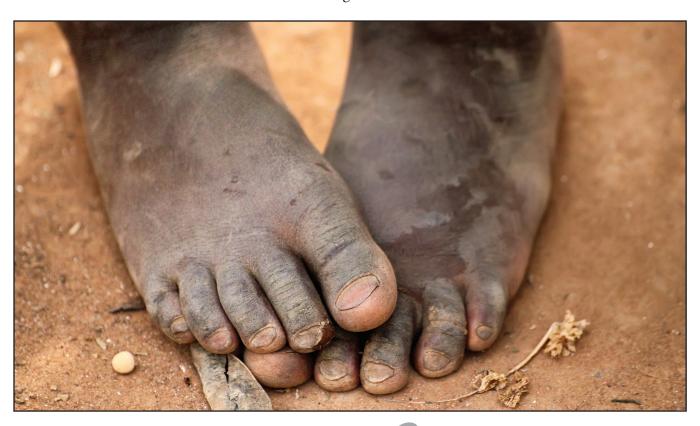
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...and then we were left

for baritone, guitar and cello



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I. Barefoot

I was in the fields with my brother. We walked and walked for more than one month and a half. Barefoot, we didn't have shoes.

We survived by eating wild foods. I was with my brother. I was four years old. Wherever we went, my brother held my hand because I was so young. We just went in any direction.

We lived in the desert. You could not see a single tree as far as you could see. There was no other place to go.

~Joseph Jok Kuol Wel, adapted by J. Hagen

II. "agot, agot"

"agot, agot" which mean in English sit down, sit down.

I fell down and crawl on my stomach, arms and knees.

The battle was over in just thirty-seconds.

They shot three times and those shots killed ten boys and three security guards. At that time, I knew that life was one percent and death was close to my nose.

~Michael Ajang Bol, adapted by J. Hagen

III. Sometime in the future

I want to go back. That's what I want; to join hands, go back there, make a better life.

~Duot Aguer, adapted by J. Hagen

IV. The Rainy Season

It was the rainy season. We ran back to Sudan.

It was difficult because the river between Ethiopia and Sudan had overflowed, because it was the rainy season.

Most of us didn't know how to swim.

We needed to run so that we could survive, so we jumped into the water. Thousands of people were left in the water, drowned, and few of us got out. I have never seen anything like that before.

~Duot Aguer, adapted by J. Hagen

Program Note ~ ...and then we were left

It was not the first time that I had crafted my own poetry for a piece of music, but it was the first time I had ever adapted a text with such a powerful emotional perspective. I remember the moment when I was reading through the text of what became the first song: "Barefoot." Joseph Jok Kuol Wel says "I was with my brother. I was four years old." At the time, my first child, a son, had just turned four, and I was dumbfounded by the strength and vitality that this young boy exhibited in the face of extreme violence and starvation. At that point the material came to life in a whole new way and I was inspired to create music that was simplistic and naive, wrought with strong emotion and a sense of uncomprehensibility. The subject matter made this piece a difficult one to compose because I had to take myself into an emotionally draining artistic space. I hope this song cycle transports the musicians and audience into a similar state full of emotional extremes such as fear, loss, devastation and hope.

For cello and guitar parts to ... and then we were left, contact Jocelyn Hagen via email: jocelyn@jocelynhagen.com.

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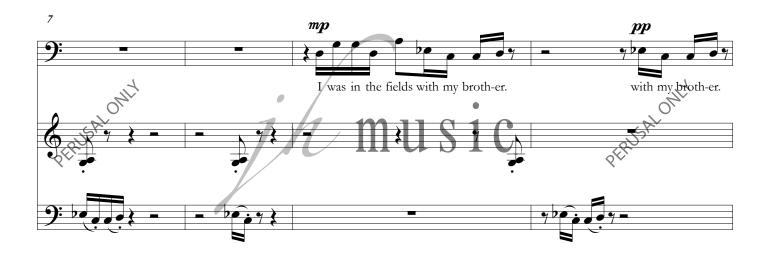
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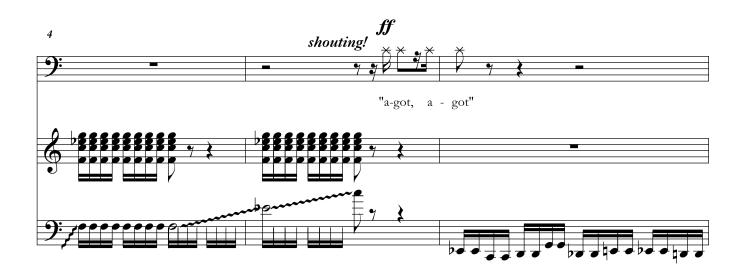




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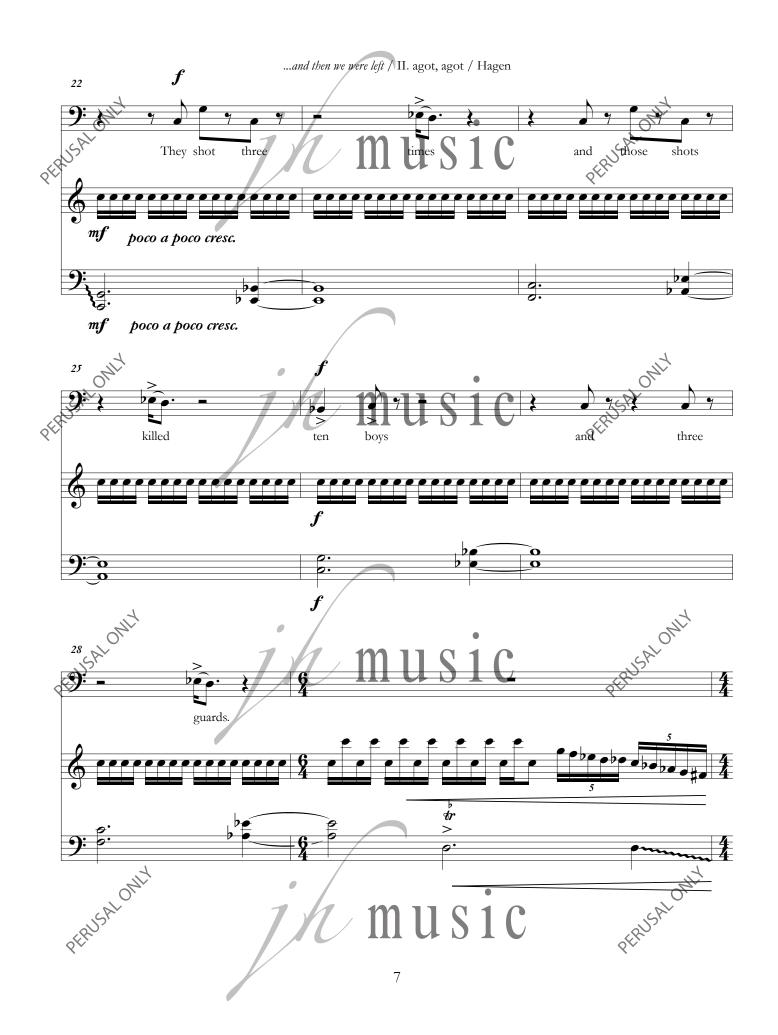
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IV. The Rainy Season





















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Jocelyn Hagen (b.1980), a native of Valley City, North Dakota, composes music that has been described as "dramatic and deeply moving" (Star Tribune, Minneapolis/St. Paul). Her first forays into composition were via songwriting, and this is very evident in her work. The majority of her compositional output is for voice: solo, chamber and choral. In 2012 she collaborated with choreographer Penelope Freeh to create "Slippery Fish," a quartet for 2 dancers, soprano and viola, and the piece was reviewed as "completely original in all respects." (Star Tribune, Minneapolis/St. Paul). Currently she is Artist-in-Residence at the North Dakota State University School of Music, where she teaches, writes curriculum and brings in collaborators to perform her work.

Jocelyn holds degrees in Theory, Composition, and Vocal Music Education from St. Olaf College, as well as a Masters degree in Composition from the University of Minnesota. Jocelyn has received grants and awards from ASCAP, the American Composers Forum, Minnesota Music Educators Association,

the McKnight Foundation, the Jerome Foundation, VocalEssence, the Yale Glee Club, the Lotte Lehman Foundation, the Sorel Medallion Competition, the Cincinnati Camerata, the University of Minnesota, and the San Francisco Song Festival. Her commissions include the American Choral Directors Association, Texas, Georgia and Connecticut Choral Directors Associations, the North Dakota Music Teacher's Association, The Singers – Minnesota Choral Artists, Trio Callisto, the Murasaki Duo, Cantus, the Houston Chamber Choir, the Metropolitan Symphony Orchestra, the St. Olaf Band, NDSU Gold Star Band, the ND Army Band, and the Copper Street Brass Quintet. Her music is independently published through her website as well as through Graphite Publishing, Santa Barbara Music Publishing and Boosey and Hawkes.

Independently published vocal works by Jocelyn Hagen:

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Dear Theo: Letters from Vincent Van Gogh
Hope
Kiss
love. songs
love. songs
Songs of Fields and Prairies
The Sweetness of my Dreams
The Time of Singing Has Come

"The Flower of the Field" from Songs of Fields and Prairies

"Gwendolen's Dream"

"i carry your heart" from love. songs

"In My Soul" from amass

"Inventing Truths" from amass

"Love Song"

"Para mi corazòn"

"Silver Wing" from Test Pilot

"To My Daughter, After a Fight"

"The Wedding is the Promise" from The Time of Singing Has Come

song cycle for baritone, cello, and guitar extended song for tenor and percussion song cycle for high voice and piano song cycle for soprano and piano song cycle for baritone and piano song cycle for soprano and piano song cycle for soprano and piano song cycle for mezzo-soprano and piano song cycle for soprano, tenor, and piano

high voice and piano soprano, clarinet in A, and cello voice and piano baritone, cello, and guitar tenor and cello baritone and violin medium-high voice and piano soprano and viola voice and piano voice and piano

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