

*to mark the crossing of the solar eclipse in Oregon for All Classical KQAC
for Robert McBride*

Body Of The Moon

for S.A.T.B. (*divisi*) Voices and Solo Voice with Violoncello and Drum

*Text taken from the letters of
GALILEO GALILEI
(1564-1642)*

*Music by
DESMOND EARLEY
(1974)*

Translations by the composer

DRUM

VIOOLONCELLO *Preludial
gently express.

S pp
Vedere!

V-c

4 rub superball mallet around skin of drum

S poco rit.
Ve - de - re!

V-c faster spread echo gently

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*This notation is modelled on French unmeasured prelude notation for harpsichord (*prélude non mesuré*).
Play as a prelude. The passage should not be played in strict time or in relationship to m. 74.

A $\text{♩} = 60$, but with flexibility for cello

S $\frac{3}{4}$ pp Ve de -
Ve de - re,

A $\frac{3}{4}$ pp Ve de -
Ve de - re,

V-c $\frac{3}{4}$ mp 3

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S pp re, ve de -
ve - de - re,

A re, ve de -
ve - de - re,

V-c pizz.

B $\text{♩} = 60+$, slightly broader

S stagger breathing
re,

A re,
ve - de - re, ve - de - re, ve - de - re,

T $\frac{8}{8}$ p
Ve - de - re, ve - de - re, ve - de - re,

B p
Ve - de - re, ve - de - re, ve - de - re,

V-c arco

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S ve - de - re, ve - de - re, il

A ve - de - re, ve - de - re, ve - de - re, il

T ve - de - re, ve - de - re, ve - de - re, il

B ve - de - re, ve - de - re, ve - de - re, il

V-c *mf* arco

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S cor - po del - la Lu - na. Sia - mo

A cor - po del - la Lu - na. Sia - mo

T cor - po del - la Lu - na. Sia - mo

B cor - po del - la Lu - na. Sia - mo

V-c *f*

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S Sia - mo u - ni-te da le - ga - mi in - vi - si - bi - li. niente

A Sia - mo u - ni-te da le - ga - mi in - vi - si - bi - li. niente

T Sia - mo u - ni-te da le - ga - mi in - vi - si - bi - li. niente

B Sia - mo u - ni-te da le - ga - mi in - vi - si - bi - li. niente

V-c

C

S/A tutti
pp Twi-light!
whispered 3 Dark-ness!

ALTO 1 SOLO
We had per-pe-tual twi-light and nev-er dark-ness,

T Oo

B Oo

V-c Preludial pp

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Soprano (S) Alto (A) Tenor (T) Bass (B) Bassoon (V-c)

Twi-light! Dark-ness!

We had per-pe-tu-al twi-light and nev-er dark-ness,

slow spread!

D (place 2 sopranos on each end
of the choir before recording this)

Perpetual Twilight!

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Soprano (S) Alto (A) Tenor (T) Bass (B) Bassoon (V-c)

Per - pe - and nev-er

A1 solo

and nev-er dark-ness.

Per - pe -

unis.

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S tu - o cre - pu sco - lo;
A dark-ness tu - o cre - pu sco - lo;
T
B
V-c

E

Vocal solo may improvise over the ostinato progression, or sing the printed part. Some suggestions for text: light, twilight, shadow, sun, moon, etc.

S O L O Sun - light fad - ing, night

S per - pe - tu - o cre -
pp to the end of measure

A per - pe - tu - o cre -
pp A1 solo and nev - er dark-ness

T Per - pe - tu - o cre -
pp sotto voce (float)

B Per - pe - tu - o cre -
pp sotto voce (float)

V-c *p*

Loop 4 Improvised Vocal

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S O L O comes, sur-round - ing; Sun - light

S pu - sco - ***pp*** lo; per - pe -

A pu - sco - ***pp*** lo; per - pe -

T pu - sco - ***pp sotto voce (float)*** lo; per - pe -

B pu - sco - lo; per - pe -

V-c ***p***

58

S O L O wan - ing, Feel these_ ques-tions in - side of

S tu - o ***to the end of measure*** cre - pu - sco

A ***A1 solo*** and nev - er dark-ness tu - o cre - pu - sco

T tu - o cre - pu - sco

B tu - o cre - pu - sco

V-c ***p***

Loop 5 Improvised Vocal builds from ***p***

63

S O L O me. Change this mo - ment; I

S lo; per - pe - tu - o

A lo; per - pe - tu - o

T lo; per - pe - tu - o

B lo; per - pe - tu - o

V-c ***p***

Loop 6 Broadening

68

S O L O need - ed once up-on a life-time; To feel it change,

S cre - pu - sco - lo; per -

A cre - pu - sco - lo; per -

T cre - pu - sco - lo; per -

B cre - pu - sco - lo; per -

V-c ***p*** ***mp***

73

S O L O to _ op - en: Lord! in - side of me,
S cre - pu -
S pe - tu - o cre - pu -
A mf pe - tu - o f
T mf pe - tu - o f
B pe - tu - o cre - pu -
V-c mf

78

Loop 7 Widest Sound

S O L O free this light. Let it go! Let it be!
S - sco - lo; per - pe -
A - sco - lo; per - pe -
T - sco - lo; per - pe -
B sco - lo; per - pe -
V-c mf

82

S O L O Live in this mo - ment; Feel this_ pow - er_ in -

S tu - o cre - pu -

A tu - o cre - pu - sco - lo;

T tu - o cre - pu -

B tu - o cre - pu -

V-c f arrp.

Loop 8 Relax/deflate *mp*

86

S O L O side of me! Take a chance. Take a chance, to

S - sco - lo; mf

A sco - lo; per - pe -

T sco - lo; per - pe -

B sco - lo; per - pe -

V-c mf

90

S O L O won - der, — to pon - der, — to un - der - stand feel - ings,

S

A *mp* Cre - pu -
tu - o Cre - pu -

T tu - o *mf* Cre - pu -

B tu - o Cre - pu -

V-c *pizz.*

94

S O L O this life of beau - ty, A - round_ me!

S *pp* Oo

A - sco - lo; *pp* Oo

T - sco - lo; *pp* Oo

B - sco - lo; *pp* Oo

V-c *espress.*

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Soprano (S) vocal line with dynamic ***pp*** and vocalise "Oo".

Alto (A) vocal line with dynamic ***pp*** and vocalise "Oo".

Tenor (T) vocal line with dynamic ***pp*** and vocalise "Oo".

Bass (B) vocal line with dynamic ***pp*** and vocalise "Oo".

Violoncello (V-c) playing eighth-note patterns with dynamics ***espress.*** and ***legato***.

Measure 97 ends with a change in time signature to **$\frac{3}{4}$** .

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Soprano (S) singing "Sia - mo" followed by "u - ni - te da le -".

Alto (A) singing "Sia - mo" followed by "u - ni - te da le -".

Tenor (T) singing "Sia - mo" followed by "u - ni - te da le -".

Bass (B) singing "Sia - mo" followed by "u - ni - te da le -".

Violoncello (V-c) playing eighth-note patterns.

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S: *ga - mi in - vi - si - bi - li.* *Sia - mo*

A: *ga - mi in - vi - si - bi - li.* *Sia - mo*

T: *ga - mi in - vi - si - bi - li.* *Sia - mo*

B: *ga - mi in - vi - si - bi - li.* *Sia - mo*

V-c:

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S: *Sia - mo u - ni - te* *da le - ga - mi in - vi - si -*

A: *Sia - mo u - ni - te* *da le - ga - mi in - vi - si -*

T: *Sia - mo u - ni - te* *da le - ga - mi in - vi - si -*

B: *Sia - mo u - ni - te* *da le - ga - mi in - vi - si -*

V-c:

Tempo relaxes

110

Soprano (S) vocal line:

A (Alto), T (Tenor), B (Bass) vocal lines:

Vocals: bi - li. in - vi - si - bi - li in - vi - si -
 bi - li. Oo in - vi - si - bi - li oo in - vi - si -
 In - vi - si - bi - li in - vi - si - bi - li
 bi - li. Oo oo

Bassoon (V-c) vocal line:

flautando
p legato

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Soprano (S) vocal line:

SOLO seposta
 Ve-de-re! Ve-de-re!

A (Alto), T (Tenor), B (Bass) vocal lines:

Vocals: bi - li in - vi - si - bi - li in - vi - si - bi - li
 bi - li oo in - vi - si - bi - li oo in - vi - si - bi - li
 in - vi - si - bi - li in - vi - si - bi - li
 oo

Bassoon (V-c) vocal line:

normale