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# So All Voices Can Fly

For SATB, Trumpet and Organ

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In the distance, can you hear a flickering?

So quiet it could be only thoughts in the distance.

I heard that if your mind gets loud enough, thoughts sound like whispers.

Did you know that whispers can float through cracks in the walls and become voices?

Listen now:

Sounds like the strike of a match, breaking glass or the clench of a fist, sounds like voices.

Unison voices sound louder.

Shout louder now so all voices can fly!

And with words held tightly, like the first time you found them, we shall sing!

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♩ = 72 floaty with a feeling of two

**Soprano**

**Alto** *mf* curious  
in the dis - - tance

**Tenor** *pp* stagger breath  
ng  
*pp* stagger breath

**Bass** ng

**Trumpet in Bb**

**Organ** *pp* very legato, like an undercurrent  
gracenotes heavy and lazy  
*p*

**S.** *p* possibile  
oo

**A.** can you hear

**T.**

**B.**

**Tpt.**

**Org.**

7

S. *fp* 3

A. a flick - er - ing?

T. *pp*

B. *pp*

Tpt. *p* emerging

Org.

freely: colla parte

9

S. *pp*

A. *pp*

T. *pp*

B. *pp*

Tpt. *mf*

Org. colla parte: rhythmic retention not important

10 **a tempo**

S. *p* so

A. *mf* so quiet, *sotto p* so

T. \_\_\_\_\_

B. \_\_\_\_\_

Tpt. \_\_\_\_\_

Org. *p* chalky and faded

13 *pp* 5 qui - et it could be oo

A. *mf* 5 qui - et it could be on - - ly

T. \_\_\_\_\_

B. \_\_\_\_\_

Tpt. \_\_\_\_\_

Org. 5

colla parte

16

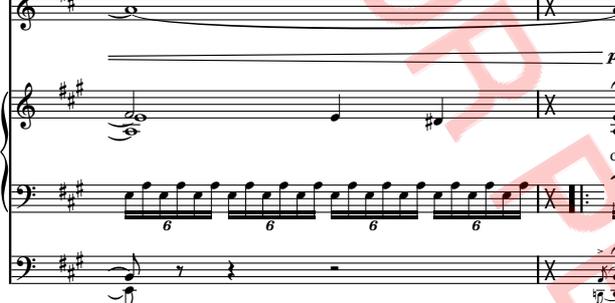
S. 

A. 

T. 

B. 

Tpt. 

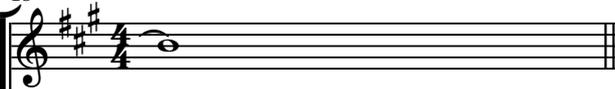
Org. 

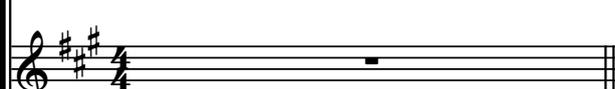
a tempo

♩ = 96 moving forward

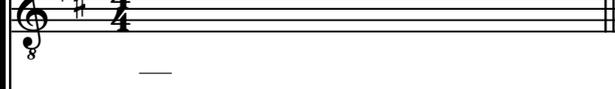
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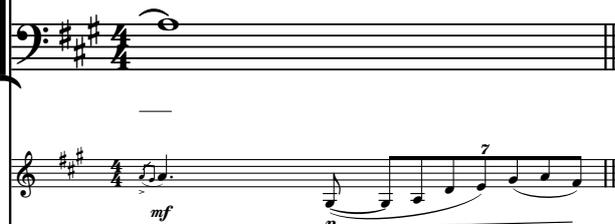
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S. 

A. 

T. 

B. 

Tpt. 

Org. 

21

S. heard that if your mind gets loud e - nough, *pp*

A. if your mind gets loud e - nough, thoughts

T. heard thoughts

B. heard loud

Tpt.

Org.

24

S. *p* thoughts sound like whis - - pers

A. sound like whis - - pers

T. sound like whis - - pers

B. thoughts sound like whis - - pers

Tpt.

Org.

*pp less*

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Stage whisper *p* < *f* > *p*

27

S. *p* < *f* > *p*  
s - s - s - s - s\*

A. Stage whisper *p* < *f* >  
sounds like a whis - per\*

T. Stage whisper *f* >  
hush sounds like a... uh!\*

B. Stage whisper *f* >  
psst! shp! hush

Tpt. *mf*

Org.

[29]

S. *mp*  
Did you know that whis - pers can

A. *p*  
whis - pers can

T. *p*  
Whis - - - -

B. *p* < *f* > *p*  
like a whis - per\* Whis - - - -

Tpt. *p*

Org. *mp* more shade

\* to be repeated asynchronously for the duration indicated

31 *mf*

S. float through

A. float through

T. pers float through

B. pers float

Tpt.

Org.

34 *mf*

S. the cracks in the walls and be - come

A. the cracks in the walls and be - come

T. the cracks in the walls and be - come

B. through the cracks in the walls and be - come

Tpt. *p* *f*

Org. increasingly glittery +32'

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♩ = 80 with grandeur

37 *f* *f*

S. voi - ces? li - sten now li - sten now

A. voi - ces? li - sten now li - sten now

T. voi - ces? li - sten now li - sten now

B. voi - ces? li - sten now li - sten now

Tpt. *f* Trumpet Duet

Org. *f* subtle drone *f* sempre

fat *f*

42 *p* textural *fp* *fp* *p*

S. like the strike of a match break - ing glass like

A. like the strike of a match like the strike of a

T. strike strike strike of a match break - ing

B. strike strike of a match break - ing glass

Tpt. *f*

Org. *f*

44

S. *fp* *fp* *f* *p*  
 the strike of a match clench of a fist clench of a

A. *fp* *fp*  
 match break - ing glass break - ing glass break - ing

T. *fp* *fp* *f*  
 glass clench of a fist clench of a fist

B. *fp* *fp* *p* *fp*  
 strike of a match break - - ing glass like the strike of a

Tpt.

Org.

allarg..... a tempo

46

S. *fp* *f* *p* *fp*  
 fist, sounds like voi-ces like the strike of a match like the

A. *fp* *f* *p* *fp* *fp*  
 glass sounds like voi-ces like the strike of a match break - ing glass

T. *fp* *f* *p* *fp* *f* *fp*  
 sounds like voi-ces like the strike of a match like the clench

B. *fp* *f* *p* *fp* *f* *fp*  
 match sounds like voi-ces like the strike of a match clench of a

Tpt.

Org.

allarg.....a tempo

49

S. *f* strike of a match break - ing glass *fp* sounds like voi - ces *f* strike fists *p*

A. *p* like the *fp* strike of a match, *fp* clench of a fist *f* sounds like voi - ces *fp* strike

T. of a fist like the *fp* clench of a fist *f* sounds like voi - ces *p* strike, strike,

B. *fp* fist break - ing glass *f* clench of a fist *fp* sounds like voi - ces *f* strike fists *p*

Tpt.

Org.

52

S. *fp* flame strike glass fist flame strike sounds like

A. sounds like

T. *fp* flame fist flame fist flame sounds like

B. *fp* flame strike glass strike flame sounds like

Tpt.

Org.

♩ = 63 expansive

54 *f*

S. *f*  
u - ni - son, u - ni - son voi - ces sound loud - er

A. *f*  
u - ni - son, u - ni - son voi - ces sound loud - er

T. *f*  
u ni - son, u - ni - son voi - ces sound loud - er

B. *f*  
u - ni - son, u - - ni - son

Tpt. *mf* *f* *mf* Trumpet Duet  
Trumpet duet

Org. *f* beefy but muted - not too sharp! *mf* breathy

61 *fp* *fp* *fp*

S. *fp*  
shout, shout, shout, shout, shout, shout, shout, shout,

A. *p* *f* *p* *fp* *p*  
shout, shout loud - er, shout, shout, shout loud - er, shout, shout, shout,

T. *f* *fp* *p*  
shout, shout, shout, shout, shout, shout loud -

B. *fp* *fp*  
shout, shout loud - er

Tpt. *f*

Org.

64

S. *f* shout, *f* shout, *mp* all voi - ces can fly!

A. *f* shout, shout, *f* shout loud - er, *f* shout loud - er now so all voi - ces can fly!

T. *f* - er, *f* shout loud - er, *f* shout loud - er now so all voi - ces can fly!

B. *f* shout loud - er, *f* shout loud - er now so all voi - ces can fly!

Tpt. *sfz*

Org. *f* dusty, under choir

68

S. *ff* and with words held tight - ly, like the

A. *ff* and with words held tight - ly, like the

T. *ff* and with words held tight - ly, like the

B. *ff* and with words held tight - ly, like the

Tpt. *ff* float through

Org. *f* sunny *mf* hold back

rit.....

73

S. first time you found them, we shall sing! *ff*

A. first time you found them, we shall sing! *ff*

T. first time you found them, we shall sing! *ff*

B. first time you found them, we shall sing! *ff*

Tpt. *f* *ff rubato* 5

Org. *f go* *ff*

couple with something to make a big noise *ff rubato* 3