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Ocean of Illusions

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*How few people can realize
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I wish I could have wings to fly away*

*But I am just a fish
Swimming to survive
Waiting for the moment to die.*

Text by Bill Heigen

Duration: 4:40"

Composer's Note

I composed **Ocean of Illusions** in West New York, NJ in 2017.

This piece is based on a feeling of being alone in the middle of a crowd. Also, reflects a moment in which someone may feel trapped in a situation and see themselves compelled to do something that they do not want to do. There is definitely a feeling of "wasting your life" into the whole piece.

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OCEAN OF ILLUSIONS

SATB a cappella with divisi

Lyrics and Music by
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$\text{♩} = 54$

A *tempo rubato*

SOPRANO *pp* *pp* *pp* *pp* *pp* *pp*
drown - ing drown ing drown - ing

ALTO "chant-like" *p*
Su-rround-ed by a

TENOR "chant-like" *p*
Su-rround - ed

BASS

Piano (rehearsal only) $\text{♩} = 54$ *pp* *p*

9

S. *p* *ppp* *pp*
drown ing drown -

A. sea of sky - scra - pers the num - bers are my frown - ing

T. by sky - scra - pers num - bers are my frown - ing

B.

Pno.

16

S. *ppp* ing *p* drown - ing

A. Time takes a - way my breath e - very mi - nute I am drown - ing. *mp* The

T. Time takes a - way my breath e - very mi - nute I am drown - ing. *mp* The

B.

Pno. *p* *mp*

B ♩ = 60 *a tempo*

S. *staggered breathing* drown - ing drown - ing drown -

A. view from up here is gor - geous but I can - not see a - ny

T. view from up here is gor - geous I can - not see

B. *staggered breathing* *p* drown - ing drown - ing drown - ing

B ♩ = 60 *a tempo*

Pno.

30

mf *poco rit.* *p*

S. ing all I see I llu - sions makes life

A. beau - ty all I see is an O - cean of I - llu - sions in which greed makes life

T. beau - ty all I see is an O - cean of I - llu - sions in which greed makes life

B. drown - ing all I see I - llu - sions in which greed makes life

Pno.

C ♩ = 60

37

pp *staggered breathing*

S. dra - ggy dra - ggy (humming)

A. dra - ggy dra - ggy (humming)

T. dra - ggy dra - ggy (humming)

B. dra - ggy dra - ggy *"chant-like" mf* Few peo-ple

Pno. *pp* *"chant-like" mf*

C ♩ = 60

46

S.

A.

T.

B.

Pno.

can re - a - lize that a smile bring more than teeth a hand-sake is no-thing

3

54

S.

A.

T.

B.

Pno.

D *p* keep go - ing keep go - ing

p keep go - ing keep go - ing

p keep go - ing keep go - ing

more than skin and on this o - cean of i - llu-sions we keep go - ing

D *p*

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61 **accel.** **E** $\text{♩} = 64$ **f**

S. keep go - ing keep go - ing keep go - ing keep go - ing go - ing be - cause we need to feed our

A. keep go - ing keep go - ing keep go - ing keep go - ing go - ing be - cause we need to feed our

T. keep go - ing keep go - ing keep go - ing keep go - ing go - ing be - cause we need to feed our

B. keep go - ing be - cause we need to feed our

Pno. **accel.** **E** $\text{♩} = 64$ **f**

65 **ff** **f** **ff** **mp**

S. fears need to feed our fears and

A. fears need to feed our fears

T. fears need to feed our fears

B. fears we need to feed our fears

Pno. **ff** **f** **ff** **mp**

73 **F** *molto rit.*

S. *pp*
give birth to more pro - blems that should not e - xist.

A. *mp* *pp*
give birth to more pro - blems that should not e - xist.

T. *mp* *pp*
give birth to more - blems that should not e - xist.

B. *mp* *pp*
give birth to more - blems that should not e - xist.

Pno. *mp* *pp*

79 $\text{♩} = 96$ **G**

S. *mp*
I wish I could be stron - ger I wish I could be brave I

A. *p*
be stron - ger be bra - ve

T. *p*
be brave

B. *p*
have

Pno. $\text{♩} = 96$ *mp*

H ♩ = 106

86 *poco accel.* *mf*

S. wish I could have wings to fly a - way I wish I could be strong - er I

A. wings to fly a - way a - way wish I could be strong - er I

T. wings to fly a - way a - way I wish I could be strong - er

B. wings to fly a - way a - way wish I could be strong - er I

H ♩ = 106

poco accel. *mf*

Pno.

93 *f* *ff*

S. wish I could be brave I wish I could have wings to fly a - way

A. wish I could be brave I wish I could have wings to fly a - way a -

T. I wish I could be brave I wish I could have wings to fly a - way a -

B. wish I could be brave I wish I could have wings to fly a - way

f *ff*

Pno.

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I

staggered breathing

99

S. *rit. pp* (humming)

A. *pp* *staggered breathing* (humming)
way

T. *pp* *staggered breathing* (humming)
way

B. *mp* but I am just swim-ming to sur-vive wai-ting for the mo-ment to *pp*

Pno. *mp* *pp*

I

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J

$\text{♩} = 50$

106

S. *pp* *ppp*
drown - ing

A. "chant-like" *p*
Surround-ed by a sea of sca - pers the num - bers are my frown - ing

T. "chant-like" *p*
Surround - ed by sca - pers num - bers are my frown - ing

B. die.

Pno. "chant-like" *p*

114 *pp* *ppp* *rit.*

S. drown - ing

A. — Time takes a - way my breath e - very mi - nute I am drown - ing. *pp*

T. — Time takes a - way my breath e - very mi - nute I am drown - ing. *pp*

B. —

Pno. *rit.* *pp*

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