

# Winter Songs: *Learning*

## movement III: for mezzo-soprano and violin

based on a poem by William Stafford

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♩ = 58 (*let tempo float*)

mezzo-soprano

*p* (I...  
*(quasi due voci)*  
I...  
watched...  
my...  
moth - - - er's face,)

violin

*p*  
IV 4

ms

9 **A**

*p* (I...  
watched my...  
moth - er's...  
face,  
its...  
qui - et.) *p* A  
*mp*  
*(unchanging)*

violin

9  
*pp*  
IV 5  
*mp*

ms

18 **B** ♩ = 87(3:2) *(a lontano)*

pic - co - lo played, then a drum,  
*(at first, as if from afar; then progressively closer)*  
Feet *mp* be - gan to come - a part of the mu - - - sic.

violin

18  
II 2

22

ms

22

vi

Here came a horse, clip-pe-ty clop, a - way.

*mf*

*pp*

II 3

III 3

**C** ♩ = 58 (2:3)

27

ms

27

vi

(I... watched my moth - er's face,...)

*p*

*+ mf*

**D** ♩ = 116 (4:2)

34

ms

34

vi

My moth - er said, "Don't run - the ar - my is - af - ter Some - one o - ther than us.

*mf*

*f*

*f*

*ff*

37 *(almost spoken)*

ms  
 If you stay you'll learn our en - e - my." Then he came, the speak - er. He stood in the square. (the square.)

vi  
 37 *mf* *crescendo poco a poco ...*

41

ms  
 (Then he came, the speak - er.) He told us who to to to *ff* hate.

vi  
 41 *(crescendo poco a poco ...)* *ff*

**E** *(echo)*

46

ms  
*p* (Then he came, the speak - er. He stood in the square. He told us who to hate. who to hate, to hate to *f* hate.)

vi  
 46 *p* *crescendo poco a poco ...* *ff*

51 **F**

ms

51

vl

*pp* *ff* *ff* *pp* *ff* *ff* *pp* *ff* *pp* *ff* *f* *p* *ff* *pp* *ff*

58 **H** ♩ = 58 (2:4)

ms

58

vl

*pp* *fff* *ff* *p* *fff* *f* *f* *f* *mf*

I watched my moth - er's

(slowly close eyes, look down and point straight ahead with right hand, remaining motionless)

66 **I** ♩ = 87 (3:2)

ms

66

vl

*<mf* *pp* *f* *pp* *ff*

face, its quiet. "That's him," she said.

**duration:** c. 4'

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