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Text: Else Lasker-Schüler

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Notes

Klein Sterbelied	Little Song of Death	שיר מות קטן	Šír Mávet Katán
So still ich bin, All Blut rinnt hin.	So still am I, My blood runs dry.	שָׁהַטָּה אָנִי, בְּגַר בְּלֵדָה.	Šketá 'ani, Nigár kól damí.
Wie weich umher. Nichts weiß ich mehr.	How soft everywhere. No more to bear.	מְקֻבִּיבָ כָּה בָּה. לֹא אָזֶע שׁוֹב עַל בָּה.	Misavív kó rákh. Lo 'edá šúv 'al kákhan.
Mein Herz noch klein, Starb leis an Pein.	Small yet, heart of mine, Dies gently in pain.	קָטָן עוֹד בָּלֶבֶת, מֵת שָׁקַט בְּקָאָב.	Katán 'od halév, Mét šakét bikh'ev.
Wie blau und fromm! O Himmel, komm.	It was pure and true! O corne, heaven blue.	כָּחָול קָרְבָּה וְתָמֵן שְׁמִינִי, בָּאוֹת מְשֵׁם.	Kakhól hayá vetám Šamáy bó'u misám.
Ein tiefer Schall - Nacht überall.	Deep echoes call - Night over all.	— פִּרְעָה הַד קִיל לִילָּה בְּכָל.	'Amók héd kól - Láyla bakól.
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"Else Lasker-Schüler's short poem with its extraordinary poetic intensity made a profound impact on me, and, in 1985, inspired me to write the "Lamentation" - a musical work on the theme of life and death, lasting approximately 20 minutes. I chose the combination of soprano, women's chorus, two harps and percussion intentionally, eliminating string and wind instruments in order to achieve the particular colour I sought. Tonally I employed a combination of a number of Indian scales.

From out of the sombre atmosphere of the awareness of death "Šketá 'ani" ("So still ich bin" - "So still am I"), an angry response on the loss of life develops in the chorus: "Lo 'edá šúv 'al kákhan" ("Nichts weiß ich mehr" - "No more to bear"); the Dance of Death in the percussion anticipates the dramatic outcry "Katán 'od halév, Mét" ("Mein Herz noch klein, Starb" - "Small yet, heart of mine, Dies"), after which the soloist sings the lament accompanied by the two harps only: "šakét bikh'ev" ("leis an Pein" - "gently in pain"). With the words "Kakhól hayá vetám" ("War blau und fromm" - "It was pure and true"), the connection with the heavens develops, with celestial life. The Dance of the Angels anticipates the choral prelude which is a series of variations on a single theme using the word "Láyla" ("Nacht" - "Night"). At the end of the work the full ensemble performs the final chorale, a requiem, as it were."

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A

Largo $\text{♩} = 60$

soprano: p , 5, pp , p , so, so, so, still

CHOIR: p , pp , ppp

Harp 1., Harp 2.: mp

Perc.: Cow Bell, Vibraphone

sopr.: still, ich bin, so

CHOIR: S.1, S.2, M.S., A.

Harp 1., Harp 2.: pp

Perc.: Wood Block, Marimba p

* ° harmonics are played where written

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B

duration 10" duration: free up to the conductor

23 $J = 44$ sopr. *mp* still (1) so still (1) ich (ch) bin
 S.1 p so still ich bin so still ich bin so
 S.2 so still ich bin so still ich bin so
 CHOIR M.S. A. p so still ich bin so still ich bin so
 Harp 1.
 Harp 2.
 Cymbal
 Perc.

C

25 S.1 S.2 $J = 100$ 26 mp So still ich bin
 CHOIR M.S. A.
 Harp 1. * 3 \sharp 5 \sharp 8 \sharp p 5 \sharp 7 \sharp 8 \sharp mp
 Harp 2. p mp

CHOIR

28 S.1 S.2 mp so still ich bin so still ich bin so still ich bin so still ich bin
 CHOIR M.S. A. mp so still ich bin so still ich bin so still ich bin so still ich bin
 Harp 1.
 Harp 2.

accel.

* free lengthening of the notes

Largo,
Ad lib.

ca. 8" ca. 5"

(D)

32 *mf* **33** *mp* **34** *p* = 76 **35**

40

sopr. All Blut all Blut rinnt hin (n)

S.1 S.2 CHOIR (n) All Blut rinnt hin, all Blut

M.S. A. (n) All Blut rinnt hin, all Blut

Harp 1. (n) (n) (n) (n) (n) (n) (n) (n)

mp

Harp 2. (n) (n) (n) (n) (n) (n) (n) (n)

p *p*

Ad lib.
recit. style

41 **42** , **43** *d* = 84 + *d* = 63 **44** **45**

sopr. All Blut rinnt hin (n) hin (n)

S.1 S.2 CHOIR rinnt hin (n)

M.S. A. rinnt hin (n)

Harp 1. (n) (n) (n) (n) (n) (n) (n) (n)

Harp 2. (n) (n) (n) (n) (n) (n) (n) (n)

p, *p*, *p*, *p*, *p*, *p*, *p*, *p*

d = 84 + *d* = 63

Marimba R.H. L.H. *mp*

Perc. Marimba L.H. *p* L.H. *mp*

simile arpeggio

Harp 1.

Harp 2.

Marimba R.H.

Perc.

Marimba L.H.

accel.

$\text{d} = 58$

52

53

53

57

sopr.

Harp 1.

Harp 2.

Perc.

Marimba

turning into vocalize

hi - mf 2 f 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 ,

down-beat free according to the conductor; slower arpeggios ,

p

58 Lento $\text{d} = 80$

60

sopr.

Ad lib. * *4"*

62

62a

62b

12"

Wie weich um her (r)

S.1

S.2

M.S.

A.

CHOIR

Wie weich weich weich weich weich vanishing

Vibraphone (resonator)

Perc.

* seconds noted in **62** **62a** **62b**
are to be considered as an option

9

(F) Molto ritmico $\text{♩} = 104$

63

Harp 1.

Harp 2.

66

sopr. mf wie ie 71

8

Harp 1.

Harp 2.

8

72 Largo $\text{♩} = 80$

sopr. Nichts weiß ich mehr nichts

CHOIR mf wie , mp Nichts

Harp 1.

Harp 2.

75 $\text{♩} = 88$ mp

77 78 81

sopr. mehr nichts weiß ich mehr nichts mehr

CHOIR weiß ich mehr nichts mehr nichts mehr nichts

Harp 1.2. mp

sopr. 82 mehr nichts. weiß ich nichts mehr nichts mehr
CHOIR nichts weiß ich nichts mehr ich nichts mehr nichts mehr
Harp 1.2.

sopr. 87 r nichts mehr nichts mehr nichts mehr
CHOIR r nichts mehr nicht's mehr nichts mehr
Harp 1.2.

sopr. 92 nichts mehr nichts nichts weiß ich weiß
CHOIR nichts mehr nichts nichts weiß ich weiß
Harp 1.2.

sopr. 97 nichts nichts mehr weiß
S.1
S.2 nichts nichts mehr weiß
M.S.
A. nichts nichts mehr weiß
Harp 1.2.

102

sopr. (s) nichts mehr weiß ich nichts nichts mehr ,

S.1 (s) nichts mehr weiß ich nichts nichts mehr ,

S.2 (s) nichts mehr weiß ich nichts nichts mehr ,

M.S.

A. (s) nichts mehr weiß ich nichts nichts mehr ,

Harp 1.2.

Piano leading (choir)

rit.

107 accel. 109

sopr. weiß ich weiß ich nichts mehr (r)

S.1 weiß ich weiß ich nichts mehr (r)

S.2 M.S. A. weiß ich weiß ich nichts mehr (r)

Harp 1.2.

Piano leading (choir)

Vibraphone

Perc.

(H) "Concertino" for the instruments (basically Percussion) - "Dance of Death"

* 113 molto energico, macabre $\text{J} = 160$

Vibraphone

f higher (small)

3 Tom-Toms

lower (bigger)

lowest (biggest)

* 113 The circle around the bar-number 113 indicates a whole long section rather than a single bar. This section cannot be divided into bars.

Entrances according to the conductor unless counted exactly.

12

Vibraphone

3 Tom-Toms

Bongos (fingers) *mf*

Vibraphone *mp*

3 Tom-Toms

Bongos

Marimba *f*

Harp 1. *** mf*

Harp 2. *mf*

Vibraphone

3 Tom-Toms

Bongos

Marimba

Harp 1. *mf*

Harp 2. *mf*

middle *mp*

high *mp*

low *mp*

Flexaton

* simple improvisation on this basis, possibly on ; number of & stops may be changed.

** Each harpist will play with both hands.

mp - p

Vibraphone

3 Tom-Toms

Bongos

mp - p

Marimba

Harp 1.

Harp 2.

3 Cow Bells

Flexaton

String on cymbal

Chinchinta

Vibraphone

3 Tom-Toms

Bongos

Marimba

Harp 1.

Harp 2.

3 Cow Bells

Flexaton

String on cymbal

Chinchinta

Body of the Harp:
deep dark sound

S.1

S.2

Mein Herz noch klein

M.S.

A.

Mein Herz noch klein

Mein Herz noch klein

Mein Herz noch klein

(I) $\text{C} \text{ } \text{d}=60$

Vibraphone

3 Tom-Toms

Bongos

Marimba

Harp 1. *mp - p*

Harp 2. *mp - p*

3 Cow Bells

Flexatone

String on cymbal *pp*

Chinchinta

Body of the Harp

Speaking CHOIR

S.1
S.2 Sta - - - - - rb *ff* *fff'*

M.S.
A. Sta - - - - - rb *ff* *fff'*

hysterical shout

This musical score page contains two systems of music. The first system (measures 14-15) includes parts for Vibraphone, 3 Tom-Toms, Bongos, Marimba, Harp 1., Harp 2., 3 Cow Bells, Flexatone, String on cymbal, Chinchinta, Body of the Harp, and Speaking CHOIR (S.1, S.2, M.S., A.). The second system (measures 16-17) includes parts for soprano, Harp 1., and Harp 2. Measure 14 starts with a dynamic of *mp* and ends with *fff'*. Measure 15 starts with *ff* and ends with *fff'*. Measure 16 starts with *ff* and ends with *fff'*. Measure 17 starts with *ff* and ends with *fff'*.

(I) $\text{C} \text{ } \text{d}=60$

soprano

Harp 1.

Harp 2.

lyrical

mp

leis — — — — — *leis* — — — — — *an*

mp

This musical score page shows soprano and harp parts for measures 16-17. The soprano part starts with a dynamic of *ff* and ends with *fff'*. The harp parts start with *ff* and end with *fff'*. The soprano part has lyrics "lyrical" and "leis" followed by "an". The harp parts have dynamics *mp* and *ff*.

sopr. (119)
 Pein leis leis leis

Harp 1. (120)
 (2)

Harp 2. (121)

sopr. (122)
 an Pein leis leis

Harp 1. (123)
 (2)

Harp 2. (124)

sopr. (125)
 an Pein leis an Pein

Harp 1. (126)
 (3)

Harp 2. (127)

sopr. (128) rit. (spoken) bigger rit., A tempo
 leis an Pein leis an

Harp 1. (129)

Harp 2. (130)

sopr. [131] rit. [132] bigger rit.

Harp 1. Harp 2.

sopr. [134] A tempo [136]

Harp 1. Harp 2.

sopr. [137] rit. [139] b.
leis an Pein an Pein an Pein

Harp 1. (5) (2) 10 12 (6) 12
Harp 2. 10 12 12 12

sopr. [139] con'd rit. - - - molto - - - [142]

Harp 1. (4) 8 8 8 8
Harp 2. 8 8 8 8

J Sprechgesang

143 *mf* fromm — (m) **146** *mf* fromm —

CHOIR

Sopr. *p* War blau und fromm — (m) war blau und fromm war

S.1 S.2 M.S. A.

War blau und fromm — (m) war blau und fromm war

147 **150**

Sopr. War blau und fromm war blau und fromm

S.1 S.2 M.S. A.

blau und fromm war blau und fromm

Harp 1. *mp* *accel.* *p* *accel.*

Harp 2. *mp* *accel.* *p* *accel.*

151 **154**

Harp 1. *pp* *ppp*

Harp 2. *mp*

Perc. Triangles high (small) low (biggest) middle (bigger)

155 **160** *f* *mf* Oh — Oh Himmel

Sopr. Perc. Church Bell or Cow Bell

Harp 2. Perc. *mf*

This musical score page contains several staves of music. At the top, a soprano part is shown with a dynamic of *mf* and lyrics "fromm — (m)". Below it is a choir section with two soprano parts (S.1, S.2), a mezzo-soprano (M.S.), and an alto (A.) part, all singing "War blau und fromm — (m)" at dynamic *p*. The tempo is indicated as $\text{J} = 69$. Measure 143 ends with a repeat sign. Measures 144-145 show the choir continuing their line, with the alto part adding "war blau und fromm". Measure 146 begins with a soprano entry at *mf*, followed by a repeat sign. Measures 147-150 show the soprano continuing, with the choir joining in again. The harp parts (Harp 1 and Harp 2) enter with eighth-note patterns at *mp*, followed by *accel.* (accelerando). Measures 151-154 show the harps playing eighth-note patterns at *pp* and *ppp*, with dynamic markings *p* and *accel.*. The percussion (Perc.) part includes "Triangles" and "Church Bell or Cow Bell" markings. Measures 155-160 show the soprano singing "Oh — Oh Himmel" at *f*, with the harps providing harmonic support. The percussion part includes "mf" markings.

sopr. 161 *f* rit. 163 164 164a

komm Himmel komm Himmel komm

s.1 *f* ** *mf* **

s.2 *f* *mf*

M.S. *f* *mf*

A. *f* *mf*

Gong or Church Bell

Perc. *f* *

CHOIR

S.1 *mp* *mf* 165 *** 168 *mp*

Himmel

S.2 *mp* *mf*

Himmel

M.S. *mp* *mf*

A. *mp* *mf*

komm

Perc. *mf*

CHOIR

S.1 *mp* *mf*

Himmel

S.2 *mp* *mf*

Himmel

M.S. *mp* *mf*

A. *mp* *mf*

komm

Perc. *mf*

Vibraphone

CHOIR

S.1 *p* 169 *mf*

S.2 KO according to the conductor long m all together

M.S. *mf*

A. *mf*

Vibraphone (resonator)

Perc. *mf*

CHOIR

K Heterophony (30-40 voices)
Repetition + free improvisation. Each individual improvises for himself consistently.

170 *mf*

Ein tie -- fer turning into syllables →

* Gong echo sound still to hum.
** Each glissando will start in the highest pitch possible for each voice (and not in g^2).
Entrances according to the conductor.
*** Each entrance higher than the previous one (pay attention not to add dynamics).

19

CHOIR *ein — tie — fer — Schall*

Perc.

Marimba

"Engels reigen"

(L) $\text{J} = 108$

CHOIR **171** *p leggiero*

la la la

Harp 2. **p**

* *près de la table*

Perc.

CHOIR **175**

la la la

Harp 2.

Arabic Tambour (fingers)

Perc.

S.1 **179**

S.2 **182** *mp - mf*

CHOIR *la la la*

M.S.

A. **182** *mp - mf*

la la la

Harp 1.

Harp 2.

Tambour

Perc.

S.1 **183**

S.2 **186**

CHOIR *la la la*

M.S.

A. *la la la*

Harp 1.

Harp 2.

Tambour

Perc.

* resembles Lauta sound

CHOIR

S.1 **S.2** **M.S.** **A.** **Harp 1.** **Harp 2.** **Tambour** **Perc.**

sopr. **p** **Na ----- cht**

S.1 **S.2** **M.S.** **A.** **Harp 1.** **Harp 2.** **Vibraphone** **Perc.**

Tambour

Nacht **Na ----- cht** **Nacht** **Na -----**

S.1 **S.2** **M.S.** **A.** **Harp 1.** **Harp 2.** **Vibraphone** **Tambour**

197

sopr. cht Na cht Nacht Na cht Nacht Nacht

CHOIR s.1 mf s.2

Nacht ü - - ber - - all repetition + improvisation, heterophony (30-40 voices)

M.S. A. mf

Nacht ü - - ber - - all Vibraphone

Perc. Tambour

201

sopr. Nacht Nacht Na

CHOIR mp

Vibraphone

Perc. Tambour Lessening and slowing

202

sopr. accel. v, cht

CHOIR ,

Vibraphone ,

Perc. Tambour "dead" ,

203 $\text{J} = 54$

sopr. Nacht ü-ber-all

Marimba

Perc. M $\text{J} = 88$ f^* simile

204

Nacht ü - - ber - - all

in a longer note than a quarter: longer tremolo

207

Nacht ü - - ber - - all

208

Nacht Nacht

Marimba

Perc. $\text{J} = 54$

Nacht ü - - ber - - all

210 * *

Nacht ü - - ber - - all

212

Nacht ü - - ber - - all

* subject: first time

** subject: second time

- * first variation
- * * second variation

226

sopr. *Nacht* *Nacht* *Nacht ü - ber -- all*

s.1
s.2 *Nacht* *Nacht*

CHOIR *Nacht* *Nacht*

M.S.
A. *Nacht* *Nacht*

Harp 1.

Harp 2. *Nacht* *Nacht*

Marimba

Perc.

rit

228 *

A tempo

230 **

sopr. *Nacht* *Nacht* *Nacht* *Nacht* *Nacht* *Nacht*

s.1 *Nacht* *Nacht* *Nacht* *Nacht* *Nacht* *Nacht*

CHOIR *Nacht* *Nacht* *Nacht* *Nacht* *Nacht* *Nacht*

M.S. *Nacht* *Nacht* *Nacht* *Nacht* *Nacht* *Nacht*

A. *Nacht* *(t)* *Nacht* *Nacht* *Nacht* *Nacht*

Harp 1.2. *Nacht* *Nacht* *Nacht* *Nacht* *Nacht* *Nacht*

Vibraphone

Perc. *Nacht* *Nacht* *Nacht* *Nacht* *Nacht* *Nacht*

235

* codetta to the second variation

** third variation

CHOIR

sopr. 236 * *mf* na 240

s.1 p n n

s.2 p n n

M.S. p n n

A. p n n

Harp 1.2. p

Vibraphone

Perc. *mp*

CHOIR

sopr. 241 na 242 * * accel. 243 Nacht 244 A tempo

s.1 mp n , ,

s.2 mp n , ,

M.S. mp n , ,

A. mp n , ,

Harp 1.2. mp

Vibraphone , ,

Perc. *mp*

* fourth variation

** codetta to the fourth variation

(245)

sopr. (cht)

S.1 p mf mp

S.2 na

M.S. p mf mp

A. p mf fp na

CHOIR

A tempo $\text{♩} = 92$

(246) *

sopr. f > na na Nacht na

S.1 4 2 4 4 p

S.2 4 2 4 4 p

M.S. 4 2 4 4 p

A. 4 2 4 4 p

CHOIR

Marimba

Perc. mf

(250)

sopr. na Nacht Na - - - - cht Na - - - - cht

S.1 pp

S.2 3 4 4 pp

M.S. 3 4 4 pp

A. pp

CHOIR

Marimba

Perc.

* fifth and last variation

Ad lib.

254 $\text{J} = 66$ 255 256 $\text{J} = 63$ 258 *mp*

sopr. *Grave*

Nacht Nacht _____

s.1 Ein tie-fer tie-fer Schall ein tie- - -

s.2 Ein tie-fer tie-fer Schall ein tie- - -

M.S. Ein tie-fer tie-fer Schall ein tie- - -

A. Ein tie-fer tie-fer Schall ein tie- - -

CHOIR

Harp 1. Ad lib. $\text{J} = 66$

Harp 2. *p*

Vibraphone 8

Perc. *mp* 8 *pp*

259 260 262 263

sopr. Nacht ü - - ber - - all

s.1 --- fer Schall Nacht ü - - ber - - all ein tie - - fer

s.2 --- fer Schall Nacht ü - - ber - - all ein tie - - fer

M.S. --- fer Schall Nacht ü - - ber - - all ein tie - - fer

A. --- fer Schall Nacht ü - - ber - - all ein tie - - fer

Harp 1. *pp*

Harp 2. *pp*

Vibraphone 8

Perc. 8 *pp*

CHOIR

S.1 tie --- fer Schall tie --- fer Schall tie --- fer

S.2 tie --- fer Schall tie --- fer Schall tie --- fer

M.S. tie --- fer Schall Schall Schall tie --- fer

A. tie --- fer Schall Schall Schall tie --- fer

Harp 1. b₂ d b₂ d b₂ d b₂ d

Harp 2. b₂ d b₂ d b₂ d b₂ d

Perc. Vibraphone b₂ d b₂ d b₂ d

sopr. mp Nacht Na - - - - cht ü - - - ber - - - -

S.1 Schall Nacht Na - - - - cht ü - - - ber - - - -

S.2 Schall Nacht Na - - - - cht ü - - - ber - - - -

M.S. Schall Nacht Na - - - - cht ü - - - ber - - - -

A. Schall Nacht Na - - - - cht ü - - - ber - - - -

Harp 1. b₂ d b₂ d b₂ d b₂ d

Harp 2. b₂ d b₂ d b₂ d b₂ d

Vibraphone mp bisb. pp

Perc. b₂ d b₂ d b₂ d

CHOIR

sopr. 274 *mp* -- all

S.1 276 *p* Na ----- cht ü --- ber --- all

S.2 *pp* -- all Na ----- cht ü --- ber --- all

M.S. *pp* -- all Na ----- cht ü --- ber --- all

A. *pp* -- all Na ----- cht ü --- ber --- all

Harp 1. { -- all

Harp 2. { -- all

Vibraphone { -- all

Perc. { -- all

The musical score consists of eight staves. The first four staves represent the CHOIR, with parts for soprano, soprano 1, soprano 2, and alto. The soprano part starts with a melodic line, while the others provide harmonic support. The vocal parts sing in unison with lyrics in German: "Na ----- cht ü --- ber --- all". The fifth staff is for Harp 1, the sixth for Harp 2, the seventh for Vibraphone, and the eighth for Percussion. The score includes dynamic markings such as *mp*, *p*, *pp*, and *rit.*. Measure numbers 274, 276, and 278 are indicated at the top of the score.

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