

1. Opening

For Speaker and Piano

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from *One Life*

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Air!

Light, airy and fluid $\text{♩} = 48$ ($\text{♩} = 144$)

Solo instrument

Piano

pp cresc. poco a poco

pp

cresc. poco a poco

con pedale

The wispy, almost invisible blanket

6

f

dim.

pp

f

pp

that covers us all.

12

f

f

18 *rit. e dim.*

of downy clouds that warms the cold earth through the longest of winters.

Water!

23 **Slower** *poco allarg.* *pp*

Languorous ♩ = 96

The simplest of gifts, the easy marriage

29 *mf molto legato* *p*

of two elements to make a miracle.

35 *f with abandon* *f sonore* *mf dim.*

4 Life-giving, life-nourishing, life-preserving dew that bathes the planet in storms and streams and rivers and seas.

41

mp *pp*

47

Earth!

Andante con moto ♩ = 76-80

mf *f* *molto dimin.*

51

The foundation of all our exploits, all our dreams.

pp *mf with great warmth*

54

The tiny rocky globe

dim. *p*

that circles the sun and gives us a home.

5

57

ff

These three are here met together, miraculously, and make possible

60

p

ff

that most improbable of elements, the fire of Life!

63

mp

ff

This is one story of that Life.

66

f

dim.

p

This is the story of a woman whose heart and mind strove to understand the vast and intricate

69

tapestry of Life. This is the story of one woman. And perhaps it is the story of all women,

72

in a way we have yet to learn ... for we have yet to learn how to follow

75

the voices of the elements of our earth.

78

allarg. (if necessary)