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for SSA Voices a cappella

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Andante ♩ = 60 **mp** **A** (Sing with a calm pace, vary individually legato and glottis, repeat until cue)

Soprano 1

Soprano 2

Alto

B

S. 1

S. 2

A.

C *rubato, straight forward, quite loud and confident* **mf**

S. 1

S. 2

A.

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I am

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S. 1

me__ I am the sea - weed and the sand.

S. 2

continue singing, quietly, keep the pulse

A.

continue singing, quietly, keep the pulse

27

S. 1

the o - cean cur - rents where I swam

S. 2

continue singing, quietly, keep the pulse

A.

continue singing, quietly, keep the pulse

f

33

S. 1

I am I am I am I am I am I am I am I am I

S. 2

am I am I am I am I am I am I am I am I am I am the

A.

am I am I am I am I am I am I am I am I

mp

mp

mp

D

continue singing, softly, keep the pulse

rubato, straight forward, quite loud and confident

f

continue singing, softly, keep the pulse

38 *continue singing, quietly, keep the pulse*

S. 1

S. 2

gar - den, as the, sum - mer - eve - ning comes to peace

A. *continue singing, quietly, keep the pulse*

43 **E**

S. 1

Am I am I am I? Am I am I am I

S. 2

Am I am I am I

A. *continue singing, quietly, keep the pulse*

49 *mp*

S. 1

am the dis - tant lau - ghter I am the play - ful

S. 2

mp

am the dis - tant lau - ghter I am the play - ful

A. *mp*

am the dis - tant lau - ghter I am the play - ful

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55 *f* *p* rit. - - - - -

S. 1 bre-e - ze____ I am si - lence,____ and I am re - lie____ ffff

S. 2 bree - ze____ I am si - lence,____ and I am re - lie - ffff

A. bree - ze____ I am si - lence,____ and I am re - lie - ffff

♩ = 80
F repeat ffff individual tempo <> intense feeling

64

S. 1 ffff ffff

S. 2 repeat ffff individual tempo <> intense feeling
ffff ffff

A. *mf*
I am a mi - ghty, moun-tain top____ where I can hide for ho - u - rs

70 continue fffff<

S. 1

S. 2 continue fffff<

A.

the grit, the grass, the pines, the gust, the flowers and the rugged rocks.

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accel.

*freely, repeatedly individually,
faster and faster*

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S. 1 **fff** where we can hide and

S. 2 *freely, repeatedly individually, faster and faster*
where we can hide and play for

A. *freely, repeatedly individually, faster and faster*
where we can hide and play for ho - u -

79

S. 1 *(freely, repeatedly individually,
faster and faster)*
play for ho - u - rs where

S. 2 *(freely, repeatedly individually, faster and faster)*
ho - u - rs

A. *(freely, repeatedly individually, faster and faster)*
rs where

83 ON CUE

S. 1 hou - - - - - rSSSS - - - - - SSSS - - - - -

S. 2 ON CUE
hou - - - - - rSSSS - - - - - SSSS - - - - -

A. ON CUE
hou - - - - - rSSSS - - - - - SSSS - - - - -

80

I am

G

87 *mf* (unis. Sop.1 & 2)

S. 1 we are the sad - ness in the chest that ne-ver seems to

S. 2 we are the sad - ness in the che - st, that ne-ver seems to

A. *mf* > *mf* > *mf* > *mf* > *mf* > *mf* > *mf* > *mf* that ne-ver seems to

98 *mp* *mf* <

S. 1 go a - way_ we are the joy the hea - vy weight we are the truth, the love,

S. 2 go a - way we are the joy the hea - vy weight we are the truth, the love,

A. go a - wa - y, we are the joy the hea - vy weight we are the truth, the love,

109 *f* *mp* *mf*

S. 1 the ha - te I am a mo-ther I am a child a po-wer

S. 2 the ha - te I am a mo-ther I am a child a po-wer

A. the ha - te I am a mo-ther I am a child a po-wer

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S. 1 *f* *mp*
ful so - u - n - d a voice in a cro - wd__

S. 2 *f* *mp*
ful so - u - n - d a voice in a cro - wd__

A. *f* *mp*
ful so - u - n - d a voice in a cro_____ (auauauauauau)wd

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S. 1 *mf* *f* *rit.* *p*
two feet on the gro - un - d the head in the clo - u - ds

S. 2 *mf* *f* *p*
two feet on the gro - un - d the head in the clo - u - ds

A. *mf* *f* *p*
two feet on the gro - un - d the head in the clo - u - ds

I am a boat at night at sea
I am the waves that carry me
I am the seaweed and the sand
the ocean currents where I swam

I am the garden as the summer evening comes to peace
I am the distant laughter, I am the the playful breeze
I am silence and I am relief.

I am a mighty mountain top where I can hide for hours
the grit, the grass, the pines, the gust
the flowers and the rugged rocks,
where I can hide and play for hours

We are the sadness in the chest
that never seems to go away
we are the joy, the heavy weight
we are the truth, the love, the hate

I am a mother, I am a child
a powerful sound
a voice in a crowd
two feet on the ground
the head in the clouds

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