

The Valley of Dry Bones

based on
Ezechiel 37: 1-14

unison / SATB / piano

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ASCAP

Poco Andante (♩ = c. 74-76)

mf
unison choir

The hand of the Lord came up-

mp quasi ponderosa

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on me; led me out in the Spi-rit of the Lord; set me in a pas-ture filled with dry bones so the

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Lord could make life a - gain. "See. I'll breathe new life in-to them. I'll put

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flesh where there once was bone. Then my breath will fill them: Spi-rit, Wind of Fire, — Spi-rit of the Liv-ing

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mp quasi misterioso (with expectancy)

God." Then I saw the mir-a-cle of life: bone was joined to bone, flesh to

mp

26

mf

flesh. Then the Spi-rit of the Lord came up - on them, and the Spi-rit of the Lord was

mf

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The musical score is arranged in three systems. The first system (measures 30-33) features vocal lines in soprano and bass clefs and piano accompaniment. The vocal lines begin with the word "life." and then "Life!". The piano accompaniment consists of chords in the right hand and a rhythmic pattern in the left hand. Dynamics range from *f* to *ff*. The second system (measures 34-37) continues the vocal and piano parts. The vocal lines end with "Life!!" and "let ring". The piano accompaniment includes a *mf* to *ff* crescendo and a *tacet subito* section. The score concludes with a final chord marked *fff*. The date "23 June 2007" is printed at the bottom right of the score.

Ezekiel 37:1-14

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The hand of the LORD was on me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the LORD and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry. He asked me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" I said, "Sovereign LORD, you alone know."

Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD! This is what the Sovereign LORD says to these bones: I will make breath[a] enter you, and you will come to life. I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the LORD.'" So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone. I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them.

Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to it, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Come, breath, from the four winds and breathe into these slain, that they may live.'" So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet—a vast army.

Then he said to me: "Son of man, these bones are the people of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone; we are cut off.' Therefore prophesy and say to them: 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: My people, I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them; I will bring you back to the land of Israel. Then you, my people, will know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and bring you up from them. I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I the LORD have spoken, and I have done it, declares the LORD.'"