

for SATB a cappella chorus

somewhere i have never
travelled, gladly beyond

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somewhere i have never travelled, gladly beyond
any experience, your eyes have their silence:
in your most frail gesture are things which enclose me,
or which i cannot touch because they are too near

your slightest look easily will uncloset me
though i have closed myself as fingers,
you open always petal by petal myself as Spring opens
(touching skilfully, mysteriously) her first rose

or if your wish be to close me, i and
my life will shut very beautifully, suddenly,
as when the heart of this flower imagines
the snow carefully everywhere descending;

nothing which we are to perceive in this world equals
the power of your intense fragility: whose texture
compels me with the colour of its countries,
rendering death and forever with each breathing

(i do not know what it is about you that closes
and opens; only something in me understands
the voice of your eyes is deeper than all roses)
nobody, not even the rain, has such small hands

somewhere i have never travelled, gladly beyond

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Adagio e molto rubato $\text{♩} = 50$

SOPRANO

ALTO

TENOR

BASS

some - where__ i have nev - er trav - elled, _ some - where__ i have

some - where__ i__ have nev - er trav - elled, _ some - where i have

some - where__ i have nev - er trav - elled, _ some - where i have

some - where__ i have nev - er trav - elled, _ some - where i have

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nev - er trav - elled, glad - ly be - yond a - ny ex - per - ience, your

ne - ver trav - elled, glad - ly be - yond a - ny ex - per - ience, your

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eyes have their si - lence: si - lence: si - lence in your most frail

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poco accel. — rit. — a tempo

ges-ture are things which en - close me, or which i can-not touch be-

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18 *mf* *mp* *mf* rit.

cause they are too near your slight-est look will ea - si - ly un-close

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22 *p* a tempo poco accel. rit.

me though i have closed my-self as fin - gers,

me though i have closed as fin - gers,

me though i have closed my-self as fin - gers,

me though i have closed as fin - gers,

poco più mosso e leggiero

26 *mp*

you o-pen al ways my-self you o-pen al-

mp

you o-pen al ways you o-pen al - ways my-self

mp

you o-pen_ you o-pen al - ways my-self

mp

you o-pen you o-pen al - ways my-self you

29 *mf*

ways you o-pen my self_ you

you o-pen my self_ pet - al by pet - al my-self

pet - al by pet - al_ you o-pen my self

o-pen my-self pet - al by_ pet-al_

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o - pen al - ways my-self pet - al by pet - al my-self

mf

you o - pen al - ways my-self pet - al by pet - al

mf

— you o - pen al - ways

mf (b)

you o - pen al - ways you o - pen my-self pet - al

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molto cresc.

you o - pen my-self al-ways you o - pen you o - pen my - self

— my-self pet - al by - pet - al as spring

f

you o - pen my-self pet - al by pet - al as spring o - pens

f *mp*

by pet - al as spring o - pens her first rose touch - ing

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ff

as spring o-pens her first rose

mp

o-pens her first rose pet - al by-pet - al my-self

mp

her first rose you o - pen my-self touch-ing skill - ful - ly my

f

skill - ful - ly you o pen my-self pet - al by pet - al as

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mp

pet - al by pet - al touch-ing skill - ful - ly my-ster-i -

touch-ing skill - ful - ly you o - pen my-self pet - al

mp

- ster-i-ous-ly you o - pen al - ways my-self

mp

spring o-pens her first rose touch-ing skill ful - ly

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ous-ly pet - al by pet - al my - self

by pet - al my-self You o - pen al - ways my-self

touch-ing skill - ful-ly my-ster-i - ous-ly you o - pen

pet - al by pet - al pet - al by pet - al by pet - al you o -

p cresc. poco a poco

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stringendo

you o - pen

pet - al by pet - al by pet - al you o -

pet - al by pet - al by pet - al you o - pen my-self pet - al by pet - al by

pen my-self pet - al by pet - al by pet - al you o pen my-self pet - al

p cresc. poco a poco

43 *p cresc. poco a poco*

pet - al by pet - al by pet - al you o - pen my-self pet - al by pet - al by
 pen my-self pet - al by pet - al by pet - al you o pen my-self pet - al
 pet - al you o pen my-self pet - al by pet - al by pet - al you o - pen my
 by pet - al by pet - al you o - pen my - self pet - al by pet - al by pet - al

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pet - al you o - pen my-self pet - al by pet - al by pet - al you o - pen my-
 by pet - al by pet - al you o - pen my - self pet - al by pet - al by pet - al
 self pet - al by pet - al by pet - al you o - pen my-self pet - al by pet - al
 you o pen my-self pet - al by pet - al by pet - al you o - pen my-self pet -

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self pet - al by pet - al by pet - al you o - pen my-self

you o pen my-self pet - al by pet - al by pet - al you o pen my-self

___ by pet - al you o pen my-self pet - al by pet - al by pet - al you o pen

al by pet - al by pet - al you o pen al my-self pet - al by pet - al by pet -

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mp cresc. poco a poco

pet-al by pet-al by pet-al by pet-al by pet-al by pet - al by pet-al by pet-al by pet-al by pet-al

mf cresc. poco a poco

pet - al by pet - al by pet - al

mp cresc. poco a poco

my self pet - al by pet - al by pet - al you o - pen my self pet - al by pet

mp cresc. poco a poco

al you o - pen my self pet - al by pet - al by pet - al you o pen my self

51 *senza rit.* **// f**

by pet - al by pet - al by pet - al by pet - al by pet - al my - self as

by pet - al by pet - al my - self as

- al by pet - al you o - pen my-self as

pet - al by pet - al you o - pen my - self as

53 *poco rit.* **meno mosso** *mp*

spring o - pens her first rose pet - al by pet - al

spring o - pens her first rose my - - self

spring o - pens her first rose my - self

spring o - pens her first rose my - self