

Two City Songs:
Preludes and Time-Stone

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Preludes

T.S. Eliot

IV.

His soul stretched tight across the skies
That fade behind a city block,
Or trampled by insistent feet
At four and five and six o'clock;
And short square fingers stuffing pipes,
And evening newspapers, and eyes
Assured of certain certainties,
The conscience of a blackened street
Impatient to assume the world.

I am moved by fancies that are curled
Around these images, and cling:
The notion of some infinitely gentle
Infinitely suffering thing.

Wipe your hand across your mouth, and laugh;
The worlds revolve like ancient women
Gathering fuel in vacant lots.

Time-Stone

Lola Ridge

Hallo, Metropolitan-
Ubiquitous windows staring all ways,
Red eye notching the darkness.
No use to ogle that slip of a moon.
This midnight the moon,
Playing virgin after all her encounters,
Will break another date with you.
You fuss an awful lot,
You flight of ledger books,
Overrun with multiple ant-black figures
Dancing on spindle legs
An interminable can-can.
But I'd rather... like the cats in the alley... count time
By the silver whistle of a moonbeam
Falling between my stoop-shouldered walls,
Than all your tally of the sunsets,
Metropolitan, ticking among stars.

Preludes

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Music by Ryan Harper

♩=66, weary

SOPRANO
mf *f* *mf* *mp*
His soul stretched tight a-cross the skies that fade be-hind a ci-ty block, or

ALTO
mf *f* *mf* *mp*
His soul stretched tight a-cross the skies that fade be-hind a ci-ty block, or

TENOR
mf *f* *mf* *mp*
His soul stretched tight a-cross the skies fade be-hind a ci-ty block, or

BASS
mf *f* *mf* *mp*
His soul stretched tight a-cross the skies fade be-hind a ci-ty block, or

Piano (rehearsal only)
mf *f* *mf* *mp*

7

S. *mf* *f accel.* *ff* **A**
tram-pled by in-sis-tent feet at four and five and six o'clock;

A. *mf* *f* *ff*
tram-pled by in-sis-tent feet at four and five and six o'clock;

T. *mf* *f* *ff* *p*
tram-pled by in-sis-tent feet four five six clock; and short square

B. *mf* *f* *ff*
tram-pled by in-sis-tent feet four five six clock;

Pno. *mf* *f accel.* *ff* *p* **A**

13

S. *p* and eve - ning and eve - ning and eve - ning

A. *p* stuff-ing pipes stuff-ing pipes stuff-ing pipes stuff-ing

T. 8 fin - gers and short square fin - gers and short square fin - gers and short square fin - gers and

B. *p* news - pa - pers

Pno.

20

S. *f* and eve - ning and eyes a - ssured of

A. *f* pipes stuff-ing pipes, and eyes a - ssured of

T. *f* short square fin - gers and short square fin - gers, and eyes a - ssured of

B. *f* news - pa - pers news - pa - pers, and eyes a - ssured of

Pno. *f*

B

26 *rit.*
mp

S. cer-tain cer-tain-ties, the con-science of a black-ened street

A. cer - tain - ties, the con-science of *p* im - pa - tient to a-ssume the world

T. *mp*
8 cer - tain - ties, the con-science of a black-ened street

B. cer - tain - ties, the con-science of

Pno. *mp* *p*

31 *C* $\text{♩} = 66$ *mp*

S. I am moved by fan-cies that are curled a - round these i - ma - ges and

A. *mp* I am moved by fan-cies that are curled a - round these i - ma - ges and

T. *mp* 8 I am moved by fan-cies that are curled a - round these i - ma - ges and

B. *mp* I am moved by fan-cies that are curled a - round these i - ma - ges and

Pno. *C* $\text{♩} = 66$ *mp*

38 *mf* *mp* *ff*

S. cling: the no - tion of some in-fi - nite - ly gen - tle in-fi nitely suffering thing.

A. cling: the no - tion of some in-fi - nite - ly gen - tle in-fi nitely suffering thing.

T. cling: the no - tion of some gen - tle su - ffer - ing thing.

B. cling: the no - tion of some gen - tle su - ffer - ing thing.

Pno. *mf* *mp* *ff*

44 *pp* *mp* *mp* *mp* *mp* *mp*

S. Solo (2nd Sop.) Tutti mm Wipe your hands a - cross your

A. Wipe your hands a - cross your

T. Wipe your hands a - cross your

B. Wipe your hands a - cross your

Pno. *pp* *mp*

D

51 *p* *accel.*

S. mouth, and laugh; the worlds re - volve like

A. mouth, and laugh; the worlds re - volve like

T. mouth, and laugh; the worlds re - volve like

B. mouth and laugh; the worlds re - volve like

Pno. *p* *accel.*

55 *A tempo* *mf* *rit.* *ppp*

S. an - cient wo - men ga - the - ring fuel in va - cant lots.

A. an - cient wo - men *ppp*

T. an - cient wo - men *ppp*

B. an - cient wo - men *ppp*

Pno. *A tempo* *mf* *rit.* *ppp*

Time-Stone

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♩ = 100, freely
*Repeat chaotically and quickly

ppp **f** , **A** **ff**

SOPRANO

*Hallo, Metropolitan Hal-lo, Me-tro po - li -

ALTO

pp **f** , **ff**

*Hallo, Metropolitan Hal-lo, Me-tro po - li -

TENOR

mp don't split at once **f** , **ff**

*Hallo, Metropolitan Hal-lo, Me-tro po - li -

BASS

p **f** , **ff**

*Hallo, Metropolitan Hal-lo, Me-tro po - li -

♩ = 100, freely
*Repeat chaotically and quickly

Piano (rehearsal only)

ppp **f** **ff**

A

The musical score is written for five parts: Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass, and Piano. The key signature is one flat (B-flat major or D minor), and the time signature is 4/4. The Soprano, Alto, Tenor, and Bass parts have lyrics: '*Hallo, Metropolitan' and 'Hal-lo, Me-tro po - li -'. The piano part is marked 'Piano (rehearsal only)' and includes a rehearsal mark 'A'. The score includes dynamic markings (ppp, f, ff, mp, p) and tempo markings (♩ = 100, freely). Performance instructions include '*Repeat chaotically and quickly' and 'don't split at once'. The score is in 4/4 time and includes a rehearsal mark 'A'.

9 *f* *p* *mp*

S. *f* *mp*
tan- U - bi - qui - tous win - dows sta - ring all ways, all ways,

A. *f* *mp*
tan- win - dows sta - ring all ways, all ways,

T. *f* *mp*
tan- win - dows sta - ring all ways, all ways,

B. *f* *mp*
tan- win - dows sta - ring all ways, all ways,

Pno. *f* *p* *mp*

15 *p* *f* $\text{♩} = 66$

S. *p* *f*
red eye notch - ing the dark - ness. No use to o - gle that slip of a moon,

A. *p* *f*
dark - ness. No use to o - gle that slip of a moon,

T. *p* *f*
dark ness. No use to o - gle that slip of a moon,

B. *p* *f*
dark ness. No use to o - gle that slip of a moon,

Pno. *p* *f* $\text{♩} = 66$

20 *mp* **B** *with sincere empathy* *p* *mf*

S. a moon... This mid - night the moon play-ing vir - gin af-ter all her en- coun

A. a moon... vir- gin af-ter all her en-coun -

T. a moon... vir - gin af-ter all her en-coun -

B. a moon... This mid- night the moon af-ter all her en-coun -

Pno. *mp* *p* *mf*

25 *p* *somewhat darker* *pp* *p* *mf*

S. ters, a - no - ther date with you.

A. ters will break a - no - ther date with you. You

T. ters will break a - no - ther date with you. You

B. ters, date with you.

Pno. *p* *pp* *p* *mf*

somewhat darker

29 **C** *frenetic*

S.

A.
fuss an aw-ful lot, you fuss, you fuss, an aw-ful lot, you fuss an aw-ful lot, you fuss, you fuss, an aw-ful lot, you

T.
fuss an aw-ful lot, you fuss an aw - ful lot, you fuss an aw-ful lot, you fuss an aw - ful lot, you

B. *mf*
You fuss,

Pno.

31 *mf*

S.
You fuss,

A.
fuss an aw-ful lot, you fuss, you fuss, an aw-ful lot, you fuss an aw-ful lot, you fuss, you fuss, an aw-ful lot, you

T.
fuss an aw-ful lot, you fuss an aw - ful lot, you fuss an aw-ful lot, you fuss an aw - ful lot, you

B.
you fuss,

Pno.

33

S. *f*
you fuss, you

A. *f*
fuss an aw-ful lot, you fuss, you fuss, an aw-ful lot, you fuss an aw-ful lot, you fuss, you fuss, an aw-ful lot, you

T. *f*
fuss an aw-ful lot, you fuss an aw - ful lot, you fuss an aw-ful lot, you fuss an aw - ful lot, you

B. *f*
you fuss, you

Pno. *f*

35 *brighter*

S. *brighter*
flight, you flight, — you flight of led - ger books,

A. *brighter*
flight of led - ger books, you flight, you flight of led - ger books, you

T. *brighter*
flight of led - ger books, you flight, you flight of led - ger books, you

B. *brighter*
flight, you flight, — you flight of led - ger books,

Pno. *brighter*

36

S. flight, you flight, — you flight of led - ger books,

A. flight of led - ger books, you flight, you flight of led - ger books, you

T. flight of led - ger books, you flight, you flight of led - ger books, you

B. flight, you flight, — you flight of led - ger books,

Pno.

37

ff flight, you flight, — you flight of led - ger books,

ff flight of led - ger books, you flight, you flight of led - ger books, you

ff flight of led - ger books, you flight, you flight of led - ger books, you

ff flight, you flight, — you flight of led - ger books,

ff Pno.

Overrun with multiple ant-black figures dancing on spindle-legs, *repeat chaotically and quickly*

Overrun with multiple ant-black figures dancing on spindle-legs, (*cont.*)

38

S. flight, you flight, — you flight of led - ger books,

A. flight of led - ger books, you flight, you flight of led - ger books, you

T. flight of led - ger books, you flight, you flight of led - ger books, you

B. flight, you flight, — you flight of led - ger books,

Pno.

Overrun with multiple ant-black figures dancing on spindle-legs, (*cont.*)

39

S. flight, you flight, — you flight of led - ger books,

A. flight of led - ger books, you flight, you flight of led - ger books, you

T. flight of led - ger books, you flight, you flight of led - ger books, you

B. flight, you flight, — you flight of led - ger books,

Pno.

40 Overrun with multiple ant-black figures dancing on spindle-legs, *sighing* *rit.* *p*

S. flight, you flight, you flight of led-ger books, an in - ter-mi-na-ble can - can...

A. flight of led-ger books, you flight, you flight of led-ger books, an in - ter-mi-na-ble can - can...

T. flight of led-ger books, you flight, you flight of led-ger books, an in - ter-mi-na-ble can - can...

B. flight, you flight, you flight of led-ger books, an in - ter-mi-na-ble can - can...

Pno.

43 **D** ♩ = 66 with natural ease *mp*

S. But I'd ra - ther... like the cats in the al - ley... time by the sil-ver whi-stle

A. But I'd ra ther... like the cats in the al - ley... time by the sil-ver whi-stle

T. ra - ther... like the cats in the al - ley... count time by the sil-ver whi-stle

B. ra - ther... like the cats in the al - ley... time by the sil-ver whi-stle

Pno. **D** ♩ = 66 with natural ease *mp*

49

S. *ff*
of a moon - beam fal- ling be-tween my stoop shoul-dered

A. *ff*
of a moon - beam fal- ling be-tween my stoop shoul-dered

T. *ff*
of a moon - beam fal- ling be-tween my stoop shoul-dered

B. *ff*
of a moon - beam fal- ling be-tween my stoop shoul-dered

Pno. *ff*
disintegrating into paranoia

52

S. *p* *an entreaty*
walls, than all your tal - ly of the sun - sets, Me - tro - po - li - tan,

A. *p*
walls, than all your tal - ly of the sun - sets, Me - tro - po - li - tan,

T. *p*
walls, than all your tal - ly of the sun - sets, Me - tro - po - li - tan,

B. *p*
walls, than all your tal - ly of the sun - sets, Me - tro - po - li - tan,

Pno. *p* *an entreaty*

accel. **Ritenu**

ti - cking ***ff*** a - mong ***p*** stars.

55 *evaporating*

S. ti - cking ***ff*** ***p***

A. ti - cking ***ff*** ***p***

T. ti - cking ***ff*** ***p***

B. ti - cking ***ff*** ***p***

Pno. *accel.* *evaporating* **Ritenu** ***ff*** ***p***

The musical score is for a vocal ensemble and piano. It consists of five staves: Soprano (S.), Alto (A.), Tenor (T.), Bass (B.), and Piano (Pno.). The Soprano part begins at measure 55 with the word 'evaporating'. The vocal parts have lyrics: 'ti - cking' and 'a - mong stars.'. The piano accompaniment also has the word 'evaporating'. The score includes dynamic markings: *ff* (fortissimo) and *p* (piano). There are also tempo markings: *accel.* (accelerando) and **Ritenu** (Ritardando). The piano part features a melodic line in the right hand and a more rhythmic line in the left hand, with a crescendo leading to *ff* and then a decrescendo to *p*.