

PERUSAL SCORE

Bill Heigen

Set me as a Seal

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*"Set me as a seal upon your heart,
As a seal upon your arm;
For love is as strong as death,
Many waters cannot quench love,
Nor can the floods drown it.
Set me as a seal upon your heart,
As a seal upon your arm;
For love is as strong as death."*

Song of Solomon

Duration: 2' 20"

Composer's Note

I composed **Set me as a Seal** in New York City in 2015.

This piece was commissioned by The St. Michael's Choir of St. Michael's Episcopal Church in New York City for their 2015 choir tour to France.

This piece was premiered in July 7th of 2015 at Basilique Cathédrale Sainte-Croix d'Orléans, Orleans, France.

The choral texture is mostly homophonic with moments of word painting at section B. Also, the unison parts underline the main theme.

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SET ME AS A SEAL

SATB a cappella

BILL HEIGEN (b. 1980)

Song of Solomon

♩ = 70

SOPRANO

ALTO

TENOR

BASS

PIANO (rehearsal only)

♩ = 70

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S.

A.

T.

B.

Pno.

♩ = 80
a little faster

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Set me as a seal u - pon your heart Set me as a

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13 *f* **B**

S. love is as strong as death Ma-ny wa - ters can-not quench

A. love is as strong as death

T. love is as strong as death Ma-ny wa - ters

B. love is as strong as death Ma - ny wa - ters

Pno. *f* **B**

19 *f* *poco rit.* *mp*

S. love no can the floods drown it. *mp*

A. Ma-ny wa - ters can-not quench love nor drown it. *mp*

T. can-not quench love nor can the floods drown it. *mp*

B. can - not quench love nor can the floods drown it. *mp*

Pno. *f* *poco rit.* *mp*

25 **C** ♩ = 74 *a little slower*

S. seal u-pon your heart

A. Set me as a seal u-pon your heart Set me as a seal u-pon your

T. seal u-pon your heart as a seal

B. seal u - pon your heart as a seal

Pno. ♩ = 74 *a little slower*

31 **D** ♩ = 80 *a little faster*

S. seal u-pon your arm for love is as strong as death for

A. arm for love is as strong as death for

T. u - pon your arm for love is as strong as death for

B. u - pon your arm for love is as strong as death for

Pno. ♩ = 80 *a little faster*

37 *ff* rit. **E** ♩ = 80

S. love is as strong as death strong as death set me

A. love is as strong as death Set me as a

T. love is as strong as death strong as death Set me as a

B. love is as strong as death as death set me as a seal

Pno. *ff* rit. **E** ♩ = 80

43 *mf* *mp*

S. as a seal u-pon your heart as a seal a seal u-pon your arm

A. seal u-pon your heart your heart Set me as a seal u-pon your arm

T. seal u-pon your heart as a seal u - pon your arm

B. u - pon your heart as a seal u - pon your arm

Pno. *mf* *mp*

50 **F** *slower* $\text{♩} = 70$

S. Set me as a seal u-pon your heart arm "mm"

A. as a seal u - pon your heart arm "mm"

T. as a seal u - pon your heart arm "mm"

B. as a seal u - pon your heart arm "mm"

Pno. **F** *slower* $\text{♩} = 70$ rall. *pp* *ppp*

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