

# February

## 13. Charles Darwin Bicentennial: Whispers

Darwin was a member of a Unitarian congregation which he attended regularly during at least part of his life. The Unitarian Church in Shrewsbury, England, has a memorial tablet to Darwin which says he was "a member of and a constant worshipper in this church." His mother was a Unitarian and young Charles was sent for a year to a Unitarian day school.

The poem "*Whispers*" is written by Dr. Henry Berne, a member of the UU Church of Charlotte and a psychotherapist. After having taught theology and psychiatry at Georgetown University he had a career as a Charlotte-based psychologist and began writing poetry at the age of 70.



Charles Darwin

# Whispers

for mixed chorus and piano

Henry Berne

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Reflectively (♩ = 100)

*p*

Soprano

Alto

Tenor

Bass

Piano

Whis-pers in my blood-steam move like

Whis-pers in my blood-steam move like

Whis-pers in my blood steam move like

Whis-pers in my blood-stream move like

S

A

T

B

Pno.

brushings on snare drums. There is something I al-most re-mem-ber I have been here be-

brushings on snare drums. - There is something I al-most re-mem-ber. I have been here be-

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# Whispers

9 *mp* *f*

S fore | walk by the sea, waves shy-ly in - sis-tent: searching the boundary between sea and

A fore | walk by the sea, waves shy-ly in - sis-tent: searching the boundary between sea and

T 8 fore | walk by the sea, waves shy-ly in - sis-tent: searching the boundary between sea and

B fore | walk by the sea, waves shy-ly in - sis-tent: searching the boundary between sea and

Pno. *mp* *f*

15 *p*

S shore. ——— It is night. On - ly the wa-ter has light its rhy-thms, its sounds like my

A shore. ——— It is night. On - ly the wa-ter has light its rhy-thms, its sounds like my

T 8 shore. ——— It is night. On - ly the wa-ter has light its rhy-thms, its sounds like my

B shore. ——— It is night. On - ly the wa-ter has light its rhy-thms, its sounds like my

Pno. *p*

# Whispers

21 *f* *f* *f* *f*

S breathing, deep-ly at home.

A breath-ing deep-ly at home.

T *f* *f* *f* *f*  
8 breath-ing deep at home. —

B *f* *f* *f* *f*  
breath-ing deep at home.

Pno. *f* *p*

27 *p* *p* *p* *p* *p* *p* *p* *p* *p* *p* *p* *p*

S dut dut dut dut dut dut dut dut

A dut dut dut dut dut dut dut dut

T *p* *p* *p* *p* *p* *p* *p* *p*  
8 dut dut dut dut

B *p* *p* *p* *p*  
dut dut dut dut

Pno. *p* *p* *p* *p* *p* *p* *p* *p*

# Whispers

30 *mf*

S Some - thing calls, a need to know a -

A *mp*  
div. Dut dut dut dut dut dut dut dut Dut dut dut dut dut dut dut dut

T 8  
dut dut dut dut *mf* a -

B dut dut dut dut

Pno. *mp*

33

S gain the lives the D - N - A knows, car - ried in its

A Dut dut dut dut dut dut dut dut Dut dut dut dut dut dut dut dut Dut dut dut dut dut dut dut dut

T 8  
gain the lives the D - N - A knows, car - ried in its

B *mp*  
div. Dut dut dut dut dut dut dut dut Dut dut dut dut dut dut dut dut Dut dut dut dut dut dut dut dut

Pno.

# Whispers

36

S  
lit - tle pac - kets *f* the life in - side. *mf* dut dut dut dut

A  
Dut dut dut dut dut dut dut dut *f* the life in - side. *mf* dut dut dut dut

T  
8 lit - tle pac - kets *f* the life in - side.

B  
Dut dut dut dut dut dut dut dut *f* the life in - side.

Pno.

40

S  
Dut dut dut dut dut dut dut dut

A  
dut dut dut dut

T  
8 *mf* dut dut dut dut dut dut dut dut

B  
*mf* dut dut dut dut dut dut dut dut

Pno.

Whispers

43 *mf*

S Mo - thers and fa - thers be - yond num - ber im - print - ed in

A *mp*  
Dut dut dut dut dut dut dut dut Dut dut dut dut dut dut dut dut Dut dut dut dut dut dut dut dut

T *mf*

B *mp*  
Dut dut dut dut dut dut dut dut Dut dut dut dut dut dut dut dut Dut dut dut dut dut dut dut dut

Pno.

46

S mi - cro - splot - ches, com - bin - ing in new ways, re - leas - ing

A *mp*  
Dut dut dut dut dut dut dut dut Dut dut dut dut dut dut dut dut Dut dut dut dut dut dut dut dut

T *mf*

B *mp*  
Dut dut dut dut dut dut dut dut Dut dut dut dut dut dut dut dut Dut dut dut dut dut dut dut dut

Pno.

# Whispers

49 *f*

S sounds and sha - dows of the jour - ney.

A *mf*  
Dut dut dut dut dut dut dut dut Dut dut dut dut dut dut dut dut

T *f*  
8 sounds and sha - dows of the jour - ney.

B *mf*  
Dut dut dut dut dut dut dut dut Dut dut dut dut dut dut dut dut

Pno. *f* *mf*

53 *p*

S And I lis - ten.

A *p*  
And I lis - ten.

T *p*  
8 And I lis - ten.

B *p*  
And I lis - ten.

Pno. *p*