

DAWN, WHERE ARE YOU NOW?

for SATB chorus, piano, & 2 woodblocks

[2024]

Commissioned and premiered by Modern Sound Collective - Kai Leung, artistic director Toronto ON Canada

text & music by SAMI ANGUAYA



ABOUT THE PIECE

Dawn, Where Are You Now? by Sami Anguaya is a piece about searching for light in uncertain times. Weaving together fragments of original lyrics, Dawn, Where Are You Now? is a pleading for peace - both to an implied higher power (the dawn) and to the text's subject. In moments of pain, time can feel simultaneously static as well as slipping through one's fingers. In this piece, the composer explores this through slow legato phrases in the choir juxtaposed with an incessant and persistent ostinato in the instrumental accompaniment.

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ORIGINAL TEXT

Dawn, Where Are You Now? by Sami Anguaya

Please, Please, Please, don't Think it was...

Not for love and, not for you.

Light where are you now? Dawn where are you now?

ABOUT THE COMPOSER

Sami Anguaya is a Toronto-based singer and composer who creates music that blurs genre lines. Named one of Canada's top "30 under 30" classical musicians by CBC in 2023, his work has been commissioned and performed by the Exultate Chamber Singers, the Western University Singers, the Modern Sound Collective, the University of Toronto Wind Ensemble, and by indie filmmakers and game developers.

Sami's music has been characterized as driving, engaging, and vibrant. Frequently drawn to groove-based and popular styles for inspiration, he composes with a rich, rhythmic style that attracts a broad range of listeners.

Recently, Sami was recognized as a Johanna Metcalf Prize Winner's protégé, under the selection of award-winning composer Roydon Tse. The Johannas is one of the largest unrestricted prizes for artists in Ontario, celebrating mid-career artists across the disciplines of dance, theatre, and music/opera.



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Sami Anguaya	Dawn, Where Are You Now?	SSAATTBB, piano, 2 woodblocks	Sami Anguaya	4 min	2024	MSC0013
Sami Anguaya	Lying Awake, Waiting	SSAATTBB a cappella	Tom Robinson & Sami Anguaya	4 min	2022	MSC0001
Emily Green	Somewhere in Space	SSAA & percussion trio	Edith Södergran	3.5 min	2023	MSC0002
Emily Green	What the Silence Offers	SSAATTBB, soloist, & amplified speaker	Erica Kath	9 min	2022	MSC0012
E.K.R. Hammell	Too Still for Dreams	SSAATTBB & piano	A.E. Wetherald	4.5 min	2022	MSC0003
Francesca Hauser	That Shadow, My Likeness	SSAATTBB & piano	Walt Whitman & Christina Rossetti	4 min	2024	MSC0013
Francesca Hauser	<u>Twilight</u>	SSAATTBB & piano	Sara Teasdale	3.5 min	2022	MSC0004
Elizabeth Legierski	Spring and Fall	SSAATTBB a cappella	Gerard Manley Hopkins	3 min	2018	MSC0007
Kai Leung	Generation 2.5	SSAATTBB a cappella	Kai Leung	7 min	2024	MSC0014
Kai Leung	When David Heard	SSAATTBB a cappella	2 Samuel 18:33	3 min	2022	MSC0005
Carol Kayee Mak	The Sirens' Song	SSATBB & piano	William Browne	5 min	2019	MSC0008
Hirad Moradi	Ah, Moon of My Delight!	SSAATTBB a cappella	Omar Khayyam	8 min	2022	MSC0015
Danial Sheibani	The Affable Enigma	SSSAAATTTBB a cappella	Rūmī	3 min	2021	MSC0009
Madox Terrell	Remember	SSAATTBB a cappella	Christina Rossetti	2.5 min	2020	MSC0010
Nicholas Wanstall	<u>Le Pont Mirabeau</u>	SATB, soloist, & piano	Guillaume Apollinaire	4 min	2024	MSC0016
Nicholas Wanstall	May This Place	SSAATB a cappella	Nicholas Wanstall	3 min	2018	MSC0006

