

for the people and City of Christchurch
Elegy for a Fallen City

words and music by Patrick Shepherd

♩ = 54 (very free)

soprano *mp*

1. The walls are crumb-ling and the spire is down, _____ The

[solo]



s. 4

walls are crumb-ling and the spire is down, _____



s. 6 *mf* *mp*

As the tears are fal-ling all a-round the town _____ The



s. 8

walls are crumb-ling and the spire is down. _____



s. 10 [tutti] *mp*

2. The birds stop sing-ing and the clocks are

a. *mp*

2. The birds stop sing-ing and the clocks are

mp

Ped. _____ Ped. _____ Ped. _____

if being sung *a capella*, omit bars 10 and 11 and place anacrusis at the end of bar 11 at the end of bar 9

13

s. *mf*
still, _____ An emp-ty si-lence which the si-rens fill, _____ The

a. *mf*
still, _____ An emp-ty si-lence which the si-rens fill, _____ The

Ped. _____



16

s. *mf*
foun-ding fa-ther's sta-tue lies shat-tered on the ground _____ It

a. *mf*
foun-ding fa-ther's sta-tue lies shat-tered on the ground _____ It

Ped. _____

18 *mp* poco accel. *mf*

s. makes no sense; I doubt it e - ver will. 3.The

a. makes no sense; I doubt it e - ver will. *mf* 3.The

t. *mf* 3.The

b. *mf* 3.The

mf *mp* *mf*

Ped. Ped.



♩ = 60 slightly brighter, quicker

20

s. hel - ping hands are sear - ching through the ru - ins The

a. hel - ping hands are sear - ching through the ru - ins The

t. hel - ping hands, sear - ching, sear - ching,

b. hel - - ping hands,

Ped. Ped.

22

s. hel - ping hands are sear - ching through the ru - ins, _____

a. hel - ping hands are sear - ching through the ru - ins _____

t. hel - ping hands, sear - ching, sear - ching, _____

b. hel - - ping hands, _____

Ped. _____



24

s. *f* As the dust dis - per - ses all a - round the town, *mf* The

a. *f* As the dust dis - per - ses all a - round the town, *mf* The

t. *f* As the dust dis - per - ses all a - round the town, *mf*

b. *f* As the dust dis - per - ses

Ped. _____

26

s. hel - ping hands are sear - ching through the ru ins, — When the earth shook,

a. hel - ping hands are sear - ching through the ru ins — When the earth shook,

t. — — — — — *f* When the

b. — — — — — *f* When the

mf *f*

Ped. — — — — — Ped. — — — — —

29

s. All the lives it took, The time was twelve fif - ty one.

a. All the lives it took, The time was twelve fif - ty one.

t. earth shook, when the earth shook — — — — —

b. earth shook, when the earth shook — — — — —

33 *mp*

s. When the earth shook All the lives it took, The time was twelve fif - ty

a. *mp*
When the earth shook.

t.

b.

p



37 *p*

s. one. The time was twelve fif - ty one.

a.

t.

b.

pp