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for SATB Chorus and Piano

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(a piece for Jewish Holocaust remembrance)

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Lento ♩ = 72

Soprano *p* If they could

Alto *p* If they could

Tenor *p* If they could

Bass *p* If they could

Piano *p* *mp > p*

4

mp be here now, The six mil - lion mur - dered then, — They would see sur -

mp be here now, The six mil - lion mur - dered then, — They would see sur -

mp be here now, The six mil - lion mur - dered then, — They would see sur -

mp be here now, The six mil - lion mur - dered then, — They would see sur -

pp *p*

8 *mf* *mp*
vi - vors Pray-ing in their mem - o - ry... A psalm be - yond the

mf *mp*
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mf *mp*
vi - vors Pray-ing in their mem - o - ry... A psalm be - yond the

mp *p*
Red. * Red. * Red. *

11 *p* *mp*
si - lence. If they could be here now, The kin we

p *mp*
si - lence. If they could be here now, The kin we

p *mp*
si - lence. If they could be here now, The kin we

p *mp*
si - lence. If they could be here now, The kin we

pp *mf*
Red. * Red. * Red. *

15

mf

should have known, — They would say: “Love all truth, We can choose to

mf

should have known, — They would say: “Love all truth, We can choose to

mf

should have known, — They would say: “Love all truth, We can choose to

mf

should have known, — They would say: “Love all truth, We can choose to

18

mp

bear it...” — A psalm be-yond their si-lence. — If they could

mp

bear it...” — A psalm be-yond their si-lence. — If they could

mp

bear it...” — A psalm be-yond their si-lence. — If they could

mp

bear it...” — A psalm be-yond their si-lence. — If they could

p

pp

22 *mp*

be here now, — Those who would have loved us, — They'd hear words in our

be here now, — Those who would have loved us, — They'd hear words in our

be here now, — Those who would have loved us, — They'd hear words in our

be here now, — Those who would have loved us, — They'd hear words in our

p

26 *mf*

hearts: "L' - cha - im!... Yes!... Nev - er a -

hearts: "L' - cha - im!... Yes!... Nev - er a -

hearts: "L' - cha - im!... Yes!... Nev - er a -

hearts: "L' - cha - im!... Yes!... Nev - er a -

mp

* The cue size note in the Soprano part should be sung if the Sopranos cannot sing the high B on page 7.

29 *f* *
gain!... Yes!... Nev - er a - gain!... A psalm be - yond that

f *
gain!... Yes!... Nev - er a - gain!... A psalm be - yond that

f *
gain!... Yes!... Nev - er a - gain!... A psalm be - yond that

f
gain!... Yes!... Nev - er a - gain!... A psalm be - yond that

mf

* * * *

33
si - lence. _

si - lence. _

si - lence. _

si - lence. _

f

* * * *

* The cue size notes in the Alto, Tenor and Soprano parts should be sung if the Sopranos cannot sing the high B.

37 *mp* *mf* *mp* *breve colla parte*

“L’ - cha-im!... Yes!... Nev - er, Nev - er a - gain!...”

“L’ - cha-im!... Yes!... Nev - er, Nev - er a - gain!...”

“L’ - cha-im!... Yes!... Nev - er, Nev - er a - gain!...”

“L’ - cha-im!... Yes!... Nev - er, Nev - er a - gain!...”

p *mp* *p* *breve a piacere*

* *Sost.* *

40 *p tenuto* *a tempo*

If they could be here now, —

p If they could be here now, —

p If they could be here now, —

p If they could be here now, —

If they could be here now, —

tenuto *a tempo*

p *mf* *pp*

* *Sost.* *

43 *mp*

Those too, too soon ta - ken, They would share this proud

Those too, too soon ta - ken, They would share this proud

Those too, too soon ta - ken, They would share this proud

Those too, too soon ta - ken, They would share this proud

p

46 *mf* *Red.* * *Red.* * *Red.* *

prayer Of the chil - dren of truth... A psalm be - yond the

prayer Of the chil - dren of truth... A psalm be - yond the

prayer Of the chil - dren of truth... A psalm be - yond the

prayer Of the chil - dren of truth... A psalm be - yond the

mp *p*

49

p si - lence. _ If they could be here now, _

p si - lence. _ If they could be here now, _

p si - lence. _ If they could be here now, _

p si - lence. _ If they could be here now, _

pp

52

mp 3 Those _ once _ too of - ten cho - sen, _ They could

mp 3 Those _ once _ too of - ten cho - sen, _ They could

mp 3 Those _ once _ too of - ten cho - sen, _ They could

mp 3 Those _ once _ too of - ten cho - sen, _ They could

p

10

55 *mf*

choose, as we do, — To pray through joy and

mf

choose, as we do, — To pray through joy and

mf

choose, as we do, — To pray through joy and

mf

choose, as we do, — To pray through joy and

mp

Red. * *Red.* * *Red.* *

58 *mp*

pain... — A

mp

pain... — A

mp

pain... — A

mp

pain... — A

mf *p*

Red. * *Red.* * *Red.* *

61

mf

psalm be-yond Thy si-lence, A psalm be-yond Thy

mf

psalm be-yond Thy si-lence, A psalm be-yond Thy

mf

psalm be-yond Thy si-lence, A psalm be-yond Thy

mf

psalm be-yond Thy si-lence, A psalm be-yond Thy

mp

* * *

64

rit. al fine

f *mp*

si-lence, A psalm be-yond Thy

f *mp*

si-lence, A psalm be-yond Thy

f *mp*

si-lence, A psalm be-yond Thy

f *mp*

si-lence, A psalm be-yond Thy

mf *p*

8va

rit. al fine

* * *

67 (*rit.*)
p *pp*
 si - lence. _____
p *pp*
 si - lence. _____
p *pp*
 si - lence. _____
p *pp*
 si - lence. _____

pp (*rit.*) *ppp*
pp *ppp*
 Red. (*)

A Psalm Beyond the Silences

If they could be here now,
 The six million murdered then,
 They would see survivors
 Praying in their memory...
 A psalm beyond the silence.

If they could be here now,
 The kin we should have known,
 They would say: "Love all truth,
 We can choose to bear it..."
 A psalm beyond their silence.

If they could be here now,
 Those who would have loved us,
 They'd hear words in our hearts:
 "L'*chaim*!... Yes!... Never again!..."
 A psalm beyond that silence.

If they could be here now,
 Those too, too soon taken,
 They would share this proud prayer
 Of the children of truth...
 A psalm beyond the silence.

If they could be here now,
 Those once too often chosen,
 They could choose, as we do,
 To pray through joy and pain...
 A psalm beyond Thy silence.

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