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Blessing

mezzo, piano




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Blessing

Sorrow will come

May there also be kindness and grace

Easy silence in the place beyond words

and words to warm the silences

A channel that guards the passage

of your small and battered boat

then opens again, wide

Marg Walker

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duration: c. 2:45

Written for the Source Song Festival 2019, *Blessing* was premiered by mezzo Clara Osowski and pianist Mark Bilyeu as part of a panel discussion entitled “How Text Gets Paired with Song.” Libby Larsen, who organized the project, also wrote a setting of the poem, with fascinatingly different results.

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♩ = 128; pensive

Mezzo-Soprano

mp

Sor - row will come

Piano

mp

p

Mezzo

6

May there al - so be kind - ness and grace

Pno.

Mezzo

11

Eas - y si - lence in the place be - yond words

Pno.

Mezzo

16

and words to warm the si - lenc-es

Pno.

Mezzo

21

A chan-nel that guards the pas-sage of your

cresc. poco a poco

Pno.

21

cresc. poco a poco

Mezzo

26

small and bat-tered boat then o - pens a -

mf

Pno.

26

mf

Mezzo

31 *dim. poco a poco* *(mp)*

gain, wide

Pno.

31 *dim. poco a poco* *(mp)*

Mezzo

36 *p*

Sor-row will come

Pno.

36 *p*

Mezzo

41 *mp*

May there al - so be kind - ness and grace

Pno.

41

Mezzo

46

Eas - y si - lence in the place be-yond words

Pno.

Mezzo

51

and words to warm the

Pno.

Mezzo

56

si - lenc - es A chan-nel that guards the pas - sage

Pno.

61

Mezzo

of your small and bat - tered boat ah

Pno.

67

Mezzo

poco rit. *mp*

then o - pens a -

Pno.

mp *p*

73

Mezzo

gain, wide Sor - row will

p

Pno.

p *p*

♩ = 120; quietly

79

Mezzo

come May there al - so be kind - ness and grace Eas - y

Pno.

85

Mezzo

si - lence in the place be - yond words and words _____ to warm the si - lence - es _____

Pno.

91

Mezzo

A chan - nel that guards the pas - sage _____

Pno.

Mezzo

97

— of your small and bat - tered boat _____ then o - pens a -

Pno.

Mezzo

103 *dim. poco a poco*

gain, _____ wide _____

Pno.

103 *dim. poco a poco*

Mezzo

109 *pp*

Pno.

109 *pp*