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TEARS FLOW

For SATB Divisi Chorus, Harp and Violin

A haunting and desolate violin melody supported by stark and endlessly undulating harp arpeggios yields to a sad and lonely drone that moves through all voice parts as it permeates the plaintive choral segments of this work commemorating those who died in the global Covid19 pandemic. Harp glissandos and a searching violin interlude ultimately give way to the final wailing cries of inconsolable sadness, followed by an emptiness that we hear in the hollow sounding arpeggios of the harp and a return of the poignant violin melody.

Our tears flow into rivers, our sighs float into the air,
Earth absorbs our deepest sorrow,
when our loved ones go from here to there.

In memory of those who lost their lives
in the 2020 Coronavirus Pandemic

Tears Flow

Timing: 5' 15"

Score

For Divisi Chorus with Harp
& Violin or other C Instrument

Words & Music

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The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a tempo of quarter note = 70. It features a Divisi Chorus with five parts: Violin or other C Instrument, Soprano, Alto, Tenor, and Bass. The Harp part is written in two staves. The score includes a first system with two measures and a second system with two measures. The Harp part in both systems consists of a continuous pattern of eighth-note triplets, starting with a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic. The vocal parts are currently silent, indicated by rests on the staff lines.

Tears Flow

Vln. *mf*

S

A

T

B

Hp.

Vln.

S

A

T

B

Hp.