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Green Graphite

for SSAATTBB choir



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Green Graphite —
pulled out
to scribble short leanings —
I am *rent*,
and useless,
stretched, bloated, but
thin like an old shirt.
Caverned ears —
quiet —
need I anything
but hold on
when words are but better evisceration
than somewhere-lurking fish
of the deep?

- This piece should be performed with a larger ensemble, if possible in multiples of 8, with a minimum of 16 singers, but preferably 32. If performed by larger ensembles than 32, parts marked solo should be a2 to balance the size of the chorus.

Program Note

The inspiration for this work was sparked in the summer of 2007 and was written in September of that same year. While home working as a guest dancer I was musing on writing a choral piece and in particular the text to work with having chosen 2-3 different possibilities. My parents had a number of wind chimes outside our house, and I became interested by one in particular with its strong and resonant timbral qualities and especially the indeterminate nature of pitch and rhythmicity when it reacted to the differing wind patterns' strength and direction. What was striking about this were three notes that kept repeating themselves in a somewhat regular period and immediately jumped out as a perfect complement to one of the texts I had chosen and I knew then that I had the impetus of the work.

Duration: 6 minutes

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Free, emergent Breathe as necessary

(22s*)

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Soprano 1

Soprano 2

Alto 1

Alto 2

Tenor 1

Tenor 2

Bass 1

Bass 2

solo non vib. falsetto *p*

Green _____ Green _____ Green _____ Green _____ Green _____ Green _____

solo non vib. falsetto *p*

Green _____ Green _____ Green _____ Green _____

* all times are approximations
** approximate duration of 1s



S1.

S2.

A1.

A2.

T1.

T2.

B1.

B2.

solo non vib. *pp*

Green _____ Green _____ Green _____ Green _____ Green _____

() Green _____ Green _____ Green _____

Green _____ Green _____ Green _____ Green _____

(15s)

2 ♩=50 Placid, sost. e poco espr.

S1.

S2.

A1.

A2.

T1.

T2.

B1.

B2.

S1.

S2.

A1.

A2.

T1.

T2.

B1.

B2.

9

S1. *pp* *mp*
to scrib - - ble short lean - ings *gliss.*

S2. Green Graph - ite Green Graph - ite Green I Green Graph - ite Green

A1. *pp* *mp*
to scrib - - ble short lean - ings *gliss.*

A2. *pp* *mp*
to scrib - - ble short lean - ings *gliss.*

T1. Green Graph - ite Green Graph - ite Green Graph - - ite

T2. Graph - ite Green Graph - ite Green Graph - - ite Green I Green

B1. *pp* *mf* *pp* *mp*
scrib - bled on short lean - ings

B2. *pp* *mf* *pp* *mp*
scrib - bled on short lean - ings

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S1. *pp* *gliss.*
mmm

S2. Graph ite Green Graph - ite Green Graph - - ite I Green I I *poco vib.* *mp*

A1. *pp* *gliss.*
mmm

A2. *pp* *mp*
I I I I I I I

T1. *ord.* *mp* *gliss.*
I Green mmm *poco vib.* *mp*

T2. Graph - ite Green I Graph - ite

B1. *pp*
mmm

B2. *pp*
mmm

21

S1. *ppp* *pp* *mp*
ppp *pp* *am*

S2. *p*

A1. *ppp* *pp* *mp*
ppp *pp* *am*

A2. *p*

T1. *ppp* *pp* *mf*
ppp *pp* *am* *re[rē]*

T2. *p*

B1. *ppp* *pp* *mf*
ppp *pp* *am* *re[rē]*

B2. *ppp* *pp* *mf*
ppp *pp* *am* *re[rē]*

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S1. *p* *pp* *p* *ppp* *pp* *p* *mf* *f* *mp* *f*
rent, and use - less stretched,

S2. *f*
 Green Green Green

A1. *p* *pp* *p* *ppp* *pp* *p* *mf* *f* *mp* *f*
rent, and use - less stretched,

A2. *f*
 Green Green

T1. *p* *pp* *p* *ppp* *pp* *p* *mf* *f* *mp* *f*
rent, and use - less stretched,

T2. *f*
 Green Green Green Green

B1. *p* *pp* *p* *ppp* *pp* *p* *mf* *f* *mp* *f*
rent, and use - less stretched,

B2. *p* *pp* *p* *ppp* *pp* *p* *mf* *f* *mp* *f*
rent, and use - less stretched,

33

S1. bloat - ed, *mp* but an *mf* (unis)

S2. Green[n] Green Green [n] Green Green Green Green Green Green Green

A1. bloat - ed, *p* *mf* *mp sub.* thin [n] but but thin like

A2. Green Gree Green Green Green[n] Green Green Green Green Green Green Green Green Green Green

T1. bloat - ed, *p* *mf* *mp sub.* but but thin [n]

T2. Green Green Green Green Green Green Green Green Green Green Green Green Green Green

B1. bload - ed, *p* *mf* *mp* but but thin like

B2. bloat - ed, but but

39

S1. shirt. *p* Cav - erved ears *mp* *gliss.*

S2. Green Green Green Green Green Cav - erved ears

A1. old shirt. *p* *mp* Green Green Green Green Green Green Green *gliss.*

A2. Green Green Green [n] Green Green Green Green Green Green Green Green Green

T1. old shirt. *p* *mp* Cav - erved ears *gliss.*

T2. Green Green Green Green Green Green Green Green Green Green

B1. shirt. *p* Cav - erved ears

B2.

45

S1. *p* *gliss.*
qui - - et

S2. *p*
qui - - et

A1. *pp*
Green Green Green Green Green [n] Green [n] Green [n] Green [n]

A2. *pp*
Green Green Green Green [n] Green Green Green [n]

T1. *p* *gliss.*
qui - - et

T2. *p*
[n] Green [n]

B1. *p*
qui - - et

B2. *p*

53 $\text{♩} = 42$ Broader, poco rubato

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S1. *n* *p* *non vib.*
G.P. need I but hold on [n]

S2. *n* *pp* *non vib.*
need I but hold on [n]

A1. *p* *gliss.*
G.P. an - y - thing but hold on [n]

A2. *p* *gliss.*
an - y - thing but hold on [n]

T1. *n* *mp* *gliss.*
G.P. need I an - y - thing but hold on [n]

T2. *n* *mp* *gliss.*
need I an - y - thing but hold on [n]

B1. *pp* *mp* *non vib.* *mf p sub.* *mf*
G.P. an - y - thing but hold on [n]

B2. *pp* *mp* *non vib.* *mf p sub.* *mf*
an - y - thing but hold on [n]

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S1. *p* when words are but bet - ter e - vis - cer - a - tion *f*

S2. *p* when words are but bet - ter e - vis - cer - a - tion [n] *f*

A1. *p* words are bet - ter e - vis - cer - a - tion *f*

A2. *p* words are bet - ter e - vis - cer - a - tion *f*

T1. *p* words are bet - ter e - vis - cer - a - tion *f*

T2. *p* words are bet - ter e - vis - cer - a - tion *f*

B1. *mp* when words are but bet - ter when e - vis - cer - a - tion [n] *mf* *f*

B2. *mp* when words are but bet - ter when e - vis - cer - a - tion [n] *mf* *f*

rall. a tempo

66

S1. *n* *p* than some [m] where - lurk - ing fish the deep? *gliss.* *p* *mf* *p sub.*

S2. *n* *p* than some [m] where - lurk - ing fish the deep? *gliss.* *mp* *mf* *p sub.*

A1. *n* *p* than some [m] where - lurk - ing fish the deep? *gliss.* *p* *mf* *p sub.*

A2. *n* *p* than some [m] where - lurk - ing fish the deep? *gliss.* *mp* *mf* *p sub.*

T1. *n* *p* than some [m] where - lurk - ing fish deep? *gliss.* *mf* *p sub.*

T2. *n* *p* than some [m] where - lurk - ing fish deep? *gliss.* *mf* *p sub.*

B1. *mf* *mp* *mf* than fish of deep?

B2. *mf* *mp* *mf* than fish of deep?