

For Matthew (Lament & Prayer)

for voice and obbligato violin (or flute) and piano

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2 3

Slowly $\text{♩} = 54$

Obbligato

Piano

p *simile*

4 5

pp *mp* *p*

Wy - o ming stars in si - lent hor - ror cried as

6 7

mp *mf* *f*

Sa - tan's fists struck hard a - gain and cru - ci -

8 9 10

mp *ppp* *mp* *pp*

fied God's gen - tle child.

11 12 13

mf *mp*

And there the weep - - ing night in dis - be - lief be -

14 15 16

f *p* *pp* *p* *mp*

held a bro - ken boy's de - spir. Chilled bones, a - lone, bare - foot and bleed - ing, swad - dled in an ic - y

17 18 19

pp *pppp* *mf*

shroud dis - tilled and crys - tal - ized from aut - umn's tears. O hear the

20 21 22

pp

first bird's cry and feel the break - ing of his heart to re - a - lize his moth - er's

23 *mp* *p* *pp* *mp*

grief. Why own this fear? Our

26 27 28 *p* *mp* *mf* *f*

si - lence mul - ti - plies con - dem - ing us com - plic - it in his pain _____ com -

29 30 31 *pp* *mp* *mp*

pla - cen - cy our guilt - y wile.

32 33 34 *mf* *p* *pp* *mp* *p*

Now pray his suf - fer - ing might our a - path - y dis - pel. Let hope - ful

35 36 37 38

deeds a-mend_ and help a- tone. No hate-ful shouts of rage, but let us call, let us call a-

39 40 41

loud for jus - tice, truth and love through sor - row's haze. O hear the

42 43 44

first bird's cry, and heed the wak - ing in our hearts lest death be vain.

45 46 47 48

Rest, Mat - thew. Peace.

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6 *mp* *mf* *ppp*

9 *mp*

13 *mp* *f* *p* *pp* *p* *mp* *pp*

18 *pppp* *pp* *mp* *pp*

26 *p* *mp* *mf* *pp*

30 *mp* *mf* *p* *pp* **2**

37 *mp* *pppp* *pp*

45 *p* *pp* *ppp*