

Threnody
(5:07)
for a capella SSAA chorus

Music & Lyrics by Glenn Simonelli

Very freely

Threnody

Glenn Simonelli

♩ = 64

mp

Solo Soprano

Warm glow-ing in the dis - tance soft_ is the pull (s)he* tries (s)he cries

Soprano 1

Soprano 2

Alto

Alto

Rehearsal Piano

♩ = 64

*match gender of soloist

Dedicated to Dr. Heather Eyerly and the members of the Children's Chorus of Crane, whose talent and dedication are inspiring.

A

mist gray-ing ev'-ry ex- pres-sion ta-per-ing ev' - ry di - rec tion feel - ing its

Solo Soprano

om aah ooh

S.1

aah aah ooh

S.2

om aah aah ooh

A.1

aah aah ooh

A.2

aah aah ooh

A

Pno.

B Wistfully*a tempo* (♩=64)

2

12

Solo Soprano
Col Soprano I

f

call

mf

mf

aah

no weak-ness no chanc-es shows through the

aah

in - su - la - tion safe soft shows

aah

in - su - late safe soft show - ing through the

aah

safe soft shows

B Wistfully
a tempo (♩=64)

Pno.

16

S.1

is hid-den for - bid - den with - out a coun - sel in - side it feels like snow

p cresc

S.2

veil with no - one no - bo - dy nev - er end - ing a -

p cresc

A.1

veil of haze in - ner maze with out a coun - sel no - one no end

p cresc

A.2

veil with no - bo - dy no - one it nev - er ends

p cresc

Pno.

21 **C**

mp *mf*

S.1 no-thing here to show hol-low like a shell search-ing vis-tas de - sol - ate _____ where

S.2 lone _____ aah _____ search - ing vis-tas de - sol - ate _____ where

A.1 *mp* *mf*
aah _____ aah _____ aah _____ let it speak

A.2 *mp* *mf*
aah _____ whis-per of the wind _____

Pno.

25

Solo Soprano _____ a lone _____

S.1 is the wis-dom of the wind _____ what is the mes-sage of the rose _____

S.2 is the wis-dom of the wind _____ what is the mess-age of the rose _____

A.1 wind _____ rose _____ a

A.2 _____ where _____ what _____ rose _____

Pno.

D ♩ = 96
a tempo

Col Soprano I

Solo Soprano

a tempo

mf

S.1

a tempo

prob - ing frag - ile

mp

S.2

too hard too late too soon too sad too much too deep too cruel too long a part a dare

a tempo

mp

A.1

life to grow to learn to love to try to fall to hope to fear to be a dream a

a tempo

A.2

D ♩ = 96
a tempo

Pno.

E

35

S.1

pas-sag - es burn scorch - ing brok - en pro-mis - es spurn

S.2

a game a-gainst must be the one no one to be con-fused a-fraid

A.1

joke a plot who knows who cares no fair no way to live to grow to

mf

A.2

spec - ter of

E

Pno.

39

S.1 *mp*
sham-ing roles blam-ing rules a hint a sign a hope a-part

S.2 *mf*
to fear the day to see to see to end to be no re - prieve

A.1
learn to love to try to fail to hope to fear to find to see to taste to be to

A.2
shame hec - tor - ing blame

Pno.

44

S.1 **F**
a dream a wake a chance a hand

S.2 *p*
the life go in-side that deep-ens the voice

A.1
touch to feel to hold to squeeze

A.2 *mf* *p*
for - bid - den dreams where did go back the shroud en-close what

F

Pno.

48 *mp* *mf*

S.1
lost like a coin in a fountain_ trapped like a note in a bottle_

S.2
mp
the trig-ger the rea-son ac-cus-er the vic-tim the trig-ger the move-ment per-cep-tion af-flic-tion

A.1

A.2
mp *mp*
is what is who is who is who has who starts dis - tort cre - ate of

Pno.

52 *mp* *f* **G**

S.1
un-worth-y un wel-come un-whole-some a grain of sand deep dark comes the pon-der-ing_

S.2
mf
a cut a slap a kick a punch

A.1
mf *mf*
cold scorn - ful vis-ag - es too bad too late too young too short too

A.2
f
doubt of dust im - pure un-clean sand fills ev' - ry o-pened door_

Pno.

56

S.1 *sub. p* *cresc.*
bleak stark is the wan-der - ing _____ the mes-sage the mean-ing the wis-dom the rea-son

S.2 *sub. p* *cresc.*
a sneer a laugh a stab a pain the mes - sage the wis - dom

A.1 *sub. p* *cresc.*
fat too big too tall too thin to find be

A.2 *sub. p* *cresc.*
stark is the wan-der - ing _____ find see be know

Pno.

60

S.1 **H** *rall.* *f* *decesc.*
the an-swer the trig-ger re-turn-ing the trig-ger there is no wis-dom in the wind there is no mes-sage of the rose_

S.2 *f* *decesc.*
no re - turn - ing there is no wis-dom in the wind

A.1 *f* *decesc.*
touch hold aah_ aah_ there is no mes-sage of the rose_

A.2 *f* *decesc.*
touch feel hold squeeze aah aah_ rose_ rose_

Pno. **H** *rall.*

I Greatly Agitated

65 $\text{♩} = 64$

S.1 *p* the rose just is _____ *mf* a storm a blast a roar a burst

S.2 *p* the rose just is _____ *a tempo* *f* un - re - spond - ed sig nals _____ shame

A.1 *a tempo* *f* shock storm fore - sha - dowed _____

A.2 *p* the rose _____ *a tempo* *mf* the shock the pain the rage the shame the

$\text{♩} = 64$

I Greatly Agitated $\text{♩} = 96$ *a tempo*

Pno.

70

S.1 a lash a crime a wall a torn soul self in-crim-i - nate _____

S.2 blis - ters of the chanc es _____ missed doubt-ing bit - ter self in - crim - i - nate _____

A.1 blis - ters of guilt un-spok-en im-pre - ca-tions ac-cuse in - crim - i - nate _____

A.2 grief the guilt the cause the blame im-plied in-crim - i - na - tion whis-pers im - pli-cate

Pno.

74

J

S.1 *mp* *mf* *f*
whis-pers im-pli - cate _____ bit - ter blam-ing rag - ing an ger and blind

S.2 *mf*
whis-pers im - pli - ca - tions sting - a - shamed tal - ons of rage _____

A.1 *mp*
ask - ing whis-pers whose fault im-pli cate _____ re-jec-tion re sent - ing be-tray - al dis-grace

A.2 *mp*
whis-pers the voice ac - cus-es you des - pair re ject bit ter rag - es sus - pi - cions

Pno.

78

S.1 *mf*
- ing sus-pi - cions of fail ure _____ shat - ter mer-cy a - band - oned

S.2 *f*
black-en doubt-ing to - tal fail-ure shat-tered as-sump-tions of mer cy a - lone

A.1 *mf* *f*
of fail - ure doubt-ing re-jec-tion a-drift as - sump-tions mer-cy no mer cy a-lone

A.2 *mf* *f*
blind fail - ure sud - den break thrown a - drift shat-ter no a band - oned

Pno.

82

S.1 *f* ask - ing *ff* plead - ing re turn the sac - ri - fi - cial lamb *f* rea - son

S.2 there is no bless - ing com - ing *ff* there is no com - fort *f* there is no rea - son there is no rea - son to

A.1 *ff* no bless - ing there is no com - fort - ing *f* rea - son_ to trust aah

A.2 *ff* no no bless - ing no rea - son no com - fort *f* no there is no rea - son rea - son left to

Pno.

86 **K**

S.1 a part a dare a game a - gainst feel *ff* no - thing no rea - son no vir - tue

S.2 trust ooh_____ *ff* no good no point no use no sense there is no vir - tue in the

A.1 aah dis - tress dis - may dis - grace des - pair de - void

A.2 be a dream a joke a plot *ff* there is no com - fort in a plan no plan_____

K

Pno.

91 **rall.** *decresc.*

S.1 no com-fort no plan there is no wis-dom in the wind there is no mes-sage of the

S.2 pain there is no wis-dom in the wind there is no mes-sage of the *decresc.*

A.1 *ff* *decresc.*
wis - dom in the wind

A.2 *decresc.*
pain there is the wind wind the

Pno. **rall.**

95 $\text{♩} = 64$ *mp* **At peace** *p*

S.1 rose the rose just is and the Sun is warm

S.2 rose the rose just is and the Sun is warm

A.1 *mp* *p*
rose rose is and the Sun is warm

A.2 *mp* *p*
rose rose is and the Sun is warm

Pno. $\text{♩} = 64$ **At peace**