

Ticking Time  
from "Pandora's Gift"

for treble choir

Mark Winges

*Ticking time, work, slip behind, to death, clock of judges.  
 A hundred puffed up kingpins going off on others.  
 I don't understand the schema, SKEE-MA—never  
 never can we understand each other. Spinning  
 beast faces. No time to mourn, no end, no rest, pure tiredness,  
 a thousand petty tyrants gain the whip hand,  
 pile it on automatons, mountains of trash,  
 tear-proof plastic, picking through a zillion plastic bags.  
 You're zip, zilch, you're a fly-sized zero.*

*Fragile wings... smudged out... ash-covered  
 lips...ask... is it over...hell has...an end?*

*All notes without noteheads are unvoiced.*

*Normal English words are written in the Gill Sans font. IPA symbols are written in a phonetic font. Below is a pronunciation guide for the IPA symbols used in the piece:*

<i>symbol</i>	<i>as in</i>	<i>symbol</i>	<i>as in</i>	<i>symbol</i>	<i>as in</i>
ɑ	<i>calm</i>	b	<i>bat</i>	ŋ	<i>sing</i>
e	<i>cape</i>	d	<i>do</i>	p	<i>pat</i>
i	<i>key</i>	f	<i>four</i>	r	<i>raw</i>
ɪ	<i>slid</i>	k	<i>car</i>	s	<i>six</i>
o	<i>cope</i>	l	<i>law</i>	ʃ	<i>mission</i>
u	<i>kook</i>	m	<i>mow</i>	t	<i>to</i>
y	<i>German fühlen</i>	n	<i>no</i>	z	<i>zip</i>

**Duration: ca. 4 ¼ min.**

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clipped,  $\text{♩} = 76 - 84$

**Soprano**  
*ff* tk tk *mp* tick  
 foot stomp foot stomp

**Mezzo-soprano**  
*ff* tk tk *mf* one voice *mp* all  
 foot stomp foot stomp tick tick— tick-ing tick-ing tick-ing

**Alto**  
*ff* tk tk  
 foot stomp foot stomp

**Traditional accidental usage: accidentals carry through the bar**

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**S.**  
 - ing tick-ing time— tick - ing tick-ing ticking tick-ing tick-ing tick-ing

**M-S.**  
 king— king— tick - ing— work— slip— time—

**A.**  
 kj tick-ing tick-ing ticking

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**S.**  
 tick-ing tick - ing tick-ing time work— slip— slip— be- hind—

**M-S.**  
 tm work— slip— be- hind—

**A.**  
 tick-ing tick-ing kj tick-ing time work— slip— be- hind—

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S. tick-ing tick tick-ing be - hindto death\_\_ clocks of a hun-dred puffed up king-pinsgo ing off on oth-ers

M-S. tick-ing tick slip\_\_ be - hindto death\_\_ a hun-dred puffed up king-pinsgo ing off on oth-ers

A. kɪ to death\_\_ judg-es a hun-dred puffed up king-pinsgo ing off on oth-ers

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S. I don't un - der - stand I don't un - der - stand stand the sche - ma stand the

M-S. go-ing off on oth-ers un - der - stand the the sche-ma

A. I don't un - der - stand the don't un - der - stand the sche - ma I don't un - der

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S. sche - ma sche-ma sche - ma sche - ma sche - ma ne-ver ne-ver ne-ver ne-ver canwe

M-S. the sche-ma the sche-ma the sche-ma ne-ver ne-ver ne-ver ne-ver canwe

A. sche - ma sche - ma sche - ma sche - ma ne-ver ne-ver ne-ver ne-ver canwe

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23 *very nasal* *ord, pp* *spoken while inhaling* *ff nasal* *ord, pp*

S. ne-ver ne-ver can we ne-ver can we un-der-stand ne-ver un-der-stand each oth-er

M-S. ne-ver ne-ver can we ne-ver can we un-der-stand ne-ver un-der-stand each oth-er

A. ne-ver ne-ver can we ne-ver can we un-der-stand ne-ver un-der-stand each oth-er

26 *ff* *f*

S. Spin- ning\_ spin-ning spin- ning spin-ning to mourn

S. Spin- ning\_ spin-ning spin- ning\_ to mourn

M-S. *ff* *3* *nasal* *ord, f*  
 beast\_ beast\_ fac-es no time to mourn

M-S. *ff* *3* *3* *nasal* *ord, f*  
 beast\_ beast\_ beast\_ fac-es no time to mourn

A. *ff* *f*  
 spin ning\_ spin-ning spin- ning no no time to mourn

A. *ff* *f*  
 spin ning\_ spin-ning spin-ning no no time to mourn

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S. *mp*  
no end, no rest, pure tir-ed-ness a thou-sand pet-ty ty-rants gain the whip hand pile.

S. *mp*  
no end, no rest, pure tir-ed-ness a thou-sand pet-ty ty-rants gain the whip hand pile

M-S. *mp*  
no end, no rest, pure tir-ed-ness a thou-sand pet-ty ty-rants gain the whip hand

M-S. *mp*  
no end, no rest, pure tir-ed-ness a thou-sand pet-ty ty-rants gain the whip hand

A. *mp*  
no end, no rest, pure tir-ed-ness a thou-sand pet-ty ty-rants gain the whip pile it

A. *mp*  
no end, no rest, pure tir-ed-ness a thou-sand pet-ty ty-rants gain the whip pile it

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S.   
— it pile it on— pile— it pile it pile it pile it pile it pile it

M-S.   
on— on— au-to-ma- tons— on— on— on—

A.   
tn pile it pile it pile it