

Commissioned by and dedicated to SACRA/PROFANA directed by Juan Carlos Acosta

## In Times of Hibernation

From Songs of Hope in Strange Times

**Music & Text by Amy Gordon** 

Instrumentation: SATB Choir & Solo Cello

**Duration: 3.5 minutes** 

The music and lyrics of **Songs of Hope in Strange Times:** In **Times of Hibernation** was written during the COVID-19 global pandemic of 2020 and was commissioned by SACRA/PROFANA Choir. The overall song cycle is five movements long, with each movement reflecting on how to find hope and meaning during strange and unknown times of life. After the first scary and frenetic days in March, 2020 when the severity of COVID-19 started to become apparent in the USA, the world then seemed to enter a deeper state of hibernating and waiting, but it was not always clear exactly what was being waited for. In this second movement, *In Times of Hibernation*, the text asks whether we can find meaning in times of deep hibernation and seemingly-endless waiting. The answer may be that we have to simply wait and hold our breath along with time as the events unfold. It may be that the deepest meaning may be found during the quietest of times.

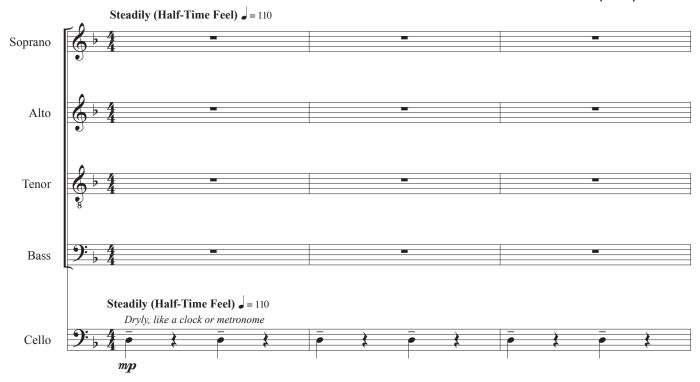
## **Text**

Half the world in slumber
Half know neither night nor day
The ticking of the clock stopped
The rustle of pages silent.
Is it here, in this state of waiting,
we hold our breath with time?

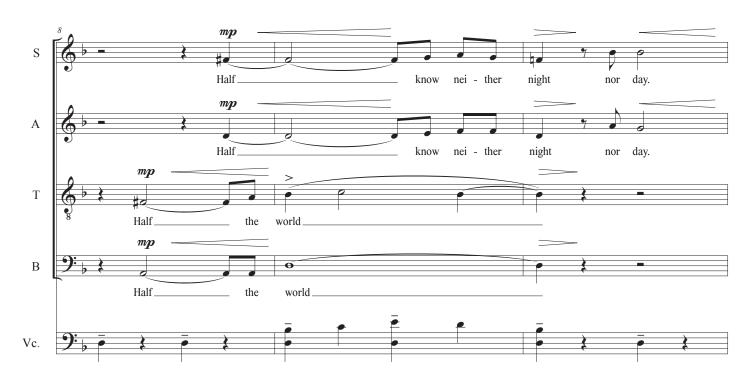
**About the composer:** Amy Gordon is an active composer, arranger, songwriter, and vocalist based in Los Angeles, CA. As a choral composer, she has worked with and been commissioned by numerous choirs, including being the composer-in-residence for Nova Vocal Ensemble. She has also scored numerous films and webcasts. She has a BA in Composition from Loyola Marymount University and an MM in Composition from California State University, Long Beach.

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Vc.

molto vib.



**mf** Dryly, like a clock or metronome

Half

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