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Prayer for the Great Family

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Stringer, A

poem by Gary Snyder

music by Alan Stringer

Bass solo

lunga *mf* Grat-itude to mother Earth, sail-ing through night and day—

p organ

lunga

Detailed description: This system contains the first four measures of the piece. It features a Bass solo in the upper staff and Organ accompaniment in the lower staves. The lyrics are 'lunga' (above the first measure), 'Grat-itude to mother Earth,' (across the second and third measures), and 'sail-ing through night and day—' (across the fourth measure). The organ part begins with a piano (*p*) dynamic and includes a 'lunga' marking above the first measure.

Bass solo

and to her soil: rich, rare and sweet.

Organ

Chorus

p in our minds so be it.

Detailed description: This system contains the next four measures. The Bass solo continues with a triplet of eighth notes in the first measure, followed by quarter notes. The organ accompaniment provides harmonic support. The lyrics are 'and to her soil: rich, rare and sweet.' (across the first two measures) and 'in our minds so be it.' (across the last two measures). A 'Chorus' marking is placed above the third measure, and a piano (*p*) dynamic is indicated above the fourth measure.

Piano

p

Detailed description: This system shows the beginning of the piano accompaniment. It starts with a piano (*p*) dynamic and features a series of ascending and descending eighth-note patterns across the staves.

Piano

Detailed description: This system continues the piano accompaniment with similar eighth-note patterns, including some accents and dynamic markings.

Bass solo *Piu mosso*

Gratitude to Plants, the sun-facing light-changing leaf and fine root hairs;

Piano continues repeated pattern, without rhythmic relationship to bass solo

Detailed description: This system contains the final four measures. The Bass solo is marked 'Piu mosso' and features a triplet of eighth notes in the first measure. The piano accompaniment continues its repeated eighth-note pattern. The lyrics are 'Gratitude to Plants, the sun-facing light-changing leaf and fine root hairs;'. A handwritten note at the bottom states: 'Piano continues repeated pattern, without rhythmic relationship to bass solo'.

Alto solo

F

Allegro molto

Piano *stand-ing still through wind and rain:*

pp **FF**

8va
repeat 4 times

Organ *lunga*

Tape of storm sound (wind and rain)

Tenor solo

Allegro moderato

F

#

T

T

T

T

#

T

T

T

T

T

T

T

Piano *lunga*

Allegro mod.

their dance, their dance is, their dance, their dance is

trem. pp

Tape **pp**

Tambourine: shake (ad lib.)

Continue same pattern

Chorus and solo

Tenor

Piano

in, is in the flowing spiril grain, the flowing spiril grain, the

Alto solo
Meno mosso

minds be it.
 flowing spirit grain.
 out Piano
 tam-
 bourine
 Tape of
 wind sounds
 8va
 repeat
 continuously

Alto
 Gratitude to Air, bearing the soaring swift
 Piano
 Tape
 repeat
 8 times
 dim. molto
 Tenor or
 Bass solo
 Organ

Meno mosso
 Tenor
 and the silent Owl at dawn.
 Organ
 Tape
 Alto solo
 Piano
 Organ
 pedal

Alto
 Breath of our song clear spirit breeze.
 Piano
 Organ
 Tape
 hold into next measure
 ad lib

Chorus

Piu mosso Alto solo

in our minds so be it. Gratitude to our brothers, Creatures

Piu mosso (rhythmic)

piano Organ lunga

Alto

Bass solo

teaching secrets, freedoms and ways; who share with us their milk; self-complete,

Piano Organ

Alto solo

Chorus

Bass or Alto solo

brave and a-ware. Fin our minds so be it. Meno mosso Gratitude to Water;

Piano Organ lunga 8va

Tape of P < flowing water

Bass or Alto

clouds, lakes, rivers, glaciers; holding 8va or re-leasing; streaming through all our own

Piano 8va

Tape

Chorus

Piu mosso

Bass (or Alto)

bodies salt-y seas.

in our minds so be it.

Piano

Tape

Organ Add & subtract notes at random (continuing trill)

Tenor solo

Gratitude to the Sun: blinding pulsing light, blinding pulsing light

FF

Piano F

tempo is repeat faster several times line and unrelated to it

repeat ad lib.

Organ (use pencils to hold down notes)

Tenor

through the trunks of trees, through mists, warming caves where bears and snakes sleep -

dim.

Piano MF

repeat ad lib.

slower

repeat ad lib.

Organ

Reduce number of organ notes especially in the treble clef

Chorus

Soprano solo 5

Tenor *mf* *in* our minds so be it.

he who wakes us.

FF Ah! Gratitude to the

Piano *pp* repeat ad lib.

Organ Organ silent

lunga.

ped. (trem.)

(trem.) lunga

Piano Great Sky who holds billions of stars and goes yet beyond that, be-

Organ Continue trill and trem.

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3

yon d all powers and thoughts and yet is with-in us

Bass solo *mf*

Grandfather

Organ *FF* lunga

Piano *FF*

Organ ped.

(trem.) lunga

Meno mosso

Bass

7: 0

Space.

Chorus

p The Mind is his Wife. so be it.

Organ. *lunga*

Piano *pp*

Organ ped.