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in the presence of the breath
SSAATTBB acappella

- in the presence of the breath -

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$\text{♩} = \text{ca. } 92$

P

SOPRANO 1
a a a a a a a a a a a a a a a a a

SOPRANO 2
mp
a meg-a-lith of air a meg - a lith of

ALTO 1
P
a a a a a a a a a a a a a a a a a

ALTO 2
mp
a meg-a-lith of air a meg - a - lith of

TENOR 1
P
a a a a a a a a a a a a a a a a a

TENOR 2
mp
a meg-a-lith of air a meg - a - lith of

BASS 1
P
a a a a a a a a a a a a a a a a a

BASS 2
mp
a meg-a-lith of air a meg - a - lith of

5

A

a a a a

a meg - a - lith of air. a space filled with my bo - dy

a a a a

a meg - a - lith of air a meg - a - lith of air filled with my bo - dy

a a a a

a meg - a - lith of air a space filled with my bo - dy

a a a a

a meg - a - lith of air a meg - a - lith of air filled with my bo - dy

8 *P*

a a a a a a a a a a a a a a

a meg-a-lith of air a meg - a lith of a meg-a-lith of air

a a a a a a a a a a a a a a

a meg-a-lith of air a meg - a lith of a meg-a-lith of air a meg - a lith of

a a a a a a a a a a a a a a

a meg-a-lith of air a meg - a lith of a meg-a-lith of air

a a a a a a a a a a a a a a

a meg-a-lith of air a meg - a lith of a meg-a-lith of air a meg - a lith of

12 **B** *mf*

a a a a a a a a a a

a space filled with my bo - dy the mem - 'ry of my pass - age

a a a a a a a a a a

air filled with my bo - dy the mem - 'ry of my pass - age

a a a a a a a a a a

a space filled with my bo - dy the mem - 'ry of my pass - age

a a a a a a a a a a

air filled with my bo - dy the mem - 'ry of my pass - age

16

a a a a a a a a a a
 a meg-a-lith of air a meg-a-lith of air a meg-a-lith of air
 a a a a a a a a a a
 a meg-a-lith of air a meg-a-lith of air a meg-a-lith of air
 a a a a a a a a a a
 a meg-a-lith of air a meg-a-lith of air a meg-a-lith of air

C

20

mf
 a
 a space filled with my bo-dy the mem-'ry of my pass-age
mf
 a
 a meg-a-lith of air filled with my bo-dy the mem-'ry of my pass-age
mf
 a
 a meg-a-lith of a space filled with my bo-dy the mem-'ry of my pass-age
mf
 a
 air filled with my bo-dy the mem-'ry of my pass-age

D

Ah Ah Ah this is the breath

mf a meg-a-lith of air a meg - a lith of a meg-a-lith of air this is the breath

Ah Ah Ah this is the breath

mf a meg-a-lith of air a meg - a lith of a meg-a-lith of air a meg - a lith of this is the breath

Ah Ah Ah this is the breath

mf a meg-a-lith of air a meg - a lith of a meg-a-lith of air this is the breath

Ah Ah Ah this is the breath

mf a meg-a-lith of air a meg - a lith of a meg-a-lith of air a meg - a lith of this is the breath

E

this is the liv-ing breath Ah

this is the liv-ing breath Ah

this is the liv-ing breath Ah

this is the liv-ing breath Ah

pp cresc. *p*
this is the liv-ing breath a

this is the liv-ing breath

pp cresc. *p*
this is the liv-ing breath a

this is the liv-ing breath

F

36

mf cresc. strident

a me - ga - lith of

mf

Ah Ah

41

air a space filled by my bo - - - dy the

mp

pp

mp

pp

Ah Ah

G

i mag - es of my noth - ing - ness

mp

a a

mp

a a

mf

a a

H

a choir. caught in a shell a choir. caught in a shell a choir. caught in a shell a choir. caught in a shell

mf *f*

a choir. caught in a shell a choir. caught in a shell a choir. caught in a shell a choir. caught in a shell

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a choir. caught in a shell a choir. caught in a shell a choir. caught in a shell a choir. caught in a shell

mf *f*

I

54

a choir_ caught in a shell a choir_ caught in a shell this is my breath_ this is my breath_

a choir_ caught in a shell a choir_ caught in a shell this is my breath_ this is my breath_

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J ♩ = 180

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subitoppp

this is my breath this is my breath_ this is my breath_ this is my breath_

subitoppp

Ah Ah Ah Ah

subitoppp

Ah Ah Ah Ah

ppp

Ah Ah Ah Ah

subitoppp

Hmm Hmm

subitoppp

Hmm Hmm

K

63

this is my breath this is my breath_ this is my breath this is my breath this is my breath
 Ah Ah Ah Ah Ah
 Ah Ah Ah Ah Ah
 Ah Ah Ah Ah Ah
 this is the li - ving breath_ that gives voice
 this is the li - ving breath_ that gives voice
 Hmm Hmm gives voice
 Hmm Hmm gives voice

L

68

this is my breath this is my breath this is my breath Ah
 Ah Ah Ah do do do do do do do do
 Ah Ah Ah do do do do do do do do
 Ah Ah Ah do do do do do do do do
 to my song_ breath
 to my song_ breath
 to my song_ breath
 to my song_ breath

N

81

mf breath _____ this is my li - ving breath _____

mf breath _____ this is my li - ving breath _____

Ah _____ Ah _____ Ah _____

Ah _____ Ah _____ Ah _____

Ah _____ Ah _____ Ah _____

Ah _____ Ah _____ Ah _____

Ah _____ Ah _____ Ah _____

Ah _____ Ah _____ Ah _____

*repeat individually ad. lib. accel. dim. and adding in random whispers of the text

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mf this is my li - ving breath _____

mf this is my li - ving breath _____

Ah _____ Ah _____ Ah _____

Ah _____ Ah _____ Ah _____

Ah _____ Ah _____ Ah _____

Ah _____ Ah _____ Ah _____

Ah _____ Ah _____ Ah _____

Ah _____ Ah _____ Ah _____

Ah _____ Ah _____ Ah _____