

Ed Scolding
Snowfall

for mezzo soprano, oboe, violin, cello and harp
text by Mark Strand

Text:

Snowfall

Mark Strand

Watching snow cover the ground, cover itself,
cover everything that is not you, you see
it is the downward drift of light
upon the sound of air sweeping away the air,
it is the fall of moments into moments, the burial
of sleep, the down of winter, the negative of night.

Programme note:

Mark Strand's poem *Snowfall* drifts naturally from page to music. The text seems to seep musical colours which blend together to form a thick blanket of softness; a setting of quiet and weight.

Snowfall

(score in C)

Slow, soft ♩ = approx 60

Mezzo-soprano

Oboe

Violin

Violoncello

Harp

smooth
l.v. sempre (sim.)

pp

mp

5

M-S.

Ob.

Vln.

Vc.

Hp.

espress.
ppp *p* *pp* *p*

wat - ching snow snow co - ver the ground

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

sul tasto (nat.) *pizz. sul A* *sul D*

ppp *mp*

9

M-S. *mp*
co - ver_ it - self co - ver, co -

(with Mz-Sop.)

Ob.

Vln. *p* *mp* *p* *pp*
pizz. *arco*

Vc. *mp*

Hp. *mp*
Ab

13

M-S. *mf* *mp* *p*
- ver e - - - very - thing e-very

(with Mz-Sop.)

Ob.

Vln. *p* *mp* *p* *ppp*
(with Vc.)

Vc. *mf* *p*
(sul C,G)

Hp. *f* *mp* *pp*
secco *lv. (as before)*
A#

16

M-S. thing that is not you

Ob. solo

Vln. pizz. arco pizz.

Vc. p mp p secco soft, cloudy gliss.

Hp. mp F# Db Ab

20

M-S. you see it is the down -

Ob. non solo (with Vln.)

Vln. con sord. (with Ob.)

Vc. con sord. arco (with Mez-Sop.)

Hp. p pp gliss. pp

23 *mf mp sfz mp*

M-S. *ward drift of ligh - t (with Mez-Sop.) the*

Ob.

Vln. *p ff (with Vc.) arco mp*

Vc. *p (with Mez-Sop.) pizz. sul D (with Vln.) arco mp*

Hp. *8va secco Bb f mp l.v. (as before)*

27 *mf*

M-S. *down-ward drift of light, u - pon the sound of air air tone flz.*

Ob.

Vln. *(with Vc.) mp 3 p trem. nat. non trem. mp ppp*

Vc. *(with Vln.) mp pp gliss. mp ppp*

Hp. *p pp gliss.*