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Letters to Familiar Stranger

Written for the Swedish Youth Choir

Breathe easy
Breathe calmly my friend
I'll help you carry your burdens
Make sure that they'll see it through
I wish you all that you require
to live a carefree, healthy life
Keep breathing

Breathe easy
Rest your weary mind
Tomorrow's ours for the taking
Let's share the wealth my friend
Although I may never meet you
you are my brother and my sister
so keep drawing that breath
and I will hold mine, for you

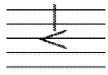
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Durata: 5'30"

Explanation of Symbols

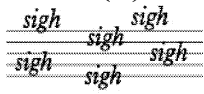


- Inhale

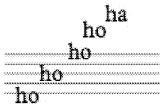


- Exhale

h(o) - mouth shaped like if pronouncing vowel in parentheses



- sigh freely, individually



- voiced bursts that rises in pitch



- instructions inside box should be performed in an improvised manner



- continue/repeat

o - English "door"

a - English "under", German "vater"

All inhales and exhales that are a quarter note or longer should be physically exaggerated.

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♩=96

SOPRANO

ALTO

TENOR

BASS

h(o) , gasp , h(o) , h(o) 9s

6 h(o) voiced sigh throat h(o) 22s

sigh sigh sigh creaking m

sigh sigh sigh

h(o) voiced sigh throat h(o) Breathe

sigh sigh sigh creaking m

sigh sigh sigh

h(o) voiced sigh sigh throat h(o)

sigh sigh sigh creaking m

sigh sigh

h(o) voiced sigh sigh throat h(o)

sigh sigh sigh creaking m

13 repeat freely/ individually ha 35s

ho ho ho

ho ho ho

Breathe

repeat freely/ individually ho ho ha

ho ho ho

Breathe

repeat freely/ individually ho ho ha

ho ho ho

Breathe

A

18 $\text{♩} = 76$ *sola* *gli altri* *inhale* 3

Breathe ea - sy _____ Deep breath *inhale* oh - ah!

Deep breath *inhale* oh - ah!

Deep breath *inhale* oh - ah!

Deep breath *inhale* oh - ah!

23 *sola* 3

Breathe calm - ly my friend _____ ha ho ho

o - ah! ho freely

h(o) h(a) ho - ah!

freely h(o) h(a) ho - ah!

27 *gli altri* *mf* *mf*

i o a

ho ha ho ha a

o a a

o a a

32 *sola*

o I'll help you car - ry your bur - dens, make sure that

o

o

o

38 *mp* *Unis*

they'll see it through. I wish you all that you re -

p

ng

43

qui - re, to live a care-free heal-thy life.

ng ng ng

p

ng ng

p

ng

B

49 *mp*

Keep brea - thing(ng)

Keep brea - thing(ng)

mp falsetto ord.

8 Keep brea - thing(ng)

mp falsetto ord.

Keep brea - - - thing(ng)

53 *pp*

n n n n

n n n n

n n n n

pp

n n n n

57

o a o a o

o a o a o

o a a o a a o

o a o a o

C

64 *mf* With lots of air

Breathe ea - sy, breathe calm - ly my

Breathe ea - sy, breathe calm - ly

Breathe ea - sy, breathe calm - ly

Breathe ea - sy, breathe calm - ly

68 *gradually to full voice*-----

friend... I'll help you car - ry your

friend... I'll help you car - ry your

friend... I'll help you car - ry your

friend... I'll help you car - ry your

72 -----|

bur - dens, make sure that they'll see it

bur - dens, make sure that they'll see it

bur - dens, make sure that they'll see it

bur - dens, make sure they'll

76

through. I wish you all that you re - qui - re

through. I wish you all you re - qui - re

through. Wish you all you re - qui - re

through. Wish you all you re - qui - -

81

to live a care-free, heal-thy life.

to live a care-free, heal-thy life.

to live a life, a care-free, heal-thy life.

re live a care-free life.

86

with lots of air

Keep brea-thing(ng)

Keep brea-thing(ng)

Keep brea-thing(ng)

Keep brea-thing(ng) Keep brea-thing.

D

*Various kinds of breaths and related sounds ad lib

more voiced *f*

*Various kinds of breaths and related sounds ad lib

more voiced *f*

Change note freely (free order and tone length)
Use consonants h, v, z, r

p *f*

Change note freely (free order and tone length)
Use consonants h, v, z, r

p *f*

100

Deep breath *pp* , , ,

G.P. n n n n

Deep breath *pp* , , ,

G.P. n n n n

Deep breath *pp* , , ,

G.P. n n n n

Deep breath *pp* , , ,

G.P. n n n n

E

106 Carefully

Breathe ea - sy, Rest your wea - ry mind.

Breathe ea - sy, Rest your wea - ry mind.

Breathe ea - sy, Rest your wea - ry mind.

Breathe ea - sy, Rest your wea - ry mind.

* For example gasps, sighs, creaking sounds, "h(o)" bursts, talking etc.

111

To - mor - row's ours for the ta - king. Let's

To - mor - row's ours for the ta - king. Let's

To - mor - row's ours for the ta - king. Let's

To - mor - row's ours for the ta - king.

F

116 *p*

share the wealth my friend. Al -

share the wealth my friend. Al -

share the wealth my friend. Al -

Share wealth friend. Al -

121 *mf*

though I may ne - ver meet you, you

though I may ne - ver meet you,

though I may ne - ver meet you, You are my

though I may meet you

G

125

are my bro - ther and my sis - ter. Keep

are my bro - ther my sis - ter. Keep

bro - ther and my sis - ter. Keep

bro - ther and my sis - - - ter. Keep

130

dra - wing that breath, and I will hold

dra - wing that breath, I will hold

dra - wing that breath, I will hold

dra - wing breath. I hold

135

mine for you. Deep inhale *suction sound Look like you are holding your breath

mine for you. Deep inhale *suction sound Look like you are holding your breath

mine for you. Deep inhale *suction sound Look like you are holding your breath

mine for you. falsetto Deep inhale *suction sound Look like you are holding your breath

* like "yes" in the northern part of Sweden