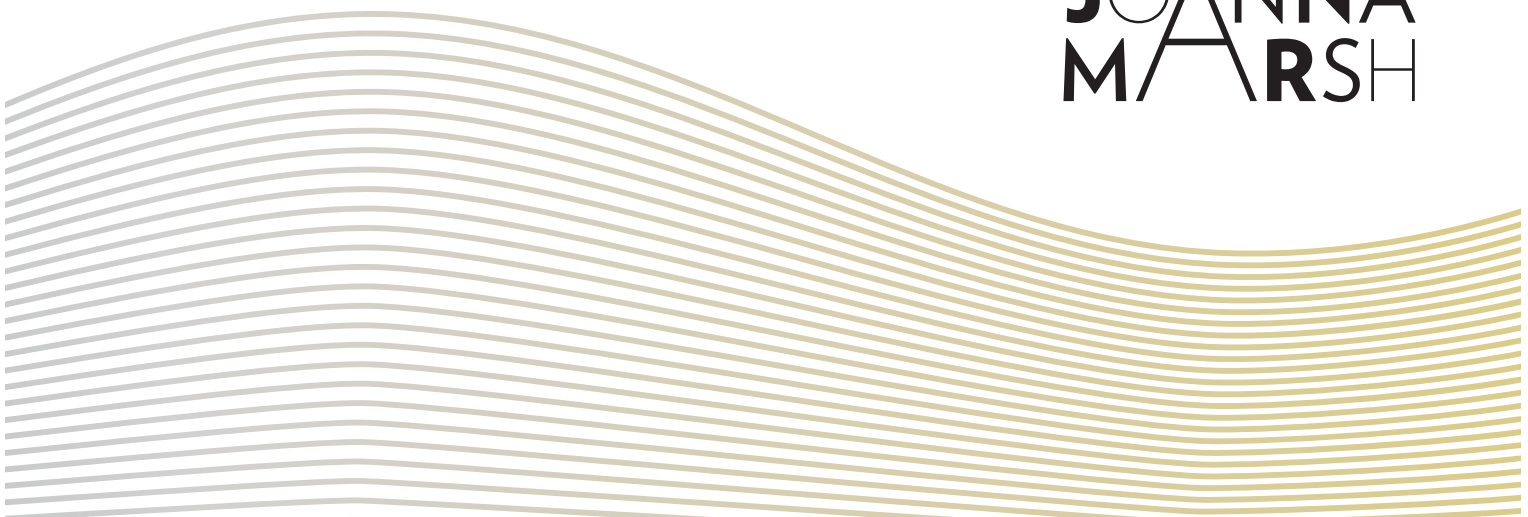


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**now i lay
(with everywhere around)**

mixed voices unaccompanied
(SSAATBarB)

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now i lay (with everywhere around)
me (the great dim deep sound
of rain; and of always and of nowhere) and

what a gently welcoming darkestness —

now i lay me down (in a most steep
more than music) feeling that sunlight is
(life and day are) only loaned: whereas
night is given (night and death and the rain

are given; and given is how beautifully snow)

now i lay me down to dream of (nothing
i or any somebody or you
can begin to begin to imagine)

something which nobody may keep.
now i lay me down to dream of Spring

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Duration c.5'

now i lay is one of a short collection of pieces called Four Rewildings that were co-commissioned by Norfolk & Norwich Festival and I Fagiolini Charitable Trust for I Fagiolini's programme, ReWilding The Waste Land in 2021. The other works in the set are The world is charged, metachoral in blue and Geocentric.

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Performing note

Repeated notes tenuto marks and a dotted slur should be barely audible reiterations of the vowel:
akin to a string instrument playing multiple repetitions of a note in one bow stroke.
If a line has a long phrase mark over it, it can be considered the main melody.

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SOPRANO 1 *p*
now i lay _____ with ev-r'y-where a-round me great dim

SOPRANO 2 *p*
now i lay now i lay with ev-r'y-where a-round me the great dim____

ALTO 1 *mp*
now i lay _____ with ev-r'y-where a-round me the great dim

ALTO 2 *p*
now i lay with ev-r'y - where a - round me the____ great dim

TENOR *p*
now i lay now i lay with ev - r'y-where a - round me the____ great dim____

BARITONE *p*
lay i lay with ev-r'y - where a-round me the great dim,____

BASS
great dim

PIANO
(for rehearsal only)
p

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6 *mp* *mp*

deep of al - ways of no - where and what

mp *p* *mp*

— deep sound of rain; and of al - ways and of no - where

mp *mp*

deep sound of rain; and of al-ways no - where and what a

mp *p* *mp*

deep dim deep sound of rain; and of al-ways and of — no - where and what a

mp *p* *mp*

— deep sound of rain; — of al - ways and of no - where and what a

mp *p* *mp*

— dim deep sound of rain; and of al-ways and of — no - where and — what —

mp *p* *mp*

deep sound of rain; of no - where and what —

mp *p* *mp*

12

poco rit. *a tempo*

pp *mf*

dark-est - ness, now i lay lay me down

p *mp*

now i lay me down in a most steep

p *pp* *mp*

gen - tly wel - com - ing dark - est - ness lay me down in a most steep

p *pp* *mp*

gen - tly wel - com - ing dark - est now i lay i lay me down in a most steep

p *pp* *mp*

gen - tly wel - com - ing dark - est - ness lay i lay me down in a most steep

p *pp* *mp*

— gen - tly dark - est - ness, now i lay i lay me down in a most steep

p *mp*

— gen - tly lay me down most steep

poco rit. *a tempo*

p *pp* *mp*

19

mp *f* ,
 feel-ing that sun-light

mf *mp* *mf* *f* ,
 more than mu - sic feel-ing that sun-light is on-ly loaned:

mf *f* ,
 more than mu - sic feel - ing that life and day are on-ly loaned:

mf *f* ,
 more than more than mu - sic feel - ing that life and day are on-ly loaned:

mf *f* ,
 more than more than mu-sic feel-ing feel-ing that sun-light is on-ly loaned:

mf *f* ,
 more than mu - sic feel - ing that on-ly loaned:

mf *f* ,
 more than mu - sic feel-ing that life

p
giv'n; _____ and giv'n _____

p
giv'n _____

p *pp*
where - as _____ night is _____ giv'n night and _____ death and the night and death and _____ the rain giv'n _____

p *pp*
where - as night is giv'n night and death and the rain night _____ and death and _____ the rain

mp *pp*
where - as night is giv'n _____ night and death and _____ the rain are

p *pp*
where-as night is giv'n night and death and the rain _____ and death and _____ the rain are

p *pp*
where-as night is giv'n death rain _____ and death and the rain

p *pp*

30

— is beau - ti - ful - ly

— is how — beau - ti - ful - ly

— and night death — and the rain — are giv'n; beau - ti - ful - ly

p giv'n is how — beau - ti - ful - ly

8 giv'n — night death rain — and — the — rain — giv'n how — beau - ti - ful - ly

giv'n and night death — and the rain — are giv'n; beau - ti - ful - ly

night and death rain and night and death and rain are gi - ven;

night and death rain and night and death and rain are gi - ven;

34

pp *p* *p*

snow now i lay _____ lay me down to _____

pp *p*

now i lay _____ me down _____ dream to

pp *p* *pp*

snow _____ now i lay now i lay me down lay me _____ down down to dream to

pp *p* *pp*

snow _____ now i lay now i lay me down _____ down to dream _____

pp *p* *pp*

snow _____ down lay me _____ down down to dream to

pp *ppp* *p* *pp* *pp*

snow _____ (hum) lay me down lay me _____ down dream _____

p *pp*

down me down

pp *p* *pp*

42 *mp* *p* *mp*

no-thing i or a - ny some-bo-dy

mp

dream dream of no - - thing

mp *pp*

dream of no-thing or

mp *pp* *p* *pp*

of no-thing no - thing i or a - ny some-bo-dy or you or

mp *pp* *p* *pp*

dream of no-thing no-thing i or a - ny some-bo-dy or you or

mp *pp* *p*

of no-thing no-thing i or a - ny some-bo-dy

p *mp* *pp*

dream of no-thing or you or

mp *pp* *p* *pp*

a tempo ♩ = 64

49 *pp* *rit.* *sub. ppp* *pp*

can _____ be - gin to i - ma - gine _____ some - thing _____

pp *p* *ppp*

can be - gin _____ to i - ma - gine _____ some - thing _____

mp *sub. ppp*

you _____ be - gin to i - ma - gine _____ some -

p *mp* *sub. ppp*

you can be - gin to be - gin _____ i - ma - gine _____ some -

p *sub. ppp*

you can _____ to be - gin to i - ma - gine i - ma - gine some - thing _____

pp *p* *sub. ppp*

you can be - gin to be - gin to i - ma - gine some - thing some -

p *sub. ppp*

you can be - gin to be - gin i - ma - gine i - ma - gine some -

a tempo ♩ = 64

p *sub. ppp*

55

f

which no - - bo - dy may

mf

which no - bo - dy may keep may

mf

- thing which no - bo - dy may keep may

mf

- thing bo - dy may keep

mf

no - - bo - dy bo - dy may keep may

mf

- thing which no - bo - dy no - bo - dy may keep may

mf

- thing which no - bo - dy no - bo - dy bo - dy may keep keep no-bo-dy keep no -

mf

61

keep may keep may keep

keep may keep may

keep may keep may

keep may keep may

keep may keep may

keep may keep may

- bo - dy keep no - bo - dy keep no - bo - dy may keep may keep no - bo - dy

65

f cresc. *ff*

now i lay lay

cresc. *ff*

keep. now i lay now i lay

cresc. *ff*

keep. now i lay me down lay me lay me down lay down

f cresc. *ff*

may keep. now lay me down lay me lay me down lay down

mf cresc. *ff*

keep. now i lay me

cresc. *ff*

keep. now i lay me down now i lay me down lay me

cresc. *f*

keep no-bo-dy keep. i lay lay me

cresc. *ff*

69 *f*

me down

(ff) *f*

lay me down to dream

f *f*

lay me down lay me down to

f

lay me down lay me down to dream

(ff) *f*

down lay lay me down lay me down to

f

down now i lay down down to dream lay me down to

down lay me down down to

f

72

mf *mp*

to dream dream

mf *mp*

to dream to dream

mp

dream dream to dream to dream

mf *mp*

to dream dream to dream to dream

mf *mp*

dream to dream to dream

mf *mp*

dream to dream to dream

mf *mp*

dream to dream to dream to