

PROGRAM NOTES

The theme for "Quiet as the Moon" was composed for a Peanuts television series, "This is America, Charlie Brown," in which the Peanuts characters flew to the moon on a NASA space ship. Later, I set for chorus words by my wife, Lola, that describe the exquisite harmony of the universe, and acknowledges the interrelationships of mankind and the stars, earth, and moon. She based her lyrics on something Astronomer Don Brownlee wrote: "The atoms in our bodies have all resided inside stars. Most of these atoms were actually produced inside stars in the distant past. These atoms... four and a half billion years ago formed into our present solar system... We are quite literally made from stardust."

—Dave Brubeck

Dave Brubeck (1920–2012)

A jazz pianist who is noted for his improvisational skills, Dave Brubeck is also the composer of many fully-notated works, including choral, hymns, orchestral, chamber music, ballet suites, a string quartet, solo pieces for piano, violin & voice, and large-scale works for chorus and orchestra. He has been designated a "Living Legend" by the Library of Congress and a "Jazz Master" by the National Endowment for the Arts.

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Dedicated to the memory of Marvin Asnes

Quiet As the Moon

Lyrics by
IOLA BRUBECK

SSAATTBB and Piano

Music by
DAVE BRUBECK

Mysterioso ♩ = 104

SOPRANO *ppp* Qui - et as the moon, *pp* Si - lent as the stars,

ALTO *ppp* Qui - et as the moon, *pp* Si - lent as the stars,

TENOR *ppp* Qui - et as the moon, *pp* Si - lent as the stars, si - lent,

BASS *ppp* Qui - et as the moon, *pp* Si - lent as the stars, si - lent,

ppp *pp*

5 Sound - less sun, Ju - pi - ter and Mars,

Sound - less sun, Ju - pi - ter and Mars,

8 Sound - less as the sun, Ju - pi - ter and Mars, *whispered* sound - less,

div. *unis.* Sound - less as the sun, Ju - pi - ter and Mars,

5 *ppp*

poco accel. *mp* a tempo *mf* poco accel. *mf* a tempo *mf*

Qui - et as the space caught be - tween the stars, _____

Qui - et as the space _____ caught be - tween the stars, _____ qui - et, _____

Qui - et as the space caught be - tween the stars, _____

Qui - et as the space caught be - tween the stars, _____

This system contains four vocal staves and a piano accompaniment. The vocal parts are in G major and 4/4 time. The piano accompaniment is in the same key and time. The lyrics are: 'Qui - et as the space caught be - tween the stars, _____'. The dynamics are marked *mp* and *mf*. The tempo markings are 'poco accel.' and 'a tempo'.

13 *mp*

Qui - et, si - lent, peace - ful night. _____

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17 *pp*
Qui - et as the moon, _____ Soft as fall - ing snow, _____ Drift - ing down to

pp
Qui - et as the moon, _____ Soft as fall - ing snow, _____ Drift - ing down to

pp
8 Qui - et moon, so qui - et. Soft _____ snow, so qui - et. Drift - ing down to

pp
Qui - et moon _____ Soft _____ snow, so qui - et. Drift - ing down to



22
Earth far be - low. _____ Si - lent as the stars' _____

Earth _____ Oh _____ Si - lent as the stars' _____

8 Earth far be - low, be - low, far be - low. Si - lent stars _____ si - lent

Earth _____ Oh _____ Si - lent stars _____

22



27

pul - sing, gleam-ing light _____ stream - ing 'cross the sky in the night. _____

pul - sing, gleam-ing light _____ stream - ing 'cross the sky _____ night.

8 stars, _____ pul - sing, gleam-ing, stream - ing 'cross the sky _____ in the night, so bright.

stars _____ pul - sing, gleam-ing, stream - ing 'cross the sky _____ night.

32 *mp* *div.* *unis.*

_____ Sound - less is the time. _____ Bound - less is the

mf

_____ Sound - less is the time. _____ Bound - less is the

8 *mp* *div.* *unis.*

O so bright! Sound - less is the time, so sound - less. Bound - less is the

mp *div.*

_____ Sound - less is the time, so sound - less. Bound - less is the

32 *mp*

36 *mf* *div.* *unis.*

space. In - fi - nite the Source of life that

space. In - fi - nite the Source of life that

space, so bound - less. In - fi - nite the Source of life that

space. *unis.* *mf* In - fi - nite the Source of life that

39 *p* *pp*

bless'd the hu - man race. Qui - et as the moon,

bless'd the hu - man race. Qui - et as the moon,

bless'd the hu - man race. Qui - et moon, so qui - et

div. *unis.* *p* *pp*

bless'd the hu - man race. Qui - et moon

39 *ppp*

43

or - i - gin un - known, _____ shines an - oth - er light all our own. _____

or - i - gin un - known, _____ shines an - oth - er light. _____ Oh _____

Oh _____ known, _____ un-known shines an - oth - er light _____ all our own, our own,

Oh _____ known, _____ un-known shines an - oth - er light. _____ Oh _____

48

Slower
mp

Shin - ing, shin - ing bright, gleam - ing, gleam - ing, gleam - ing, gleam - ing,

mp

Shin - ing, shin - ing bright, gleam - ing, gleam - ing, gleam - ing, gleam - ing,

all our own. *mp*

Shin - ing, shin - ing bright, gleam - ing, gleam - ing, gleam - ing, gleam - ing,

mp

Shin - ing, shin - ing bright, gleam - ing, gleam - ing, gleam - ing, gleam - ing,

p

51 *div.*

glow - ing, glow - ing, glow - ing, glow - ing, beam - ing, beam - ing, beam - ing, beam - ing, shin - ing, shin - ing, shin - ing, shin - ing,

mf

through the night

glow - ing, glow - ing, glow - ing, glow - ing, beam - ing, beam - ing, beam - ing, beam - ing, shin - ing, shin - ing, shin - ing, shin - ing,

glow - ing, glow - ing, glow - ing, glow - ing, beam - ing, beam - ing, beam - ing, beam - ing, shin - ing, shin - ing, shin - ing, shin - ing,

51 *mp*

54

gleam - ing, gleam - ing, gleam - ing, gleam - ing, glow - ing, glow - ing, glow - ing, glow - ing,

in all its still - ness

gleam - ing, gleam - ing, gleam - ing, gleam - ing, glow - ing, glow - ing, glow - ing, beam - ing,

gleam - ing, gleam - ing, gleam - ing, gleam - ing, glow - ing, glow - ing, glow - ing, beam - ing,

54

56 *unis.*
 beam - ing, beam - ing, beam - ing, beam - ing, shin - ing, shin - ing, shin - ing, shin - ing,
mp shin - ing, shin - ing, shin - ing, shin - ing, *div.* gleam - ing, gleam - ing, gleam - ing, glow - ing,
div. beam - ing, beam - ing, beam - ing, shin - ing, shin - ing, shin - ing, shin - ing, gleam - ing, gleam - ing, gleam - ing, glow - ing,
div. mf See the Sea of Tran - quil - i -

59 *div.* glow - ing, glow - ing, glow - ing, glow - ing, *mf unis.* See the
 beam - ing, beam - ing, beam - ing, beam - ing,
 glow - ing, glow - ing, glow - ing, glow - ing, beam - ing, beam - ing, beam - ing, beam - ing, *mp unis.*
 ty. beam - ing, beam - ing

61

moon, beam - ing back the

Qui - et, so qui - et, so qui - et, so qui - et, so qui - et, so qui - et, so qui - et, so

Qui - et, so qui - et, so qui - et, so qui - et, so qui - et, so qui - et, so qui - et, so

Qui - et, so qui - et, so qui - et, so qui - et, so qui - et, so qui - et, so qui - et, so

63

light.

qui - et, so qui - et, so qui - et, so qui - et, so qui - et, so qui - et, so qui - et, so qui - et, so

qui - et, so qui - et, so qui - et, so qui - et, so qui - et, so qui - et, so qui - et, so qui - et, so

qui - et, so qui - et, so qui - et, so qui - et, so qui - et, so qui - et, so qui - et, so

65 *div.* *unis.* *mf*

We are like the stars spark - ling through the

qui-et, so qui-et, so qui-et, so qui-et, so qui-et, so qui-et, so qui-et, so qui-et, so qui-et, so qui-et, so qui-et, so qui-et, so qui-et, so

qui-et, so qui-et, so qui-et, so qui-et, so qui-et, so qui-et, so qui-et, so qui-et, so qui-et, so qui-et, so qui-et, so qui-et, so qui-et, so

qui-et, so qui-et, so qui-et, so qui-et, so qui-et, so qui-et, so qui-et, so qui-et, so qui-et, so qui-et, so qui-et, so qui-et, so

This system contains the first four staves of music. The top staff is a vocal line starting with a measure marked '65'. It includes dynamic markings 'div.', 'unis.', and 'mf'. The lyrics 'We are like the stars spark - ling through the' are written below the notes. The second and third staves are vocal lines with lyrics 'qui-et, so qui-et, so qui-et, so qui-et, so qui-et, so qui-et, so qui-et, so qui-et, so qui-et, so qui-et, so qui-et, so qui-et, so qui-et, so'. The fourth staff is the piano accompaniment.

68 *mf* *pp* *90*

night. Deep with - in our souls, hid - den from our

unis. *pp*

qui-et, so qui-et, so qui-et, so qui-et night. Deep with - in our souls, hid - den from our

pp

qui-et, so qui-et, so qui-et, so qui-et night. Deep souls with - in us, hid - den.

div. *pp* *unis.*

qui-et, so qui-et, so qui-et, so qui-et night. Deep souls hid - den,

This system contains the next four staves of music. The top staff is a vocal line starting with a measure marked '68'. It includes dynamic markings 'mf', 'pp', and a tempo marking '90'. The lyrics 'night. Deep with - in our souls, hid - den from our' are written below the notes. The second and third staves are vocal lines with lyrics 'qui-et, so qui-et, so qui-et, so qui-et night. Deep with - in our souls, hid - den from our' and 'qui-et, so qui-et, so qui-et, so qui-et night. Deep souls with - in us, hid - den.'. The fourth staff is the piano accompaniment, featuring a section marked 'ppp'.

72

sight, Love dis - pels the dark by its light.

sight, Love dis - pels the dark light.

8 Deep with - in us Love dis - pels the dark by its light, so bright light, so bright.

Deep with - in us Love dis - pels the dark light.

77 *mf*

We are part of Earth, We are part of sun,

div. mf

We are part of Earth, We are part of sun,

mf

We are part of Earth, We are part of sun,

div. mf

We are part of Earth, (part of Earth) We are part of sun, (part of sun)

77

8vb

81 *unis.*
We are moon and star. And with love we are one, _____
unis. *div.*
We are moon and star. And with love we are one, _____
8 *mf unis.* *div.*
We are moon and star. And with love we are one, *f* (we are one)
mf unis. *div.*
We are moon and star. And with love we are one, *f* (we are one)

85 *rit. al fine*
bind - ing us si - lent - ly, qui - et as the moon. _____ *p* *ppp*
unis.
bind - ing us si - lent - ly, qui - et as the moon. _____ *p* *ppp*
unis.
bind - ing us si - lent - ly, qui - et as the moon. _____ *p* *ppp*
mf unis.
bind - ing us si - lent - ly, qui - et as the moon. _____ *p* *ppp*

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