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# Vow

for Soprano, Viola, Vibraphone and Piano

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*Poem by Simon Cummings 2006*

i have made the future fearful,  
i have made the past pretend;  
all i have now is the present:  
time to heal, time to mend.

I will make the future perfect,  
forgetful of the past tense;  
I will make the now a present:  
for you, for ever, from hence.

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to Sarah Jon Ross

Music by Sebastiano Dessanay

Words by Simon Cummings

## A Chorale 1

♩ = 50

**Mesto e inespessivo**

Soprano

Viola

Vibraphone

Piano

*sempre p*

*sempre p*

*sempre p*

*sempre p*

6 5 3

6 5

6 5

6 5

## B Verse 1

with natural voice

**Poco più mosso**

5

Sop.

Vla.

Vib.

Pno.

*p*

i have made the

**Poco più mosso**

3 5 5

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11

Sop. *mp*  
fu - ture fear ful, i have made the past pre\_ tend  
sul pont. sul tasto

Vla. *ppp* *ppp*

Vib. *mf* *ppp* *ppp*  
Ped.

Pno. *pp* *pp*  
Ped.

17 *mf* *mp* *p*

Sop. all i have now is the pre-sent: time to heal, time to  
*mf* *mp* *p*

Vla. norm. *pp* *mf* *ppp* *p*

Vib. *mf* *p*

Pno. *mf* *p* *pp*

**C** Chorale 2

23 **Tempo I**

Sop. mend.

Vla. *sempre p*

Vib. *sempre p*

Pno. **Tempo I** *sempre p*

**D** Verse 2

28 *mp* **Poco più mosso**

Sop. i will make the

Vla.

Vib.

Pno. **Poco più mosso**

34

Sop. *mp* *mf*  
fu - ture per - fect, for - get - ful of the past \_\_\_\_\_ tense;

Vla. pizz. *p* arco *fp* >

Vib. *pp* < *mp* *p* *mp* *mf*

Pno. *p* *p* < *mf* >

40

Sop. *f* *mf*  
I will make the now a \_\_\_\_\_ pre - sent: for you,

Vla. *f* *espress.*

Vib. *f* *mf*

Pno. *f* *mf*

45 *mp* *ritardando molto* *p* **Lentissimo**

Sop. for e - ver, from hence.

Vla. *pp*

Vib. *mp* *p*

Pno. *mp* *ritardando molto* *p* **Lentissimo**