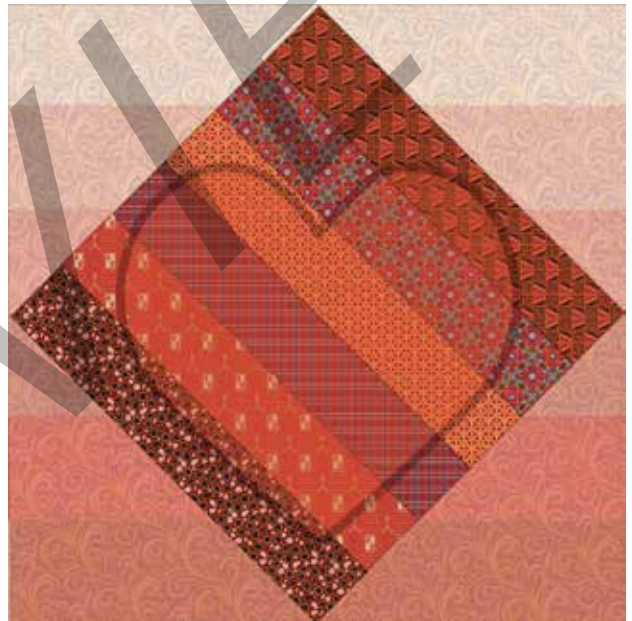


Quaker Meeting

music by Pamela J. Marshall
poems by Marian Kaplun Shapiro
for SATB chorus and piano

from the set "Songs from a Quaker Heart"



PREVIEW

Poems by Marian Kaplun Shapiro

1. Before (The) After (Quaker Meeting)

Quiet.

Door open. Bird sings.

Quiet.

Bird sings. Tree

sways. Breeze

bends branches.

Quiet.

You rise.

Consider the leaf,

you say, that's blown

through the door. Like

the spirit, free to come in.

You sit.

Quiet.

Quieter.

2. Life

and but why if when or how not

not how if why but and or

if and or why but how

why if but how and

but and why if

and but why

and but

and

and

and

and

and

3. Leaves

parachuting through the cross-

winds of autumn, dancing

on remembrances of hurricanes

and summer thunderstorms

and spring drenchings and late-

May hail, and last March's

final blizzard and on intimations of

this winter's January ice-rain/

snow-showers and puffy mattresses

of softest whitewhitewhite

without surcease. November. You

are leaving. December.

You have left. Where have you gone,

my friend? Where have you

gone?

4. Spring Sunlight

Green leaves growing

Photograph fading

Hair greying

Forsythia yellowing

Turtles mating

Candlestick tarnishing

Sparrow waking

me. You sleeping.

5. Christmas Oratorio

House quiet

No one home

It's our time at last, sings Refrigerator,
a baritone. Clock adds her gentle castanet.

Light Bulb takes up his drone. Mischievous
Wind picks up her flute. A playful trill, while
Raindrop taps its metronome on the patio.

Oil burner growls its deep ground bass.

Computer enters on middle C, delivering an email.
iphone echoes him an octave higher.

Wait! Is that a child calling from the sidewalk?

"Leaves" and "Life" from *Players in the Dream, Dreamers in the Play*
(Plain View Press, 2006), other poems from poet's manuscript.

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1. Quaker Meeting

Some whisper from the paragraph of text,
others hum any pitch.

Moderato

ALL *p* -----
(whisper/hum) _____

Moderato

Piano *p* *mp* *mp* *p*

Text for whispering. Choose any phrases:
 How wonderful – how literally awesome – it is to sit among others, known and strangers, silently going inward seeking a place of light and spirit.
 On the way, we pass the detritus of everyday life: our schedules, our bills, our problems, leaving them on the side of the road for that hour.
 We are so fortunate when those feelings and thoughts that really matter float up to take their place.
 The words you find can be any of these – the ones you hope to discard, the ones you come to, some or all of them. They are yours. Uniquely, yours.

All parts:
One by one, transition to whisper or hum.

5

S. *p* -----
Oo (to whisper/hum) _____

A. *p* -----
Oo (to whisper/hum) _____

T. *p* -----
Oo (to whisper/hum) _____

B. *p* -----
Oo (to whisper/hum) _____

Pno. *mf* *mp* *pp* *pp*

Specific pitches not.
Sing piano pitches, or not.

8 **Adagio** *pp* *pp* *mp*

S. *pp* *pp* *mp*
Oo Qui - et. Door o - pen. —

A. *pp* *pp* *mp*
Oo Qui - et. Door o - pen. —

T. *pp* *pp* *mp*
Oo Qui - et. Door o - pen. —

B. *pp* *pp* *mp*
Oo Qui - et. Door o - pen. —

Pno. *mf* *mp* *pp* *p*
Adagio

13 **Moderato** *mp* *pp*

S. *mp* *pp*
Bird sings. Qui - et. —

A. *mp* *pp*
oh, Bird sings. Qui - et. —

T. *mp* *pp*
oh, Bird sings. Qui - et. —

B. *mp* *pp*
Bird sings. Qui - et. —

Pno. *mp* *pp* *p*
Moderato

19 *mp*

S. Bird sings. Oh,

A. *p* Oo *mp* Bird sings. Tree Oh,

T. *mp* Bird sings. Tree sways. Tree sway. Tree

B. *mp* Bird sings. Tree sway. Tree sway. Tree

Pno.

24

S. Breeze, Breeze bends bran-ches. Breeze bends bran-ches.

A. Breeze, Breeze, bends bran-ches. Breeze bends bran-ches.

T. sway. Ah ah Ah ah Breeze bends bran-ches.

B. sway. Tree sway. Tree sway. Breeze bends bran-ches.

Pno. *mp* *rit.* *pp*

30 **Adagio**

S. *pp* Qui-et. *mp* You rise.

A. *pp* Qui-et. *mp* You rise.

T. *pp* Qui-et. *mp* You rise.

B. *pp* Qui-et. *mp* You rise.

Pno. *pp* *mp* *Ad lib.*

34 *mp*

S. *mp* Con - si - der the leaf, that's blown through the door.

A. *mp* Con - sid - er that's blown through the door.

T. *mp* Con - sid - er you say, that's blown through the door.

B. *mp* Con - sid - er you say, that's blown through the door.

Pno. *pp*

3

37

S. *mp* Like the spi-rit,

A. *mp* Like the spi-rit,

T. *mp* Like the spi-rit,

B. *mp* Like the spi-rit, the

Pno.

40

S. *f* free to come in.

A. *f* free to come in.

T. *f* free to come in.

B. *f* spi-rit free to come in.

Pno. *pp* *mp*

44

S. *p*
You sit.

A. *p*
You sit.

T. *p*
You sit.

B. *p*
You sit.

Pno.

47

S. *pp* Qui - et. *pppp* Qui-et - er.

A. *pp* Qui - et. *pppp* Qui-et - er.

T. *pp* Qui - et. *pppp* Qui-et - er.

B. *pp* Qui - et. *pppp* Qui-et - er.

Pno. *p*

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