

# The Language of Stones

For New Zealand Choral Federation's "Sing Aotearoa 16"

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Music: Chris Artley

Lento ♩ = 60

S Oh. Oh. Oh. The

A Oh. Oh. Oh. The

T Oh. Oh. Oh. The

B Oh. Oh. Oh. The

*pp* < > *pp* < > *p* *mf* *pp*

*pp* < > *pp* < > *p* *mf* *pp*

*pp* < > *pp* < > *p* *mf* *pp*

*pp* < > *pp* < > *p* *mf* *pp*

A

S moun - tain crav - es slum - b'ring, gen - tle. Se - rene - ly watch - ing o - ver

A moun - ta - in crav - es slum - b'ring, gen - tle. Se - rene - ly watch - ing o - ver

T moun - ta - in crav - es slum - b'ring, gen - tle. Se - rene - ly watch - ing o - ver

B1 moun - tain crav - es slum - b'ring, gen - tle. Se - rene - ly watch - ing o - ver

B2 moun - ta - in crav - es slum - b'ring, gen - tle. Se - rene - ly watch - ing o - ver

*pp* *pp* *pp* *pp*

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*p* *mp* *p*

ci - ty and wa - ter. Her man - tle soft and green to - day her

*divisi* *p* *mp* *p*

ci - ty and wa - ter. Her man - tle soft and green, soft and green,

*p* *mp*

ci - ty and wa - ter. Her man - tle soft and green, soft and green,

*p* *mp* *pp*

ci - ty and wa - ter. Her man - tle, soft and green, soft and green,

*p* *mp* *pp*

ci - ty and wa - ter. Her man - tle, soft and green, soft and green,

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*divisi* *A tempo* *rit.*

*mf* *p*

an - cient fier - y truth, her fier - y truth speaks from stones. That all a - round our vil - lage lie.

*p* *f* *mf* *p*

an - cient truth speaks from stones. That all a - round our vil - lage lie.

*f* *mf* *p*

an - cient truth speaks from stones. That all a - round our vil - lage lie.

*f* *p*

an - cient truth speaks from stones. Round our vil - lage lie.

**B** A tempo

*p* < > *mp* accel.

S1 Stones speak. Stones speak.

S2 Oh. Oh.

A Oh. Oh.

T Oh. Oh.

B Oh. Oh.

**C**  $\text{♩} = 76$  *mf*  $\text{♩} = 60$  *mp* *p*

S Did you know? They know things, for they have

A Did you know? They know things. For

T Did you know? They know things.

B1 you know? They know things.

B2 Did you know? They know things.

S  
seen\_ things of which you and I may on - ly dream.

A  
they have seen, I may dream, ly dream

T  
For they have seen, I may dream, on ly dream.

B1  
For they have seen, I may dream, on - ly dream.

B2  
For they have seen, I may dream.

*mf* *mf* *p* *mf* *mf* *mf*

**D** ♩ = 60

S1  
Be-fore we came. Long af - ter

S2  
Stones were here be-fore we came. They will re - main long af - ter

A  
Stones were here be-fore we came. They will re - main long af - ter *divisi*

T  
were here. They re - main,

B  
Stones were here. They re - main,

*p* *mp* *p* *mp* *p* *mp* *p*

38 *mf* *f*

you de-part this earth, you and I de-part this earth.

*mf* *f*

you and I de - part this earth, de - part this

*mf* *f*

you and I de - part this earth, de - part this earth. They live and

*mf* *f*

you and I de - part earth, de - part this earth.

*mf* *f*

you and I de - part this earth. de - part this earth.

S1 *mf* *f* *mf* *rit.*

They hold the se - crets of life with-in their a - toms. They hold the se - crets

S2 *mf* *f* *mf*

They hold the se - crets of life, of life with-in their a - toms. They hold the se - crets

A *f* *mf*

breathe: with-in their a - toms. They hold the se - crets

T *mf* *f* *mf*

They live and breathe with-in their a - toms. They hold the se - crets

B1 *mf* *f* *mf*

They hold the se - crets of life. They hold the se - crets

B2 *mf*

Se - crets



46 **E** A tempo

*p* of life. *pp* Stones are trav - 'lers through time. *p* Hold one in your

*p* of life. *pp* Stones are trav - 'lers through time. *pp* Hold one

*p* of life. *pp* Stones are trav - 'lers through time. *pp* Hold one

*p* of life. *pp* Stones are trav - 'lers through time. *pp* Hold one

*p* of life. *pp* Stones are trav - 'lers through time. *pp* Hold one

*p* of life. *pp* Stones are trav - 'lers through time. *pp* Hold one

50 **F**

*pp* hand, and lis - ten, *pp* sto - ry. *p* For your stone is old and wise, *mf* for

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*pp* hand, and lis - ten, *pp* sto - ry. *p* For your stone is old and wise, *mf* for

*pp* hand, and lis - ten, *pp* sto - ry. *p* For your stone is old, is old and wise, for

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*f*

your stone\_ is old and wise. From Al - pha to O - me - ga, Al - pha to O -

*f*

your stone\_ is old and wise. From Al - pha to O - me - ga, Al - pha to O -

*f*

your stone\_ is old and wise. From Al - pha to O - me - ga, from Al - pha to O -

*f*

your stone is wise. From Al - pha to O - me - ga, from Al - pha to

*f*

your stone is wise. From Al - pha to me - ga, from Al - pha to

*f*

your stone is wise. From Al - pha to Al - pha, from Al - pha to

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*rit.* *A tempo*

me - ga. If you lis - ten well, if you lis - ten you may learn. The

*ff*

me - ga. If you lis - ten well, you may learn, if you lis - ten well you may learn. The

*ff*

me - ga. If you lis - ten well, you may learn, if you lis - ten well you may learn. The

*ff*

O - me - ga. If you lis - ten well, you may learn, if you lis - ten well you may learn. The

*ff*

O - me - ga. If you lis - ten well, you may learn, if you lis - ten well you may learn. The

*ff*

O - me - ga. If you lis - ten well, you may learn, if you lis - ten well you may learn. The

65 **G**

lan - guage of stones, the lan - guage of stones, the lan - guage of stones.

lan - guage of stones, the lan - guage of stones, lan - guage of stones.

lan - guage of stones, the lan - guage of stones, lan - guage of stones.

lan - guage of stones, the lan - guage of stones, the lan - guage of stones.

lan - guage of stones, the lan - guage of stones, the lan - guage of stones.

**H** A tempo

Oh... Stones speak.

Oh... Stones speak.

Oh... Stones speak.

Oh... Stones speak.

Oh... Stones speak.

