

Lightwaves

Charles Bennett (b. 1954)

BOB CHILCOTT

1. Telescope

With lightness ♩ = c.144

SOPRANO
ALTO

TENOR
BASS

PIANO
mp
con Ped.

5 *mp*

Dis-tant. Close. Fast. Slow.

9

Near. Far. Then. Now.

13

Soon. Late. Dim. Bright.

17

Young. Old. Star - light.

22 *mf*

Here is light_ from a dis - tant star come to be_ where you are.

mf

26

How far it trav - elled, what_ it passed, does not mat - ter, it's ar - rived at

it's ar - rived at

last. _____

30 *f*

last, ar - rived at last. Light from a star_ dis - tilled by_ time en - ters your eye, -

f

2. Harbour

Still ♩ = c.60

SOPRANO
ALTO

TENOR
BASS

p

I am the

p

Still ♩ = c.60

p *sonore*

con Ped.

5

light on the har - bour wall, — o - ver the wa - ter I send — my call. — In

mp

mp

9

storm, _____

mf *mp*

tem - pest, hur - ri - cane, or storm, _____ or storm, _____ I am _____

mf *mp*

mp *mf* *mp*

13

p *mp*

calm, _____ calm. _____ In the dark - est

p *mp*

In the dark - est night _____ you've known, _____

p *mp*

3. Bulb

With energy ♩ = c.108

SOPRANO
ALTO

f

E - lec - tri-ci - ty, how I wish I

f

5

un - der - stood your shock - ing kiss. _____ Po - si - tive, ne - ga - tive,

9

black or red, cut the wire, be - side my bed. _____

con Ped.

14 *p sost.*

Small, tame sun

mp *p sost.*

20

in my bed - side light, you wait all

26

day to help me read my book.

32 *mp* *mf*

If my sis - ter cries, you show me to her

mp *mf*

4. Sundown

Flowing $\text{♩} = c.72$ TENOR
BASS

mf
con Ped.

5 *mf*

Sky - swim-mer! High - ris - er! Eye-in - the - sky! _ Sweet - sur-pris - er!

mf

9 *f*

Bob-by be - daz - zler! Hy-dro-gen storm! Play - time's o - ver: time to come

f

13 *mf* *mp*

down, _____ come down. _____ In my wa - ters,

18 *mf*

dark and deep, float your fie - ry globe and sleep. _ Bring me all the aer - ial news,

23 *ah* *f*

snooze a - while in cool - ing _____ blues. Sky - swim-mer!

27

High - ris - er! Eye - in - the - sky! _ Sweet - sur - pris - er! Bob - by be - daz - zler!

5. Leaf

Gentle and expressive ♩ = c.56

SOPRANO
ALTOTENOR
BASS

Gentle and expressive ♩ = c.56

*The 8va instruction only applies to the uppermost note of the chord.

8 *mp*

O - pen in spring. Drop like a tear.

mp

mp

12 *p* *mp*

My days are short. They come and go. I feed on light,

p *mp*

16 *p*

so a tree may grow.

p

p