Three Songs, Op. 21

for

Soprano & Renaissance Lute

David Braid
for Carolina
Clouds

Blue, slow, churning, imminent
Sliding toward, ahead, over
Their ominousness only in your mind
Septillion droplets of innocuous matter

Better to welcome, enjoy a drenching
Or tiny six-armed sculptures
Why an implication of sadness?
A blanket of just two elements is still cosy

Concealment of sun, or earth for those in space
It’s no bad thing to hide, to cover, to mask the earth and sky
A good thing from time to time, cloud zero to cloud nine
A blanket of just two elements is still cozy
a tempo

concealment

sun or earth for those in space

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It's no bad thing to hide, to cover,
to mask the earth and sky

time to time, cloud zero to cloud nine

David
Mornings

Regardless of our actions they appear
Nosing around our blinds - "I'm here!"
At the room of the child, the retired, the prisoner, the lover, the dead
A relentless, brutally unavering return

Not forever, but for a long while at least
Their coming almost certain, across the surface
Of our turning mass, until it turns no more
And then? Their attention continues elsewhere
Mornings

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Regardless of our actions they appear nosing

Around our blinds. I'm here

At the room of the child,

The retired, the prisoner, the lover, the dead

A relentless, heartlessly un-
--waving return

d e a
b
c a a a
f a c c a

alla--- animato

0 c a c d e c d e c d
c a c d e c d e c d

Not for-ever but for a long while at least their coming

Not for-ever but for a long while at least their coming

almost certain

6 a c e f h
b

across

the surface of our turning mass until it

e f a e a c h e a e

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turns no more
and then? Their
at-ten-tion con-
k
h f e
c a a a e
g c a d^4_3

- tin-u es else-where

b a g d c b
h d b a d c

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Breath

Warm, rapid, shallow, often
Essential to Terrans
Deep, meditative, affecting, effective

Audible, reassuring at night
First breath, last, the many between
Added to and taken from your atmosphere

Unconscious, now and then conscious
Forgotten, until needed
Then missing, asthmatic, wanted!