.

T.

B.

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

Cb.

Its pre-sence calls them
the grass - green sod Its pre-sence round them calls them hence to it
the grass - green sod Its pre-sence round them calls them hence to it
the grass - green sod Its pre-sence round them calls them hence to it
the grass - green sod Its pre-sence round them calls them hence to it

f

f

f

f

f

f

f

f

155

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

Tpt.

Tbn.

S.S.

T.S.

S.

A.

T.

B.

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

Cb.

close to it.
A Voice too great for mur mur or re - proof; A
A Voice too great for mur mur or re - proof; A
A Voice too great for mur mur or re - proof; A
A Voice too great for mur mur or re - proof; A

160

Fl. *mf*

Ob. > *mf*

Cl.

Bsn.

Tpt 1. *mf*

Tbn. *mf*

S.S.

T.S. *mf*

A sun that shines till they are lit. *mp*

S. sun that shines till they are of it lit, It - self the ut - ter - ance

A. sun that shines till they are of it lit, It - self the ut - ter - ance

T. sun that shines till they are of it lit, It - self the ut - ter - ance

B. sun that shines till they are of it lit, It - self the ut - ter - ance

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc. *pizz.*

Cb. *pizz. mf*

mp

mf

165

Fl. *mp*

Ob.

Cl. *mf*

Bsn.

S.S. *mf*

The ut-ter ³ance of E - ter - nal Truth.

T.S.

S. *mp*

of E - ter nal Truth Per-fect with - out a ble - mish; ne - ver

A. *mf*

of E - ter nal Truth Per-fect with - out a ble - mish; ne - ver

T. *mf*

of E - ter nal Truth Per-fect with - out a ble - mish; ne - ver

B. *mf*

of E - ter nal Truth Per-fect with - out a ble - mish; ne - ver

Vln I

Vln II

Vla

Vc.

Cb.

176

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob.

Cl.

Bsn.

S.

A.

T.

B.

Glock.

Solo Vln

Vln I

Vla

Vc.

Cb.

through the veil _____ that wraps thy be - ing round, Save through the

through the veil _____ that wraps thy be - ing round, Save through the

through the veil _____ that wraps thy be - ing round, Save through the

through the veil _____ that wraps thy be - ing round, Save through the

mp

mp

mp

mp

181

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob.

Cl.

Bsn.

S. veil that wraps thy be - ing round, Save through

A. veil that wraps thy be - ing round, Save through

T. veil that wraps thy be - ing round, Save through

B. veil that wraps thy be - ing round, Save through

Glock.

Solo Vln

Vln I

Vla

Vc.

Cb.

143

Without ritard.

186

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob.

Bsn.

p

S.

the veil that wraps thy be - ing round

A.

the veil that wraps thy be - ing round

T.

the veil that wraps thy be - ing round

B.

the veil that wraps thy be - ing round

Glock.

Solo Vln

Vln I

Vla

Vc.

Cb.

p

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