

Napili Bay, 2PM

And now the hour of sun has come
when the sea is adorned with diamonds,
a chemise of spun silver slung
about her undulant shoulders.

She swells and roars with love, birthing
heads of swimmers, silhouetted,
floating slowly to the shore
where bodies form to stretch and splay upon the sand.

We are water creatures, dwelling
on a water planet, curled from
cells that gel and mingle, immersed,
'til born on a breaking wave, we surf
into the world, thirsty as hell,
eager to nurse at water-fed milk-white springs.

Yet water may become an enemy,
to the mind inclined to dryness:
we can't abide the tide, we try
to avoid the rain, umbrella-ed
'til inside again, we drink it in
in cupfuls 'til it swills and spills in tears.

Then water-crossed and baptized, we are
blessed and tested with vineblood,
cleansed, renewed against an end
where all is dry, dust-dry,
all evaporated to the sky.

And even then, sky swells with grace,
rain-seed swims through space
to seek the sea's embrace.

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SATB *divisi, a cappella*

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S1 $\text{♩} = 72$ *p*
 S2 *p*
 A1 *pp*
 A2 *pp*
 B *p*

Wa-ter wa-ter wa-ter wa-ter wa-ter wa-ter wa-ter wa-ter
 Wa-ter wa-ter wa-ter wa-ter wa-ter wa-ter wa-ter wa-ter
 pom* pom

cresc. poco a poco
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cresc. poco a poco
 wa-ter wa-ter wa-ter wa-ter wa-ter wa-ter wa-ter wa-ter
 pom pom

* Close to *m* immediately when singing *pom* throughout.

Duration: 5:25

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5 *mp*

sea _____ is a-dorned with dia - monds, _____

mp

sea _____ is a-dorned with dia - monds, _____

p

wa-ter wa-ter _____ wa-ter wa-ter _____ wa-ter wa-ter _____ wa-ter wa-ter _____

p

— wa-ter wa-ter _____ wa-ter wa-ter _____ wa-ter wa-ter _____ wa-ter wa-ter _____

pom

7

— a che - mise of spun

— a che - mise of spun _____

wa-ter wa-ter _____ wa-ter wa-ter _____ wa-ter wa-ter wa-ter wa-ter _____

— wa-ter wa-ter _____ wa-ter wa-ter wa-ter _____ wa-ter wa-ter wa-ter

pom pom pom

9

sil - ver slung a - bout her un - du - lant

sil - ver slung a - bout her un - du - lant

— wa-ter wa-ter wa-ter — wa-ter wa-ter — wa-ter wa-ter — wa-ter wa-ter —

wa-ter — wa-ter wa-ter — wa-ter wa-ter — wa-ter wa-ter —

pom pom pom

11

shoul - ders. Wa-ter wa-ter wa-ter

shoul - ders. Wa-ter wa-ter wa-ter

— wa-ter wa-ter — wa-ter wa-ter wa - ter, —

wa-ter wa-ter — wa-ter wa-ter — wa - ter, —

pom pom pom pom pom

6
13

S1
wa-ter wa-ter wa-ter wa-ter wa-ter wa-ter wa-ter

S2
wa-ter wa-ter wa-ter wa-ter wa-ter wa-ter wa-ter

A1/2
mm

T1
mp
She swells and roars with

T2
mp
She swells with

B
pom pom pom

15

wa-ter wa-ter wa-ter wa-ter wa-ter wa-ter wa-ter

wa-ter wa-ter wa-ter wa-ter wa-ter wa-ter wa-ter

love birth - ing heads of

pom pom pom pom pom

17

wa-ter wa-ter wa-ter wa-ter wa-ter wa-ter wa-ter wa-ter

swim mers, sil hou et ted,

pom pom pom pom pom pom

19

wa-ter wa-ter wa-ter wa-ter wa-ter wa-ter wa-ter wa-ter

wa-ter wa-ter wa-ter wa-ter wa-ter wa-ter wa-ter wa-ter

float - ing slow - ly to the shore

where

pom pom pom

21 *cresc. poco a poco*

wa-ter _____ wa-ter wa-ter wa-ter _____ wa-ter wa-ter _____ wa-ter wa-ter _____

cresc. poco a poco

_____ wa-ter wa-ter wa-ter wa-ter _____ wa-ter wa-ter _____ wa-ter wa-ter _____

cresc. poco a poco

bod - ies form to stretch and splay _____

cresc. poco a poco

bod - ies form, _____ stretch _____ and splay _____

cresc. poco a poco

_____ pom _____ pom _____

23 *f* *decresc.*

_____ wa-ter wa-ter _____ wa-ter wa-ter wa-ter wa-ter wa-ter, ah _____

f *decresc.*

wa-ter wa-ter _____ wa-ter wa-ter _____ wa-ter wa-ter wa-ter wa-ter, ah _____

f *decresc.*

_____ up - on the sand. Wa - ter wa-ter wa-ter wa-ter,

f *decresc.*

_____ on sand.

f *decresc.*

_____ pom pom pom

25

ah

Wa - ter wa - ter wa - ter wa - ter, ah

Wa - ter wa - ter wa - ter wa - ter

T1/2

26 *mp*

B *mp*

wa - ter wa - ter wa - ter wa - ter wa - ter wa - ter wa - ter wa - ter

27

ah

wa - ter wa - ter wa - ter wa - ter wa - ter wa - ter wa - ter wa - ter,