

# A Piece of Thick Window Paper

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This music is dedicated to Donabed Lulejian. He wrote this prose on a torn piece of window paper he found after walking through an Armenian village where the men, women and children were completely slaughtered. The music is also dedicated to my great grandparents who were never discussed amongst my family.

The music contained in these pages contains no dynamic or phrase markings. The conductor may interpret the music as he or she chooses, however please consider the character of the music and words together.

Words by Donabed Lulejian

Music by Craig Bakalian

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*dedicated to my great grand parents*

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Donabed Lulejian

Craig Bakalian

**Slow**

Soprano  
Alto  
Tenor  
Bass

for these slain bo - dies  
for these slain bo - dies  
At least a hand - ful of earth  
At least a hand - ful of earth

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for  
for these whi - tened bones  
for  
a hand - ful of earth at least  
A hand - ful of earth

11

these unclaimed dead We dis - like to  
these unclaimed dead We dis - like to  
dead We dis - like to  
dead We dis - like to

16

fan\_ cy\_ the\_ bo-dies worm.ridden Their.eyes\_Their\_ eyes\_

fan - cy the bo - dies dear ones worm.ridden Their eyes Their eyes

8 fan - cy the bodies of our dear ones worm.ridden Their eyes Their love-ly

fan - cy the bodies of our dear ones worm.ridden Their eyes Their love-ly

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Their.eyes.lovely eyes Their cheeks, their kiss de-serv-ing cheeks mil\_ dewed\_

Their eyes love eyes Their cheeks Their kiss de-serv-ing cheeks mil - dewed

8 eyes filled with worms Their\_ cheeks.Their\_ cheeks\_Their\_ cheeks\_ mi - dewed

eyes filled with worms Their cheeks Their cheeks Their cheeks mil - dewed

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Their\_pom-e - gran-ate like\_\_\_\_\_ lips\_\_\_\_\_ food\_ for\_ rep-tiles

Their pom - e - gran - ate lips food for\_ rep-tiles

8 Their pom - e - gran - ate lips food\_\_\_\_\_

Their pom - e - gran - ate lips food

25

un - bur - ied and for -  
un - bur - ied and for -  
But here they are in the moun - tains  
But here they are in the moun - tains

29

lorn at - tacked by worms and scorp - i - ons  
lorn at - tacked by worms and scorp - i - ons  
the  
the

32

The fa - ces hor - ri - ble loath - some stench  
the fac - es hor - ri - ble loath some stench  
eyes bare a - mid the loath - some stench like the  
eyes bare a mid the loath - some stench

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There are our wo-men

There are our wo-men

o - dor of the slaught - ter house

There are our wo -

There are our wo -

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with breasts un - covered limbs limbs bare\_ A handful of earth

with breasts un.covered limbs bare limbs bare\_ A handful of earth

- men with breasts and limbs\_bare\_ limbs\_bare\_ A handful of earth

- men with breast and\_ limbs\_bare\_ limbs\_bare\_ A handful of earth

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to shield their hon - or There are boys naked and\_ torn\_

to shield their hon - or There\_ are\_ our\_ boys\_

to shield their hon - or There are our boys

to shield their hon - or There are our naked and\_ torn\_

44

with bul - lets in\_ hearts\_ their\_ heads\_ A hand-ful of

with\_ bullets in\_ their\_ hearts their\_ heads\_ A hand-ful of

with bul - lets in their hearts their heads A hand-ful of

with bul - lets and\_ in their heads\_ their\_ heads\_ A hand-ful of

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earth to cov - er them dis-em-bowel - ed

earth to co - ver them dis-em-bowel - ed

earth to cov - er them There are our brides\_ hacked to

earth to cov - er them There\_ are our brides\_ hacked to

49

with\_ba-bies yet un - born A hand-ful of earth on - ly

with\_ba-bies yet un - born A hand-ful of earth on - ly

pie\_ ces\_ ba-bies yet un - born A hand-ful of earth on - ly

pie\_ ces\_ ba-bies yet un - born A hand-ful of earth on - ly

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to screen from our eyes this sorrowful scene with.

to screen from eyes this sorrowful scene

8 to screen from our eyes this sorrowful scene There are our boys

to screen from eyes this sorrowful scene

55

feet cut away

a gainst the stone

and heads battered

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*solo*

Let the Ar - men - ian be - come a

for these slain bod - ies for the whi - ten - ed bones for these un -

At least a hand - ful of earth

At least a hand - ful of earth

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fos sil Let him be the dis -  
 claimed dead We dislike to fan-cy the  
 At least a hand - ful of earth  
 At least a handful of earth

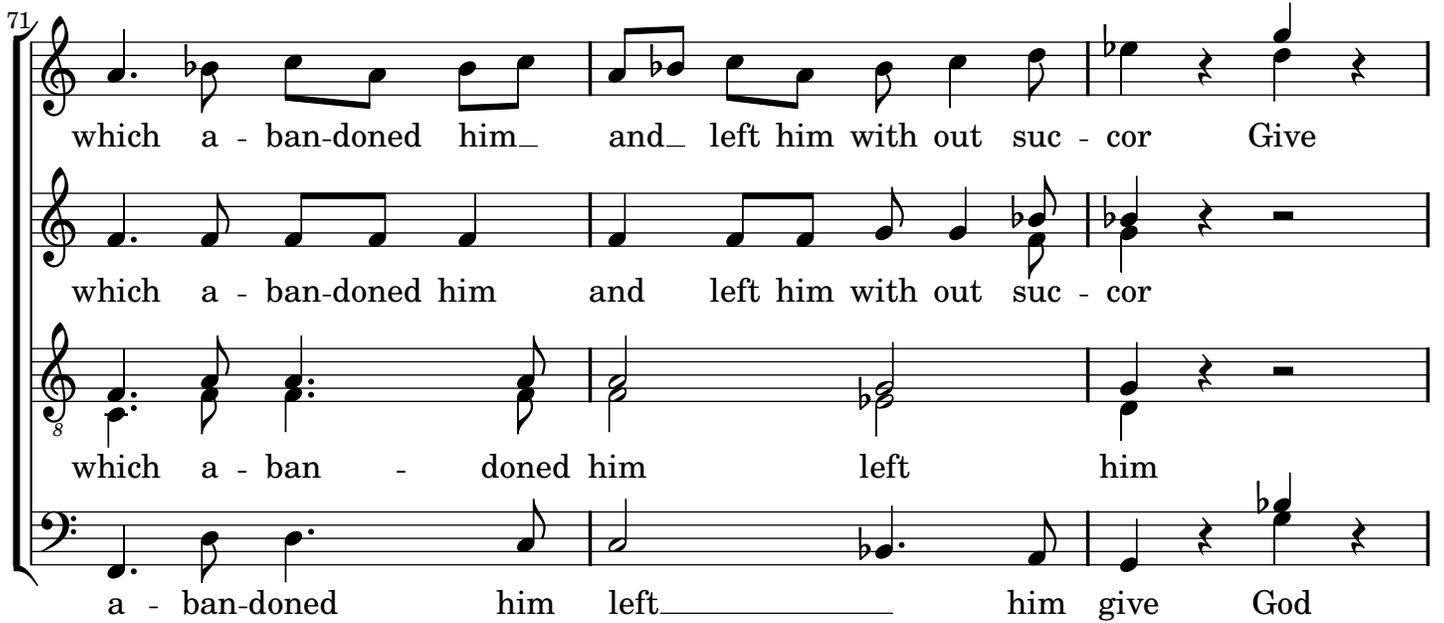
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grace of the ci-vil-i - za - tion which tore him to pie -  
 bodies of our dear ones worm\_rid-den filled\_with\_worm  
 earth  
 earth

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*all*  
 ces Let him be the curse\_ of the re - li\_ gion  
 Let him be\_ the\_ curse\_ of the re\_ li\_ gion\_  
 At least a hand - ful of earth  
 At least a hand - ful of earth

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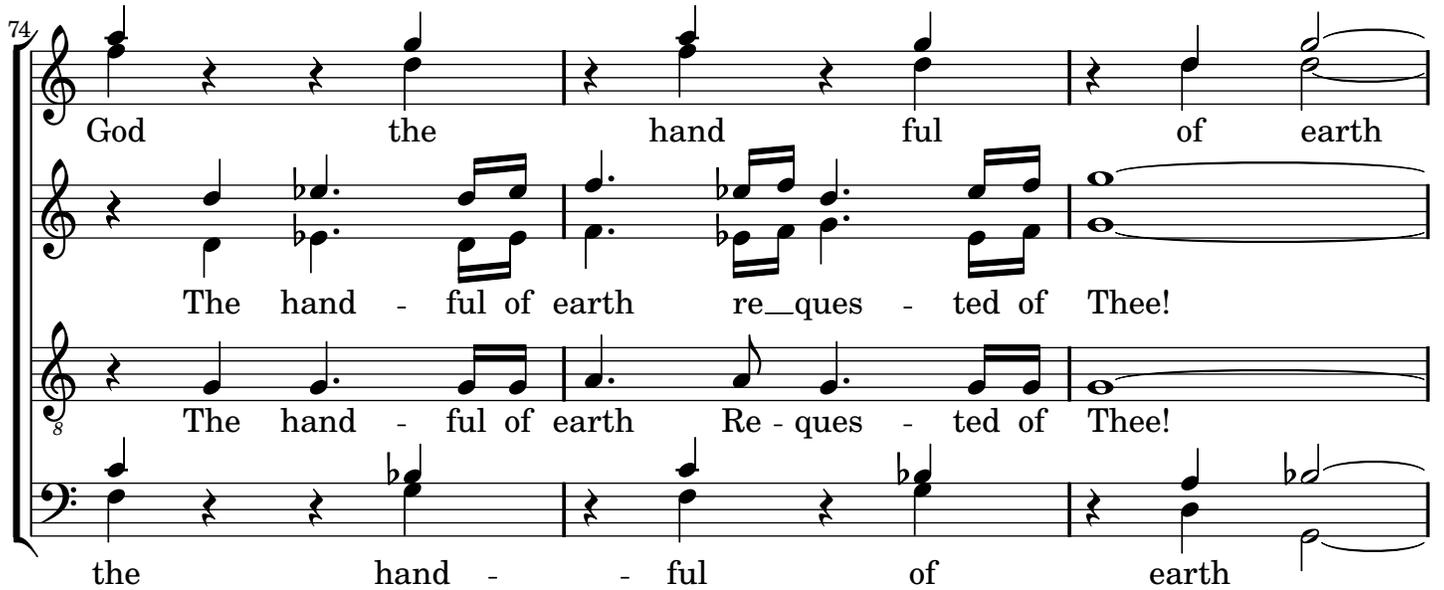
which a - ban-doned him\_ and\_ left him with out suc - cor Give

which a - ban-doned him and left him with out suc - cor

which a - ban - doned him left him

a - ban-doned him left\_ him give God

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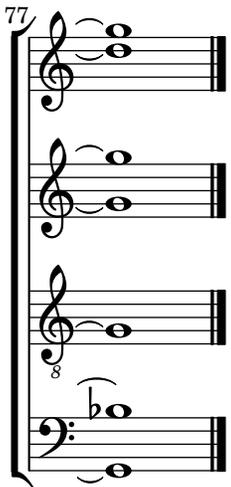
God the hand ful of earth

The hand - ful of earth re\_ques - ted of Thee!

The hand - ful of earth Re - ques - ted of Thee!

the hand - - ful of earth

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the hand - - ful of earth