

# 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

6

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

2  
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

19

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

22

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

35

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 -

38

with breasts un co - vered 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

41

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

47

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

52

to screen from our eyes this sorrow-ful scene with.

to screen from eyes this sor - row scene

to screen from our eyes this sorrow-ful scene There are our boys

to screen from eyes this sor - row scene

55

feet cut a-way

a-against the stone

and heads battered

58

*solo*

Let the Ar-men-ian be-come a

for these slain bo-dies for the whi-tened bones for these un-

At least a hand-ful of earth

At least a hand-ful of earth

61

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

65

grace of the ci - vil - i - za - tion which tore him to pie -

bo - dies of our dear ones worm - rid - den filled with worm

earth

earth

68

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



71

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

74

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

77

The hand - ful of earth

The hand - ful of earth

The hand - ful of earth

The hand - ful of earth