

for Tapani Tirilä (Oulainen, Finland)

# The Arctic Tern's Prayer

for SSSAA choir and electronic soundscape

music: David Hamilton (2019)

text: Mary Anne Clarke

soundscape: Alexander Alford

0" Thunderclap

5" Sounds of thunder, water and wind continue.

10"

15" Water sounds etc fade to background

20" (Tern cry)

25"

S.3

Individual entries - repeat ad lib. (Quasi ♩ = 60)

pp 3

Tell the air to hold me

(sim.) pp 3

Tell the air to hold me

30"

(Tern cry)

35"

40" Thunderclap

S.1

freely p

Tell the air to hold me

S.2

(sim.) pp 3

Tell the air to hold me

S.3

A.1

pp 3

Tell the air to hold me

A.2

(sim.) pp 3

Tell the air to hold me

2

45"

50" (*Tern chatter*)

55"

S.1 in the rush-ing heart of it and keep its paths straight

S.2

S.3

A.1

A.2 (*finish phrase then move on*) *pp* 3 Tell the air to hold me



1'00"

1'05"

1'10"

S.1 and keep its paths straight

S.2 On cue, finish phrase and hold final note *al niente*

S.3 On cue, finish phrase and hold final note *al niente* *pp* 3 tell the air to hold me *mp* 3

A.1 On cue, finish phrase and hold final note *al niente* *mp* 3 tell the air to

A.2 On cue, finish phrase and hold final note *al niente* tell the air to

1'15" **3** 1'20" 1'25"  
*Splash* *Active water sounds to 1'30"*

*Pitched sounds fade into water sounds*

S.1 *mp* tell the air to hold me *f* and keep its paths straight

S.2 *mp* tell the air to hold me in the rush-ing heart of it *f* and keep its paths straight

S.3 in the rush-ing heart of it, rush- ing heart of it *f* and keep its paths straight

A.1 hold me in the rush-ing heart of it, heart of it *f* and keep its paths straight

A.2 *mp* tell the air to hold me *f* and keep its paths straight



1'30" *Bells* 1'35" 1'40"  
*Water sound cuts off abruptly* *Wind sound*

S.1 *p legato* a- way from home let there be a land that flows with fish and flies

S.2 *p legato* a- way from home let there be a land that flows with fish and flies

S.3 *p legato* a- way from home let there be a land that flows with fish and flies

A.1 *p legato* a- way from home let there be a land that flows with fish and flies

A.2 *p legato* a- way from home let there be a land that flows with fish and flies